

## **PRESS NOTE**

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## SRM University-AP Inked MoU with the Andhra Pradesh Space Application Centre

SRM University-AP has signed an MoU with the Andhra Pradesh Space Application Centre (APSAC) to collaborate on scientific research in geospatial technology, drone technology and its allied technologies. This collaboration, without any profit motive, aims at creating programmes for popularising and creating awareness about geospatial science through various national and international level initiatives.

SRM University-*AP* plans to involve scientists of APSAC to share their expertise with the Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral students of the varsity. Research Scholars working in the domain of geospatial and drone technology will get an opportunity to regularly interact with the scientists and get exposure to various ongoing funded projects.

While signing the MoU, Dr B Sundar, Special Secretary, Department of IT, Electronics, and Communications, Government of Andhra Pradesh, and Vice Chairman of APSAC, and Prof. Manoj K Arora, Vice Chancellor of SRM University-AP and Professor of Geospatial Technologies, discussed the need for including various overlooked theories such as Haversine theories which could be a part of geography in school education. "There is a huge scope to work on practical problems in the areas of agriculture, water, and transportation for the state of Andhra Pradesh. The faculty at SRM University-AP and the scientists at APSAC will together solve some such problems", said Prof. Manoj K Arora. Dr B Sundar said that he very excited to work with SRM University-AP.

Through this collaboration, both organisations intend to brainstorm and identify the grand problems on which the resources can leverage to find an optimal solution. The Centre for Geospatial Technology and Centre of Drone Technology at SRM University-*AP* will closely work with APSAC. It is also intended to develop various job-oriented courses that can create an Indian geospatial human force.