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New Zealand strengthens academic ties with Indian research institutes

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The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Christopher Luxon, recently chaired an education focused event at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, reaffirming the deep academic ties between New Zealand and India. The event celebrated the New Zealand Centre, a flagship initiative that brings together all New Zealand universities in collaboration with IIT Delhi.

A key highlight of the event was the announcement of a NZ$260,000 partial scholarship package under the New Zealand Excellence Awards (NZEA) 2025, reinforcing New Zealand's commitment to supporting Indian students.

Additionally, a unique Virtual Internship Programme was announced, providing 30 IIT Delhi students with the opportunity to intern remotely with New Zealand companies, offering cross-border industry experience and insights into New Zealand's innovative work culture.

As part of ongoing academic engagement, New Zealand and Indian institutions are set to sign series of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to further strengthen collaboration in areas such as student mobility, joint research, and academic exchange.

Further, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) has entered into a strategic partnership with the University of Auckland, New Zealand's leading university, by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster collaborative initiatives in education and research. This MoU will pave the way for student and faculty exchanges and educational programmes.