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## IITBBS and AIIMS join hands to give healthcare tech boost

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Union HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' flanked by AIIMS director Gitanjali Batmanabane and IIT director RV Raja Kumar, in Bhubaneswar, on Monday

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**Bhubaneswar:** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhubaneswar signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhubaneswar for collaborative research and academic interaction among the faculty and scientists of both the institutes in their core areas in a bid to improve the quality of health care through the application of technology.

IITBBS director R V Raja Kumar and AIIMS director Gitanjali Batmanabane signed the MoU in the presence of Union human resource development minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' here on Monday.

"Since IIT is a technical institute and AIIMS is a medical institute, when we join hands we can provide them a technological edge in medicine and surgery and they will help us in some disciplines like bio-engineering. Similarly, IIT will support them in areas like bio-medical engineering, cancer research, probiotics and bio-technology," said Ku-

mar.

Both the educational institutes will now apply jointly for funding from different sources to carry on the research work. This collaboration will make modern research tools available to both the institutions by providing a unique platform for interdisciplinary research to students and faculty with a goal to improve healthcare facilities in the country.

Expressing his happiness, Pokhriyal said he is looking forward to fruitful outcomes from this collaboration in the best interest of the society. "There is a void in the interdisciplinary research work where the areas of domains of the institutions differ, particularly between technological institutions and medical institutions, which needs to be filled up."

"Medicine has become more technology-oriented these days. So we are looking forward to develop some affordable medicine and treatment technology in varied fields. We will identify areas of research that are of common interest to both the institutes and we can collaborate on them," said Batmanabane.