



NIT Goa Hosts First Stakeholder Consultation on Development of University Township Initiative

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The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Goa hosted the first Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on the proposed University Township initiative announced in the Union Budget of 2026-27 by the Government of India. The initiative, led by the Ministry of Education, aims to establish integrated academic districts aligned with industrial corridors, drawing inspiration from global models such as Singapore's One-North and Tsukuba Science City, Japan.

NIT Goa is among nine NITs tasked with preparing the proposal. The concept note was presented by Dr. Damodar Reddy Edla (CSE dept.) and Director Prof. O. R. Jaiswal, with participation from key stakeholders including National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa University, Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani, K. K. Birla Goa Campus, and State departments.

Deliberations emphasised developing Goa as a distributed University Town by integrating institutions into a collaborative knowledge ecosystem. Key recommendations included internship programmes, lab and infrastructure sharing, industry-linked projects (notably with Verna-based industries), faculty exchange, synchronisation of academic calendars, ITI integration, enhanced career counselling, and stronger industry-academia linkages.

The meeting also highlighted the role of such ecosystems in driving innovation, employability, and regional development. It was decided to hold periodic consultations to take the initiative forward.



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