



IIT Mandi signs an MoU with the Shraman Foundation to grant scholarships to underprivileged UG students studying at IIT Mandi.

A virtual signing ceremony between IIT Mandi and Shraman Foundation took place involving Dr. Amit Patel (Project Director, Shraman Foundation), Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Jiv Daya Foundation), Dr. Chayan K. Nandi (Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations), Dr. Varun Dutt (Associate Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations), Dr. Srikant Sugavam (Chair, Scholarship Committee), Dr. Manas Thakur (Member, Scholarship Committee), IIT Mandi.

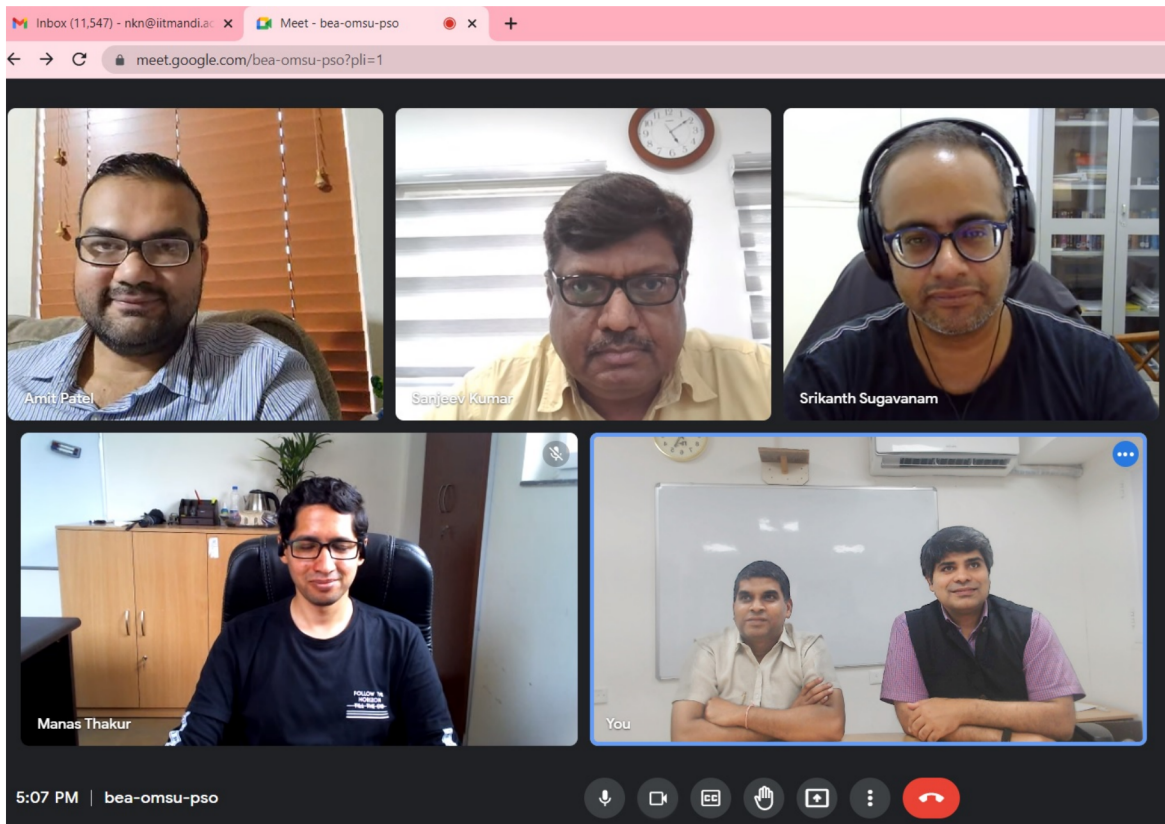
Mandi, 1st July 2022: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shraman Foundation (a private not for profit organization) together to create a scholarship fund for economically weaker students. The Shraman Foundation has contributed a total of Rs 25 Lacs towards the creation of this fund.

The MoU was signed by the Dr. Chayan K. Nandi (Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations), IIT Mandi and Dr. Vinay Jain, Director, Shraman Foundation on 28th June 2022.

The Shraman Foundation's Rs 25 lacs contribution is the highest single contribution IIT Mandi has received for scholarships till now in the financial year of 2022-23. IIT Mandi's motto is to be an "Institute for all." Initiatives like the Shraman scholarships for deserving students have made IIT Mandi more accessible for those who come from poor socioeconomic backgrounds with annual household income less than INR 5 lakhs.

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi said, *"We are grateful to the Shraman Foundation for this generous support of scholarships for economically weaker students. They are most deserving of this support since it is by the sheer hard work that they have made it into this institution. A joint initiative to set up a carefree education facility for the unprivileged students to pursue their education regardless of their financial worries."*

"Shraman Foundation believes that scholarships can be one of the most direct ways to give back to the community. Due to increasing educational costs, students need financial assistance more than ever. Our Scholarship scheme demonstrates the foundation's commitment to education and to the future of upcoming generations. I believe that this scholarship will make a real, significant impact on the lives of the benefitted students," stated **Dr. Vinay Jain, Director, Shraman Foundation.**



Dr. Amit Patel (Project Director, Shraman Foundation), Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (Jiv Daya Foundation) virtually met Dr. Chayan K. Nandi (Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations), Dr. Varun Dutt (Associate Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations), Dr. Srikant Sugavam (Chair, Scholarship Committee), Dr. Manas Thakur (Member, Scholarship Committee), IIT Mandi.

This one-of-its-kind scholarship program will carry a special focus on students from economically weaker sections with an aim to encourage unprivileged students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics). This scholarship program helps in amplifying IIT Mandi's principle of being an inclusive institute for students from all economic sections.

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About Shraman Foundation

The Shraman Foundation is a nonprofit organization in Dallas, TX that promotes understanding, sparks learning and inspires personal connections to the cultures and values of South Asia. Shraman Foundation is a private not-for-profit organization founded in 2012 by Dr. Vinay Jain and his family. Shraman Foundation's mission is to create opportunities that allow people and ideas to flourish and provide solutions to the world's most pressing social and medical issues. One of the focus areas of the Shraman Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to talented students to fulfill their career goals. Shraman Foundation intends to partner with member of education institutions across India to promote education by providing scholarships to underprivileged students to obtain education.



About IIT Mandi

IIT Mandi has four academic schools and three research centres. The schools are School of Computing and Electrical Engineering, School of Basic Sciences, School of Engineering, and School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The centers are Advanced Materials Research Centre (AMRC; set up with an investment of INR 60 crore), Centre for Design and Fabrication of Electrical Devices (C4DFED; has worth INR 50 crore fabrication tools), and BioX Centre (has acquired research equipment worth INR 15 crore).

The unique and project-oriented B.Tech (Bachelor in Technology) curriculum is centred around its four-year design and innovation stream. From August 2019, IIT Mandi started three new and unique

B. Tech programmes in Data Science and Engineering, Engineering Physics, and dual degree in Bioengineering. Since the inception of the institute, IIT Mandi faculty have been involved in over 275 Research and Development (R&D) projects worth more than INR 120 crore. IIT Mandi set up the IIT Mandi iHub and HCI Foundation (iHub; a Section-8 company) in its campus at Kamand with significant funding of INR 110 crores from the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. The iHub is planned to fuel research and technology development, skill development, start-up and innovation, and collaborations in the HCI and allied AI (artificial intelligence/ ML (machine learning) areas in India. IIT Mandi is the only second-generation IIT that has ranked seventh in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements of the Innovation Cell, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

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