



## भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान भुवनेश्वर Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar

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Bhubaneswar: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gujarat Mineral Research Industrial Consultancy Society (GMRICS), a research society established by the Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Limited (GMDC), to foster long-term academic and research collaboration in the areas of geology, mining, mineral exploration, and allied earth sciences.

The MoU was formally signed on 11 February 2026 by Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy), IIT Bhubaneswar, and Dr. D. K. Sinha, CEO, GMRICS/GMDC. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. R. K. Singh and Dr. Bankim Chandra Mahanta from the School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences; Dr. Srikant Gollapudi, Professor-in-Charge (Career Development Cell), IIT Bhubaneswar; Lt. Gen. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma (Retd.), Head (Project Planning & Administration)–Odisha; Shri Janardan N. Dave, General Manager (Power); Shri Rajeev Parekh, Deputy General Manager (HR) from GMDC; and members of GMRICS.

Under this five-year agreement, the two institutions will establish a strategic partnership in research, education, and training, with emphasis on collaborative research projects, knowledge exchange, capacity building, and skill development in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. GMRICS, which undertakes advanced research in geology and mining—including mineral reserve



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As part of the collaboration, experts from GMRICS/GMDC and its associated centres, such as the International Centre of Excellence in Mining Safety and Automation (iCEM) and the International Centre for Entrepreneurship & Technology (iCREATE), will deliver specialised lectures, training programmes, and practical demonstrations for students and faculty.

IIT Bhubaneswar, an Institute of National Importance, will contribute its academic and research expertise in geology, mining and mineral engineering, critical minerals, analytical chemistry, and geophysical surveys. The collaboration will also focus on joint research initiatives in critical mineral exploration, particularly in regions of strategic importance such as Gujarat and Odisha, including deposits like Ambadongar (REE) and Ambaji (Cu–Pb–Zn).

This collaboration is expected to strengthen industry–academia engagement, advance applied research, and contribute to sustainable mineral development and human resource capacity building in the mining and earth sciences sector.



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The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar on Wednesday signed a five-year MoU with the Gujarat Mineral Research Industrial Consultancy Society (GMRICS), the research arm of Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation (GMDC), to deepen academic and research collaboration in geology, mining, mineral exploration and allied earth sciences.

The MoU was signed by IIT Bhubaneswar Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy Dean Prof Dinakar Pasla and GMRICS/GMDC CEO Dr DK Sinha. The partnership aims to promote collaborative research, knowledge exchange, capacity building and skill development in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Under the agreement, GMRICS will offer industrial training, internships and field-based research opportunities to IIT Bhubaneswar students in areas such as mineral reserve assessment, iden-

tification of mineral-rich zones, market studies and database development. Students will be encouraged to undertake industry-linked research for BSc, MSc, MTech and PhD programmes.

Experts from GMRICS/GMDC and its associated centres including the International Centre of Excellence in Mining Safety and Automation (iCEM) and the International Centre for Entrepreneurship & Technology (iCREATE) will deliver specialised lectures, training programmes and practical demonstrations for students and faculty.

IIT Bhubaneswar will contribute its academic strengths in geology, mining and mineral engineering, critical minerals, analytical chemistry and geophysical surveys. The collaboration will also focus on joint research in critical mineral exploration in strategically important regions such as Gujarat and Odisha, including deposits like Ambadongar (rare earth elements) and Ambaji (copper-lead-zinc).



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STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
Bhubaneswar, 11 February:

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The MoU was formally signed by Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy), IIT Bhubaneswar, and Dr. D. K. Sinha, CEO, GMRICS/GMDC. The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. R. K. Singh and Dr. Bankim Chandra Mahanta from the School of Earth, Ocean and Climate Sciences; Dr. Srikanth Gollapudi, Professor-in-Charge (Career Development Cell), IIT Bhubaneswar; Lt. Gen. Sanjeev Kumar Sharma (Retd.), Head (Project Planning & Administration)-Odisha; Shri Janardan N. Dave, General Manager (Power); Shri Rajeev Parekh, Deputy General Manager (HR) from GMDC; and members of GMRICS.

Under this five-year agreement, the two institutions will establish a strategic partnership in research, education, and training, with emphasis on collaborative research projects, knowledge exchange, capacity building, and skill development in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

GMRICS, will provide opportunities for industrial training, internships, field-based research, and hands-on exposure for students of IIT Bhubaneswar.

As part of the collaboration, experts from GMRICS/GMDC and its associated centres, such as the International Centre of Excellence in Mining Safety and Automation (iCEM) and the International Centre for Entrepreneurship & Technology (iCREATE), will deliver specialised lectures, training programmes, and practical demonstrations for students and faculty.

IIT Bhubaneswar, will contribute its academic and research expertise in geology, mining and mineral engineering, critical minerals, analytical chemistry, and geophysical surveys. The collaboration will also focus on joint research initiatives in critical mineral exploration, particularly in regions of strategic importance such as Gujarat and Odisha.



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IIT Bhubaneswar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gujarat Mineral Research Industrial Consultancy Society (GMRICS), established by GMDC, to advance research and capacity building in mining and earth sciences.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Dinakar Pasla, Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy), IIT Bhubaneswar, and Dr D. K. Sinha, CEO, GMRICS/GMDC. Senior faculty members from IIT Bhubaneswar and officials from GMDC attended the ceremony.

Under this five-year agreement, both institutions will collaborate on research, education, and training. The partnership will emphasise joint research projects, knowledge exchange, skill development, and capacity building aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.





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GMRICS will provide IIT Bhubaneswar students with opportunities for industrial training, internships, and field-based research. Students will gain hands-on exposure to mineral reserve assessment, exploration, and database development, with scope to pursue B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Tech., and Ph.D. research in mining-related topics.

Experts from GMRICS and its associated centres, including the International Centre of Excellence in Mining Safety and Automation (iCEM) and iCREATE, will deliver specialised lectures, training programmes, and demonstrations. IIT Bhubaneswar will contribute academic expertise in geology, mineral engineering, analytical chemistry, and geophysical surveys.

The collaboration will also focus on critical mineral exploration in Gujarat and Odisha, including deposits like Ambadongar (rare earth elements) and Ambaji (copper–lead–zinc). Officials said the initiative will strengthen industry–academia engagement, promote sustainable mineral development, and build human resource capacity in mining and earth sciences.



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GMRICS, which undertakes advanced research in geology and mining—including mineral reserve assessment, identification of mineral-rich zones, market research, and database development—will provide opportunities for industrial training, internships, field-based research, and hands-on exposure for students of IIT Bhubaneswar. Students may pursue research leading to B.Sc., M.Sc., M.Tech., and Ph.D. degrees on topics relevant to exploration and mining activities.

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## ଗୁଜରାଟ ଖଣିଜ ବିକାଶ ନିଗମ-ଆଇଆଇଟି ଚୁକ୍ତି ସ୍ୱାକ୍ଷରିତ



ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର(ନି.ପ୍ର) : ଖଣି ଓ ଭୂ ବିଜ୍ଞାନ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଗବେଷଣା ଏବଂ ଚର୍ଚ୍ଚନା ବିକାଶର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ସ୍ପଷ୍ଟ କରିବା ଲାଗି ଗୁଜରାଟ ଖଣିଜ ବିକାଶ ନିଗମ ଏବଂ ଭାରତୀୟ ପ୍ରାଯୋଗିକ ପ୍ରତିଷ୍ଠାନ (ଆଇଆଇଟି) ମଧ୍ୟରେ ଏକ ହିସାମତୀୟ ଚୁକ୍ତି ସ୍ୱାକ୍ଷରିତ ହୋଇ ଯାଇଥିବା ଆଇଆଇଟି ପକ୍ଷରୁ ସୂଚନା ଦିଆଯାଇଛି । ଏହି ଚୁକ୍ତିନାମାପତ୍ର ଓ ବର୍ଷ ବଦଳାଇ ରହିବ । କାର୍ତ୍ତୀକ ଶିଖନାତି -୨୦୨୦ ଅନୁସାରେ ଭୂ-ଚକ୍ର ଓ ଖଣି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ଶିଖା, ଜ୍ଞାନ ଆଦାନ ପ୍ରଦାନ, ଗବେଷଣା, ଖଣିଜ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଜାଳ ଚିହ୍ନଟ ଓ ବଜାର ସୁବିଧା,

ଅନୁସନ୍ଧାନ ଓ ଉପଚାରଣ, ଦକ୍ଷତା ବିକାଶ କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ପ୍ରଶାସନିକ ପ୍ରଦାନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକାରୀ ହୋଇ ଲୁଚାଯାଇଛି । ଆଇଆଇଟି ପକ୍ଷରୁ ପ୍ରାପ୍ୟବଳା ଦିନକର ପାଠ୍ୟ, ଗୁଜରାଟ ଖଣିଜ ବିକାଶ ନିଗମ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ମୁଖ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟବାହୀନ ଡ. ଚିତ୍ତେସ୍ୱରୀ ଚୁକ୍ତିପତ୍ରରେ ସ୍ୱାକ୍ଷର କରିଥିଲେ । ଡ. ଆର.ବି.ସି.ପି. ଡ. ବଳିମ ଚନ୍ଦ୍ର ମହାନ୍ତି, ଡ. ଶ୍ରୀକାନ୍ତ ଗୋସ୍ୱାମୀ, ଜି.ଏମ.ସି.ସି. ଓଡ଼ିଶା ମୁଖ୍ୟ ଅବସରପ୍ରାପ୍ତ କଲ୍ୟାଣୀ ଚେଟେରାଇ ଯୋଗ ଦେଇଥିବା ଶ୍ରୀ. ଜନାର୍ଦ୍ଦନ ଏନ.ଡ଼ାରେ, ଉଚ୍ଚାଧିକାରୀ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଉପସ୍ଥିତ ଥିଲେ ।