

Renewal of MoU Between BIRD-Kolkata and IIBM-Guwahati: Strengthening Collaborative Capacity Building in Rural Banking

Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Kolkata and the Indian Institute of Bank Management (IIBM), Guwahati have renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 06 June 2025 for a period of three years, reaffirming their commitment to collaborative efforts in training, research, and consultancy in the domain of rural and agricultural banking. The MoU was formally signed by Shri Arobinda Kumar Sarkar, Joint Director of BIRD- Kolkata and Shri Eugene E Karthak, Director of IIBM, Guwahati.

Purpose and Scope of the MoU

This renewed agreement builds upon the strong foundation of cooperation between the two institutions and outlines a shared vision to:

- Jointly conduct training programmes in areas such as Agricultural Banking, Hi-Tech Agriculture, FPO Financing, Retail Banking, and Financial Inclusion, etc.
- Facilitate faculty exchange to leverage domain expertise from both the institutions. IIBM brings strengths in Retail Banking, Credit Monitoring and Microfinance, while BIRD contributes its deep knowledge in Agricultural Banking and FPO financing.
- Undertake collaborative research and consultancy assignments focused on banking, finance, and economic development in the Eastern and North Eastern regions of India.
- Develop region-specific case studies and training materials tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities in these regions.

Both institutions have agreed to jointly plan, implement and evaluate training programmes. They will also coordinate administrative responsibilities and share costs on mutually agreed terms for each collaborative initiative. The MoU emphasizes transparency, mutual respect and a commitment to excellence in all joint undertakings. Photograph of the occasion is appended below.

