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IIT MANDI - DORA SECTION

IIT Mandi has instituted the Dean of Resource Generation and Alumni Relations (DORA) in the year 2022. The office of the DORA is one of the key pillars of the Institute. The section is currently headed by Prof. Varun Dutt as the Dean (Resource Generation and Alumni Relations).

AIM OF DORA

The DORA aims to establish sustainable relationships with alumni, corporates, and other stakeholders, for resource generation. The office works extensively to arrange financial resources to meet the growing needs of IIT Mandi through corporate connections, philanthropy, and alumni. The office actively conducts several activities including campaigns involving fundraising to support research and excellence at the Institute, creating centers in emerging areas of science and technology, endowments for faculty chairs, honoring and awarding alumni, providing scholarships/fellowships to students, and promoting infrastructure growth of the Institute. The DORA office engages in creating multiple events and global outreach programs with our alumni, corporates, and philanthropic organizations. It also organizes the Reunion and recognizes the achievements of Institute's alumni by nominating them for "Young Achiever Award (YAA)".

ABOUT DORA

IIT Mandi secures funds through corporate, philanthropic, and alumni connections to support research, create tech centers, establish faculty chairs, honor alumni, provide scholarships, and enhance infrastructure. The DORA office organizes events and outreach programs with these groups. IIT Mandi values its alumni, maintaining strong connections for mutual growth and success, and appreciates their contributions towards its self-sustainability.

ACTIVITIES IN DORA

Building relations with:

- Philanthropists
- Foundations
- CSR Heads of the companies
- PSU
- NRIs
- Embassy & their corporate association
- Alumni

AREAS OF RESOURCE GENERATION

- Student scholarship/travel support
- Student/Faculty exchange program
- Faculty Chair Professor
- Institute Infrastructure building
- Creating a Center of Excellence
- Lab Establishment
- Endowment

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS (INCLUDING DONATIONS FROM ALUMNI, CSR FUNDING SUPPORT, AND PHILANTHROPIES)

FUNDING

- Received a donation of **USD 85000 (~₹73 lakh)** from **Mr. Mohinder L. Nayyar**, a US-based Philanthropist, to support academics and research.
- Received a donation of **~USD 12000 (~₹10 lakh)** from **Mr. Satish Agarwal and Ms. Kamlesh Agarwal**, a US-based Philanthropist, to support needy students.
- Received a donation of **USD 11000 (~₹10 lakh)** via **IIT Mandi Foundation, USA** (created by Alumni of IIT Mandi with tax-exempt status as per US laws), **including a donation of USD 10000 from the Doshi Family**, as Philanthropy.
- Received CSR funding support of **₹3000000** from **Revvity India** to support bio-related research.
- Received CSR funding of **₹500000** from **ECE Industries Pvt. Ltd.** to support needy students.
- Received a donation of **₹100000** from **ICCCNT Foundation** for women's welfare via the EWOK initiative.
- In the final stage of discussion, to get funding support of **₹200000000** (approx.) from **TATA Trust** to establish the Centre for Climate Change and Disaster Resilience at IIT Mandi.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Received/Disbursed **Sri Badrika Ashram (SBA) Scholarship** worth **₹2073692** to seventeen UG students till date.
- Awarded with **funding support of ₹9590000** (for four years) under the **TCS Research Scholar Program** for **two PhD scholars**, out of which ₹1825000 has been disbursed.
- Received/Disbursed **Pan IIT Vidya Laxmi Scholarships** of **₹950000** among **seven UG students** in two years.
- Received/Disbursed **Reliance Foundation UG Scholarships** of **₹200000** to **one UG student**.
- Received/Disbursed **Kotak Kanya Scholarships** of **₹150000** to **one UG female student**.
- Received/Disbursed **Foundation for Excellence (FFE) Scholarships** of **₹1950000** to **thirty-one UG students**.
- Dhawan Family Scholarship** worth **₹40,000** awarded to **four Himachali female students**, funded from the interest on a fixed deposit of ₹4,01,000. Additionally, **Mr. Chander Dhawan** generously **donated ₹150,000** to increase the corpus for more scholarships.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

- Raised funding support of **₹450000** (approx.) **from alumni** of IIT Mandi.
- Our **alumni donated a cricket boundary rope** worth **₹30000**.
- Successfully Organized the Bangalore and Hyderabad Alumni chapter meets.
- Organised three successful Japan Alumni Chapter Meets in Japan, to strengthen the relationship with our alumni and for the global outreach of IIT Mandi.
- Instituted and awarded the Young Achiever Award (YAA) to recognize the achievements of our alumni in the area of academics, professional achievements, and entrepreneurship.
- Dr. Ankit Sharma (alumnus) received the prestigious Global 5 Under 35 SFPE Award.

Others

- Signed an MoU with Revvity India for a biosciences-related research under CSR support.
- Strategic collaborations initiated with Accenture Japan, Tonichi Co. Japan and Willings Japan to set up an AI Research Park in Japan.
- Participated in the 3rd Indo-Japan University Forum, as a result, discussions with the top twenty-one Japanese universities are in process to explore the possibilities for exchange programmes, etc.
- Jointly organized an online workshop with the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) to explore the possibilities of mutual interest.
- Hosted a visit from a distinguished delegation from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
- Hosted visits of delegations from various Japanese companies (like Recruit Co., Willings, Tonichi, etc.) to explore the possibilities of mutual interest.
- Hosted the visits of the Doshi Family (a US-based Philanthropist) in the year 2022. As a result, they have donated USD 10000 to the Institute via the IIT Mandi Foundation, USA, to support the needy students and research activity.
- Hosted a visit of the Officials from TATA Trust to explore the possibilities of mutual interest
- Signed nine MoUs with an objective to support needy students, Academia, Research and Development, etc. Also, collaborated with Willings Inc., Japan and Tech Japan to explore the possibilities for placements, internships, and global outreach. Several MoUs are in process.

SHRI NITESH KUMAR, ALUMNUS OF IIT MANDI HAS WON THE GOLD MEDAL IN MEN'S SINGLES BADMINTON (SL3 CATEGORY) AT THE 2024 PARALYMPIC GAMES HELD AT PARIS, FRANCE. HE IS ALSO HONOURED BY THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA WITH THE ARJUNA AWARD.



- IIT Mandi explored CSR collaborations with several companies including OPPO India, ICICI Foundation, Medanta Health, and Avalara. As a result, ICICI Foundation committed us to support to projects including watershed management, healthcare, and rural skilling, proposal have been submitted.
- Hosted visits of Mr. Ryuhei Nishi and Mr. Makoto Watanabe, First Secretaries, Science and Technology, Embassy of Japan, India, to explore the possibilities of mutual interest.
- Hosted visit of Dr. Yuki Okada, CMD, Setolabo, Japan to explore the possibilities of mutual interest.
- Collaborative possibilities have been explored with Ashoka Tree Trust to contribute in terms of elementary education and women empowerment initiatives.
- Helped the career and placement cell in making connections with the officials from industries to explore the opportunities for placements and long term internships.
- IIT Mandi strengthened partnership discussions with the French Embassy for Indo-French innovation opportunities and exchange programmes.
- IIT Mandi is successfully registered in CSR-1 category under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

RESOURCE GENERATION

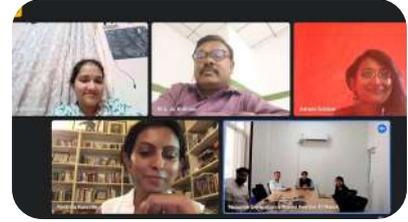
VIRTUAL MEETING WITH LG ELECTRONICS FOR SELF-LAUNDRY SYSTEM IN THE HOSTELS AT IIT MANDI



A virtual meeting was held to discuss the setup of LG Self-Laundry System at IIT Mandi. The meeting focused on planning and finalizing details for implementing this modern self-service laundry system, aimed at enhancing convenience and sustainability for the campus community. Key discussions included operational logistics, installation requirements, and collaboration with LG for efficient service delivery. The initiative underscores IIT Mandi's commitment on improving student facilities through innovative solutions.

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH ASHOKA TREE TRUST FOCUSES ON COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

A virtual meeting was held between IIT Mandi and The Ashoka Tree (TAT) to explore collaborative opportunities and discuss funding for research and community-focused initiatives in Himachal Pradesh. Key deliberations included engaging local communities through libraries, identifying target locations for projects, empowering women through vocational training, and integrating technology such as social robots and solar cookers. Sustainability and scalability of initiatives were also emphasized to ensure long-term impact.



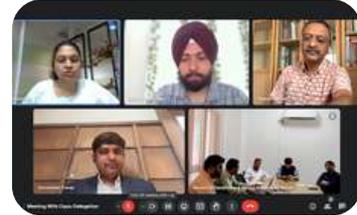
IIT MANDI AND TCS DISCUSSED ON RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY-FOCUSED INITIATIVES



A meeting was held with Dr. Balamuralidhar P, Principal Scientist, TCS Research and Innovation, to discuss collaborative research initiatives. Key topics included IIT Mandi's academic programs, landslide monitoring research, and innovative projects like the IKSMHA Centre and Ayurveda Wellness Centre. Future plans involve advanced landslide prediction and exploring Ayurveda.

IIT MANDI AND OPPO'S DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

IIT Mandi held a virtual meeting with Ms. Anuka Kumar, General Manager - Public Affairs at OPPO India, to explore collaboration opportunities. Discussions focused on research initiatives in VLSI, AI, and machine learning, support for electronics startups, and activities like hackathons to promote interest in electronics careers. The meeting also explored expanding Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and building a sustainable ecosystem for electronics manufacturing. The proposed activities are aligned with OPPO's Project Vihaan and the Government of India initiatives.



IIT MANDI AND ICICI FOUNDATION DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES



IIT Mandi hosted a meeting with ICICI Foundation officials to explore potential collaborations. Key discussions included watershed projects in 22 villages, spring water regeneration, groundwater recharge, farmer support programs, healthcare initiatives, rural skilling courses, and nursery and herbal garden projects. Action plans were outlined for each initiative, emphasizing sustainable development, community impact, and partnerships with organizations like KVK and healthcare institutions. The meeting concluded with agreed timelines for proposal submissions and follow-up discussions to ensure the successful execution of these initiatives.

IIT MANDI AND ICICI FOUNDATION DISCUSSED ON COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

IIT Mandi hosted a meeting with ICICI Foundation officials to explore collaborative initiatives. Key discussions included scaling EWOK's food processing unit, setting up a dairy processing unit, and integrating sustainable water management practices. Specific projects like watershed activities, water budgeting, nurseries, and multi-cropping were emphasized. Additionally, leveraging technology to assist farmers and skilling programs for local communities were discussed. Action plans were outlined, including preparing detailed project reports and proposals for implementation.



EFKON INDIA CEO VISITED IIT MANDI TO EXPLORE COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES ON INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES

Mr. Rajat Mishra, CEO of EFKON India Ltd. and an alumnus of IIT Delhi, visited IIT Mandi on 6th September 2024 to explore the possibilities for collaborations in landslide monitoring, ropeway systems, and road safety technologies. Discussions focused on developing advanced early warning systems, sustainable transportation solutions for hilly terrains, and innovative road safety measures. EFKON India committed to offering internships, job opportunities, and initiating a traffic management project with IIT Mandi. Mr. Mishra praised the institute's forward-thinking initiatives and emphasized the importance of leveraging technology to enhance regional infrastructure and safety.



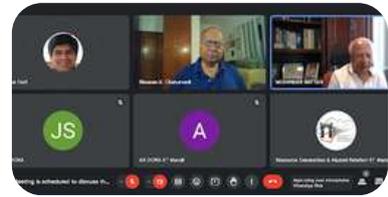
VIRTUAL MEETING WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IIT MANDI US FOUNDATION



A virtual meeting was held with the Board of Directors of the IIT Mandi US Foundation. The discussion includes the opening of a bank account in the USA bank (Wells Fargo/Chase), setting up a website and emails under "iitmandifoundation.org" (to be handled by Mr. Uday Mittal), and preparing for a mid-July donor meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Doshi (pledged to donate \$250,000). Mr. Ayush and Ms. Palvi were proposed to be the invitees to the board.

VIRTUAL MEETING WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IIT ROORKEE FOUNDATION

A Virtual meeting was held with the Board of Directors of the IIT Roorkee Foundation focused on collaboration and resource mobilization for IIT Mandi. Key discussions included IIT Mandi's impactful projects from the esteemed faculty members of the Institute, fostering a culture of alumni giving, and managing donations through various flexible options like Fixed deposit, mutual funds, etc. The meeting emphasized developing a transparent donation framework, ensuring compliance, and publicizing IIT Mandi's innovative approach to attracting donors.



IIT MANDI AND PHFI EXPLORED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH COLLABORATION



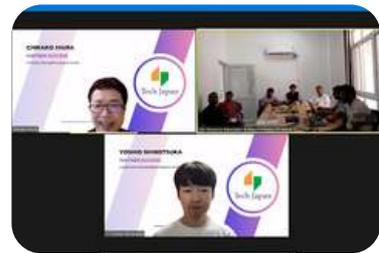
IIT Mandi convened a virtual meeting with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI) to discuss potential collaborations. Key discussions included leveraging IIT Mandi's technological innovations, with PHFI's public health expertise to address health challenges in rural Himachal Pradesh. Areas of focus included women's and child health, scaling healthcare technologies, and utilizing CSR funding for joint initiatives. Both institutions expressed enthusiasm for advancing public health and committed to ongoing collaboration.

IIT MANDI AND NAVJYOTI FOUNDATION DISCUSSED ON COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES

A virtual meeting was held between IIT Mandi and the Navjyoti Foundation to explore potential collaborations in education, women's empowerment, and environmental sustainability. IIT Mandi presented its initiatives and shared them with the Navjyoti Foundation in terms of their key areas, including education, skills training, and environmental projects. Key discussions focused on resource needs, scaling projects, and leveraging student involvement for sustainable impact. The meeting concluded with mutual appreciation and anticipation for future collaboration.



IIT MANDI AND TECH JAPAN INC. EXPLORED COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES



A virtual meeting was held between IIT Mandi and Tech Japan Inc. focused on strengthening collaboration in recruitment, research, and development. Tech Japan presented its services, including talent recruitment for Japanese companies and digital transformation in hiring processes. IIT Mandi highlighted its academic programs, research initiatives, and ongoing collaborations with Japanese institutions. Key discussions included faculty sabbaticals, staff exposure visits, and joint R&D projects. Both parties agreed to draft an MoU outlining collaboration in internships, job placements, and faculty-staff engagements. The meeting concluded with a commitment to formalize the partnership.

FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH DOSHI FAMILY TO DISCUSS ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE AYURVEDA WELLNESS CENTRE

A follow-up meeting was held with the Doshi Family to discuss their commitment to supporting the Ayurveda Wellness Centre at IIT Mandi, focusing on affordable mental health solutions through Ayurveda and modern healthcare integration. Key discussions included Ayurvedic research, collaboration with Maharishi International University, and developing Ayurvedic treatments.



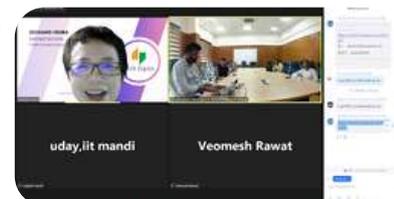
IIT MANDI AND EFKON INDIA'S DISCUSSIONS ON ROPEWAY ENGINEERING



A virtual meeting was held with EFKON India Ltd. to explore collaborative opportunities in ropeway engineering. IIT Mandi presented its initiative to establish a dedicated Ropeway Engineering Centre, highlighting its importance for hilly terrains like Himachal Pradesh. Discussions focused on developing skilled manpower, specialized laboratories, and indigenous manufacturing of components. EFKON India expressed interest in partnering to advance research and training in this field. Both parties agreed to share detailed proposals and to follow-up meetings to finalize collaboration plans.

IIT MANDI AND TECH JAPAN INC. STRENGTHENED COLLABORATION ON INTERNSHIPS AND RESEARCH

A follow-up meeting was held between IIT Mandi and Tech Japan Inc. to discuss internship processes, research collaborations, and CSR opportunities. Tech Japan demonstrated a student internship portal, highlighting features like company profiles, project details, and feedback options. Discussions covered flexible internship timelines, PPO opportunities, and streamlined registration procedures. IIT Mandi proposed research collaborations and CSR-funded initiatives to support students and infrastructure development.

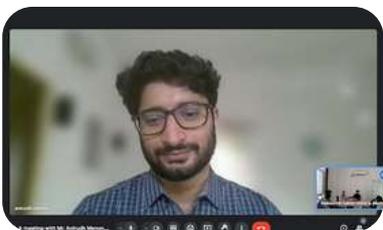


IIT MANDI AND SBI FOUNDATION DISCUSSED ON COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES



IIT Mandi convened a virtual meeting with the SBI Foundation to discuss potential collaborations. Key discussions included an Ayurvedic Wellness Centre, landslide early warning systems, polyhouses for year-round farming, and English literacy through social robots. The Ayurvedic Wellness Centre received particular interest, with discussions on its objectives, budget requirements, and compliance with CSR regulations. IIT Mandi committed to submitting an augmented proposal, while the SBI Foundation agreed to review and provide feedback. The meeting concluded with mutual appreciation and a commitment to advancing the partnership.

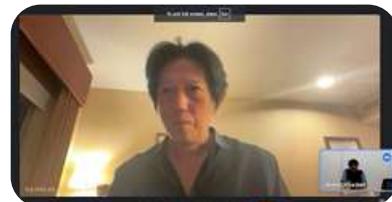
DISCUSSED ON COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES ON SOCIETAL AND INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES WITH TATA TRUSTS



IIT Mandi made a connection with the officials of the Tata Trusts and convened a virtual meeting to explore potential collaborations in Education, Health, Skill Development, Disaster Management and Rural Upliftment. IIT Mandi presented key initiatives, including a proposed Ayurvedic Wellness Hospital, non-invasive health technologies, community libraries, and agricultural innovations. Tata Trusts expressed interest but requested a focused proposal prioritising projects like the Ayurvedic Wellness Hospital. The meeting concluded with an agreement to submit a detailed C3DAR proposal and extend a campus visit invitation to Tata Trusts.

IIT MANDI EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITIES FOR STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS AT JAPAN-INDIA FORUM

A virtual meeting was held with Prof. Hide Saegusa to discuss preparation for the Japan-India Forum, foreign partnerships with leading Japanese universities focusing on AI, robotics, disaster management, and sustainable development. Strategies were outlined for effective round table discussions, follow-up on existing MOUs, and initiating pre-Forum communications. The meeting concluded with a commitment to leveraging the Forum to strengthen global partnerships and enhance research collaborations.



IIT MANDI AND SHIMANE UNIVERSITY DISCUSSED ON ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS



A meeting was held between IIT Mandi (DORA Team and International Relation office) and Shimane University to discuss on possibilities to expand academic collaborations and preparing for the Indo-Japan Forum. Key areas included research in Biosciences, Environmental Sciences, and Disaster Management, along with faculty and student exchange programs. Both institutions emphasized joint research in Systems Biology, Nanobiotechnology, and Disease Diagnostics. Plans were made for a workshop in 2025, and exchange programs will be formalized, with further discussions scheduled for the forum.

IIT MANDI COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES WITH TATA TRUSTS ON DISASTER RESILIENCE IN THE HIMALAYAS

A follow-up meeting was held on 29th October 2024 to explore collaboration for the Centre for Climate Change and Disaster Management (C3DAR). IIT Mandi proposed a ₹100 crore plan for climate resilience and disaster preparedness, while Tata Trusts suggested reducing the proposal for a funding approach of approximately INR 20 crores, emphasizing sustainability and institutional growth. Accordingly, a revised proposal, including advanced technologies like AR/VR Disaster Clocks, has been submitted through the DORA Office. The partnership aims to address critical climate challenges and support rural upliftment in Himachal Pradesh.

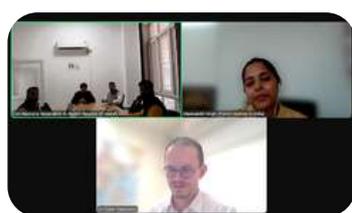


IIT MANDI STRENGTHENED COLLABORATIONS AT THE 3RD INDO-JAPAN UNIVERSITY FORUM

A delegation from IIT Mandi, including Director-IIT Mandi, Dean Resource Generation and Alumni Relations, Prof. Hide Saegusa and Japanese language teachers associated with IIT Mandi, participated in the 3rd Indo-Japan University Forum in New Delhi. The delegation led by the Director-IIT Mandi engaged with top representatives from 21 Japanese universities and organizations to foster collaborations in research, education, and industrial partnerships. Key discussions included disaster resilience, AI, robotics, quantum science, and educational exchange programs. The forum showcased mutual interest in leveraging science and technology for societal benefit, paving the way for long-term academic and cultural ties between India and Japan. IIT Mandi's International Relations office has been informed about the forum and discussion held there to take them up for further collaborations with the Japanese universities.



IIT MANDI EXPLORED COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES WITH FRENCH EMBASSY



A virtual meeting was held with the French Embassy (Dr. Didier Raboisson and Meenakshi Singh) to explore collaborations in research, student exchanges, and industry engagement. Discussions focused on shared priorities such as AI, robotics, health, marine sciences, and decarbonized hydrogen, alongside funding opportunities through CEFIPRA programs. IIT Mandi proposed hosting a joint event during the Indo-French Year of Innovation 2026 and extended an invitation for a campus visit in 2025. The DORA office has to share funding opportunities, coordinate for the 2026 event, and foster Indo-French academic and industry partnerships.

IIT MANDI HOSTED A COLLABORATIVE WEBINAR WITH JETRO AND JAPANESE COMPANIES

IIT Mandi, IIT Jodhpur, and JETRO (Japan) officials were met virtually to follow-up and finalize preparations for an upcoming webinar connecting IIT Mandi with Japanese companies for internships, placements, and research collaborations. Discussions focused on showcasing IIT Mandi's strengths in AI, robotics, green energy, and sustainability. Feedback emphasized concise content, quality visuals, and streamlined internship details to appeal to an international audience.



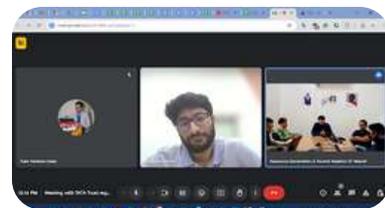
IIT MANDI AND REVVITY FOUNDATION DISCUSSED COLLABORATION ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND R&D INITIATIVES

IIT Mandi and Revvity Foundation held a virtual meeting to discuss launching the Revvity Access Scholarship program for underprivileged students, fostering joint R&D projects, and offering internships. Discussions included scholarship criteria, funding, and collaborative research in diagnostics, AI, and vaccine transport solutions, aligned with the Make in India initiative. Revvity plans to finalize collaboration and visit IIT Mandi campus to strengthen ties. Both parties have shown enthusiasm for the partnership, aiming to advance education, innovation, and societal impact.



FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH TATA TRUSTS TO DISCUSS THE SHARED PROPOSAL

IIT Mandi and Tata Trusts advanced plans for the Center for Climate Change and Disaster Resilience (C3DAR) during a virtual meeting. Discussions focused on disaster preparedness using AR/VR, AI, and real-time monitoring, along with community outreach, training, and disaster-informed insurance models. Tata Trusts recommended budget restructuring for institutional support and SDG alignment. Action items included revising the concept note, finalizing technological plans, and engaging stakeholders to enhance C2ER's impact through advanced technologies and collaborations."



IIT MANDI AND ACCENTURE JAPAN COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH AI RESEARCH PARK



A virtual meeting was held between IIT Mandi and Accenture Japan to discuss plans for an AI Research Park, emphasizing innovation in artificial intelligence, robotics, climate-controlled agriculture, disaster management, and smart city initiatives. The meeting, led by DORA, IIT Mandi and Ms. Senju of Accenture Japan, focused on funding mechanisms, industry partnerships, and aligning shared goals for sustainability and societal impact.

A DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION FROM JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY (JICA) VISITED IIT MANDI



IIT Mandi hosted a distinguished delegation from the JICA, strengthening its partnership under the IIT Mandi-JICA Research Park initiative, focused on disaster management, robotics, and sustainable agriculture. The delegation engaged with faculty and students, exploring the institute's innovative projects and state-of-the-art facilities while reviewing progress on joint initiatives and identifying new opportunities in robotics, AI-driven agriculture, and environmental disaster resilience. This visit reflected the shared commitment to leveraging cutting-edge research and technology to address global challenges and foster impactful academic collaboration.

VISIT OF MR. RYUHEI NISHI, FIRST SECRETARY (SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY), EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN INDIA, TO IIT MANDI

IIT Mandi had the privilege of hosting Mr. Ryuhei Nishi, First Secretary (Science & Technology) from the Embassy of Japan in India. His visit marked a significant step towards strengthening the collaborative ties between IIT Mandi and Japanese institutions. During his visit, Mr. Nishi interacted with faculty and students, exploring the institute's cutting-edge research in artificial intelligence, robotics, disaster management, and sustainable development. This visit reinforced IIT Mandi's global engagement and its growing partnership with Japan. The visit paving the way for impactful collaborations in science, technology, education, and highlighted potential avenues for joint research, academic exchanges, and industrial collaborations.



LEADING COMPANIES FROM JAPAN VISITED IIT MANDI TO COLLABORATE FOR RECRUITMENT AND INTERNSHIP DRIVE



Willings Inc. and Recruit Japan visited the Institute to collaborate for full-time positions and internships opportunities. The visit showcased the institute's commitment to bridging academia and industry, with companies expressing interest in IIT Mandi's multidisciplinary skillsets and innovative research capabilities. This initiative underscores IIT Mandi's efforts to foster career growth and create a robust platform for students to connect with top employers, further strengthening the institute's position as a hub for academic excellence and professional opportunities.

IIT MANDI SIGNED AN MOU WITH WILLINGS JAPAN FOR RECRUITMENT AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In a significant step towards strengthening global industry-academia collaboration, IIT Mandi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Willings Japan. The partnership aims to create exciting recruitment and internship opportunities for IIT Mandi students, fostering international exposure and career growth. Under this MoU, Willings Japan will actively engage with IIT Mandi students, providing avenues for internships and full-time employment in Japan's dynamic industries. The collaboration focuses on bridging the skill gap, enhancing cross-cultural understanding, and leveraging IIT Mandi's academic excellence to meet global workforce needs.



TATA TRUST OFFICIALS VISITED IIT MANDI TO EXPLORE COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES



IIT Mandi hosted a top official from the Tata Trust to explore potential collaborations in education, research, and development. The visit began with a meeting between the Tata Trust official and the Director IIT Mandi, along with the DORA team. Discussions emphasized IIT Mandi's strengths in research and innovation, focusing on climate resilience, disaster management, and sustainable development. Thereafter, a visit to the Institute facilities, including the Centre for Climate Change and Disaster Management (C3DAR), IKSMHA, and CAIR, has been organized for hands-on experience of these facilities. The visit marked a significant step toward fostering a collaborative partnership to address societal challenges through impactful research and initiatives.

ACCENTURE JAPAN VISITED IIT MANDI FOR RECRUITMENT, INTERNSHIP DRIVE, AND COLLABORATIONS

Accenture Japan visited IIT Mandi for a recruitment and internship drive, coupled with discussions on potential collaboration. The visit aimed to strengthen ties between the institute and Accenture Japan, providing students with opportunities to work on advanced technologies and global projects. This initiative aligns with IIT Mandi's mission to foster international partnerships and prepare students for impactful global careers. The partnership is expected to enhance research, innovation, and career prospects for IIT Mandi students in Japan's dynamic technology landscape.



ICCCNT FOUNDATION DONATED INR 1 LAKH TO IIT MANDI FOR WOMEN'S WELFARE THROUGH EWOK INITIATIVE

The ICCCNT Foundation has generously contributed INR 1 lakh to the Dean of Resource Generation and Alumni Relations (DORA), IIT Mandi, in support of the welfare of women in Kamand. The donation will be channeled through the Enabling Women of Kamand (EWOK) initiative, which focuses on empowering women by providing skill development, livelihood opportunities, and community support. This contribution underscores the foundation's commitment to fostering societal progress and uplifting underprivileged communities in rural Himachal Pradesh.



DR. YUKI OKADA, CEO, SETOLABO (JAPAN) AND MEDBANK (SINGAPORE), VISITED IIT MANDI



Dr. Yuki Okada, CEO, Setolabo, Japan and MedBank, Singapore has visited IIT Mandi in October 2024. During his visit, he interacted with students, faculty, and interns, expressing strong interest in long-term collaboration in the areas of preventive healthcare and clinical research. Dr. Okada also mentioned about the Kagawa University and their interest to collaborate with IIT Mandi and Setolabo on a joint healthcare project, aiming to formalize academic and research exchanges.

IIT MANDI EXPLORED COLLABORATION WITH SABUDH FOUNDATION IN DATA SCIENCE AND AI

A meeting was held with the Sabudh Foundation to explore collaboration in AI, Data Science, and CSR initiatives. The discussion was focused on joint research, student mentorship, and CSR partnerships through Tatra Data Services. Both sides agreed to exchange project ideas, promote programs among students, and plan follow-up discussions for implementation.



IIT MANDI EXPLORED CSR COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES WITH MEDANTA HEALTH LTD.



A virtual meeting was held between IIT Mandi and Medanta Health Ltd. to explore CSR collaboration opportunities in healthcare and community initiatives. DORA office presented several impactful initiatives, including the Vaccine Cold Chain Monitoring System, non-invasive diabetes detection, and Ayurveda-based palliative care. Medanta has shown keen interest in the cold chain monitoring system and requested a detailed IKSMHA proposal for further evaluation.

IIT MANDI ENGAGED WITH EMBASSY OF JAPAN ON RESEARCH COLLABORATION

First Secretaries Mr. Makoto Watanabe and Mr. Yasuyuki Nakayama from the Embassy of Japan visited IIT Mandi to discuss on the proposed IIT Mandi-Japan Research Park and potential joint research initiatives under the SATREPS funding program. During their visit, they engaged with senior officials of the Institute to explore opportunities for collaboration. Both parties expressed a mutual interest in developing partnerships, identifying key research themes, and drafting proposals for Indo-Japan cooperation. The visit also included a tour of the Institute's facilities to provide the dignitaries with firsthand experience of IIT Mandi's research and innovation ecosystem.



MOU SIGNING WITH REVVITY INDIA (IIT MANDI AND REVVITY INDIA PARTNER TO ADVANCE BIOSCIENCE RESEARCH)



IIT Mandi has signed an MoU with Revvity India to launch a cutting-edge research project in biosciences, led by Dr. Amit Prasad, Associate Professor, School of Biosciences and Bioengineering. With a generous funding support of INR 30 Lakh, this partnership marks a significant step in translating academic innovation into real-world impact. The project fund has been released, setting the stage for collaborative scientific breakthroughs. IIT Mandi thanks the Revvity team for their commitment to research and innovation.

IIT MANDI RECEIVED USD 85,000 DONATION FROM MR. MOHINDER L. NAYYAR, A US BASED PHILANTHROPIST

IIT Mandi has received a generous donation of USD 85,000 (₹73.03 lakh) from Mr. Mohinder L. Nayyar, a distinguished US-based philanthropist and alumnus of IIT Roorkee. This contribution will support needy students while fostering academic excellence and research advancement at the Institute. The donation marks a significant milestone in alumni-led giving and demonstrates Mr. Nayyar's deep commitment to uplifting educational opportunities for future generations. IIT Mandi extends heartfelt gratitude for his vision, support, and continued faith in the institution's mission. A Committee for Execution was constituted with the approval of the competent authority of the Institute to utilize the donation amount transparently and as per the terms of the signed MOU.



IIT MANDI RECEIVED USD 11,000+ DONATION TO ESTABLISH SATISH AND KAMLESH AGRAWAL SCHOLARSHIP



IIT Mandi has received a generous donation of over USD 11,000 from Mr. Satish Agrawal, a US-based philanthropist, to establish the Satish and Kamlesh Agrawal Scholarship. The scholarship will support meritorious undergraduate students, reinforcing the Institute's commitment to inclusive and accessible education. The donation was made under a formal MoU with the Institute. IIT Mandi leadership expressed deep gratitude, acknowledging the contribution's impact on student success and academic excellence.

ECE INDUSTRIES LIMITED DONATED ₹5 LAKHS TO IIT MANDI UNDER CSR TO SUPPORT NEEDY STUDENTS

IIT Mandi is pleased to announce the receipt of a generous donation of ₹5 lakhs from ECE Industries Limited, New Delhi, under their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. This contribution aims to provide vital financial assistance to students facing economic challenges, ensuring their uninterrupted access to quality education. The Institute extends its heartfelt gratitude to ECE Industries for their continued support and commitment to educational empowerment and nation-building. Their thoughtful contribution will make a significant impact on the lives of deserving students at IIT Mandi.



Alumni Corner

IIT MANDI ALUMNI CHAPTERS VIRTUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ALUMNI MEETUP PLANNING



A meeting was held with Alumni Chapter Secretaries to discuss the planning of future alumni activities. Dr. Subhajit Roy Chowdhury, Alumni Advisor, chaired the session, which focused on reviewing past meetups, identifying factors influencing alumni attendance, and brainstorming solutions to explore the new idea to strengthen alumni engagements and enhance their participation. Key takeaways included exploring multiple meetup dates, conducting alumni surveys, and improving engagement through innovative communication strategies.

IIT MANDI ALUMNI CONNECT FOR STRENGTHENING ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

In an in-person meeting, IIT Mandi alumni and the institute's administration discussed enhancing alumni engagement through campus events like Rann-Neeti, policy inputs, and forming an alumni council. Alumni shared professional milestones, while the administration highlighted institutional growth in research, infrastructure, and global partnerships. The session concluded with shared enthusiasm and plans for follow-up to deepen alumni-institute collaboration. Also, the alumni cricket team, led by Mr. Akash Maurya and Mr. Sahil, jointly donated a cricket boundary rope worth approximately Rs. 30000.



IIT MANDI BANGALORE CHAPTER ALUMNI MEET 2024

The Bangalore Chapter Alumni Meet was successfully held on 7th September 2024 at DROMI, with over 35 alumni from various batches reconnecting in a vibrant celebration of shared memories and achievements. The event, organized by the DORA office in collaboration with the chapter alumni, was graced by Prof. Shubhajit Roy Chowdhary (Alumni Advisor), Mr. Anuj Kumar Dubey (Assistant Registrar, DORA Office), and concluded with remarks by the Chapter Secretary, Mr. Mohit Kumar Malhotra. A panel session encouraged collaboration between alumni and the Institute, followed by a lively networking dinner. The meet reflected the enduring bond between IIT Mandi and its alumni and ended with renewed enthusiasm for future collaborations.



IIT MANDI ALUMNUS MR. NITESH KUMAR WON A GOLD MEDAL AT PARALYMPICS GAMES 2024 HELD AT PARIS, FRANCE

Mr. Kumar made the nation proud by winning the Gold Medal in Men's Singles Badminton (SL3 Category) at the 2024 Paralympic Games held at Paris, France. An alumnus of IIT Mandi, his journey from academic excellence to sporting glory is truly inspirational. Balancing rigorous academics with his passion for sports, Mr. Kumar's achievement is a shining example of resilience, dedication, and the limitless potential of IIT Mandi's students. His success continues to motivate and uplift the entire IIT Mandi community. He is also honoured by the hon'ble President of India with the Arjuna Award.



IIT MANDI HYDERABAD CHAPTER ALUMNI MEET 2024

The Hyderabad Alumni Chapter Meet was successfully held on 29th September at Preston Prime Mall, Gachibowli. Organized by the DORA Office in collaboration with the chapter alumni, the event was graced by Dr. Dinesh Singh (Alumni Advisor), Mr. Anuj Kumar Dubey (Assistant Registrar, DORA Office), and concluded with remarks by Mr. Dhruv Patel, Chapter Secretary. The gathering aimed to strengthen alumni-institute ties and inspire contributions toward IIT Mandi's growth. The evening included warm interactions, updates, a group photo, and a networking dinner. Heartfelt thanks to the Chapter Secretary and alumni for making the event a grand success.



IIT MANDI ALUMNUS DR. ASHISH TIWARI NAMED NSF-ART PROGRAM AMBASSADOR

Hearty congratulations to Dr. Ashish Tiwari (PhD, 2015–2020), alumnus of IIT Mandi, on being named an ambassador of the prestigious NSF Accelerating Research Translation (NSF-ART) program. He has also received the Institute for Engineering Driven Health (IEDH) Postdoctoral Researcher Award for 2024–2025, co-funded by NSF and the University of Delaware, USA. Recognized for his groundbreaking work in translational medicine and cancer therapy, Dr. Tiwari has now received his second entrepreneurship grant, following his 2022 award from TEVA Pharmaceuticals and Technion-IIT Israel. His achievements continue to inspire the IIT Mandi community.



IIT MANDI ALUMNUS DR. MANOJ KUMAR JOINED IIT MADRAS ZANZIBAR CAMPUS AS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



We proudly congratulate our alumnus, Dr. Manoj Kumar, on his appointment as Assistant Professor in the School of Engineering and Science at IIT Madras, Zanzibar—the first IIT campus established outside India, located in Tanzania. His achievement marks a significant milestone and reflects the global impact of IIT Mandi's alumni. We wish him continued success in this new academic journey.

IIT MANDI ALUMNUS REPRESENTED THE INSTITUTE AT PIWOT 2025 CONFERENCE HELD IN MUMBAI

Mr. Mohit Kumar Malhotra, an alumnus of IIT Mandi and Scientist 'D' at ADA-DRDO, represented the institute at the PanIIT World of Technology (PIWOT) 2025 conference held in Mumbai from January 16–19. The event, supported by Reliance Industries Ltd., featured discussions on cutting-edge technology and innovation. Mr. Malhotra expressed gratitude for being nominated as a member of the PanIIT Executive Council, recognizing it as a privilege and opportunity to further contribute to the IIT alumni ecosystem. The DORA Office thanks Mr. Malhotra for making his alma mater proud.

PIWOT CONFERENCE AT MUMBAI



IIT MANDI ANNOUNCED 2025 YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDEES

IIT Mandi is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 Young Achiever Award (YAA), recognizing outstanding alumni contributions to academia, industry, and society. The awards were presented in absentia, with both recipients expressing their heartfelt gratitude for the honour.

Dr. Nalam Venkata Abhishek (B.Tech. EE, 2014) was awarded for Academic Excellence. He is an Assistant Professor at the Singapore Institute of Technology, leading cutting-edge research in AI-enabled networking and privacy-preserving AI. His work has attracted over SG\$ 1.7 million in competitive research funding.

Mr. Harshit Varshney (B.Tech. EE, 2018) received the award for Professional Excellence. Currently a Scientist-D at ISRO's UR Rao Satellite Centre, he was part of the prestigious 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica, ensuring robust satellite communication from one of Earth's most extreme environments.



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1	Sri Badrika Ashram (SBA)	17	~INR 21,00,000
2	Pan IIT Vidyalakshmi Scholarship	7	~INR 9,50,000
3	Foundation for Excellence	31	~INR 19,50,000
4	TCS Research Scholar Program	2	Awarded ~INR 95,90,000 (for 4 years), out of which ~INR 18,25,000 disbursed
5	Kotak Kanya Scholarship 2023	1	INR 1,50,000
6	Reliance Foundation UG Scholarship	1	INR 2,00,000
7	Dhawan Family Scholarship	4	INR 40,000
8	EIL SC-ST Scholarship Scheme	1	INR 36,000



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stands at the forefront of delivering cutting-edge scientific and technological solutions to the societal challenges of Himachal Pradesh and India. These impactful solutions require financial resources to research, develop, and translate into real-world applications. IIT Mandi is also home to exceptionally bright students who often need support through tuition assistance and travel aid to present their research at prestigious national and international platforms. The Institute must also continually upgrade its infrastructure, laboratories, and research centers to meet evolving societal and industry demands—ensuring our faculty and facilities remain world-class.

These aspirations can only be realized with your generous support. Contributions—big or small—play a vital role in building IIT Mandi's future and empowering its students, faculty, and staff.

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IIT Mandi is also registered under CSR-1, making it eligible to receive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions from companies. This means your organization can support IIT Mandi's initiatives while fulfilling its CSR obligations under the Companies Act, 2013.

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