

## IIT Bhubaneswar to strengthen interdisciplinary research opportunities in bioengineering

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To promote collaborative research and academic interaction in the field of pharmaceutical engineering and nanotechnology, the Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar has entered into a partnership with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar. The agreement will also focus on enhancing the healthcare qualities of the country through the application of technology.

Through the partnership, a unique platform comprising modern research tools will be available to interdisciplinary research students and faculties who have "a goal to improve healthcare facilities" in India.

"The MoU provides a plethora of opportunities to work together in the interdisciplinary domains of biomedical application to health sciences. The collaboration with AIIMS will help IIT Bhubaneswar in developing our competence in Bioengineering and we intend to foster research in Bioengineering, Probiotics and Biomedical Engineering," said RV Raja Kumar, director, IIT Bhubaneswar.

The MoU was signed between Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar and Prof. Gitanjali Batmanabane, director, AIIMS Bhubaneswar, in the presence of HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

The HRD Minister emphasised on the need of filling the void in interdisciplinary research especially between technological institutes and their medical counterparts. He added that academic institutions "should complement each other, work as a team and collaborate for meaningful outcomes in the interest of the society".