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Camp. They have been given special identity cards and the privilege to travel around the city in civil dress.

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suals can be monitored at the bus stand control room and the suspected persons can be tracked on the spot," he added.

Stress on collaborative research at meet

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KOZHIKODE: The representatives of nine premier government institutions, including the Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode (IIM-K) and the National Institute of Technology-Calicut (NIT-C), agreed to extend mutual cooperation in the field of Research and Development with special focus on five key areas identified at a unique meet christened NIRMAN (National Institution for Rekindling Manpower through Active Involvement) on NIT-C campus on Wednesday.

The areas which were chosen for mutual cooperation included waste management, information technolo-

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

Officials who coordinated the discussions said the Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode (IISR), would be the host of the second round of discussions on the initiative.

Introducing the concept of NIRMAN at the meet, Sivaji Chakravorti, Director of NIT-C, said it was time for more institutional-level interactions and better networking apart from maintaining personal interaction for exploring opportunities in serious research. "NIRMAN is a small step in realising this vision and identifying collaborative opportunities," he said.