

Press Release

Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad

Inauguration & Dedication of Permanent Campus to the Nation by

SHRI NARENDRA MODI

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

The permanent campus of Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad, located at Chikkamalligawad Village, Dharwad – 580 007, Karnataka will be inaugurated and dedicated to the nation on Sunday, 12.03.2022, by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, in the august presence of Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, Shri Pralhad Joshi, Hon'ble Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, Government of India, Shri Vinayak Chatterjee Chairman, Board of Governors (BoG), IIT Dharwad, Prof. Venkappayya R. Desai, Director IIT Dharwad, among others.

Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad (IIT Dharwad) is an Institute of national importance established by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India in 2016 under the mentorship of IIT Bombay.

Academic activities at IIT Dharwad commenced in July 2016 in the transit Campus, located in Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI) next to the Dharwad Bench of Karnataka High Court, Dharwad. During that time, three numbers of 4-year B. Tech programs were offered in three branches, namely, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. Presently, four numbers of new 4-year B.Tech. programs were added, namely, Engineering Physics, Civil and Infrastructure Engineering , Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Mathematics and Computing. Additionally, one Inter-disciplinary 5-year BS-MS program, M Tech program in Mechanical Engineering, M S and PhD programs are also being offered. IIT Dharwad has progressed steadily and currently there are 856 students, 73 faculty members who have more than 400 publications, R&D Sponsored projects worth ₹30 Crores and 32 MoUs to their collective credit.

The foundation stone for the permanent campus of IIT Dharwad was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 10th Feb 2019. The permanent campus is located in Dharwad, Karnataka, on a 470 acre land allotted by the Government of Karnataka, which is surrounding a 65 acre reserve forest. Construction of Phase 1A of the permanent campus was taken up with a budget of ₹ 852 crores

The GRIHA [Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment] Council has given a 5 star rating for IIT Dharwad campus for a large Development Master Plan involving designing and constructing a green, smart and world class campus with the state-of-the-art infrastructure.

During the COVID pandemic, IIT Dharwad has contributed in helping out hospitals [viz, KIMS, Hubballi] by fabricating and supplying face masks and PPE kits. In addition to that, IIT Dharwad has contributed in developing a digital interface design for automating the COVID19 vaccine process for KIMS, which was sponsored by McAfee.

IIT Dharwad has established a **Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy (GCoE-ACE)** with CSR support from Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation and Lowe's India Pvt. Ltd. The Center is involved in the development of a **model clean energy village**, viz **Garag** [in the vicinity of IIT Dharwad] and upskilling the youth in the North Karnataka region. The Center provides innovation and incubation support and enjoys close collaboration with the office of Principal Scientific Advisor [PSA], GoI and SELCO Foundation.

Institute has incorporated the **Dharwad Research and Technology Incubator (DhaRTI) Foundation**, registered under Section - 8 of Companies Act 2013, that is expected to create an ecosystem to foster, support innovation and entrepreneurship among IIT Dharwad members and nearby regions.

Some other unique facilities at IIT Dharwad are: AnantGanak [i.e., HPC - High Performance Computing facility]; Space Data Science Lab; Sophisticated Central Instrumentation Facility (SCIF); Fire Lab; Manufacturing Process Lab, etc.