

# MICROSOFT INNOVATION CENTRE

Established with a vision to bring about innovation in higher education and learning in emerging areas of the knowledge society, the not-for-profit NIIT University (NU) has announced the launch of a Microsoft Innovation Center (MIC) on its campus in Neemrana. A collaboration agreement was signed recently to formalise the partnership between Microsoft and NIIT University in the presence of Vijay Thadani, co-founder, NIIT university, Dr. Rajendra Pandey, president, NIIT university and Bhaskar Pramanik, chairman, Microsoft Corporation (India) Private Limited.

Under this agreement, Microsoft will collaborate with NU to facilitate setting up MIC with an aim to foster the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship amongst University students, by helping them apply their knowledge and technological know-how to real life problems and thus open employment and entrepreneurship avenues for the students.

MICs are state of art technology facilities for collaboration on innovative research, technology or software solutions, involving a combination of Government, academic and industry participants. While each center tunes its programmes to local needs, they all provide similar content and services designed to accelerate technology advances and stimulate local software economies through skills and professional training, industry partnerships and innovation. Since the launch of the programme a total of 29 MICs have been set up in India.

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