

# IITGn, Duke Univ join hands for environment

*The collaboration aims at getting clean air and water and energy solutions amongst others*

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In view of the rising environmental concerns in India, the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, (IITGn) along with Duke University has decided to work towards protecting the environment. At a meeting held at the IITGn campus, professors of both the institutes deliberated on the research partnership

and discussed possibilities of working in the areas of environmental protection relevant in India. The collaborative research would take place under the aegis of Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD).

A professor of Duke University is already collaborating with IIT-Kanpur on air pollution around Taj Mahal in Agra and water pollution in Ganges. This partnership will also help to manage poor quality air and fight pollution.

Prof Mike Bergin, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Duke University is collaborating with Professor Sachchidanand Tripathi, Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur. They have identified several

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areas where there is immense potential for collaborative research.

Prof Bergin said, "Duke and IITGn have expertise that complements each other. While IITGn has experts in the field of water resources, at Duke we have people with experience in the field of air quality and related issues. This gives us an opportunity to work together and learn from one another."