

IIT Hyderabad and Sree Chitra Tirunal Collaborate on *Exchange of Faculty-Students and Research of Mutual Interest*

Highlight: The two institutes of National Importance will focus on the following aspects in principle, not in total:

- *Students Exchange*
- *Faculty Exchange*
- *Exchange in Research*
- *Joint Programs*
- *Centre of Excellence*

Hyderabad, May 18, 2023: Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology ‘SCTIMST’ (An Institute of National Importance, Dept. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **on May 17, 2023 (Virtually)** with IIT Hyderabad ‘IITH’, to collaborate in the field of Research of Mutual Interest along with Faculty & Student Exchange. The two institutes of National Importance were already working together for some time in the field of Bio-medical Engineering, Medical Device Innovation and related area. This step confirms the strong connection between the two institutes and paves the wave for path-breaking innovation both in the Academics & Research front.

Prof B S Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad, expressed his compliments to Prof Renu John, the key person behind formalizing this collaboration and said, *“Inventing Innovating in Technology for Humanity” drives every effort IITH endeavours. Since our inception, we have had a strong focus on healthcare, be it the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Department of Biotechnology, Centre of Healthcare Entrepreneurship, Interdisciplinary MTech in Medical Device Innovation with AIG Hospital, MTech in Ophthalmic Engineering with LVPEI and MSc in Medical Physics with Basavatarakam. I am confident that this strategic collaboration with SCTIMST will increase our reach towards healthy humanity.”*

Dr Sanjay Behari, Director, SCTIMST, welcomed the Team IITH to explore their state-of-the-art facilities and said, *“We have been working with IITH now for quite some. Optimizing the opportunity that this collaboration has brought, we would be glad to offer facilities to validate the various innovations IITH is working on. In addition, we also look forward to the joint program to develop skilled human resources in the field of Biomedical Engineering.”*

Dr P V Mohanan, Scientist-G & Head, Division of Toxicology, Head, Department of Applied Biology, Biomedical Technology Wing, SCTIMST, witnessed the occasion along with Prof Renu John, Chair – Centre of Interdisciplinary Program, Prof Chandrashekhar Sharma, Dean (SRC) and Prof V Kanchana, Dean (Faculty), IITH.

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 a 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 **200+** state-of-the-art laboratories, and five research and entrepreneurship centres. The institute has a strong research focus with approx. Rs **~880** crores of sanctioned research funding, with PG+PhD students accounting for about **60%** of total student strength. IITH has more than **8700+** research publications with **1,30,000+** Citations, **190+** Published Patents, **2,200+** sponsored/consultancy projects with **500+** running projects, and about **125+** startups that have generated 1000+ jobs and a revenue of Rs. 800+ Cr. Follow us on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Koo](#) and [YouTube](#) for the latest updates. To know more, please visit <https://www.iith.ac.in/>.

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