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IIT-I, BARC host technology outreach programme to boost collaboration

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Indore: The Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT Indore) and Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Mumbai, on Wednesday jointly organised the BARC–IITI Technology Outreach & Awareness Programme (TOP) on the IIT Indore campus, aimed at promoting scientific awareness, exchanging knowledge, showcasing technological advances and exploring opportunities for research and institutional collaboration.

Prof Devendra Deshmukh, Acting Director of IIT Indore, was the chief guest, and Prof Abhirup Datta, Dean (Research & Development), was guest of honour.

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Welcoming the BARC delegation, the convener of the programme stressed the importance of closer links between premier academic institutions and national research organisations. The convener said such initiatives help bridge the gap between academic research and practical technological applications, while exposing young researchers and students to national scientific priorities.

BARC is a premier multidisciplinary research institution under Department of Atomic Energy, Govt of India. It has contributed significantly to the country's progress in nuclear science, engineering, healthcare, energy and strategic technologies. The programme offered participants insights into these areas and the potential applications of advanced research and indigenous technological solutions.

The programme included four technical sessions on medical technologies, plasma technologies, neutron-based technologies and robotics-based technologies. It concluded with a presentation titled "Why Entrepreneurship?", which encouraged young people to consider entrepreneurship as a career option and turn innovative ideas into practical solutions.

The initiative also identified areas of mutual interest, including collaborative research and development, exchange of scientific expertise, innovation, capacity building and faculty and student engagement. The programme marked an important step towards strengthening collaboration between IIT-I and BARC while fostering scientific inquiry, technological innovation and entrepreneurship.