

PRESS NOTE

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SRM University-AP and Andhra Pradesh R&B Department Forge Partnership for Pavement Engineering Innovation

In a historic event, SRM University-AP and the Department of Road and Buildings (R&B), Government of Andhra Pradesh, signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The MoU was signed for Research, Academic and Scientific Knowledge Exchange in the field of Pavement Engineering and its allied areas.

The signing ceremony was formally executed by Dr R Premkumar, Registrar of SRM University-AP, and Sri L Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Engineer (Roads & Buildings) SH&MD, Andhra Pradesh Road Development Corporation. This significant event was witnessed by Mr K Nayeemullah, the Engineer-in-Chief (Roads & Buildings), alongside Prof. Ranjit Thapa, the Dean of Research; Dr Raviteja KVNS, the Department Head; Dr GVP Bhagat Singh, Associate Professor; Dr Uma Maheswar Arepalli, Assistant Professor; and other distinguished members of the faculty.

The collaboration poised to enhance bilateral engagement in research, pilot initiatives, and capacity-building efforts, will also foster student upskilling and reskilling through seminars, workshops, symposia, guest lectures, and co-mentorship in academic endeavours and enable them to perform better on the industrial front.

Speaking on the occasion, Registrar Dr R Premkumar stated, “This MoU serves one of the university’s goals, wherein we concentrate on positioning the university as a globally connected and regionally transformative institution of excellence”. He added that there is nobody better suited than the faculty and students of SRM AP to come up with effective and affordable solutions to the problems we ourselves encounter.

“The MoU offers manifold benefits, it will enable government engineers to come and train the students and will provide them with first-hand experience in solving problems that are regional to this place”, said Mr K Nayeemullah, Engineer-in-Chief (R&B).

Dr Uma Maheswar Arepalli, Assistant Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, SRM AP, in his statement, mentioned that the university is actively engaged in implementing the pilot study programme focused on researching cost-effective technology solutions aimed at addressing the issue of potholes across the state of Andhra Pradesh. He further stated that their team is in the process of organising a workshop aimed at raising awareness and fostering discussions on innovative approaches to infrastructure maintenance and improvement.

The MoU also aims to complement the varsity in its research endeavours by performing pilot studies and exploring new technologies including laboratory and field investigations. “The MoU will help actualise the concept of Atmanirbhar Bharat, which will only succeed if universities like SRM AP commit to providing cost-effective and real-time solutions for the betterment of society,” stated Mr Srinivasa Reddy, Chief Engineer (R&B) SH & MD APRDC.