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IIT Hyderabad Signs MoU with Central Sanskrit University(CSU) to foster collaboration in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and Interdisciplinary Research

Hyderabad, 11th June, 2025: In a significant step towards enriching interdisciplinary research and fostering academic synergy, the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) and the Central Sanskrit University (CSU), New Delhi, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote mutual cooperation in the areas of Sanskrit, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), and technology-enabled research.

This collaboration brings together IITH, a premier institute known for its cutting-edge research and innovation, and CSU, a Central university committed to the preservation and advancement of Sanskrit and India's rich traditional knowledge systems.

Scope of the MoU:

- Academic collaboration in Sanskrit, IKS, linguistics, Computational Sanskrit, Vedic Sciences, Philosophy, and allied disciplines.
- Exchange programs for Faculty, Researchers, and Students to facilitate shared learning and joint research initiatives.
- Organisation of joint academic events including workshops, conferences, lecture series, and summer schools.
- Mutual access to academic and library resources, manuscript repositories, and archival collections.
- Development and supervision of interdisciplinary research projects and programs that bridge tradition and technology.
- Regular exchange of academic publications, course materials, and research outputs to enhance the quality of scholarship and learning.

This MoU reflects the shared vision of both institutions to integrate ancient wisdom with contemporary scientific approaches and to create a vibrant academic ecosystem that values heritage as much as innovation.

Highlighting the potential of the MoU, Prof. B S Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad, stated, "*This collaboration with Central Sanskrit University (CSU) is a unique opportunity to integrate the depth of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) with the innovation-driven environment of IITH. The Department of Heritage Science and Technology at IITH, together with CSU, aims to unlock new dimensions in research and education by bringing traditional ancient wisdom into dialogue with modern Science and Technology as most of the writings (scriptures, manuscripts, inventions, discoveries) in the olden days were written & recorded by the great scholars of our country in ancient languages especially in Sanskrit language and thereby, traditional ancient wisdom can be unfolded completely if we get in depth familiarity with Sanskrit language*"

Highlighting the potential of the conference, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, CSU, Shri Prof Shrinivasa Varakhedi, explained that, "*This MoU is a historic step in reviving India's knowledge tradition. We see Sanskrit not merely as a language, but as a vast reservoir of scientific thought, profound philosophical insights, and a living embodiment of India's cultural and intellectual traditions. Through this collaboration, we aim to bridge ancient wisdom with contemporary research, fostering*

interdisciplinary studies that will benefit not just scholars of Sanskrit, but learners and innovators across diverse domains. It marks a new chapter in integrating Indian Knowledge System into modern academic discourse."

About IIT Hyderabad:
IITH, established in 2008, has reached a respectable position in Academics, Research, Technology development and Startups in a short span of 16 years. In the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), IITH has bagged at 3rd in Innovation and 8th among Engineering institutes in the last two consecutive years, while it has maintained its rank within top 10 Engineering Institutes ever since NIRF was launched. IITH has been striving for excellence with a motto of "Inventing & Innovating in Technology for Humanity (IITH)".

With 325+ full-time Faculty and 5,200+ Students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%), IITH has a strong research focus with ~ 4630+ Projects worth of Rs. 1510+ Cr of R&D funding (Rs. 335+ Cr funding in 2024-25), 11,800+ Publications, 2,17,000+ Citations, 530+ Patents (210+ Patents in 2024 and a commitment to "Patent a Day: Mission 365" for 2025 to earn 365 Patents by the end of 2025), and about 260+ Startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs with a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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About Central Sanskrit University:
The Central Sanskrit University has the unique distinction of being the largest and the only multi-campus language university in the world. The Central Sanskrit University also has the privilege of acting as the nodal agency for the implementation of Sanskrit-related policies & schemes of the Government of India. In that capacity, the university works in close coordination with the Ministry of Education, Government of India. The President of India is the Visitor of the University. The Union Minister, Education Ministry, Government of India, is the Chancellor of the University. Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi is the present Vice Chancellor of the University.

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