IIT Delhi and AIIMS to establish Centre of Excellence for AI in healthcare

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A new model of collaboration between healthcare and AI technology research globally

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Center of Excellence for artificial intelligence (AI) in Healthcare (AI-CoE). The MoU was signed by Prof. M. Srinivas, Director, AIIMS Delhi, and Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director, IIT Delhi.

The AI-CoE will focus on developing AI-based solutions for supporting key national health programmes in the country. Last year, the two institutes were awarded a grant of Rs 330 crore by the Ministry of Education under the initiative "Make AI in India, Make AI Work for India," following a rigorous and highly competitive selection process. The proposed Centre of Excellence will be the executing vehicle for the grant.

Dr Krithika Rangarajan, Chief Project Manager, who will lead the initiative from AIIMS Delhi, said, "As we venture into this exciting new space, we look forward to guiding the marriage of healthcare with technology. We remain focused on keeping patients at the center of this effort and hope to build mechanisms that would benefit every citizen of the country."

Prof. Chetan Arora, Chief Project Manager, who will lead the AI-CoE from IIT Delhi, said, "The CoE will serve as a key research and resource center at the national and international level and aims to revolutionise the national public health system using indigenously developed AI systems and solutions. Our aim is to develop cutting-edge AI solutions to upscale health services, upskill our healthcare providers, and improve the accessibility of quality healthcare to remote and marginalised sections of our population."