



PRESS NOTE

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SRM University-AP Signs an MOU with IGCAR for Cutting-edge Biomedical Research

SRM University-AP has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu, to collaborate on academic and research projects in Biomedical Research, Disaster Management, and other domains. The MOU was signed by Dr B Venkatraman, Director-IGCAR and Prof. Manoj K Arora, Vice Chancellor, SRM University-AP in the presence of Dr Vidya Sundarrajan, Head PHRMD & QAD, IGCAR Kalpakkam, Mrs M Menaka, Head RAMS, RESD, SQRMG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam, Prof. Ranjit Thapa, Dean-Research, SRM University-AP and Dr K A Sunitha, Associate Professor, SRM University-AP.

The MoU underscores a mutually beneficial agreement between the two institutes. On the academic front, the MOU provides internship opportunities, research collaboration for projects and industry visits for the students and faculty of SRM AP. This ensures a knowledge transfer between the two organisations, promoting stellar growth in scientific and technological advancements. “This is a remarkable opportunity for our students to enhance their fields of study, gain academic insights from expert scientists and participate in cutting-edge research projects at IGCAR. This will ensure that we at SRM AP nurture students with a great scientific temperament,” stated Prof. Manoj K Arora, Vice Chancellor of SRM University-AP.

SRM AP has already collaborated with IGCAR on a consultancy project in the pioneering field of Biomedical Research last year. The parties have successfully conducted health screening of over 1500 subjects in the Chengalpattu region in Tamil Nadu, with SRM Medical Hospital & Research Centre and AIIMS Mangalagiri as secondary collaborators. Upon the successful completion of the project, IGCAR and SRM University-AP further extend their association with an official MOU for academic and research collaborations. “The MOU with SRM University-AP for translational research will be a huge motivation for the young faculty and scholars to pursue breakthrough research in their scientific domains,” remarked Dr B Venkatraman, Director-IGCAR.

Both institutes plan to extend their collaborative health screening project to the state of Andhra Pradesh, focusing on the neighbouring villages of SRM AP. Dr K A Sunitha, Project Head from SRM University-AP, opines, “With this project, we aim not just the possibility of translational research but also research for the societal cause. This research enables us to understand the correlated factors that influence various health disorders”. Prof. Ranjit Thapa, Dean-Research also stated his enthusiasm for the project and expanding their research ventures to other domains.