

IIT chief lays stress on indigenous technology

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A three-day international conference on "Advances in Computing and Communication" began on the National Institute of Technology (NIT) campus today.

This conference was inaugurated by Prof. Timothy A Gonsalves, director of the IIT Mandi in the auditorium of NIT. In his inaugural address, Prof. Gonsalves exhorted institutes to develop indigenous technology in every field as prosperity of Indians could be designed by Indian engineers alone.

Emphasising the need for developing indigenous technology he said, "By borrowing technologies, our country is helping the advance countries to earn huge profits with low investments while we can develop such technologies ourselves."

He said, "Even by borrowing technologies like 2G, 3G and 4G, our country has been paying huge royalties to companies like Google etc

and our technology institutes should lay great emphasis in developing indigenous technology through which can save huge money."

In his paper on "Design in Engineering Education", he also shared his experiences of developing rural technology at Chennai and designing a voice-controlled wheelchair at Mandi.

A bilateral agreement to share research and advances in the field of computing and communication was also signed between Laura University, Finland, and NIT Hamirpur on this occasion.

The objective of this MoU is to facilitate international academic exchange and student mobility, to develop academic and scientific relationships and collaborate research activities.

Earlier, addressing this conference, NIT director Prof. RL Sharma said the meaningful discussion in such august gathering would definitely lead to enrichment of teachers, scholars and student community.