

**Amendments to Memorandum of Understanding  
Academic and Research Collaboration  
between  
National Institute of Technology, Sikkim, India  
and  
Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad, Telangana, India**

National Institute of Technology, Sikkim (NITS) and Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IITH) have entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) dated 19/06/2022. The following amendments are made to the said MoU:

Sr.No	Existing clause	Amended clause
1	<p><b>Admission of top 10% of the students of NITS direct PhD admission at IITH</b></p> <p>NITS and IITH agree to facilitate top 10 % of the students (at the end of 6th semester) of NITS, with 8.5 CGPA and above, to seek admission to direct PhD program of IITH, and enable successful candidates to pursue their 7th and 8th semester of their BTech program at IITH, according to the terms laid out in Annexure 3.</p>	<p><b>Admission of up to top 10% of the students of NITS to Direct PhD Admission at IITH</b></p> <p>NITS and IITH agree to facilitate up to top 10% of the students (at the end of 6th semester) of NITS, with CGPA 8.0 and above, to pursue their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters of their BTech program at IITH, according to the terms laid out in Annexure 3. At the end of the 8th Semester, if these students have a CGPA 8.0 &amp; higher and are willing to pursue PhD at IITH, an internal evaluation will be conducted for selection to PhD program.</p>
2	<p>Annexure 3</p> <p><b>Admission of top 10 % of BTech students of NITS to Direct PhD Program at IITH</b></p> <p>Norms for top 10% of BTech students of NITS seeking admission to PhD Program At IITH</p>	<p>Annexure 3</p> <p><b>Admission of up to top 10% of B.tech students of NITS to Direct PhD Admission at IITH</b></p> <p>Norms for up to top 10% of BTech students of NITS seeking admission to PhD Program at IITH</p>
a	<p>Top 10% of the BTech students from NITS who have a CGPA of 8.5 or more at the end of 5th semester, will be eligible to apply for Direct PhD at IITH</p>	<p>Up to the top 10% of the BTech students from NITS who have a CGPA 8.0 and above at the end of 6<sup>th</sup> semester, will be eligible to apply for spending their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> semesters at IITH.</p>

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b	Selected students will move to IITH at the end of their 6th semester at NITS for a summer internship at IITH.	Selected students will move to IITH at the end of their 6 <sup>th</sup> semester from NITS.
c	They will be taken into the PhD program at IITH based on an interview conducted at the end of the summer internship.	They will be considered for the PhD program at IITH based on an internal evaluation at the end of the 8th semester.
d	Credits earned during first year of PhD program at IITH, shall have equivalency to the credits needed for the 4th year of the BTech program at NITS. The credits will be transferred to their parent institution to award BTech degree.	Credits earned during the year spent at IITH (7th and 8th semester) shall have equivalence to the credits needed for the 4th year of BTech program at NITS. The credits will be transferred to NITS to award BTech degree by NITS if they satisfy the credit requirements of NITS.
e	The student should complete additional 18 credits during the second year of their stay at IITH.	The student selected for Direct PhD program should complete 24 credits as part of the PhD course work as per the Senate guidelines of IITH, amended from time to time
f	The candidate would complete the comprehensive viva within 4 semesters after joining IITH.	If student joins PhD program, then the candidate would complete the comprehensive viva as per IITH norms.
g	The students selected for admission to PhD program are eligible for HTRA for five years, after completing their first year of stay successfully at IITH. Students from NIT Sikkim having a CGPA 8.0 and above at the end of 1 <sup>st</sup> year of their stay at IITH will be eligible for award of HTRA without the requirement of GATE.	The students selected for admission to PhD program are eligible for institute fellowship as per norms.
h	If a student does not perform well in the courses at IITH during their first year stay, the student will be transferred back to the parent institution along with credits earned.	If a student does not perform well in the courses at IITH during their stay at IITH for 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> semester, the student will be transferred back to the parent institution along with credits earned.
3	<b>Specific Operation aspect agreed to by NITS and IITH</b>	<b>Specific Operation aspect agreed to by NITS and IITH</b>
i	NITS will make an internal announcement to all students who are in the top 10% of their class in their 6th semester (based on the CGPA calculated until the 5th semester) and encourage such students to apply for admission into a Direct PhD program at IITH to those Department(s) in which they meet the eligibility norms for regular PhD program, through online portal	NITS will make an internal announcement to all students who are in the top 10% of their class in their 6 <sup>th</sup> semester and encourage such students to apply for spending their 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> semesters of BTech at IITH.

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	between 1st March and 30th March every year.	
ii	NITS will encourage and recommend such students to opt for summer internship of IITH at the end of their 6th semester.	NITS will encourage and recommend such students to opt for summer internship. Students who are willing to spend their 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> semesters at IITH may apply for summer internship at the end of 6 <sup>th</sup> Semester.
iii	NITS also will disseminate the contact details of such eligible students to the Dean(Acad), IITH, to enable the Dean to bring the PhD application schedule to these students.	NITS also will disseminate the details of such eligible students to IITH, to select the students to study their 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> semester at IITH.
iv	Selection for the Direct PhD program for these students at IITH will be conducted in July at the end of the summer internship based on an interview by the respective department. Application for the Direct PhD program is not a guarantee for final selection. Dean (Acad), IITH will forward the list of students selected for Direct PhD admission to NITS and also inform the respective students.	After receiving the nominations from NITS, IITH will notify the list of selected students to NITS.
v	NITS will permit these students selected for direct PhD program to pursue their final year of their BTech program (7th and 8th semester) at IITH.	NITS will permit these students to pursue their final year of their BTech program (7th and 8th semester) at IITH.
vi	NITS will provide some flexibility in the curriculum for these students to facilitate them to complete the credits to be earned towards the award of the BTech degree. Detailed Planning of the courses to be taken at IITH will be jointly decided by the faculty advisor of the student at NITS and the guide-designate at IITH.	NITS will provide some flexibility in the curriculum for these students to facilitate them to complete the credits to be earned towards the award of the BTech degree. The courses and credits will be mapped mutually.
vii	Credits earned by the students at the end of the first year of stay at IITH will be transferred to NITS. NITS will accept the credits transferred and award the BTech Degree to such successful students if they satisfy the credit requirements of NITS.	Credits earned by the students at IITH at the end of their 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> semesters of BTech will be transferred to NITS. NITS will accept the credits transferred and award the BTech degree to such successful students if they satisfy the credit requirements of NITS.
viii	The student will pay the tuition fee to NITS during their 1 <sup>st</sup> year of stay at IITH. After successful completion of	The student will pay the tuition fee to NITS during their stay at IITH for their 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> semesters of BTech.

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	the BTech requirement, the student will pay the tuition fee appropriate for PhD scholars as per regulations of IITH.	However, the student has to pay the Hostel, Mess, insurance and other applicable charges to IITH.
ix	These students should earn a minimum CGPA of 8.0 in each of the first two semesters at IITH, to become eligible to continue in the direct PhD program. Otherwise, the students will be transferred back to NITS along with credits earned.	At the end of the 8th Semester, if these students have a CGPA 8.0 & higher and are willing to pursue PhD at IITH, an internal evaluation will be conducted for selection to PhD program.
x	These students are not eligible for campus placement through IITH at the end of their first year of stay at IITH.	These students are not eligible for campus placement through IITH during their stay at IITH
xi	These students shall come under the purview of the guidelines given in the PhD ordinances and Regulations of IITH once they complete the requirements for the BTech degree.	These students shall come under the purview of the guidelines given in the PhD ordinances and Regulations of IITH once they get admitted to the Direct PhD program.
xii	For candidates who fail to complete the Comprehensive viva-voce exam, the option to convert to an MS program as per regulation of IITH will be provided.	After joining to PhD program, all norms of IITH will be applicable.

All remaining provisions contained within the currently existing Memorandum of Understanding shall remain as it is.

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