

Nine top institutes join hands in R&D projects

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AS many as nine major institutions in the district are coming together to form an alliance to leverage each others' strength and take up various research and development (R and D) projects in technology, medical, engineering, agriculture and other related fields.

The National Institute of Technology (NIT), Calicut, is leading to bringing together the institutions onto a single platform called

'NIRMAN' 2016 (National Institutions for Rekindling Manpower through Active Involvement) to explore the ways and means for sharing the strengths and to play a mutually beneficial role in the R and D.

A meeting of the representatives from the nine institutions was held at the NIT on Wednesday where in the institutions chalked out key areas where they will work together to undertake research.

NIT Calicut director Sivaji Chakravorti said that institution-

al level interaction was required apart from the personal level interaction which was already happening among the scientists and faculty of these institutes.

"This is just a beginning. We will expand the reach of the platform by bringing in major educational institutions in the state. Each institution has an expertise

in particular field. The attempt is to pool in the talents from these institutions and undertake R and D projects to benefit the common man," said NIT R and D dean Abraham T Mathew.

The meeting explored collaboration in the fields of biotechnology, development of indigenous equipment, waste management,

information technology, rain water harvesting, material research and energy technology.

The other institutions from Kozhikode in the mission are Indian Institute of Management, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Government Medical College, Centre for Water Resources Development and Management, Government Engineering College, University of Calicut, Government Dental College, Kerala School of Mathematics and National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology.



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