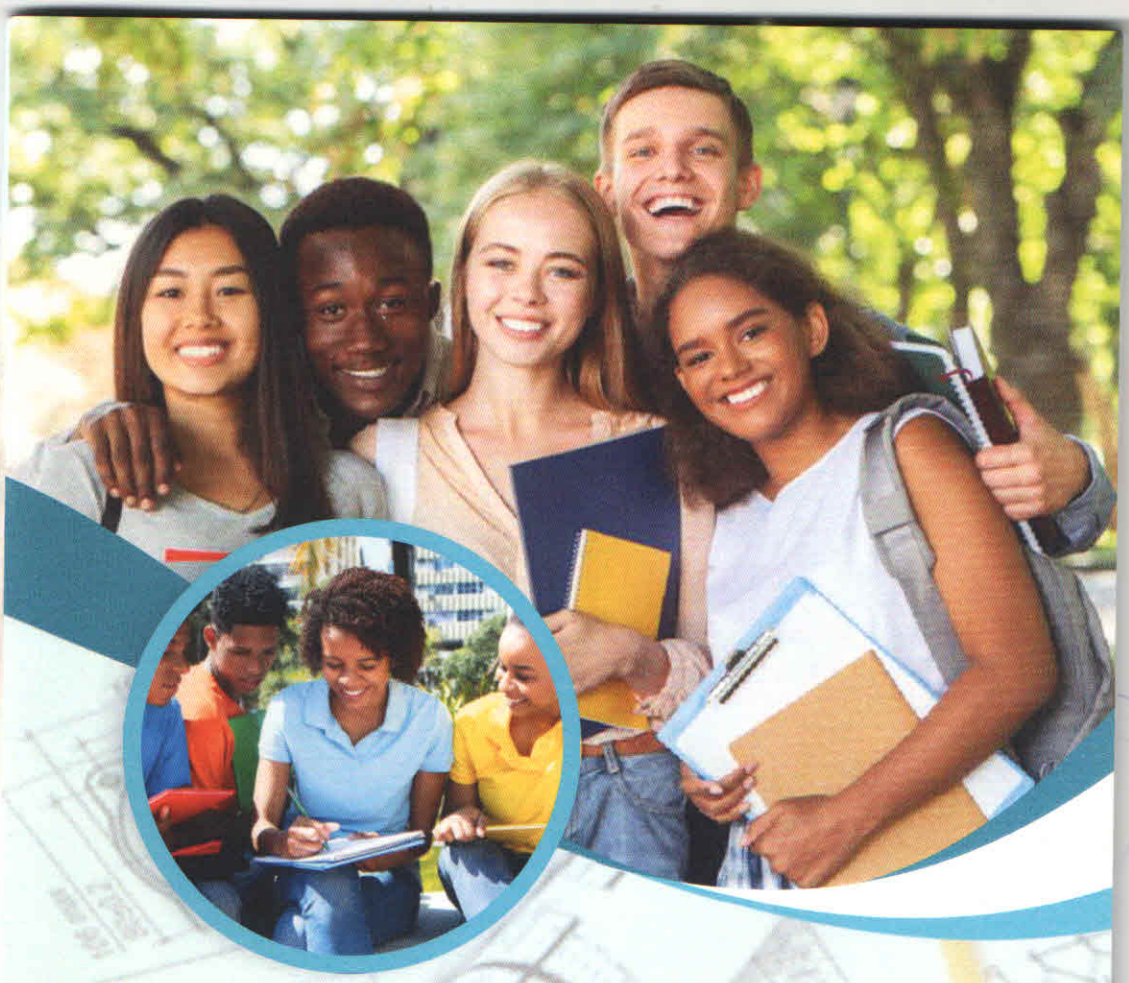

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QUAD SCHOLARSHIPS

ICCR Quad Scholarships 2025 - Globalizing STEM Education

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ABOUT ICCR

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) was founded by the first Education Minister of India, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, on April 9, 1950, to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programs pertaining to India's external cultural relations; to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries; and to promote cultural exchanges with other countries.

ICCR SCHOLARSHIPS

- In 1989, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) was entrusted with the responsibility of awarding scholarships to foreign students to study undergraduate, postgraduate, and PhD courses at Central/State Universities/Institutes in India. The purpose of awarding scholarships is not only to enable foreign students to pursue higher studies but also to foster and strengthen cultural, academic and institutional exchanges between India and other countries.

- Scholarships are provided under 20 scholarship schemes administered by ICCR, out of which 6 scholarship are funded from ICCR's own budget, 11 are administered on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs, and 3 on behalf of the Ministry of AYUSH.

- For the academic year 2025-26, 3962 scholarships have been offered to foreign students from 190 countries all over the world. At any given point in time, ICCR hosts around 7000 foreign students in India.

- Additionally, ICCR, on behalf of MEA, is also offering 50 Quad STEM Scholarships to the Indo-Pacific region for the year 2025-26.

- In order to further simplify and automate the scholarship process, ICCR has introduced several reforms, including digitization. All scholarship applications, fee payments to universities/institutes, disbursements of stipends/House Rent Allowance (HRA) to students etc. are now done online.

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QUAD STEM SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

- At the Quad Leaders' Summit 2024 held in Wilmington, Delaware, USA, India announced a new initiative to award 50 Quad scholarships to students from the Indo-Pacific region to pursue a 4-year undergraduate engineering program at a Government of India-funded technical institution.

- With its long standing experience in capacity building through scholarships, ICCR is proud to launch the Quad STEM Scholarship Scheme for the academic year 2025-26 for students from 40 Indo-Pacific countries to pursue B.Tech courses in India. The countries are :

  Bangladesh, Burundi, Cambodia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Indonesia, Kenya, Kiribati, Laos, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Marshall Islands, Rwanda, Samoa, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste , Tonga, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

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ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission process for the Quad STEM Scholarship Scheme through the digital platform Admission 2 Alumni (A2A) portal is as follows:

In order to streamline the scholarship application process and foster transparency and precision, ICCR launched the A2A portal in 2018 for receipt of online applications (https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in)

Steps for submission of Quad STEM Scholarship Scheme applications are as follows:

- Applicant should register on https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/home/register
- Applicant should indicate preference of five Indian universities/institutes out of the list of eight universities/institutes.
- The application will be forwarded on the portal to the preferred universities/institutes.
- Following this, the concerned university/institute will scrutinize the application.
- Provisional Admission Confirmation (PAC) will be uploaded by the university/institute on the A2A portal if the application is found fit.
- The Indian Embassy/Consulate will issue an offer letter to the applicant.
- Applicant will need to indicate his/her acceptance/rejection of the offer within seven days.
- Upon admission, the applicant is required to sign an undertaking to abide by the guidelines and provisions outlined in the ICCR Scholarship Manual 2025-26.
- The Indian Embassy/Consulate will issue the appropriate visa to the applicant and will facilitate the completion of travel formalities.
- The Indian Embassy/Consulate will upload the travel schedule of the student on the A2A portal.
- After completing his/her academic course, ICCR scholars are required to update their information on the India Alumni Portal. Link: https://indiaalumni.almaconnect.com/

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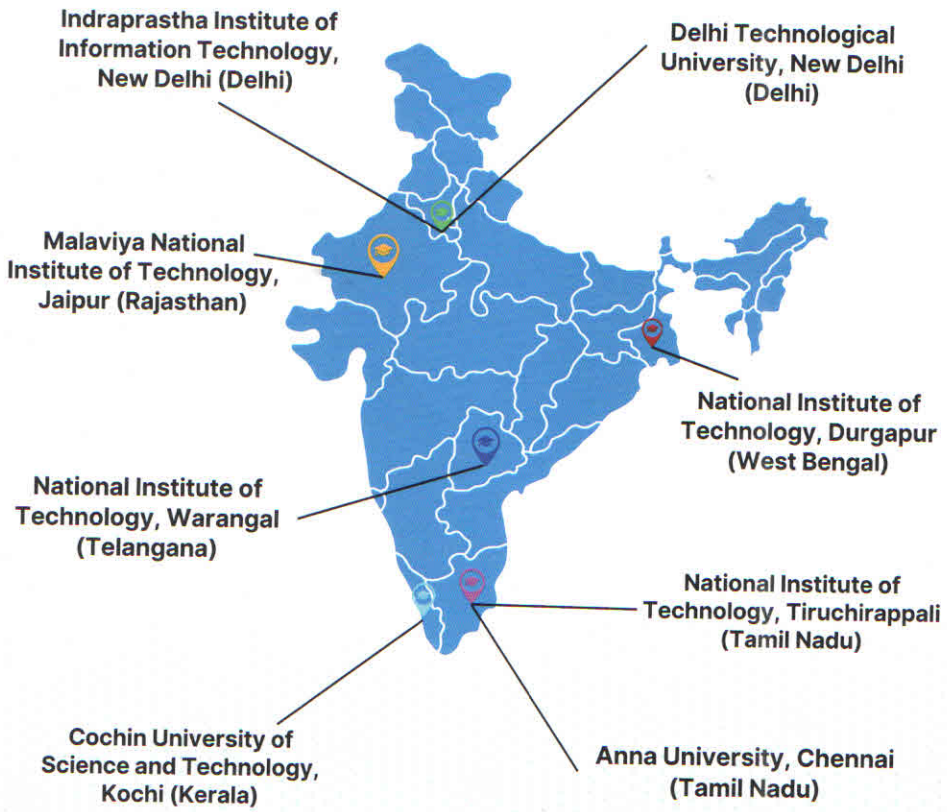
8 UNIVERSITIES / INSTITUTES SELECTED FOR THE QUAD STEM SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME



"Engineering a Global Community: Fostering International Connections through Education"

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THE ENGINEERING PASSPORT: UNLOCKING GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION (UNIVERSITIES)

1. Delhi Technological University, New Delhi (Delhi)

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Delhi Technological University (DTU), formerly Delhi College of Engineering (DCE), has been a hub of academic excellence, innovation, and entrepreneurship for over 83 years. Established in 1941, DTU has nurtured some of India's brightest minds, fostering an ecosystem of innovation, leadership, and global impact. The University offers interdisciplinary and industry-relevant programs across Science, Engineering, Management, and allied fields at undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral levels.

Consistently ranked among India's top Engineering institutions, DTU was ranked sixth in the University category and eighth among Government engineering colleges by India Today 2024. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2024 placed DTU at 27th among Engineering institutions, further cementing its academic reputation.

DTU offers a wide range of programs, including BTech in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical Engineering, along with MTech, MSc, Integrated BSc-MSc, and Doctoral programs. The university promotes cutting-edge research, technological advancements, and entrepreneurial ventures through its thriving incubation ecosystem.

With a dynamic student body of over 14,000, DTU boasts a distinguished faculty and a vibrant academic environment. Its global outreach extends to students from 50+ countries, enriching its diversity and international collaborations. Recently, DTU partnered with several leading Universities in the USA for collaborative research, faculty exchange programs, and sandwich programs, strengthening its global academic footprint and providing students with enhanced learning opportunities.

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2. Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi (Delhi)

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi (Delhi)

IIIT-Delhi was established by the Delhi Government under the IIIT-Delhi Act, 2007, empowering it to conduct research, offer educational programs, and grant degrees. In a short span, it has earned a reputation for excellence in IT and allied areas. Ranked 85 in NIRF 2024 (Engineering domain), 8th in CS ranking, and 13th in India Today University Ranking 2024 as top Engineering (Govt.) colleges in India, IIIT-Delhi stands as a premier hub of knowledge and innovation. With a mission to foster learning, knowledge creation, and dissemination for a thriving humanity, IIIT-Delhi envisions research with high scholarly impact and translational research addressing national challenges. The institute upholds values of integrity, compassion, trustworthiness, initiative, and freedom to pursue knowledge without fear or interference.

IIIT-Delhi offers B.Tech programs in the various fields of Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence (CSAI), Computer Science and Applied Mathematics (CSAM), Computer Science and Biosciences (CSB), Computer Science and Design (CSD), Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Computer Science and Social Sciences (CSSS), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), and Electronics and VLSI Engineering (EVE). With state-of-the-art infrastructure, a high-speed WiFi-enabled campus, climate-controlled hostels, and a modern sports complex, IIIT-Delhi ensures an enriching academic environment. IIIT-Delhi's culture of collaboration is the driving force for research innovation. The Institute has actively developed collaborations and strong working relationships with different reputed universities, research councils, policymakers, industry partners, and companies. The institute follows an industry-facing education model, offering project-based learning, continuous assessments, and global exposure through overseas fellowships and exchange programs.

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3. Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur (Rajasthan)

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Established in 1963 as a joint initiative of the Government of India and the Government of Rajasthan, Malaviya Regional Engineering College (MREC), Jaipur, commenced its academic journey with just 30 students each in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. In 1965, the institution shifted to its present campus in Jaipur, which spans 125 hectares and provides an inspiring environment for learning and innovation. Recognizing its academic distinction and commitment to technical education, the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, elevated it to the status of a National Institute of Technology (NIT) on June 26, 2002.

Today, MNIT Jaipur is a premier institute, fully funded by the MoE, committed to producing world-class engineers, researchers, and leaders. The 125-hectare MNIT Jaipur campus is a blend of modern architecture and natural beauty, providing an ideal learning environment. The campus is divided into three key functional sectors: Academic Sector housing state-of-the-art classrooms, research centers, and laboratories; the Residential Sector comprising hostels, faculty residences, and guest accommodations and Recreational & Support Facilities including sports complexes, cultural centers, and health services. MNIT Jaipur offers B.Tech programs in multiple fields including Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Metallurgical & Materials Engineering. MNIT Jaipur continues to uphold its legacy of excellence, shaping future leaders in Science and Technology while fostering a culture of innovation and research.

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4. National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (West Bengal)

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Established in 1960, NIT Durgapur is a premier Institute of National Importance, committed to excellence in education, research, and innovation. Ranked 48th in NIRF Engineering Ranking 2024 and among the top 100 in NIRF Overall Ranking 2024, the institute continues to shape future engineers and technologists. With an advanced curriculum, students benefit from full-semester internship opportunities and minor programs that enhance interdisciplinary learning.

NIT Durgapur actively participates in TEQIP-III and is a BRICS Network University, contributing to global research and technological advancements. The institute has played a key role in mentoring NIT Nagaland, NIT Arunachal Pradesh, Dumka Engineering College (Jharkhand). It is also a partner in the India-Australia Mineral Scholar Network Program on Green Steel and an active member of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan and Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan (West Bengal). NIT Durgapur offers B.Tech courses including: Biotechnology, Chemical Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Mathematics & Computing, Civil Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Metallurgical & Materials Engineering. With world-class faculty, cutting-edge research facilities, and a thriving campus life, NIT Durgapur continues to be a hub of innovation, entrepreneurship, and academic excellence.

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5. National Institute of Technology, Warangal (Telangana)

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The National Institute of Technology Warangal (formerly known as Regional Engineering College) is an Institute of National Importance (INI) established in 1959. The first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, laid the foundation stone on October 10, 1959, the first in the chain of NITs. Since then NIT, Warangal has built a strong reputation for excellence in teaching, research, and innovation over six decades.

NIT Warangal is a residential institute spread over a 248-acre green campus. The Institute is well known for its dedicated faculty, staff, and state-of-the-art infrastructure, which contribute to a healthy academic environment. The Institute currently has thirteen academic departments and a few advanced research centers in various disciplines of Engineering, Pure Sciences, and Management, with nearly 100 laboratories organized in a unique pattern of functioning, a central library with state-of-the-art facilities, an auditorium, a student activity center, a mega computer center (currently renamed as the Centre for Digital Infrastructure and Services (CDIS)), an indoor games complex, a big stadium, seminar halls with required infrastructure, an institute health center with state-of-the-art facilities, etc. A faculty of repute, a brilliant student community, excellent technical and supporting staff, and an effective administration have all contributed to the pre-eminent status of NIT Warangal. NIT Warangal offers UG, PG, and PhD programs in Engineering, Management Sciences, and Humanities. The institute is renowned for B.Tech and MBA. It provides B.Tech programs in various fields of Engineering, including Biotechnology, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Metallurgical & Materials Engineering. With a strong focus on student-centric education, interdisciplinary research, and industry collaboration, NIT Warangal continues to be a premier institute, producing distinguished alumni who contribute to the growth of the nation and global advancements in engineering and technology.

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6. National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappali (Tamil Nadu)

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The National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli (NIT-T), formerly known as Regional Engineering College (REC), was established in 1964 as a joint initiative of the Government of India and the Government of Tamil Nadu. It has grown into an institute of national importance, excelling in higher education, research, and consultancy.

The institute is spread over an 800-acre campus situated on the banks of the Cauvery River in Tamil Nadu. This includes sports facilities, hostel facilities, a hospital, a techno-gym, a post office, a State Bank of India (SBI) NIT branch with an ATM facility, a bookstall, a canteen, a swimming pool, and co-op stores. Ranked 9th among all engineering colleges and 1st among 31 NITs in the NIRF 2024 rankings by the Government of India, the institute was granted Deemed University status in 2003 by UGC/AICTE and the Government of India.

The institute offers undergraduate courses in eleven branches and postgraduate courses in twenty-three disciplines, including engineering, science, management, and arts, besides M.S. (by research) and Ph.D. in all the departments. The institute provides B.Tech courses in multiple disciplines: Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Instrumentation and Control Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgical & materials Engineering, and Production Engineering. With a legacy of innovation, academic excellence, and cultural diversity, NIT-T continues to be a premier institution, nurturing the next generation of leaders, researchers, and technocrats.

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7. Anna University, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)

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Established on 4th September 1978, Anna University is a premier institution named after Dr. C.N. Annadurai, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. It integrates four renowned technical institutions—College of Engineering (CEG—1794), Alagappa College of Technology (ACT—1944), Madras Institute of Technology (MIT—1949), and School of Architecture and Planning (SAP—1957)—offering advanced education in engineering, technology, architecture, and applied sciences. With a NAAC 'A++' grade, Anna University is 2nd in India in 'h' index citations, signifying its research excellence.

Recognized as a university with potential for excellence, it ranks 6th in the university category, 8th in engineering, and 13th overall in NIRF 2024. Its world-class infrastructure, expert faculty, and global partnerships make it a leader in technical education. The university envisions producing technically skilled professionals with ethical values, fostering industrial collaborations, and advancing research and innovation. It strives to provide quality education while upholding professional and ethical standards, contributing to societal growth. With various 32 UG and 90 PG level programs in its departments and its affiliated institutions, Anna University caters to over 7.21 lakh students and 14,023 Ph.D. scholars. The university offers diverse B.Tech programs including Information Technology, Aapparel Technology, Chemical Engineering, Food Technology, Industrial Biotechnology, Leather Technology, Pharmaceutical Technology, Textile Technology, Petroleum Engineering & Technology, and Rubber & Plastic Technology, alongside multiple B.E. and B.Arch. courses.

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8. Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi (Kerala)

Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi (Kerala)

Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), established in 1971, is a premier autonomous university in India dedicated to education and research in Science, Technology, and Engineering. The university has three campuses: the Main Campus (Thrikkakara), Lakeside Campus (Marine Drive, Ernakulam), and Engineering College Campus (Pulincunnoo, Alappuzha).

Guided by the motto 'Tejaswi navadhitamastu' (May learning illuminate us both, the teacher and the taught), CUSAT has made significant strides in academia and research. The university has attained world rankings and was ranked among the top 10 state public universities in India in the NIRF Ranking 2024, securing the 10th position among nearly 500 state public universities. It also achieved an overall ranking of 51 and a university ranking of 34 among 58,000 higher education institutions in India. Additionally, CUSAT has received an A+ grade accreditation from NAAC with a commendable score of 3.39 and has won the Chancellor's Award for the Best University in Kerala three times since 2017. Expanding its global footprint, CUSAT became the first university in Kerala to earn accreditation from the Institute of Analytics (IoA), recognizing the quality and rigor of its programs in data science, artificial intelligence, and business analytics. Furthermore, the university has consistently appeared in the Times Higher Education (THE) World Rankings since 2017.

The governance of the university is led by the Syndicate, Academic Council, and Senate, with the Syndicate serving as the chief executive body. Academically, CUSAT encompasses 10 faculties: Architecture, Engineering, Technology, Science, Marine Sciences, Medical Sciences and Technology, Environmental Studies, Humanities, Law, and Social Sciences.

CUSAT offers a four-year B.Tech program in various engineering disciplines, such as Civil Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Information Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Safety and Fire Engineering, Marine Engineering, Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding, Polymer Science & Engineering, and Instrumentation and Control Engineering.

The university's faculty-student ratio ensures quality education, and its Technology Business Incubation Centre has produced over 200 start-ups with 900 research collaborations, 150+ Molis, and 800 placements per year. CUSAT continues to excel in education, research, and innovation.

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