

IIT-I participates in knowledge summit in France

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In the second edition of the Knowledge Summit organised in Lyon, France, it was resolved to create an Indo-French Aeronautics and Space consortium that would meet annually and act as a medium to foster bilateral higher education programmes including that of joint degree programmes with internship culture in India or in France.

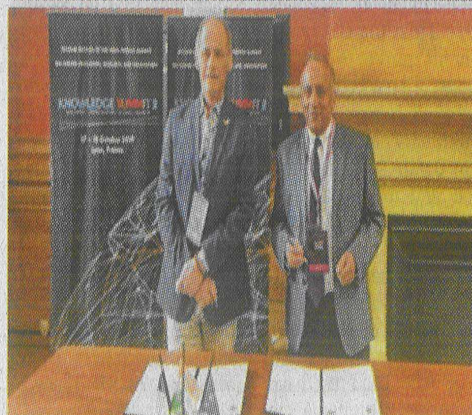
The consortium would comprise of Indian and French industries along with academic and research institutes from both coun-

tries working in field of aeronautics and space and create a pathway to connect students from both countries to these institutions.

Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT-Indore) participated in the summit organised by the French Embassy, India to provide a platform to strengthen and deepen the Indo-French network in academic and scientific co-operation.

IIT Indore director, Prof Pradeep Mathur said, "Large participation from major Indian institutions and those in France, including from the French government brought expertise and

'Indo-French Aeronautics and Space consortium to be created to foster bilateral higher education programmes'



IIT Indore signing MoU with INPT

experience leading to a breakthrough in Indo-French Cooperation in higher education, research, and innovation. Intensive exchanges took place, hence accomplishing the event's goals of promoting cooperation and fostering new partnerships in key domains."

IIT Indore has also signed a MoU to promote exchange of students and faculty members with National Polytechnic Institute of Toulouse (INPT).

Prior to the summit, a two-day thematic visit to various institutions in several parts of France were organised to cover a number of priority

areas like aeronautics and space, agriculture and food processing, eco-energy and renewable energy, smart cities, artificial intelligence, big data and mathematics, strengthening employability and entrepreneurship etc.

In the plenary session arranged to address the joint challenges in higher education, research and innovation, Prof Pradeep Mathur, Director IIT Indore emphasised on the need to promote inter-disciplinary research. Also, it was suggested to encourage internationalisation of academic programmes through joint degree programmes.

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To further promote Indo-French co-operation in Higher Education, Research, and Innovation, IIT Indore envisions taking the following steps

- i) Encourage faculty members to foster new MoUs particularly in the above listed niche areas with both academic institutions and industries in France and also engage pro-actively in activities supported by existing MoUs with various universities in France.
- ii) Discuss means to incorporate additional French universities as SPARC eligible foreign institutions with an aim to promote bilateral ties between Indian Universities and their French counter-part.
- iii) Pro-actively advertise fellowships under CEPIFRA including the Raman-Charpak fellowship to promote exchange of PhD students between collaborating research groups in India and France.