

ARAI inks MoU with reputed institutes to offer various programmes

Pune:

The **Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI)** has signed MoUs with academic institutes and universities of repute to offer various industry oriented programmes. These MoU will combine academic expertise of the institutes and research expertise of ARAI to address the growing need of resurgent automotive & allied industries.

Automotive Industry has welcomed this partnership of ARAI with **Chitkara University, Chandigarh, MIT World Peace University, Pune** and **Rajarambapu Institute of Technology, Islampur (RIT)**. ARAI had already signed an MoU with **College of Engineering Pune (COEP)** the M. Tech course in Automotive Technology started in 2010. This MoU with CoEP is extended for another 5 years to continue the world class post graduate programme in automotive technology addressing the future needs of automotive industry.

Students inducted at **Chitkara University, Chandigarh** for the 2 Years **M.Tech. Program in Automotive Engineering** would be attending classes at Chandigarh campus in the first two semesters learning the fundamentals. In the second year, students would come to Pune to study latest technologies and get hands-on practical exposure at ARAI Academy, which is famous for its Training and Learning Programs. The last semester of six months will be totally devoted to project work, which is generally sponsored by Automotive Industry or can also be carried out at ARAI or Chitkara University based on student's interest.

At **MIT World Peace University, Pune, PhD Research scholars** would carry out course work at ARAI Academy and MIT World Peace University in the first year. Thereafter, they would carry out research project at ARAI or MIT World Peace University or their parent organization. The duration of this Phd program shall be minimum 3 years and maximum 6 years, as per UGC norms.

Students taking up the **Post Graduate Diploma in Electric & Autonomous Vehicles would be inducted at Rajarambapu Institute of Technology, Islampur (RIT)** in the first trimester for 4 months and then they would study at ARAI in the second trimester for next 4 months. The last trimester will be totally devoted to project work, which is generally sponsored by Automotive Industry or can also be carried out at ARAI or RIT based on student's interest

The **M Tech programme in Automotive Technology conducted by College of Engineering Pune (COEP)** will have students attending classes at COEP as well as ARAI in the first two semesters. In the second year, students would have an option to continue or go to a University abroad by transfer of credits. Automotive Industry has welcomed this association since this course would also allow some sponsored candidates from the industry to register amongst total seat of 36 students. Students need to be GATE qualified and hence eligible for scholarship.

Mr. N. V. Marathe, Officiating Director-ARAI, who signed the MoU on behalf of ARAI said, "In the next decade, Human Resource Development in the Automotive sector will be the key factor for success. As per Automotive Mission Plan, ARAI has taken up the task to develop the human resources for Automotive Industry. Industry requires professionals who can find out innovative solutions which have relevance to the automotive field. These courses will aim towards achieving these objectives while allowing professionals from industry and academia to dive deep into research & analysis and arrive at innovative solutions for Safe, Smart & Sustainable mobility."

Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Pro Chancellor, Chitkara University, **Dr. N. T. Rao**, Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University, **Dr. Mrs. Sushma Kulkarni**, Director, RIT and **Dr. B. B. Ahuja**, Director, COEP, Pune appreciated the initiative of ARAI which would benefit students to learn new technologies and secure jobs in future.

ARAI has been receiving a good response on educational programmes. Detailed information about these programmes is available on ARAI's website.

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Photo of MoU signing ceremony at College of Engineering Pune