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IIT Delhi joins hands with 18 NITs to advance academic excellence, research and innovation

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One of the largest structured academic partnership frameworks among India's leading technical institutions



The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has announced the launch of a landmark national academic and research collaboration network through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with 18 National Institutes of Technology

(NITs) across the country.

The initiative aims to create a robust ecosystem for academic excellence, innovation, research collaboration, and talent development in alignment with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

The 18 partner institutions include NIT Sikkim, NIT Meghalaya, NIT Silchar, NIT Jamshedpur, NIT Rourkela, NIT Raipur, VNIT Nagpur, SVNIT Surat, MNIT Jaipur, MANIT Bhopal, MNNIT Allahabad, NIT Kurukshetra, NIT Srinagar, NIT Tiruchirappalli, NIT Calicut, NIT Surathkal, NIT Warangal, and NIT Jalandhar.

The initiative represents one of the largest structured academic partnership frameworks among India's leading technical institutions and seeks to establish a nationwide network that leverages the collective strengths of IIT Delhi and the NIT system to advance education, research, innovation, and national development.

A key feature of the collaboration is the introduction of structured pathways for meritorious NIT students to pursue advanced studies at IIT Delhi. Eligible undergraduate students will be able to spend their final year at IIT Delhi as Special Exchange Students, undertaking advanced coursework, research projects, and academic activities under the guidance of IIT Delhi faculty members. Similarly, postgraduate students from partner NITs will have opportunities for research immersion and academic engagement at IIT Delhi.

The framework also introduces an Early Admission Scheme that enables high-performing students from the participating NITs to be considered for admission to M.Tech., MS (Research), and Ph.D. programmes at IIT Delhi without the requirement of qualifying through GATE or other national-level examinations, subject to prescribed academic and research performance criteria.