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## Void in the interdisciplinary research must be filled up- Pokhriyal

Bhubaneswar, Jan 06 (UNI) Union Minister for Human Resource Development (MHRD) Ramesh Pokhriyal today said the void in the form of interdisciplinary research work between technological Institutions and Medical Institutions needs to be filled up.

All Institutes should complement each other, work as a team and collaborate for meaningful outcomes in the interest of the society, Mr Pokhriyal said during an MoU signing ceremony between the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar and All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) here today.

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)



Bhubaneswar signed the MoU with All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) for Collaborative research and academic interaction among the faculty and scientist of both the institutes in their core areas for improving the quality of life through the application of technology.

The MoU was signed by, Director, IIT Prof. R.V. Raja Kumar and Director, AIIMS Bhubaneswar Prof. Gitanjali Batmanabane, in presence of the Union Minister.

The faculty and senior officials of both the Institutes were present. The MoU will be valid for five years from the date of execution and may be extended after mutual discussion.

The broad areas covered under the MoU include collaborative research and academic interaction among the faculty and scientist of both the institutes in their relevant areas.

The MoU facilitates the sharing of research information and joint supervision of Doctoral and Master Students of each other for the research programmes.

In addition, the MoU also included regular organizing of joint Symposia, Colloquium, workshops, seminars and conferences on chosen topics and areas to train students in both the Institutes. The Union Minister expressed his happiness and said that he is looking forward to fruitful outcomes from this collaboration in the best interest of the society.

Director, IIT said that the "MoU provides a plethora of opportunities to work together on a larger domain of Biotechnology application to Health Sciences.

Collaboration with AIIMS will help IIT Bhubaneswar in developing competence in Bio-Engineering, he said, adding that the IIT intends to foster the research in Bio-Engineering, Pro-Biotics and Bio-Medical Engineering.

AIIMS Director Prof. Gitanjali Batmanabane said. "Technology has become an integral part of health care and underscored the need for further the research. The collaboration between the two institutes now will give a technology edge to the research of AIIMS," she said.