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### Press Release

### IIT Bhubaneswar and IIT (ISM) Dhanbad Sign MoU to Strengthen Research and Academic Collaboration



**Bhubaneswar, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026:** Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar and Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines) Dhanbad have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster research collaboration and strengthen academic and scholarly interactions, including the areas of semiconductor and basic sciences. The MoU was signed by Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, and Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Prof. Subhransu R. Samantaray, Dean-PG & Research Programs; Prof. Vijay Shankar Pasupureddi, Dean-Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy; Prof. Animesh Mandal, Dean-Alumni, Corporate and International Relations; Prof. Shyamal Chatterjee, Dean-Continuing Education; Prof. Umaprasana Ojha, Dean-Faculty Affairs; and Prof. Chandrashekhar N. Bhende, Head-Department of Electrical Engineering & Coordinating Head, School of Electrical and Computer Sciences were present on this occasion.

The collaboration will facilitate joint research programmes, collaborative research projects, and the reciprocal supervision of doctoral students. The two Institutes will also explore opportunities for faculty interaction and exchange, including Visiting Faculty and Adjunct Faculty positions, as well as student exchanges for teaching-learning sessions, seminars and observerships. Under the MoU, the Institutes will explore opportunities to undertake joint research projects and seek funding from external agencies. To start with, both the Institutes will explore research opportunities in the field of semiconductors. They will also facilitate sharing of experimental resources, explore possibilities for developing and jointly utilising large-scale experimental facilities, and organise joint discussion meetings to build a shared base of expertise and intensify research in specific focus areas.

Speaking on this occasion, Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar said: "Through this collaboration with IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, we seek to create greater opportunities for joint research, academic exchange and doctoral engagement. By bringing together our complementary strengths, we hope to foster meaningful research collaborations and advance knowledge in different fields of knowledge."

Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, said: "This MoU marks the beginning of a greater journey towards deeper collaboration in research and academia. By bringing together the strengths and expertise of both institutions, we look forward to building meaningful partnerships that create lasting impact and contribute to the advancement of science and society."

The partnership provides for joint outreach programmes aimed at enhancing the visibility and reach of collaborative academic and research initiatives. The MoU establishes a framework based on reciprocity and mutual benefit, with both institutions agreeing to exchange faculty, personnel and students in mutually identified areas.

The agreement will remain in force for five years, with provision for extension by mutual concurrence. Intellectual property generated jointly through collaborative activities will be jointly owned by the two Institutes on a 50:50 basis, unless otherwise agreed through separate agreements.

The collaboration marks a step towards leveraging the complementary academic and research strengths of the two Institutes to advance scientific research, knowledge exchange and academic engagement.