



IIT BHUBANESWAR AND AICTE JOIN HANDS TO EXECUTE PM'S SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR J&K STUDENTS

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Bhubaneswar:26/2/20: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) at New Delhi for providing a research internship and exposure to youth from Jammu and Kashmir studying in various AICTE accredited institutions under Prime Minister's Special Scholar Scheme to the field of science and technology. The MoU was signed between Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairperson, AICTE and Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar. The MoU was exchanged between officials of AICTE and Prof. V.R. Pedireddi, Dean, Student Affairs, IIT Bhubaneswar who represented the Institute in presence of Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyal, Hon'ble HRD Minister. Under this MoU, IIT Bhubaneswar will enrol students from Jammu and Kashmir for research internship at IIT Bhubaneswar with the objective to provide exposure to the youth from Jammu and Kashmir in the fields of academics, education and research.

On the occasion, the Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyal, Union HRD Minister expressed his happiness, he stated that the MoU will facilitate in providing the much needed exposure to the youth from Jammu and Kashmir under Prime Minister's Special Scholar Scheme to the academic culture at Higher Learning Institutes of India. He further encouraged other IIT's also to be involved in this nation-building initiative.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar expressing happiness and said that, "*The welfare of Jammu and Kashmir has always been a priority of Govt. of India. So IIT Bhubaneswar has always believed in empowering beyond its campus and own students. This exchange of agreement will channelize the energy of the talented youth from Jammu and Kashmir by providing them exposure to cutting edge laboratory technologies, knowledge sharing and exchange, several co-curricular activities along with deep insight to the in-depth research and academic culture followed at IITs. IIT Bhubaneswar is sensitive and*

passionate to implement such initiatives effectively. We are thankful to Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyalji, Hon'ble HRD Minister for his constant support and encouragement.”

The MoU includes academic, education and research collaboration. Under this IIT Bhubaneswar will be responsible for designing a detailed programme with popular science and engineering lectures from distinguished IIT Bhubaneswar faculty as well as guest faculty from outside IIT Bhubaneswar. The nature of the internship will primarily be research based. It will be conducted under various professors at the university. Besides, the Centres will also demonstrate advanced model experiments in their respective departments. The accommodation and food arrangements for these interns will be made in the various hostels of IIT Bhubaneswar. In addition the internship module will also cover Yoga, Sports Group Activities in line with the EAA activities of B.Tech program of the Institute along with heritage trips for making them aware about rich culture and traditions from the state of Odisha.