

Goa University Renews Collaboration with Sony India Software Centre to Strengthen Advanced Artificial Intelligence (AAI / आई) Laboratory Research



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Goa University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sony Research India (now part of Sony India Software Centre) on 14th August 2025 to establish the Advanced Artificial Intelligence (AAI) Laboratory at the Goa University campus. The AAI Laboratory is the first industry-supported laboratory of its kind at Goa University, established to promote research, innovation, and industry–academia collaboration. Under the agreement, Sony sponsors and supports the AAI Laboratory to facilitate cutting-edge research in Artificial Intelligence, along with a fellowship programme aimed at encouraging advanced research and nurturing young researchers in emerging AI technologies.

Further strengthening this engagement Goa University renewed their collaboration with Sony India Software Centre through the signing of a renewal agreement on 23rd September 2026. The renewal reaffirms the commitment of both institutions to advancing research, innovation, and academic excellence in Artificial Intelligence and related technologies.

The renewal agreement was signed at Goa University in the presence of Dr. Pankaj Wasnik (Director – T&D), Ms. Ashwini Matamudre (Associate Director - Business Operations) and Mr. Arithy MV (Manager – Strategy & Partnerships) from Sony India Software Centre along with Goa University dignitaries Sr. Prof. Rajendra Gad (Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor), Prof. Sunder Dhuri (Registrar), Prof. Sandeep Garg (Directorate of Internship Incubation and Industry Partnership (DI3P)), Sr. Prof. Vidhyadatta Verenkar (Dean, School of Chemical Sciences), Prof. Anuradha Wagle (Dean, Shenoi

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The renewed collaboration will further strengthen the engagement between the two institutions and provide opportunities for researchers from Sony to participate in the academic and research activities of Goa University. The renewal marks an important milestone in the continuing association between Goa University and Sony.

About Goa University

Goa University was established under the Goa University Act of 1984 (Act No. 7 of 1984) and commenced operations on 1st June 1985. The University is included under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and awarded the status 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956 by the University Grants Commission. The University provides higher education in the Indian state of Goa. Goa University Research Park Unit (GURU) has been set up to coordinate activities of the University related to innovation, incubation, entrepreneurship and industrial interaction. GURU provides a platform for industries to join the University to build on intellectual capital. GURU is to serve as a link between industry and academia.

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