



IIT Hyderabad and Granules India Ltd. Establish “Dr Krishna Prasad Chigurupati Chair Professorship” in Process Automation

Highlights:

- IIT Hyderabad establishes “Dr Krishna Prasad Chigurupati Chair Professorship” in Process Automation to drive advanced research and innovation in industrial automation.
- MoU signed on August 8, 2025, between IIT Hyderabad and Granules India Limited to institute the Chair Professorship.
- The Chair is named in honour of Dr Krishna Prasad Chigurupati, Chairman and Managing Director of Granules India Ltd recognizing his visionary leadership in the pharmaceutical and manufacturing sectors.
- The Granules’ CSR initiative focuses on process automation—a key enabler of sustainability, operational efficiency, and industrial transformation in future-ready industries.

Hyderabad, 08 August 2025 – The Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) is proud to announce the establishment of the **“Dr Krishna Prasad Chigurupati Chair Professorship”** in Process Automation, marking a significant milestone in advancing research and innovation in the field of industrial automation.

This distinguished Chair Professorship has been instituted through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on August 8, 2025, between IIT Hyderabad and Granules India Limited. As Granules’ CSR initiative, this collaboration aims to promote advanced research in process automation, a critical enabler of sustainability, efficiency, and industrial transformation in emerging and future-ready sectors.

The Chair is named in honour of Dr Krishna Prasad Chigurupati, Chairman and Managing Director of Granules India Ltd., a visionary leader in India’s pharmaceutical and manufacturing industries.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Krishna Prasad remarked: *“This initiative seeks to empower IITH faculty in leading the development of advanced technologies and promoting academic excellence. By emphasizing process automation, we aim to address critical challenges and opportunities in industrial transformation, thereby reinforcing India’s role as a frontrunner in sustainable innovation.”*

The MoU signing ceremony was graced by:

- Prof B S Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad
- Dr Krishna Prasad Chigurupati, Chairman and Managing Director of Granules India Ltd
- Mrs. Uma Chigurupati, Executive Director, Granules India Limited
- Prof C. Malla Reddy, Dean (Innovation, Translation & Startups), IITH
- Dr P.V. Srinivas, Chief Technology Officer, Granules India Ltd.
- Mr. Mukesh Surana, Chief Financial Officer, Granules India Limited
- Faculty members of IIT Hyderabad

Prof. B S Murty, Director, IITH, shared his thoughts on the collaboration and said *“We are delighted to partner with Granules India Ltd. in establishing this Chair Professorship, which aligns perfectly with our vision of becoming a hub for transformative research. This initiative will not only strengthen our academic and industry linkages but also nurture innovation in areas of strategic importance to national and global development as process automation improving the efficiency, speed, accuracy in the manufacturing process as well as optimize overall business operations of the*

Industries.”

Prof C. Malla Reddy, Dean (Innovation, Translation & Startups), IITH, added - *“This partnership highlights the collective commitment of both academia and industry to stimulate impactful research and foster local talent capable of shaping the future of Indian industry.”*

This Chair Professorship is expected to serve as a catalyst for impactful research, deepened industry-academia engagement, and a forward-looking approach to sustainable technological advancement.

About Granules India Ltd:

Granules India is a vertically integrated, high-growth pharmaceutical company with 40 years of proven performance and increasing presence across the world. Headquartered in Hyderabad, India, Granules offers collaborative and strategic partnership to global pharmaceutical leaders by producing best quality API, PFI and FD through manufacturing excellence, process innovation and regulatory expertise.

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About IIT Hyderabad:

IITH, established in 2008, has reached a respectable position in Academics, Research, Technology development and Startups in a short span of 17 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 the top 10 Engineering Institutes ever since NIRF was launched. IITH is ranked 664 in QS World University Ranking-2026 (among top 10% of global institutions in citations per faculty) and among the top 10 Engineering Institutes in India. IITH has been striving for excellence with a motto of "Inventing & Innovating in Technology for Humanity (IITH)".

With 330+ full-time Faculty and 5,200+ Students (PG+PhD students accounting for about 60%), IITH has a strong research focus with ~ 4990+ Projects worth of Rs. 1590+ Cr of R&D funding (Rs. 335+ Cr funding in 2024-25, i.e. Rs. 1+ Cr per faculty), 12,100+ Publications, 2,25,000+ Citations, 560+ 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 320+ Startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs with a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr).

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