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Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) Joined hands with Indian Navy/ WESEE for establishing a Co-developmental Technology Innovation Centre (CTIC) at IITH Technology Research Park (IITH - TRP)

Highlights:

- It will promote academic cooperation, enhance scientific understanding of technologies related to defence and undertake research and development activities in mutually beneficial areas.
- Formulation of and participation in Joint Research Programs to leapfrog integration of Transformational Technology into products to be deployed on Indian Navy platforms.

Hyderabad, January 13, 2023: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH), a public engineering and research institution, known for its academic strength, research, and publication and in proximity to IT & Industrial Hub has joined hands with Indian Navy's Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment. Weapons and Electronics Systems Engineering Establishment (WESEE); to make its research & academics focused more towards national safety & security. Prof B S Murty, Director, IITH has signed an MoU with Indian Navy, represented by Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, Chief of Materiel on Jan 09, 2023, to Work in tandem towards Aatma Nirbhar Bharat & Harness in-house Tech Prowess. On the occasion, Prof Sumohana S Channappayya, Faculty-in-Charge, Technology Research Park and Rear Admiral Ankur Sharma, DG WESEE from India Navy were also present.

The Project being steered by WESEE aims to collaborate with IITH on innovative & pioneering projects related to contemporary & emerging technologies in the maritime domain.

Expressing delight at the opportunity to contribute to National Security, Prof B S Murty, Director, IITH, said, "As a civilian, it is a matter of pride to use our technological expertise and research acumen in the defense of our Nation. We are glad to host Indian Navy's WESEE Innovation Centre on IITH Campus. I am confident that this CTIC at our TRP will nurture national building spirit on campus and lead to top-notch and futuristic innovations to serve humanity at large."

"The MoU between WESEE, Indian Navy and IIT Hyderabad paves the way for long-term collaboration between the two organisations. The establishment of the Co-Developmental Technology Innovation Centre (CTIC) at IIT Hyderabad's Technology Research Park (TRP) is the crucial first step for this engagement. The collaboration is aimed at solving real-world problems by leveraging the deep tactical and technical expertise of WESEE and IIT Hyderabad. The collaboration aligns with the goal of building an Atma Nirbhar Bharat", **added Prof Sumohana S Channappayya, Faculty-in-Charge, Technology Research Park.**

About IIT Hyderabad

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) is one of the eight new IITs established by the Government of India in 2008. In a short span of **14** years, the institute has become a top-ranker. It has **290+** full-time faculty, **~4,200** students, **18** Departments + Centre for Interdisciplinary Programs, nearly **200+** state-of-the-art laboratories, and five research and entrepreneurship centers. The institute has a strong research focus with approx. Rs **~700** crores of sanctioned research funding, with PhD scholars accounting for about **30%** of total student strength. IITH has more than **8100+** research publications with **1,20,000+** Citations, **190+** Published Patents, **1,700+** sponsored/consultancy projects with **500+** running projects, and about **100+** startups.

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