

Hon'ble Minister of State for Education and Development of Northeastern Region, Govt. of India, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Visits IIT Hyderabad for Review Meeting –
“IIT Hyderabad will become one of the prominent institutes in shaping and molding the country towards the Viksit Bharat 2047”

Highlights:

- **Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education and Development of the Northeastern Region, for a review meeting on campus and said “IIT Hyderabad will become one of the prominent institutes in shaping and molding the country towards the Viksit Bharat 2047”**
- Dr. Majumdar led a plantation drive as part of IIT Hyderabad’s participation in the *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* campaign.
- The Hon'ble Minister inaugurated the *Kalpana Chawla* Hostel Block for girls.

Hyderabad, 14th November 2024: IIT Hyderabad (IITH) had the privilege of hosting **Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Education & Development of Northeastern Region, Govt. of India** for a review meeting on campus. **Shri Madavaneni Raghunandan Rao, Member of Parliament for the Medak Constituency**, graced the event as the Guest of Honour.

The Minister’s visit included insightful discussions on the advancements at IITH, new inaugurations, and interactions, highlighting the institute’s ongoing commitment to educational innovation and sustainable development. He visited the department blocks, where he engaged with faculty and students, gaining insight into the diverse academic and research activities across disciplines. He then toured the state-of-the-art Knowledge Resource Centre (Library), which serves as a hub of information and learning resources, designed to support cutting-edge research and academic excellence.

At the Research Centre Complex, he visited the SATHI (Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institute) Centre for In-Situ and Correlative Microscopy (CISCoM), a facility offering advanced research infrastructure. The visit continued to the TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) India’s first Autonomous Navigation testbed facility (for both ground and aerial vehicle testing), where he was especially captivated by the pioneering research underway. He had the opportunity to experience autonomous vehicles firsthand, observing their performance and learning about the latest advancements in self-driving technology. He also viewed innovative new-concept drones, which showcased the cutting-edge developments in aerial autonomy and drone technology being explored at TiHAN. Throughout his visit, he expressed admiration for the research initiatives and technological advancements taking place, acknowledging the dedication of the teams involved in these transformative projects.

As part of the visit, Dr. Majumdar inaugurated the *Kalpana Chawla* Hostel Block, a new residential facility aimed at enhancing the student living experience at the institute.

Dr. Majumdar also led a plantation drive as part of IITH’s participation in the *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* campaign, promoting environmental awareness and honoring the nurturing spirit of motherhood.

Prof. B. S. Murty, Director of IIT Hyderabad, Prof. B. S. Murty, Director of IITH, delivered the welcome address, highlighting the Dr Sukunta Majumdar’s unique achievements and his contributions and the Government of India’s contributions towards the Viksit Bharat initiative.

Shri M. Raghunandan Rao, Member of Parliament, addressed the gathering and praised the significant progress made by IIT Hyderabad, recognizing its role in advancing education and technology and said *“After going through a short journey with the Director of IITH, I can understand that IITH will become one of the prominent institutes in shaping and molding the country towards the Viksit Bharat 2047 in the eyes of Narendra Modi. A sound mind in a sound body, relates to IITH as this campus can provide you with a sound body and mind, as it provides the students with all kinds of facilities for research. Even though IITH is a second-*

generation IIT, I hope that IITH will definitely, reach the as par growth of first-generation IITs very soon. As Narendra Modi said, I will lead my team towards success, I would like to request each of you to make, India as Vishwa guru, of the world”.

In his speech, **Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, the Hon'ble Union Minister**, expressed his appreciation for the institute's accomplishments and its contribution to India's education and research landscape and said *“IITH's journey from its inception to becoming a leading institution in higher education is a testament to visionary leadership, dedication, and strategic collaboration. Rising consistently in NIRF rankings, with a robust academic and research environment and impressive placement records, IITH has established itself as a premier name in engineering and technology. With a focus on holistic education, research excellence, and societal impact, it stands as one of India's most innovative and future-ready institutions.*

Not only does IITH lead in academic achievement, but it also makes a significant social impact through outreach programs like Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, which address local challenges and foster community involvement. The BUILD (Bold Unique Ideas Leading to Development) program under the iTIC Incubator supports student innovation, while the institution is equally committed to environmental sustainability.

IITH's comprehensive academic framework spans a wide array of specializations, drawing top talent from across the country. The research landscape is dynamic and expansive, prioritizing interdisciplinary studies and strong industry partnerships. The JICA Friendship Project has been instrumental in establishing state-of-the-art labs, research facilities, and advanced academic programs.

Today, as we plant trees under the “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” campaign, we celebrate not only the nurturing spirit of mothers but also the achievements of IITH, which continues to drive technological and innovative progress in India. This tree-planting symbolizes our shared commitment to growth, sustainability, and excellence”

The event saw enthusiastic participation from many faculty, staff, and students. Prof. Mahendrakumar Madhavan, Dean of ACR, delivered the vote of thanks, concluding the successful program.

About IIT Hyderabad:

IITH, established in 2008, as one of the second Generation IITs, has reached a respectable position in both academics, research, technology development and startups in the short span of 15 years. In the recent Indian National Ranking (NIRF-2024), IITH is placed at 3rd in Innovation and 8th among Engineering institutes in India.

It has 320+ full-time faculty, 5,300+ students (PG + PhD students accounting for about 60%). The institute has a strong research focus with Rs. 1270+ Cr of R&D funding, 11,500+ publications, 320+ Patents, and about 260+ startups (that have generated 1100+ jobs and a revenue of Rs. 1500+ Cr). Follow us on [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Koo](#), and [YouTube](#) for the latest updates.

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