



Report on MoU Signing with Jimma University, Ethiopia and Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Salem

Purpose of the Visit to Jimma University, Ethiopia: The visit was aimed at strengthening collaboration in research and faculty exchange between Jimma University, Jimma Institute of Technology (JIT), and Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University).

Key Highlights:

- April 9th, 2025:
 - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the President of Jimma University.
 - Focus: Enhancing research initiatives and training programs for the faculties of Jimma Institute of Technology.
 - Presentation about the VMRF Deemed University and two constituent Engineering Colleges of VMRF(DU) was delivered.
- April 10th, 2025:
 - Productive meetings were held with Jimma Institute of Technology (JIT) Deans to explore PhD scholarship opportunities for JIT faculty members.
 - A lecture titled on "Recent Developments in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare" was presented at Jimma Institute of Technology to Deans and Directors of various schools, shedding light on emerging technologies and innovations in the field of Healthcare using Artificial Intelligence.

Key focus areas of the lecture:

- 1. Emerging trends in AI applications in the healthcare sector.
- 2. Case studies showcasing transformative AI technologies.
- 3. Opportunities for academic and practical collaboration in AI research.

Impact: The visit reinforced the commitment to collaboration and opened pathways for future academic exchanges, including opportunities for advanced research and capacity building. The presentations and discussions served as a cornerstone for building stronger academic ties between





the institutions. After thorough discussions with Jimma University representatives the following request has been putforth:

- Joint collaborations between two universities in Journal Publications, Funding Projects, Patents and sharing the best practices.
- Full time Ph.D for faculty members of Jimma University in VMRF(DU)
- Short term training for faculty members of Jimma Institute of Technology in Artificial Intelligence and Bio Medical Engineering in VMRF(DU)

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Discussion with Deans & Directors

