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IIT Hyderabad and Kathmandu University Launched Joint Doctoral Program (JDP)

Highlights:

- ***IITH and KU will jointly offer PhD to selected students.***
- ***IITH will host 10 BTech students from KU in their final year (4th year).***

Hyderabad & Kathmandu, Aug 07, 2023: In an important development for internationalization, IIT Hyderabad (IITH) and Kathmandu University (KU) agreed to offer Joint Doctoral Programme (JDP) at the PhD level in all areas of research. Many more decisions to strengthen the ties between the two Institutes were taken during the recent visit of the IITH delegation to KU.

Under this JDP program, bright and motivated students from India and Nepal will have the opportunity to work on frontier areas of science, technology & design, and medical innovations. The students admitted to the JDP at KU will have an opportunity to spend up to one year at IITH, supported by an IITH scholarship during their stay at IITH and vice versa. This association is aimed at developing successful academic and research collaborations in the areas of common interest and complementary capabilities. It seeks to harness the synergy at both institutions to propel excellent research.

Further, IITH will host 10 BTech students from KU in the final year (4th year) from the August 2023 cycle with an aim to provide much-needed research exposure among undergraduate students. IITH also agreed to host undergraduate students from KU for a short research internship.

To take the mutual academic and research collaboration to newer heights, both Institutes also agreed to exchange their faculty to work collaboratively on the grand challenges which are common to both countries. Both Institutes agreed to further foster their ongoing collaboration, especially in the area of Medical Technology, Yoga and Heritage Science.

Voicing his pleasure at JDP by IITH and KU, Prof Bhola Thapa, Vice-Chancellor, KU said, *“There are lots of opportunities for both the Institutes KU and IITH to work jointly to promote faculty exchanges, joint research programs, and international internships. Together we can do much more for us. Let’s march together to become Vishwaguru.”.*

Enumerating the program’s merits with KU, Prof. B. S. Murty, Director, IITH, said, *“The Joint Doctoral Program with Deakin & SUT Australia and NTHU Taiwan highlight IITH’s commitment to global collaboration and academic excellence. Signing the JDP MoU with KU, Nepal showcases the potential for fostering regional development and empowering students as catalysts of positive change as we collaboratively Invent & Innovate in Technology for Humanity for which IITH stands for.”.*

The program was launched with a signing of the agreement (MoU) at KU, Nepal, by Prof Bhola Thapa (Vice-Chancellor, KU) and Prof B S Murty (Director, IITH) last month in the presence of Prof Manish Pokharel (Dean of School of Engineering), Prof Dr Manoj Humagain (Dean of School of Medical Sciences), Prof Janardan Lamichhane (Dean of School of Science), Associate Deans of the Schools, Heads of the various Departments, Dr V Natraj Prasad (Director of College of Medical Sciences), Prof Tarun K Panda (Dean - International Relations, IITH), Prof Saptarshi Majumdar (Dean - Academics, IITH), and Prof Chandra Shekhar Sharma (Dean - Sponsored Research and Consultancy, IITH) along with other officials from KU.

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About Kathmandu University

Kathmandu University (KU) is an autonomous, not-for-profit, self-funding public institution established by an Act of Parliament in December 1991. It is an institution of higher learning dedicated to maintaining the standard of academic excellence in various classical and professional disciplines. The mission statement of the University is “to provide quality education for leadership”. At present, the University offers more than 200 long-term and short-term academic programs and courses from intermediate to PhD levels. As of June 2023, the University has produced 41,275 graduates. KU runs academic programs, most of which are credited for being introduced for the first time in the country. Business Administration, Pharmacy, Environmental Science, Biotechnology, Human Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Geomatics Engineering, Development Studies, Social Work, Technical Education, Media Studies, Civil Engineering with Specialization in Hydropower, Landscape Management and Heritage studies, Doctor of Medicine (DM) in Gastroenterology, DM in Neurology and MS by Research in Glaciology count among the pioneering programs in Nepal.

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About IIT Hyderabad:

Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) is one of the eight IITs established by the Government of India in 2008. In a short span of 15 years, the institute has become one of the top-ranked institutions in the country and has received global recognition. It has 300+ full-time faculty, ~4,200 students, 18 Departments + 1 Centre for Interdisciplinary Programs, nearly 500+ state-of-the-art Research Facilities, and five research and entrepreneurship centres. The institute has a strong research focus with approx. Rs 900+ crores of sanctioned research funding, with PG+PhD students accounting for about 60% of total student strength. IITH has more than 9200+ research publications with 1,35,000+ Citations, 190+ Published Patents, 2,200+ sponsored/consultancy projects with 500+ running projects, and about 130+ startups that have generated 1000+ jobs and a revenue of Rs. 1200+ Cr. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Koo](#), and [YouTube](#) for the latest updates.

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