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Pondicherry University signs MoU with Central Power Research Institute

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Pondicherry University and Central Power Research Institute (CPRI) Bengaluru have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for fostering academic and research collaboration.

The agreement brings together two premier institutions to drive innovations in the electrical power systems, renewable energy technologies, and sustainable development solutions, a release said.

The MoU envisages opening up multiple avenues for the collaboration, including joint research projects, faculty exchange programmes and expert lectures, student internships and hands-on training at CPRI facilities, shared access to research facilities and laboratories, and organisation of national conferences and workshops.

P. Prakash Babu, Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University, emphasised the strategic importance of



According to a release, the MoU aims at driving innovations in the electrical power systems and renewable energy technologies.

this partnership, saying that it aligned well with the university's aspiration to (strengthen industry-academic linkages and create industry-tailored ecosystems. "This partnership represents a perfect synergy between academic excellence and industrial expertise," he said.

The collaboration with CPRI would enable students and faculty to work on transformative projects that address India's growing energy demands, while maintaining environmental sustainability by developing cutting-edge solutions that can be implemented at both a national and global scale, the Vice-Chancellor added.

B.A. Sawale, Director-General of CPRI, said the institution was looking to synergise its state-of-theart testing facilities and decades-old industry expertise with the Pondicherry University's strong academic foundation and research capabilities.

S. Victor Anandkumar, Dean (International Relations), Pondicherry University; P. Elumalai, MoU coordinator and faculty member of the Department of Green Energy Technology; B.M. Jaffar Ali, Dean of Madanjeet School of Green Energy Technologies participated in the MoU signing ceremony.