

## CSIR-IMTECH inks MoU with IIT B for collaborative research

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CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay to promote collaborative research.

The MoU will facilitate exchange of ideas, development of new knowledge and enhance high quality research acumen between the researchers and faculty of both the institutes. The objective of this collaboration is to carry out state of the art research in areas of healthcare especially in projects and mission where both the institutes can significantly complement each other.

Both the institutes shall benefit immensely through this partnership as it will facilitate exchange of faculty and students for the purpose of research, teaching, development and implementation of collaborative research projects, professional development programs, and capacity-building efforts.

Prof. Milind Atrey, Dean R&D, IIT Bombay and Dr. Manoj Raje, Officiating Director CSIR-IMTECH signed the MoU on behalf of their respective institutes in presence of Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Director General CSIR and Secretary DSIR.

Welcoming the partnership, Dr. Shekhar C. Mande said, "As IIT Bombay is amongst the top ranked institutes of the country and IMTECH has its focus cut out on solving India's unmet medical needs, this MoU shall promote collaborative research specifically in the area of healthcare."

This MoU is in line with the circular issued by MHRD in 2018 paving way for all IITs to sign MoUs with National Research Laboratories affiliated to CSIR to start new collaborations and to deepen, broaden interactions where such collaborations already exist. Subsequently, faculty from both the institutes will interact to collaborate specifically under different areas of this umbrella MOU.

On the sidelines of signing the MoU, Dr. Manoj Raje said, "Two of the best institutes in disciplines of engineering and science have formally come together and I believe students and faculty from both the institutes will work towards development and

implementation of collaborative research projects, professional development programs, and capacity-building efforts.”