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IIT-D opens Rs 500 Cr central facility to all researchers in India

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Central Research Facility has been significantly augmented with several state-of-the-art high-end experimental facilities



The Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D) has developed a new platform whereby anyone from across India can create a user account, log-in to the Central Research Facility (CRF) and book an instrument online for their research work.

With this step, all facilities of the CRF on the Institute’s main campus in New Delhi as well as in the Sonipat campus in Haryana are now available for researchers from across the country.

“Rs. 500 crores have been either spent or committed by IIT Delhi to establish various high-end facilities at the CRF. The main sources of funding include the Institutes of Eminence (IoE) grant, special Ministry of Education (MoE) grant, IIT Delhi grant through Industrial Research and Development, DST’s Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institutes (SATHI) project, HEFA loan etc. Today, we have over 50 different facilities, owned and/or adopted by the CRF, which are already available to the users. This number is likely to get doubled in the next two years", said Prof V. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi.

In 2017, envisaging the growth of CRF, a new building was constructed at IIT Delhi’s extension campus in Sonipat. Another new building with a much larger area is also under construction in Sonipat right now, which will be completed by March 2022.