

A Semester of Discovery: IIT Indore Opens Doors for BE/BTech Students

In a pioneering move, IIT Indore has introduced the Undergraduate Inbound Program, called **विद्या समागम**, providing a remarkable opportunity for final-year BE/BTech students from Government Engineering Colleges in Madhya Pradesh. This semester exchange program, developed through an agreement between the Government of Madhya Pradesh and IIT Indore, allows students to complete their final semester at one of the leading engineering institutes in India. This initiative is a first of its kind and sets IIT Indore apart from other IITs.

Through this program, students are exposed to IIT Indore's world-class academic environment, dynamic campus, and advanced research facilities. They can choose from a wide range of courses in fields such as Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Telecommunication Engineering, Information Technology, Material Science, Mechatronics, and Metallurgy.

A standout feature of the program is the chance to collaborate with IIT Indore's distinguished faculty on innovative research projects. Students work in labs on subjects like machine learning, sustainable energy, and advanced materials. This hands-on experience not only enhances their technical skills but also offers insight into the research process. **Prof. Suhas Joshi**, Director of IIT Indore, highlighted, "IIT Indore fosters a culture of critical thinking and problem-solving. Our faculty ensures that students have the freedom to explore, innovate, and grow academically."

The program encourages teamwork and cultural exchange, enabling inbound students to collaborate with IIT Indore peers on group projects, hackathons, and innovation challenges. This integration enhances their academic journey and expands their professional networks, preparing them for global challenges. Beyond academics, participants engage in extracurricular activities, cultural events, and excursions, offering a holistic experience. The campus's state-of-the-art sports facilities, libraries, and recreational areas further enrich student life.

विद्या समागम is designed to open doors to career advancements and higher education opportunities. Students benefit from industry interactions, career development workshops, and guidance on graduate studies. Those excelling in the program may even pursue a dual degree of MS (Research) and Ph.D., following IIT Indore's guidelines.

Feedback from the first batch has been highly positive. Ms. Khushi, a participant, expressed how the program reshaped her career goals. "The competitive atmosphere and interactive classroom sessions at IIT Indore helped me grow. The exposure to research and the guidance from faculty have opened many doors for my career," she said.

The **विद्या समागम** initiative has already proven to be a game-changer, equipping students with the skills, confidence, and exposure needed to excel in today's competitive landscape. As IIT Indore sets new benchmarks with this program, it underscores its commitment to fostering academic excellence and empowering young talent across Madhya Pradesh.

