

MoU Signed Between Extra C, AICTE, IIM Mumbai, and IIT Madras

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In a significant step towards enhancing the cognitive and soft skills of higher education students, Extra C, AICTE, IIM Mumbai, and IIT Madras have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This strategic collaboration aims to institutionalize and organize the National Inter-college Crossword Expedition (NICE) over the next two years, promoting the benefits of crosswords as an educational tool. Shri K. Sanjay Murthy (IAS), Secretary of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, virtually graced the event.

AICTE Chairman, Prof. T.G. Sitharam, highlighted that this collaboration not only aims to enhance students' mental agility and soft skills but also to spread knowledge about India's rich heritage and traditional wisdom through innovative educational methods. AICTE Vice Chairman, Dr. Abhay Jere, was also present at the event.

Crosswords are more than just a leisure activity; they are a powerful exercise for the mind, fostering lateral thinking, recall abilities, and nuanced understanding. These attributes are invaluable for students, particularly in technical education, as they prepare for leadership roles in the future. The MoU outlines the organization of NICE for the next two years, ensuring well-planned logistics and a structured calendar for both organizers and participants.