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Center for Artificial Intelligence at IIIT-Delhi and Artificial Intelligence Institute, University of South Carolina sign MoU to set academic cooperation and research collaboration

New Delhi: Center for Artificial Intelligence **(CAI),** Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi **(IIIT-Delhi),** and Artificial Intelligence Institute, University of South Carolina **(AIISC)** recently signed an MoU to promote a close association between the Institutes through academic cooperation and research collaboration, with an international focus among students and faculty members, for the mutual benefit of both parties.

This new connection between the institutions will facilitate the sharing of co-advised thesis or participating on the dissertation committee for students & PhD candidates and the interchange of scholarly papers, research materials, and other information in both parties' areas of interest. **This cooperation involves collaborative research and activities and strong internship chances at AIISC for IIIT-Delhi students**. The MoU further specifies that the parties can develop specific **joint educational programmes in the future** and enjoy the benefits of interchange of research, teaching, and technical personnel.

The Center for Artificial Intelligence (CAI), IIIT-Delhi and AIISC have many knowledge and skills from world-class academic experts to students. This Memorandum of Understanding will focus on productivity and a desire to bridge the knowledge gap and promote innovation. This association will provide ground breaking results that will benefit all the parties involved.

Artificial Intelligence Institute, University of South Carolina (AIISC) aspires to be a leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its applications. It fosters comprehensive multidisciplinary & translational AI research across the institution, workforce and economic growth in the state through education, technology, and commercialisation, in addition to many primary research topics in AI.

Prof. Amit Sheth, Director, AIISC, commented, "Since I visited IIITD a decade ago, I have seen it build one of the best research ecosystems among Indian universities. AIISC, a university-wide institute at the state flagship, Carnegie R1, University of South Carolina, already has over 30 researchers, strong foundational research in AI complemented by equally strong translational research. I look forward to having CAI/IIITD students among the AIISC's large pool of remote and on-site interns working on world-class research, with access to faculty from both organizations and having access to our exceptional computing resources. The research collaborations will result in excellent publications and add to the eminence of both organizations."

The Centre for Artificial Intelligence (CAI) aspires to be India's primary AI development centre. It comprises basic AI algorithms for furthering research and AI applications for tackling societal problems in the Indian context.

"I firmly believe that this MOU will open up huge opportunities for joint collaboration in terms of not only research but also several academic activities, exchange programs, and so on", stated **Dr. Tanmay Chakraborty, Head, CAI, IIIT-Delhi**, in response to the collaboration. He added, "AIISC, a recent university-wide institute at the University of South Carolina founded in 1801, has grown massively in the last few years. I, myself, have witnessed the growth. The Center for AI at IIITD (CAI) is also one of the old AI centres in India established by the generous funding of Infosys Foundation with the goal of advancing AI-related Interdisciplinary research. Both the institutions have unique skillsets and would bring in complementary expertise. I am super excited to witness the success of this collaboration."

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) has a strong engineering background and connections to researchers and medical professionals from several Indian universities, including AIIMS and others. The Delhi Government established IIIT-Delhi as a state university in 2008, allowing it to conduct research and award academic degrees. IIIT-Delhi has risen to become one of India's most promising new institutions, with world-class professors and an atmosphere that strives to encourage state-of-the-art research and innovation while enabling entrepreneurial activities that bring deep-tech benefits to society.