

Army to set up research cell at IIT G'nagar

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Ahmedabad: The Indian Army will set up a research and development cell at the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar, to identify problems and bring solutions for the army. An MoU was signed between the Army and the institute on Tuesday for a long-term collaboration including possibilities of conducting short-term courses and lectures at the institute.

The agreement will enable both the parties to collaborate in many areas for better understanding of critical technology requirements of the Army, sharing of professional and technical knowledge and other similar activities of mutual interest. The cell will work with the

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faculty and research students to identify problems and possible solutions for the Army.

Lt Gen Subrata Saha, said, "The MoU is an unprecedented initiative which will result in meaningful realisation and efficient transfer of research into customised solutions for the Army. Several issues faced by the

Army need to be addressed. For example, we can have lighter and better bullet-proof jackets, better and lighter material for bunkers and so on. There is a whole lot of inventory even in the aircraft engines that can be made in India. We are hopeful that this indigenisation will take place at a fast pace through such MoUs."

IITGn director Dr Sudhir Jain said, "Army personnel, particularly those posted in the harsh weather conditions, face diverse problems and we want to understand and address these problems. The plan is to have a research centre on our campus through which our students and faculty can be in continuous touch with the Army in researching on and addressing these problems."

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