

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

### Detailed Report on the Visit of Distinguished Guests from UNAM, Mexico-09 July 2026



### Introduction

Madanapalle Institute of Technology & Science (MITS), Deemed to be University, had the privilege of hosting two distinguished international academicians **Dr. Juan Carlos Hidalgo**, Director, Institute of Physical Sciences (ICF), National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico, and **Dr. Mohan Kumar Kesarla**, Full-time Researcher-B and Leader of the Materials Science Group. The visit was organized to strengthen international academic collaborations, explore research partnerships, and to discuss about the opportunities in UNAM-Mexico.

The program commenced at **10:00 AM** with the arrival of the distinguished guests to the campus duly welcomed by Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Registrar, Dr. Ramanathan Principal 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, Principal, Vice Principal, R&D team and the International Relations (IR) Team. The discussion focused on the institutional vision, internationalization initiatives and the potential areas of mutual academic interest.

### Board room Procedure:

The formal session was held in the Board Room from **10:35 AM to 12:30 PM**. The proceedings began with a bouquet presentation to the guests by **Dr. C. Yuvaraj, Vice Chancellor (I/c)**.

After a cordial welcome, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi (AD-IRO) introduced the profiles of both the dignitaries.



Further, all Heads of Departments, Deans, Research and Development (R&D) Team members, Assistant Directors, Associate Directors and other faculty members introduced themselves, providing the guests with an overview of the academic leadership at MITS.

The Registrar, **Dr. D. Pradeep Kumar**, presented the profile of MITS University, highlighting its academic excellence, research accomplishments, infrastructure, international collaborations and other related activities. During this session he highlighted the possibilities of the partnership with other international universities.



Following this, **Dr. Juan Carlos Hidalgo** presented the profile of the **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)** and the Institute of Physical Sciences. His presentation in the form of videos showcased the university's research strengths, scientific achievements, ongoing projects and global collaborations. **The Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) with its 475+ years of Academic excellence** has acclaimed **136th Rank globally** in the QS World University Rankings 2026: has also secured the **#2 spot in Mexico** and in Latin America as well. The activities of **ICF-UNAM** (Instituto de Ciencias Físicas) were explained clearly by both **Dr. Juan Carlos Hidalgo, Director of ICF** and **Dr. Mohan Kumar Kesarla, Senior Researcher-B & Leader of Materials Science Group of ICF**.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion on establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MITS and UNAM. The leadership teams exchanged ideas regarding collaborative research, faculty exchange, student mobility, joint publications, and future academic initiatives.





### **Felicitation Ceremony**

Further, the distinguished guests were felicitated by the Registrar and the Principal. 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.



After lunch during campus visit the resources, Labs and the Radio station visit was planned in an informal setting for continued discussions and networking among the guests and university

officials. Between **2:00 PM and 3:15 PM**, the guests were taken on a guided tour of the MITS campus by MITS officials. During the visit, they explored various academic departments, research laboratories and innovation facilities gaining an insight into the university's academic environment and research infrastructure facilities.



### **Technical Session on Collaborative Opportunities**

Following a short high tea break a technical session was conducted in the Scale-up Classroom from **3:30 PM to 4:45 PM** to the faculty members interested in the research activities.

Dr. Juan Carlos Hidalgo delivered an insightful presentation titled **"Discussions on Collaborative Opportunities in UNAM-Mexico."** He elaborated on potential areas for international collaboration, interdisciplinary research opportunities, funding prospects, faculty development programs and student exchange initiatives. Further, Dr. Mohan Kumar Kesarla added charm to the session by giving more details about the outreach activities of UNAM and their ICF Institute.





The presentation was followed by an engaging question-and-answer session involving the university leadership, R&D team, CTO, Deans, Heads of Departments, Professors, Assistant Directors and Associate Directors. With their active participation and discussions on various possibilities for future collaborations, joint research proposals and academic partnerships the event became more meaningful and impactful.

### **Vote of Thanks**

The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Gupta, Dean of School of Computing, expressing his sincere gratitude to the distinguished guests, on behalf of the MITS management, university leadership, organizing committee, faculty members and all participants. He had also extended his thanks to all the participants for making the best out of these discussions and for making the event successful.



### **Conclusion**

The visit of Dr. Juan Carlos Hidalgo and Dr. Mohan Kumar Kesarla marked a significant milestone in MITS University's internationalization efforts. The interactions fostered meaningful academic dialogue and laid a strong foundation for future collaboration between MITS Deemed to be University and **The Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)**. The proposed partnerships are expected to enhance research excellence, facilitate knowledge exchange by creating valuable opportunities for faculty and students through joint academic initiatives and international cooperation.

### **A rendezvous with the Chancellor**

A formal meeting with Dr. Vijaya Bhaskar Choudary, the Chancellor of MITS was arranged. The meeting served as a platform to explore avenues for long-term academic and research collaboration between MITS and UNAM. The visiting Mexican delegation, comprising **Dr. Juan Carlos Hidalgo**, Director, Institute of Physical Sciences (ICF), National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), and **Dr. Mohan Kumar Kesarla**, Full-time Researcher-B and Leader of the Materials Science Group discussed on establishing strategic partnerships through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), promoting joint research initiatives, faculty and student exchange programmes, collaborative supervision of research scholars, participation in international conferences and the development of interdisciplinary research projects. Both institutions also promised to explore opportunities for collaborative funding proposals, knowledge sharing and innovation-driven partnerships in areas of mutual academic interest.





