

National Institute of Technology (NIT), Trichy collaborates with Tata Motors for education and research programs

Trichy, May 17, 2018: National Institute of Technology (NIT), Trichy signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tata Motors Ltd. for the introduction of innovative programs in education and research. Taking their first steps towards a long journey of technological collaboration, both entities will be working in areas of mutual interest, with an aim to meet the future engineering needs of the academia and industry.

The MoU envisages joint R&D projects over a period of five years for the development of new technologies in various engineering domains. The MoU was inked in the presence of **Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Trichy** and **Mr. Gajendra Chandel, Chief Human Resource Officer, Tata Motors Ltd.** The main objective of this MOU is to promote interaction between NIT Trichy and Tata Motors in mutually beneficial areas and to provide a formal basis for initiating interaction between NIT Trichy and Tata Motors.



Speaking on this occasion, Professor Dr Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Trichy, said, “We are excited about partnering with Tata Motors to collaborate in pioneering engineering technology for mobility. This association will enable joint research in key areas, which will find a place in the future products of Tata Motors, as well as allow for advanced training of students to get hands-on experience in the current projects of Tata Motors. The exposure would also help the faculty and students to orient themselves towards the latest practices of the Automobile industry and hone their skills in accordance with the evolving requirements of the industry. We see the program as an opportunity for us to develop a talent pool among the students of NIT-Trichy, that would have the edge over others in terms of acquisition of advanced knowledge and be industry-ready.”

Speaking on this association, Mr. Gajendra Chandel, Chief Human Resources Officer, Tata Motors, said, “The automotive industry in India is continuously evolving with a rapid shift towards emerging technologies such as digital, big data, AI, AR, VR etc. which means taking connected vehicles, electric vehicles and driverless vehicles from just concept ideas to mainstream reality. In conjunction with the changing market dynamics, we understand the need to articulate a clear roadmap for incubating a talented, competent, and innovative workforce. Through this MoU, we intend to have a multi-dimensional partnership with NIT-Trichy, which will help us bolster our competitive edge and develop next-gen engineering skills, not only within the company but also that of our academic partners with proficient faculty, in line with our vision & mission to create a future-ready organization.”

He further added, *“This partnership will help us bridge the gap between academic excellence and business requirements, to create an industry-ready workforce. This initiative also supports the Government’s ‘Make in India’, ‘Skill India’ and ‘Startup India’ program, preparing the Indian industry to compete at a global platform.”*



About NIT Trichy: National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, commonly referred to as NIT -Trichy, is an Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, established to provide instruction and research in various branches of engineering and technology for the advancement of learning and dissemination of knowledge in such branches. NIT Trichy is ranked the best among NITs and runs 10 undergraduate and 28 postgraduate and Ph D programs. NIT Trichy excels in teaching, research and consultancy, supported by eminent Faculty, successful alumni, industry partners and world-class Infrastructure catering to more than 6500 students

About Tata Motors

Tata Motors Limited (BSE: TATAMOTORS), a USD 42 billion organisation, is a leading global automobile manufacturer of cars, utility vehicles, buses, trucks and defence vehicles. Part of the USD 100 billion Tata group, Tata Motors has operations in the UK, South Korea, Thailand, South Africa, and Indonesia through a strong global network of 76 subsidiary and associate companies, including Jaguar Land Rover in the UK and Tata Daewoo in South Korea. With a focus on engineering and tech-enabled automotive solutions catering to the future of mobility, Tata Motors is India’s market leader in commercial vehicles and among the top in passenger vehicles with 9 million vehicles on Indian roads. The company’s innovation efforts are focused on developing auto technologies that are sustainable as well as suited to evolving market demands. With design and R&D centres located in India, the UK, Italy and Korea, Tata Motors strives to pioneer new products that fire the imagination of GenNext customers. Internationally, Tata cars, buses, and trucks are sold in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, South East Asia, South America, Australia, CIS, and Russia.