

## Australia's Deakin University inks MoU with Indian Institute of Technology to boost research ecosystem

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### A huge scope to achieve and scale bilateral efforts for science and technology innovation

In a significant expansion of its strategic engagement initiatives currently undertaken 'in India, with India, for India', Deakin University, a globally renowned Australian University, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Gandhinagar.

The signing of the MoU is of crucial importance for enhancing collaborative efforts between partner institutions and gives Deakin an opportunity to provide targeted efforts for boosting education and research outcomes in the region.

This collaboration acquires additional strength and scope for success due to the strategic presence of Deakin University in Gandhinagar with the establishment of its Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) Campus, due to open next year. The ecosystem will foster an environment of focused efforts by both partners to achieve the goals of National Educational Policy 2020, translating into enhanced research pathways and excellence as well as global learning and career opportunities for enterprising Indian students.

A highlight of the proposed alliance is the amplification of innovation and excellence in research outcomes through a multi-pronged strategy involving – joint doctoral programs, exploring bilateral funding opportunities and knowledge exchange through joint grant proposals, conference, and workshops. This extends to general academic collaborations including the exchange of educational resource materials and publications that are of mutual interest to both institutions.