

MHRD Visit

On 9th March, 2013 Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development, Dr. M. M. PallamRaju, formally inaugurated the new buildings in the Kamand campus of Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi). Shri. Virbhadra Singh, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh presided over the function. Other dignitaries gracing the occasion included: Shri M. Natarajan, Padma Shree and Chairman, Board of Governors of IIT Mandi; Shri. Kaul Singh Thakur, Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare, and Shri. Anil Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development, Panchyati Raj & Veterinary, Himachal Pradesh.

As part of the ceremony, Dr. PallamRaju inaugurated the newly constructed "Advanced Materials Research Centre". This building will house labs and sophisticated instruments worth about Rs. 20 crores for designing and studying novel materials. Researchers will investigate the basic structure of materials, and develop novel materials for electrical, electronics, biological, and other applications. It will be used by about 40 postdocs and PhD scholars led by an interdisciplinary team of 15 faculty, including two Distinguished Visiting Professors: Prof. K.E. Gonsalves from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, and Prof. Subrata Ray, formerly with IIT-Roorkee.

