

Govt signs pact with IIT Goa, BITS and GIM for Faculty Enrichment Internship Programme

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PANJIM: The State government on Monday signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Goa, BITS-Pilani and Goa Institute of Management (GIM) for Faculty Enrichment Internship Programme (FEIM).

The MoU was signed between the Directorate of Higher Education and IIT Goa, BITS-Pilani and the GIM at the Mantralaya conference hall, Porvorim.

Under the initiative, the premier institutes of national and international repute based in Goa will help render state-of-the-art training to faculty in both – the government and private higher education institutes in the State.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said that energised and motivated faculty will be one of the



objectives of the New Education Policy 2020.

He said that the FEIM programme will help to develop effective teaching practices, build research collaborations, establish academic excellence and replicate the culture in higher education institutes in the State.

Reacting to the land for the permanent campus of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Goa campus, Sawant said that inspection of land identified at Rivona in

Sanguem taluka has been completed and it is now before Government of India. “Once the Centre approves that (identified) land then only we can say that land is final,” he said.

The Chief Minister said that nothing is left from their side in land matter. “Once they approve, we will hand over land to them,” he added.

Currently the temporary IIT campus is situated at Goa College of engineering, Farmagudi. Since 2020, the government is facing stiff resistance from the villagers first at Shel-Melaum and later at Cotarlim in Sanguem taluka. But the land at Cotarlim was dropped after it was found to be inadequate.