

IIT-I, IIFM to work on use of tech intervention

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Indore: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Indore has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal for using technological intervention and exploring possibilities on eco-tourism and agro forestry.

Both the institutes will work mutually on use of technological intervention in the domains of natural resource management, environment, forests, sustainability, climate change, rural development, rural livelihoods and other allied fields/areas through joint research projects, training programmes, consulting assignments and other such activities.

Faculties and officials from IIT-I and IIFM are also mulling options about starting a sustainability centre, working together on eco-tourism and agro forestry.

The MoU was signed by professor Suhas S. Joshi, Director, IIT Indore and Subhash Chandra, Director,

IIFM, Bhopal.

"Coming together of two premier institutes of Madhya Pradesh is expected to boost research and extension activities in common areas of interest," IIT-I Registrar Incharge, SP Hota said. A delegation from IIFM and other senior forest officials of Indore region visited the forest area of IIT Indore and agreed to guide the institute in developing its forest area.

The delegation also dis-

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cussed development of water reservoirs in the forest area, Nagar Van scheme, commercial plantation and controlling forest fires.

Recently, IIT Indore signed a MoU with the state government to host 50 meritorious students from MP government engineering colleges for a one-month internship/project without any fee. As part of the agreement, the institute will provide free accommodation and bear the expenses of research.