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## IIT Goa students may soon intern with CSIR,DRDO

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PANAJI: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Goa, has started the process of initiating interactions of its students with national establishments like the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The institute is also readying itself to host interns from other institutes under IIT Goa faculty members.

"It is a step towards addressing the often heard criticism that, over the years, students going through the IIT system have not played a significant role in advancing the country's science and technology sector. The idea behind this initiative is to make students aware of the developments in science and technology going on in the country early on in their student days and connect them with the different establishments such as BARC, ISRO, IGCAR, DRDO, CSIR Labs, etc," IIT Goa director Barada Kant Mishra told TOI. IIT Goa's internship cell has been recently activated with this objective in mind.

A portal is also being readied for external students to seek internship with IIT Goa faculty members. "Interested students will have to upload their CV and statement of purpose and indicate their area of interest and who they would like to intern with. These applications will be organized systematically and given to the faculty members concerned who can select the interns," said Mishra.

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## West Bengal governor visits CSIR-CMERI institute in Durgapur

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**DURGAPUR:** West Bengal governor Keshari Nath Tripathi visited the CSIR-CMERI institute campus in Durgapur on November 3 on the occasion of the institute's year-long diamond jubilee celebrations. During his visit the governor inaugurated the municipal solid waste pilot plant of the institute, which is a part of the 'zero waste CSIR-CMERI Colony initiative' and also inaugurated the new CSIR-CMERI guest house. Professor (Dr.) Harish Hirani, director, CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur elaborated about the efforts of the institute to address the concerns of the underprivileged citizens by developing solar trees, municipal solid waste management pilot plant, fluoride detection kit, optimum utilisation of construction debris and others. According to CSIR-CMERI officials, the institute has successfully executed nine technology transfers and has recently been recognized for its efforts by being awarded the CSIR annual technology awards. Dr. Hirani elaborated the next dream project as the 'Smart Village' project for which the entire team of CSIR-CMERI is ready to work together.

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## Indo-Bangladesh ocean research collaboration to resume

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Panaji, Nov 7 India and Bangladesh are likely to resume their collaboration in the oceanic research after the earlier attempts to share the expertise failed due to diplomatic issues.

CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) and Dhaka University had signed memorandum of understanding in the year 2015 following which NIO's ship had ventured for the research but was not allowed to enter Bangladesh's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

"During that time the collaboration that had started between two countries (India and Bangladesh) was at scientists' level. The ministries of both the countries were not involved," CSIR-NIO Director Sunil Kumar Singh told PTI. He said the Indian researchers were not allowed to enter the exclusive economic zone of Bangladesh by their government. "Now the collaboration will resume in near future as it would be done at the level of ministries of both the countries," he said.

Singh said the mission which was set as a part of Indo-Bangla collaboration was "not suspended" as "our researchers did work in our own areas but could not go into Bangladesh's EEZ. He said that the collaboration will resume soon with Myanmar also being considered to be part of it.

Indo-Bangladesh initiative was announced by then Union Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan in presence of senior researchers in Goa in the year 2015.

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## Award in NCL kitty for god research work

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Pune: Council of Scientific & Industrial Research's (CSIR), National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune, received Clarivate Analytics India Research Excellence Citation Award 2017 for its contribution in the field of natural sciences recently in New Delhi. A statement issued by NCL stated Clarivate Analytics announced the sixth edition of the research excellence award to recognise and honour research excellence in the country. Clarivate Analytics instituted these awards to identify the influential researchers and institutions for their pioneering research contribution to the country. Rajagopala Chidambaram, principal scientific advisor, Government of India, and Anil Sahasrabudhe, chairman, All India Council for Technical Education, gave away the awards/citations.

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## Pune-based institutes, CSIR-NCL and IISER, bag India research excellence awards

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Two Pune-based research institutes recently won the India research excellence award at an event in Delhi for their years of contribution in the field of Science. While, CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (CSIR-NCL), Pune was awarded with the Clarivate Analytics India Research Excellence Citation Award 2017 in the category of Natural Sciences, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune was also honoured for 'Institutions Established within 15 years'. The award to CSIR-NCL was presented to Darbha Srinivas, chair, Catalysis and Inorganic Chemistry, in a function held on November 3.

Rajagopala Chidambaram, principal scientific advisor, Government of India along with Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe, chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, presented the honour to CSIR-NCL, Pune. This is the 6th edition of the Research Excellence–Awards by Clarivate Analytics which has been presenting them with an objective to recognise and honour research excellence in the country. These awards have been instituted by Clarivate Analytics, to identify the most influential researchers and institutions in the country based upon their path-breaking and pioneering research contribution in the field of science with respect to the country's development.

Having a bulk of highly cited research publications that have the potential of becoming high impact research was one of the many criterion for analysing and judging the suitable awardees. The data for the same had been obtained from the Web of Science and InCites scholarly research analytical solutions for the analysis. Apart from CSIR- National Chemical Laboratory and IISER, many other researchers and individuals from India received awards in various research areas.



The list of winners of institution awards included Tata Institute of Fundamental Research for ‘Institutions Established for over 15 years’, IIT Roorkee for ‘Interdisciplinary Sciences and Social Sciences’, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre of Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) for ‘Engineering & Technology’, Tata Memorial Hospital for ‘Medical & Health Sciences’ and International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) for ‘Agricultural Sciences’.

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# Workshop on project devp on technology empowerment

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JORHAT, Nov 8: A three-day project development workshop on 'Technology Empowerment of North-East: Water, Energy and Communication Solutions (TENE-WECS)' was held at CSIR-NEIST from November 2 to 4, a press release issued by CSIR-NEIST stated.

The workshop was organised by CSIR-NISTADS in association with CSIR-NEIST and supported by AICTE under a flagship project of CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi and AICTE aimed at empowering 90 technical institutes and colleges of North-east in the areas of energy, water and communication.

The release stated that the main objective of the workshop was to provide a platform for one-on-one interaction between the technical institutes and the implementing-cum supporting agencies for development of project

proposals and its future implementation.

The inaugural session of the workshop was presided over by Dr D Ramaiah, Director, CSIR-NEIST.

The technical sessions saw intensive discussions and hands-on exercise on project formulation followed by their evaluation under the technical supervision of experts from AICTE led by Prof Dileep N Malkhede.

Altogether 27 faculty members from 23 technical institutes and colleges of Assam Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Sikkim participated in the workshop.

**Survey on Brahmaputra:** The General Officer Commanding of Jorhat based 41-Sub-Area Major General Balraj Mehta and secretary of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) Shashi Bhusan Shukla on Tuesday flagged off a survey to be done on the Brahmaputra by a team of experts at the Bo-

gibeel Ghat in Dibrugarh district.

The team comprises members from the Indian Army, IWAI and the Assam Government, a press release issued by the Tezpur based defence PRO Lt Colonel Sombit Ghosh stated.

The release said that the aim of the survey, to be completed by November 11, is to identify requirement of additional infrastructure to facilitate large scale movement of commercial and military cargo through the Brahmaputra on the Sadiya-Dhubri stretch of 891 km, which was declared as National Waterway Number 2 in 1988.

The team will visit various places along the Brahmaputra to collect information in order to prepare a report focusing on transportation through the NW-2 in a multi-model transport concept, the release stated.

The report is expected to be submitted to the Government by December end.

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## Expert lays stress on science research

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VIT University chancellor G. Viswanathan releasing a special CD of Science, Engineering and Technology international meet along with Vidyadhar Y Mudukavi on Monday. | Photo Credit: HANDOUT/EMAIL

Only then more inventions can be made, he says at VIT meet

Research in science, engineering and technology has to grow for more number of inventions, according to Vidyadhar Y. Mudukavi, head and outstanding scientist, CSIR 4PI, Bengaluru. Inaugurating a two-day international conference at VIT University on Monday, he said the number of scientific inventions made in the world was just enough, and the world needed much more. For this to happen, research in the field had to increase.

He said that science could solve problems being faced in agriculture. Pollution, healthcare, traffic and corruption were the other issues which science could tackle.

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Speaking on the occasion, VIT's chancellor G. Viswanathan said that only 25% of India's youth had access to higher education, while the world's average is between 30 to 35%, according to a press release. To take science, engineering and technology to rural areas, and to help the youth from such places to have access to higher education, the Central and State governments have to increase their investments for higher education. He stated that India was one of the fastest developing economies. Yet, it lagged behind in science and technology. The reason for this was that only a few research programmes were being carried out in India. Mr. Viswanathan said in the United States, 4,600 persons were engaged in research, while in India, the figure was a meagre 140, the release said.

930 papers

A total of 930 papers will be presented during the conference. Among others, Gang Li, associate professor,



Deakin University, Australia; Anand A. Samuel, vice chancellor of VIT; S. Narayanan, pro-vice chancellor; Durai Raj, conference organising secretary and Aswani Kumar Cherukuri, dean, School of Information Technology and Engineering, VIT, were present.

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