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MoU to promote higher education

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KOLLAM: Twenty universities in the United States will join the Mata Amritanandamayi Math's Amrita University, Indian Space Research Organisation and the Department of Science and Technology through TIFAC and the Indo-US Science and Technology Forum for a programme to promote higher education and research in India.

A statement from the Amrita University said President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam would inaugurate the programme, Indo-U.S. Inter-University Collaborative Network for Higher Education and Research, on Thursday in New Delhi.

Dr. Kalam will interact with American faculty members at the Amrita University headquarters in Coimbatore and with students from a dozen leading Indian institutions.

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the programme was signed on Wednesday in New Delhi. As per the agreement, the U.S. universities will depute their faculty members to teach and guide Indian students and various colleges and universities in the country through the Amrita e-learning programme and the ISRO's Edusat.

The programme will focus on engineering, computer science and information and communication technologies. The courses will include material sciences and management sciences, the statement said.

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