

Thermo Fisher signs MoU with NFSU to open CoE for DNA forensics

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The Center will provide training, research, and accelerate innovation in the field of DNA forensics



Thermo Fisher Scientific, the world leader in serving science, signed an MoU with the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) on March 15th, 2021. The collaboration is to establish the NFSU-Thermo Fisher Scientific Centre of Excellence for DNA forensics.

The center will be at NFSU's premises in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The state-of-the-art facility will focus on conducting research, method/workflow development and provide scientific demonstrations and training in the field of DNA forensics.

"At Thermo Fisher, we deliver some of the most comprehensive validated products, expertise and application support to the forensic science community. Through the center we aim to facilitate training and ensure access to industry-leading solutions that provide highly accurate results while fulfilling the demand for forensic experts in the country and around the world. Our partnership with NFSU reinstates our commitment to fulfill our mission which is to enable our customers to make the world healthier, cleaner and safer", said Amit Chopra, managing director, India and South Asia, Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Technology innovation, automation, databases, and good laboratory practices are essential to the pursuit of justice. The objective of Thermo Fisher's collaboration with NFSU is to bring together leading minds and instrumentation, supporting the development of workflows and integrated solutions designed to increase efficiencies, and bring awareness regarding the advancements in DNA forensics.

"The Centre of Excellence is uniquely placed to help forensic scientists, partners and law enforcement bodies to collaborate and develop workflows that will help push use of cutting-edge technology in the field of DNA forensics. The collaboration will take us a step closer in making the world a safer place to live," said Peter Waterman, global commercial leader, human identification business for Thermo Fisher Scientific.

“We welcome the establishment of this advanced and first of its kind CoE in the country. The center will significantly improve access to integrated, high-quality human identification solutions and positively impact capacity-building of forensic scientist and students in the country. We look forward to a highly impactful collaboration with Thermo Fisher in India,” said Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. J.M Vyas, NFSU.