

Academic Collaboration Visit Report

Date: 6th May 2026

Visiting Institution: Vidya Pratishthan's Kamalnayan Bajaj Institute of Engineering and Technology (VPKBIET)

Host Institution: MIT Art, Design and Technology University, Pune

Delegation from VPKBIET

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1. Hon. Dr. Mangesh Karad, Executive President
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Purpose of Visit

The delegation from VPKBIET visited MIT ADT University, Pune, to explore opportunities for academic collaboration, joint research initiatives, faculty exchange programmes, and student development activities like internships. Discussions centred on leveraging the complementary strengths of both institutions to foster innovation in engineering, design, and technology education.

Key Discussion Points

- Research Collaboration: Identifying common research areas for joint projects and publications. In particular for research scholar and research supervisor.
- Faculty Exchange: Facilitating short-term faculty visits and guest lectures between both institutions.
- Student Engagement: Organising workshops, seminars, internships and hackathons (e.g. Kumbh Mela) for students from both campuses.
- MoU Framework: Strengthening MoU by conducting various joint (collaborative) activities



Outcome

Both parties expressed strong interest in pursuing a formal collaboration. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to finalise the terms of the partnership and outline specific joint activities for the upcoming academic year.