

## **IIT-D to work with MIT on assistive technology**

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### **Conducted a two-day exchange program on Assistive Technology**



An 8-member team of students from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the US led by their faculty Dr Kyle Keane visited the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi for a two-day exchange program on Assistive Technology on 20th and 21st January, 2020. They had joint class with 7 students of IIT Delhi as a part of exchange program.

The MIT-IITD students interacted with students, project staff and entrepreneurs working in the space of assistive technology at IIT Delhi. The students from both the institutes visited Indian Association for the Blind and had discussion with students and special educators to get first hand experience of needs and opportunities in the space of assistive technology.

Three student teams each of which consisting of MIT and IIT Delhi students worked on unmet needs and came up with solutions as a part of joint studio work. All three teams made their presentation pitches to faculty, experts and to other students.

Prof. P.V.M. Rao, coordinator of this programme from IIT Delhi, felt that overall the exchange program was a good experience for students from both the institutes and students had an exciting time working together. Some areas of work for long time collaboration were identified during this exchange program.