New director for BITS Goa from Nov 1

Panaji: Professor **Raghurama G**, a senior professor in the engineering and electronics engineering (EEE) department will take over as the new director of Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS) Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus on November 1.

He will take charge from Professor R N Saha, director of BITS Pilani- Dubai Campus who was given additional charge of Goa when the post fell vacant this year.

Professor Sasikumar Punnekkat who has a PhD in computer science from the University of York, UK, for his research on schedulability analysis of fault-tolerant systems and has 30 years experience in academics, research and administration, served as director of BITS Goa campus from February 2015 till August 2016.

Raghurama teaches courses in communication systems and telecommunication systems and networks. His research interests include communication networks, VPNs, software testing and web access techniques.

He joined BITS Pilani in 1987 after receiving his PhD from the Indian Institute of Sciences Bangalore. He has also been dean of admissions and placement from 1993 till 2006, handling admissions and placement activities at BITS.

Dean of faculty division II comprising EEE and mechanical engineering departments for eight years, Raghurama was also the deputy director (academics). TNN