

Madanapalle Institute of Technology & Science (MITS), Deemed to be University

Detailed Report on the Visit of Distinguished Guests from USA on 20th August 2026

Introduction

Two distinguished international delegation **Dr. Farid Farahmand**, Chief Technology Officer, Tidal Medical Technologies and Professor, Sonoma State University-USA, **Prof. Shivakumar Mathapathi**, educator, researcher, technology innovator, an adjunct Faculty member at Northeastern University and University Extension of California- San Diego and **Dr. Shrishail Angadi**, distinguished Retd. Consultant of TCS, India visited MITS Deemed to be University. The visit was organized to address and enable the first-year students in planning their four-year academic journey in the university.

The program commenced at **11:00 AM** with the arrival of the distinguished guests to the campus duly welcomed by Dr. C. Yuvaraj, Vice Chancellor, Mr. T.G. Ravi Kumar, Governing Body Member, Dr. Sanjay Kumar C. Gowre, Professor and HoD of ECE and Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, Associate Director of IRO. A warm welcome was extended by the university officials, setting a cordial atmosphere for the day's proceedings.



Interaction with MITS University Leadership

At the outset, the guests interacted with the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Vice Principal and Associate Director, International Relations. The discussion focused on addressing freshmen and preparing young learners for the future demands of industry and research.

Session in Auditorium:

The distinguished experts addressed the newly admitted students on the growing significance of **Centres of Excellence (CoEs)** in emerging technologies and their role in preparing young learners for the future rapidly evolving demands of industry and research. They highlighted how Centres of Excellence can provide students with exposure and hands on experience to cutting-edge technologies, interdisciplinary collaboration, innovation and industry-oriented problem solving. **Dr. Shrishail Angadi**, distinguished Consultant of TCS-India enabled students about the Global employability skills by connecting industry and academia.

Firstly, **Prof. Shivakumar Mathapathi** emphasized the continued relevance of core engineering disciplines in an era of rapid technological transformation. He encouraged the freshmen to build strong fundamentals mathematical abilities, logical thinking and problem-solving abilities in their chosen branches. He also has added that while adding value to their classroom learning, acceleration

of hands-on experimentation, projects and practical problem-solving are needed to improve their global employability skills. The Centers of Excellence (CoE) that focused on IoT, machine learning and applied research are further emphasized.

Further, **Dr. Farid Farahmand** took over the session and explained the importance of developing a strong technological foundation, while keeping pace with emerging areas of innovation. He encouraged students to prepare semester wise roadmap for their bright future, by looking beyond textbooks, involving themselves in the interdisciplinary projects, actively exploring the new technologies and availing research opportunities with the real-world applications.



The interaction has given valuable perspectives on the opportunities and challenges that are ahead. The US delegation applauded the commitment of MITS in fostering innovation, experiential learning, research and technological excellence and motivated the students to become adaptable, openminded and future-ready professionals with global employability skills. Associate Director Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, proposed vote of Thanks for Dr. Farid Farahmand, Prof. Shivakumar Mathapathi and Dr. Shrishail Angadi on behalf of the management and leadership team of MITS for sharing their expertise and inspiring the next generation of engineers, researchers and technology innovators.



Session in Seminar Hall A: The session started by introducing the guest profiles by Mrs. U. Vijaya Lakshmi, Associate Director, IRO to the II-year and III-year students. The speakers interacted with the students and motivated them to move towards innovation, experiential learning, research and technological excellence. They emphasized that the qualities to be imbibed are being adaptable, openminded and future-ready professionals with global employability skills. They shared their perspectives and discussed with the students about the evaluation methods in the universities abroad. The continued relevance of the core engineering disciplines in an era of rapid technological transformation has been justified. The Centres of Excellence (CoE) that focused on IoT, machine learning and applied research are further emphasized and the students have well received their perspectives.



Board Room Procedure:

Further, the interactive session took place in the board room about the proposal of establishing the Centers of Excellence (CoE) that focused on IoT, machine learning and applied research are further emphasized. The meaningful interactions took place.



Felicitation Ceremony

Further, the distinguished guests were felicitated by the Dr. C. Yuvaraj, Vice-Chancellor, Mr. T. G. Ravi Kumar, Governing Body Member, Mrs. U. Vijaya Lakshmi, Associate Director, IRO Dr. C P Gupta, Dean -School of Computing and all Departmental Heads. They were presented with traditional shawls and mementos as tokens of appreciation for their impactful visit. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks, closing remarks and a photo shoot followed.



Vote of Thanks

The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. U. Vijaya Lakshmi, Associate Director, IRO expressing her sincere gratitude to the distinguished guests, on behalf of the MITs management, university leadership, organizing committee, faculty members and all participants. She had also extended her thanks to all the participants in making the program meaningful and impactful.

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