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Besu ties up with Canadian varsity

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KOLKATA, Nov. 25: The Bengal Engineering and Science University (Besu), Shibpur, today signed a letter of intent with the University of Windsor, Canada, for collaboration to conduct post-graduation and PhD courses in automobile engineering. The letter of intent was signed today on the Besu campus at a seminar organised to celebrate 150 years of the university.

“The letter of intent which paved the way for signing of a memorandum of understanding in January when the president of the University of Windsor, Dr Ross Paul, will be here, for setting up of a centre of excellence,” said Dr NR Banerjea, vice chancellor of Besu.

“The two universities will collaborate in the field of automobile and structural engineering, environment engineering and other aspects. This will include exchange of faculties and students,” said Dr G Reader, dean, department of engineering, the University of Windsor, who signed the agreement. Several PhD and post-graduate courses are expected to start within a year. “Automobile industry has huge prospects but future growth depends on how well the industry, government and institutes of education collaborate among themselves for furthering research and innovation,” said Dr Peter Frise, scientific director and CEO of Auto21 project of Canada.

Speakers at the seminar believed that in India the automobile industry was still way behind the international standards but was growing at a fast pace. “The entire world is looking at our country for setting up automobile manufacturing units because of cost and skilled labour-related advantages. We have an excellent opportunity in our hand as this will provide employment through not only the main units but also ancillary units like auto components manufacturing and boost our economy,” said Mr Nirupam Sen, state commerce and industry minister.

Mr Ravi Kant, MD of Tata Motors, said that though the future of automobile industry in India was bright, a lot was needed to be done like improving the infrastructure and customer expectations. “We have to improve on quality and technology without compromising on the cost advantage, that we have, to compete in the global market,” he said.

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