

# IIM Nagpur to be innovation hub for Central India: Dr Metri

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The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur (IIM-N) is the 14th IIM of the country, but has many firsts to its credit and has already started making wave since its inception in 2015. Now with the new leadership, IIMN has set an ambitious target of being in the top 10 IIMs of the country in the next five years.

Speaking to Lokmat Times the new director of IIM-N Dr Bhimaraya Metri said, "Nagpur has a unique advantage and it is 'heart of the heartland' and my endeavour is to make use of my knowledge, skills, con-



## Campus in Pune, Hyderabad

**Dr Metri said Pune and Hyderabad also has lot of industries, both traditional and IT (Information Technology), which would require skilled and industry ready manpower. We will be opening small campus in Pune as well as in Hyderabad, as Telangana has lot of industries. IIM Nagpur will be the main campus and the Pune and Hyderabad campus will operate as satellite hubs.**

## MoUs signed by IIM Nagpur

- **MoU with Toronto Business Development Centre (TBDC), Canada**
- **MoU with Westminster Business School, University of Westminster, (UK)**
- **MoU with The University of Memphis**
- **IIM Nagpur youngest IIM into the CFA Institute University Affiliation Program**
- **MoU with The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)**
- **MoU with MullenLowe Lintas**
- **MoU with Institute Mines-Télécom Business School, France**
- **MoU with Chuo University, Graduate School of Strategic Management, Japan**

tacts and resources for the betterment of institute as well as the city and students." I have done this before in IIM Tiruchirappalli, IMI Delhi and MDI Gurugram and in my all other professional endeavours, he added.

Dr Metri said, "I have always believed that innovation and research are the two major pillars of development and it is my constant endeavour to innovate and contribute to the society and community. The IIMN Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (InFED) is one of the many initiatives which will drive this further and we are focusing on MSMEs and farmers of the region as well as other

parts of the country to augment their income and to provide skilled manpower to the MSME sector, which is the most important component of the economy."

He said i have taken the charge of IIM-N in October 2020, which was when the Covid was almost on its peak in the city, but still we managed to get 100 per cent placement for our 2019-2021 batch. Not only that, we have signed many MoUs which has put the city on international map, the latest one with the Toronto Business Development Centre (TBDC), Canada, which will encourage Indian start-ups, MSMEs to take their business overseas to Canada.

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