

Army to set up R&D cell at IIT-Gandhinagar

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The Indian Army has entered into an agreement with the IIT-Gandhinagar (IITGN) to set up a research and development (R&D) cell on the campus.

Staffed by the faculty and research students, the R&D cell will attempt to solve the technical challenges faced by the army.

"There are several issues faced by the Indian Army that needs to be addressed. For example, we can have lighter and better bullet-proof jackets, better and lighter materials to build bunkers and so on. We are hopeful that indigenisation will take place at a fast pace through such MoUs," said Lt Gen Subrata Saha here.

The agreement will also enable IITGN and Indian Army to collaborate in various other areas, including better understanding of critical technology requirements of the army, sharing of professional



Lt Gen Subrata Saha and Sudhir Jain, Director, IIT-Gandhinagar, signing the MoU in Gandhinagar on Tuesday

and technical knowledge, and other activities of mutual interest.

IITGN Director Sudhir Jain said the Indian Army faced di-

verse problems and the research centre at IITGN would help address them. "This is just the beginning of academia-army relationship," he

added. Indian Army will also explore the possibilities of conducting short-term courses and lectures at the institute.

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