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## Meeting with Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Government of India, with the Chairperson, Board of Governors (BOG) & the Director of IIEST, Shibpur

Smt. Tejaswini AnanthKumar, Chairperson, BOG & Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, Director, IIEST, Shibpur, had a meeting with Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon'ble Education MoE, Government of India, on 05.02.2025. During the meeting they shared the development plans of the Institute, ongoing academic-research activities and future plans. A compendium on "Striving towards Academic and Research Excellence: Reminiscences," highlighting the journey of this 168-year-old and second oldest engineering institute in the country was unveiled. The compendium presents some historical events, activities of the present and future plans aligned with national education and scientific missions.

The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the current initiatives of the Institute, such as, the NEP-based curriculum for holistic development of students, Campus Master Plan that would provide an international academic and research ambience to the institute highlighting its unique legacy, rejuvenation of historical buildings, New Infrastructure Development Plans to meet the enhanced students' intake, Product Development and Entrepreneurship, Clean, and Green campus, under the leadership of the Director and overall guidance of the Chairperson.

Hon'ble Minister assured full support for making this institute a global brand in academics, research and entrepreneurship. He urged for enhanced industry connect considering its strategic location and also called upon the IIEST fraternity to focus on sectors, namely energy, manufacturing, rural development, health and logistics, including skill and community development, for realizing the dreams of Viksit Bharat@2047.

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