European Union Research & Innovation Info Day @LNMIIT:
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A Report

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In a dynamic symposium held at the esteemed LNM Institute of Information Technology (LNMIIT) in Jaipur, the European Union Research & Innovation Info Day in collaboration with European Union Policy and Outreach Partnerships (EUPOP), INDIA and EURAXESS India, showcased a panorama of research, innovation, and educational opportunities across Europe.

The event witnessed active participation from distinguished representatives of EU Embassies including France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, the Netherlands, and Switzerland, resonating with LNMIIT's ethos of global engagement and academic excellence.

Dr. Sandeep Saini, Dean of Academic Affairs, LNMIIT, Jaipur welcomed the EU delegates with bouquet of flowers.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Prof. Rahul Banerjee, the Director of LNMIIT, Jaipur who articulated the institution's vision and aspirations towards fostering international collaborations and catalyzing innovative breakthroughs.

Dr. Somnath Biswas, Dean of Academic Research, LNMIIT, Jaipur threw light on research domains of various departments and Doctoral Research Programs of LNMIIT. He also highlighted on the research collaborations with various universities and organisations abroad and sponsored research and development programmes, patents granted and best practices followed by the LNMIIT, Jaipur

Faculty members from LNMIIT, including Prof. Ranjan Gangopadhayay, Prof. G.D. Sharma, Dr. Amit Neogi, Dr. Sakthi Balan, Dr. Imran Alam, and Dr. Deepak Unune, shared their enriching experiences of collaborating with European Union countries, further accentuating the significance of global partnerships in catalyzing research and innovation.

Dr. Srini Kaveri, Director of CNRS Office New Delhi, Embassy of France; Dr. Bhumica Chugh from the Embassy Of The Federal Republic Of Germany; Dr. Vaibhav Agarwal, Deputy Director, German Research Foundation Italy, Prof. Sergio Ledda, Scientific Attaché, Embassy of Italy, Ms. Tea Pirih, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of Slovenia, Dr. Dhoya Snijders, Innovation Counsellor, and Dr. Naman Agrawal, Senior Innovation Officer, Embassy of the Netherlands, Dr. Indraneel Ghose, Senior Advisor for Education, Research and Innovation, Embassy of Switzerland, and Dr. Samrat S. Kumar, Country Coordinator of EURAXESS India delivered insightful talks, shedding light on the multifaceted dimensions of research, innovation, and study opportunities in their respective countries.

Tea Pirih's presentation on Research, Innovation, and Study Opportunities in Slovenia highlighted various key aspects, including Slovenia's rich research environment, advanced research infrastructures, bilateral cooperation initiatives, study opportunities, scholarship programs, and significant investments by Sandoz Slovenia.

Dr. Indraneel Ghose's discourse on Research and Scholarship Opportunities in Switzerland elucidated the nation's pre-eminence in academic excellence and innovation, showcasing various collaboration platforms, funding opportunities, and study programs available for Indian students.

Prof. Sergio Ledda's summary of Bilateral Collaboration between Italy and India delineated the extensive collaboration avenues and key focus areas, emphasizing Italy's research ecosystem, collaborative initiatives, notable centres, future programs, educational opportunities, and admission criteria.

The presentation by Dr. Bhumica Chugh on Germany encapsulated the enduring partnership between the two nations, highlighting key areas of collaboration, societal missions, national technology strategy, internationalization efforts, educational opportunities, and the Rubicon Programme.

Dr. Dhoya Snijders and Dr Srini Kaveri discourses on Exploring Higher Education and Research Collaborations in the Netherlands and France respectively shed light on the vast landscape of academic collaborations between these countries and India, showcasing scientific excellence, collaborative research programs, scholarships, exchange programs, and international initiatives.

Dr. Vivek V. Dham's presentation on EU-INDIA R&I Cooperation Horizon Europe –Work Programmes 2023-2024 Calls provided insights into funding opportunities and collaboration modalities between the European Union and India, highlighting Horizon Europe's significance, specific calls, eligibility criteria, proposal submission processes, and consortium formation.

Dr. Vaibhav Agarwal's Presentation showcased Germany's commitment to fostering international research collaborations through the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), emphasizing funding programs, collaboration platforms, and resources available for researchers

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Post lunch the delegates visited the following Centres of Excellence and interacted the the Centre Leads and Research Scholars to get more insights into the Institute's work.

- Centre for Next Generation Communication and Networks
- Centre for Mathematical and Financial Computing
- Centre for Machine Learning and Big Data Analytics
- Centre for Cryptology, Cyber Security and Digital Forensics
- C-SI: Centre for Sustainability and Innovation
- Visit to Lecture Halls in the main building and Computer Labs

The event culminated with a vibrant exchange of ideas and networking opportunities among faculty members, research scholars, and students, fostering a spirit of collaboration and innovation. The European Union Research & Innovation Info Day @LNMIIT organised by the Central Library team under the leadership of Mr. Giridhar Kunkur served as a catalyst for fostering synergistic partnerships, transcending transformative search endeavors.

A very enthusiastic participation by various student clubs such as Media Cell, Imagination, Vignette Club and Capriccio could be seen in helping us organise this event so meticulously.

As LNMIIT continues its journey towards global excellence, such events stand as testaments to the institution's commitment to nurturing a culture of innovation and scholarly pursuit on a global stage.