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Amrita varsity signs pact for global research

Staff Reporter

Coimbatore: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham Deemed University has joined hands with premier institutions of science and technology in the country, to sign a five-year agreement with the 10-campus University of California System, to carry out research in globally challenging areas.

A release said that the signatories included the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DST), Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC), Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) and Indo-US Science and Technology Forum, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) and Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research.

V. S. Ramamurthy, Secretary, DST and M. K. Bhan, Secretary, DBT, signed a memorandum of understanding with an eight-member delegation from the University of California, in the presence of Kapil Sibal, Minister of Science and Technology and Ocean Development, at New Delhi.

Joint research and educational collaborations would build on the Indo-US agreements in engineering education and extend links to several disciplines. Areas of collaboration include biomedical and digital healthcare technology, drug design and delivery systems, study of emerging infectious diseases, nano biosciences, nano medicine, nanotechnology, solar energy, biofuels, agricultural biotechnology, biodiversity, marine systems, water quality, global warming, wireless and mobile communication, intelligent transportation systems, telematics, information technology, cyber security, and technology for disaster warning, mitigation and management.

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A joint steering committee would come into being in order to effectively implement the memorandum of understanding under the directions of the Secretaries of the Departments of Science and Technology and Biotechnology of the Government of India, and the President of the University of California.

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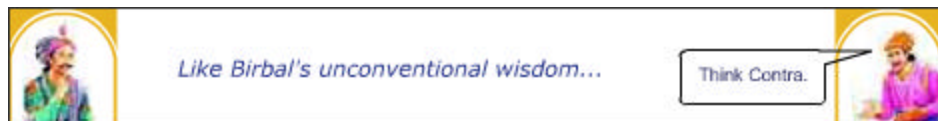
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