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IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Strengthens Global Collaboration Through TEXMiN–UiT Norway MoU Under SEER Project

In a significant step towards strengthening international academic and research collaboration, TEXMiN Foundation, the Technology Innovation Hub at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on Friday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UiT – The Arctic University of Norway during a high-level academic engagement held under the Sustainable Education, Exchange and Research (SEER) Project, funded by the UTFORSK Programme of the Government of Norway.

The discussions were attended by Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad; Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad; Dag Rune Olsen, the Vice Rector of UiT The Arctic University of Norway; Prof. Dilip Kumar Prasad, Principal Investigator of the SEER Project and Professor at UiT; Prof. Krishna Agarwal, Prof. Rajeev Upadhyay, Prof. Saurabh Dutta Gupta, Prof. Ejaz Ahmad, and Mr. Mrityunjay Sharma, Assistant Registrar (International Relations & Alumni Affairs), along with more than 20 faculty members, researchers, administrators, and project participants from both institutions.

The MoU aims to promote collaborative research, innovation, technology development, entrepreneurship, capacity building, and mobility of students, faculty members, and researchers. The partnership will focus on areas of mutual interest including sustainable mining, critical minerals, advanced technologies, innovation ecosystems, and Arctic-region research.

During the discussions, both institutions deliberated on strengthening institutional collaboration mechanisms and developing a roadmap for future academic and research engagements. Key areas included joint academic courses, collaborative research initiatives, faculty exchange programmes, and enhanced internationalization activities.

A major highlight of the engagement was the implementation of IC3 activities and mobility opportunities for 32 students under the SEER Project. The initiative is expected to provide students with valuable international exposure, interdisciplinary learning opportunities, and participation in advanced research areas such as artificial intelligence, sustainability, digital technologies, and engineering.

The delegation also explored opportunities for developing Joint Master's and Joint Doctoral programmes, enabling students and researchers from both institutions to benefit from shared expertise, joint supervision, and international research ecosystems.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Sukumar Mishra said, “Global partnerships are essential for addressing emerging challenges and creating impactful research outcomes. This collaboration will open new avenues for innovation, academic excellence, and international exposure for our students and faculty members.”

Prof. Dheeraj Kumar said that such partnerships play a crucial role in enhancing the institute's global engagement and creating meaningful opportunities for collaborative learning and research.

The visit marks an important milestone in the growing partnership between IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and UiT The Arctic University of Norway.

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