

## **JNTU-H inks MoU with CII to enhance Industry Academia collaboration for Research & Innovation**

Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) have signed an MoU.

***“Aimed at building innovation culture in Engineering graduates, Applied Research and Industry relevant product development”***

**23 September 2017, Hyderabad:** Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has signed an MoU today to build in Engineering graduates the culture of research, innovation, faculty development, Industry relevant applied research through greater interaction with Industry.

### **Objectives of the MoU in brief:**

- (a) **To promote the culture of tech product development by facilitating ideation, experimentation and prototypes.**
- (b) **Help facilitate a sustainable Faculty Development Program towards Industry Innovation**
- (c) **Facilitate establishment of innovation labs to support pursuance of new technologies in tech product development.**
- (d) **Setup Grand Challenges and mentor the students towards innovation/incubation**
- (e) **Identify and pursue Industry relevant problems for Research and tech product development**
- (f) **Inspire applied research by converting faculty research towards Industry relevant problems**
- (g) **Recommend relevant technologies, trends, and course content to support self-learning for tech product development and startups**
- (h) **Facilitate conduct of Hackathon leagues / Innovation Challenges.**

The MoU was signed by **Prof A Venugopal Reddy**, Vice Chancellor, JNTU Hyderabad **Mr. V Rajanna**, Chairman CII Telangana & Vice President & Global Head-Technology Business Unit, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and in the presence of **Shri Kadiyam Srihari**, Deputy Chief Minister & Minister of Education, Government of Telangana.

Speaking at the occasion the Deputy Chief Minister mentioned that it is essential to build successful partnerships between academia and industry and was happy that CII & JNTUH came forward to collaborate for this purpose. Such collaborations will ensure industrial relevance in academic research.

Highlighting the objectives of the MoU, Mr. V Rajanna emphasized that MoU will facilitate regular interaction between the industry & academia and promote the culture of technology product development by enabling ideation, experimentation and prototype development. CII will also facilitate Faculty Development Programs on the newer technologies of interest so that the faculty is well trained in advance.

The Vice-Chancellor of JNTUH said that the University in its endeavour to improve quality and relevance of Engineering graduates is launching University wide R&D and Innovation initiative called J-Hub. The MoU would help Researchers and engineering graduates work on Industry relevant products and applied research in problems of Industry and societal relevance.

**Dr. N Yadaiah**, Registrar, JNTU-H; **Mr S V Rajeeva Naag**, Director & Head, CII Telangana; **Prof G Vijaya Kumari**, Convenor J-Hub IAC, JNTU-H were present.