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IIT-Bhubaneswar signs MoU with AIIMS for collaborative research

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Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) at Bhubaneswar for Collaborative research and academic interaction among the faculty and scientists of both the institutes in their core areas for improving the quality of health care through the application of technology.

The MoU was signed by director IIT, prof R V Raja Kumar and prof Gitanjali Batmanabane, director AIIMS, Bhubaneswar in the presentce of union HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.

The union minister interacted with the directors of some central institutes and KVS officials. The collaborative research in healthcare is a mechanism for advancing knowledge and strengthening research capacity for

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He also stressed that there is a void in the interdisciplinary research work where the domains of the institutions differ, particularly between technological institutions and medical institutions which needs to be filled up.

He also expressed that the institutes should complement each other, work as a team and collaborate for meaningful outcomes in the interest of society.

ProfRVRaja Kumar, director, IIT Bhubaneswar said the "MoU provides a plethora of opportunities to work together in the interdisciplinary domains of bio-medical application to health sciences. Collaboration with AIIMS will help IIT Bhubaneswar in developing our competence in bio-engineering and we together intend to foster research in bio-medical engineering."

Maintaining that technologyhaspenetratedrapidly into health care, prof Gitanjali Batmanabane, director AIIMSsaid "on Monday technology has become an integralpart of health care. There is a need to further research with collaboration between the two institutes now and association with IIT will give a technological edge to research at AIIMS."