



Indian Institute of Technology

Shri Bhagya Chander from Himachal Pravasi Global Association Canada Visits IIT Mandi

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Shri Bhagya Chander from [Himachali Pravasi Global Association](#) (HPGA) visited the Indian Institute of Technology Mandi (IIT Mandi) on 26th April 2022. HPGA is the largest network of Himachalis settled abroad with the purpose to serve and keep connected Himachali NRIs diaspora settled across the globe. On his visit, Shri Chander met with Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi; Prof. Chayan K. Nandi, the Dean (Resource Generation and Alumni Relations); Prof. Varun Dutt, the Associate Dean (Resource Generation and Alumni Relations); Prof. Shyam K. Masakapalli, Associate Professor; Prof. Arnav Bhavsar, Associate Professor; and Prof. Satinder K. Sharma, Dean (Faculty).

Shri Chander discussed how Himachali NRIs abroad could contribute to IIT Mandi's vision on serving the local and global Himachali society via technological interventions and research in different ways. There was also a discussion on creating a retreat centre on Indian knowledge system and mental wellbeing on IIT Mandi campus.



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Earlier on 9th April 2022, a meeting was held between HPGA, IIT Mandi, and HP Government, on how HPGA could contribute to the vision of IIT Mandi and local people of the state. The meeting was attended by Shri Bhagya Chander (HPGA), Shri Arun Chauhan (HPGA), and Dr. Sushil Sharma (HPGA), Shri R. N. Batta (Advisor to Chief Minister, HP), and Director and faculty from IIT Mandi. The from Shri Chander to IIT Mandi visit on 26th April 2022 was a follow-up of this meeting.

During his visit, Shri Chander also visited several research facilities on the IIT Mandi campus and interacted with students and researchers. These facilities included the MANAS Lab, Applied Cognitive Science Lab, Advanced Research Materials Centre, C4DFED, and the BioX Centre.

The visit of Shri Bhagya Chander enabled IIT Mandi to connect for the first time with HPGA, where HPGA and IIT Mandi are striving hard with a common vision to contribute for the well being of Himachal Pradesh in socio-economic development in all possible ways.