Quantitative Evidence

- **Research Projects with Agencies**:
  - DST: **25 projects**
  - DBT: **9 projects**
  - ICMR: **4 projects**
  - MeitY: **2 projects**
  - IEEE collaborations: **2 projects**
  - IIT partnerships: **5 projects**
- **MoUs signed by Women Faculty**:
  - Example: Dr. Ranjitha Prasad signed MoU with **MeitY & IndiaAI** → 1 national-level flagship project (NishPaksh).
- **International Collaboration (IRAS-HUB)**:
  - Consortium of **9 Indian & EU partners**.
  - Participation of **30+ women students and researchers** in roundtables and skill-development sessions.
- **Incubation Centre (DST/MeitY/Delhi Govt.)**:
  - **20+ start-ups incubated**, including **women-led STEM ventures**.
  - **Funding support** provided in the range of ₹10–50 lakhs for select ventures.
- **AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF)**:
  - Fellowship offered since **2020**, with **~67% of awardees being women**.
  - Stipend: ₹31,000–35,000/month.
  - Supported areas: AI, ML, IoT, Quantum Computing, Cybersecurity, Sustainable Energy, etc.
- **Virtual Labs Consortium (Ministry of Education)**:
  - **20+ million page views** nationwide (up from 2 million).
  - **Thousands of women students** benefit from remote access, especially from rural and underrepresented regions.

Qualitative Evidence

- **MoU Impact (NishPaksh Project)**: Developed by Dr. Ranjitha Prasad, NishPaksh ensures **fairness, transparency, and accountability in AI systems** across critical sectors (healthcare, finance, governance). It sets a **national benchmark for ethical AI**.
- **Gender Research Leadership**:
  - Dr. Paro Mishra led **Femtech & Reproductive Health Surveillance** project → advancing critical discourse on how technology shapes women's reproductive rights.
  - Projects on **Gender Imbalance & Marriage Migration** and **Datafied Body Projects in India** highlight **IIIT-Delhi's role in gendered technology and social studies research**.

- **International Recognition**:
  - Visit of **Ms. Roxana Mînzatu (European Commission)** to IIIT-Delhi → endorsement of institute's inclusive academic ecosystem.
  - Roundtable on *Women in STEM* with **female UG/PG students** → enabled sharing of aspirations and challenges, fostering cross-cultural mentoring.
- **COVID-19 Research Impact**:
  - Dr. Gayatri Nair and colleagues delivered a seminar on **Labour Precarity under COVID-19**, directly addressing the gendered impact of the pandemic on women workers.
- **Incubation Support**:
  - Women-led start-ups incubated at IIIT-Delhi have explored **health-tech, AI tools, and urban tech solutions**. This strengthens women's role as innovators and entrepreneurs.
- **Virtual Labs Accessibility**:
  - By removing geographical and infrastructural barriers, Virtual Labs allow **women students from smaller cities to access the same experiments as peers in metros**, democratizing STEM education.

IIIT-Delhi Sets a New Benchmark: Ph.D. Fellowship Increased to ₹60,000 per Month to Strengthen Research Culture

New Delhi, [10th March, 2025]: Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (IIIT-Delhi) has taken a groundbreaking step to enhance research excellence by **raising its Ph.D. fellowship from ₹37,000 to ₹60,000 per month, the highest in the country.** This bold move surpasses **UGC and DST standards** and is designed to foster a **thriving research culture**; ensuring scholars have the financial security to fully dedicate themselves to innovation and discovery.

Prof. Ranjan Bose, Director, IIIT-Delhi, says: "*The increased Ph.D. fellowship aligns with the vision of advancing research excellence by attracting the best students in the country, fostering high-quality, impactful research, and empowering our students to make meaningful contributions to global scientific progress."*

IIIT-Delhi is committed to creating a research ecosystem that **nurtures curiosity, promotes interdisciplinary collaboration, and encourages global engagement**. With this increased fellowship, scholars will benefit from:

- **Highest Fellowship in the Country** – ₹60,000 per month (including HRA)
- **Global Research Exposure** – Additional **₹1.5 lakh support for international lab visits**, providing scholars with opportunities to work with **top researchers worldwide**
- **Financial Support for Conferences & Workshops** – **Professional Development Allowance (PDA) of ₹2.5 lakhs**, enabling scholars to present their work at prestigious platforms
- **Research Contingency Grant** – ₹20,000 per year for five years to cover essential research expenses
- **One-Time Laptop Grant** – ₹50,000 to equip scholars with the necessary tools for their research
- **State-of-the-Art Research Infrastructure** – Access to world-class **labs, high-performance computing resources, and advanced research tools**
- **Interdisciplinary & Industry-Driven Research** – Scholars will have the opportunity to work on **cutting-edge problems across AI, computational biology, cybersecurity, human-centered design, mathematics, and social sciences**, often in collaboration with **leading industry partners and global institutions**
- **Dedicated Faculty Mentorship** – IIIT-Delhi's highly accomplished faculty provide **close guidance and mentorship** to help scholars **shape their research careers**

Highlighting the key advantages of this initiative**, Dr. Sumit Darak, Dean (Academic Affairs),** states that *the revised PhD stipend and subsidized hostel fee are significant steps toward bridging the gap between the current stipend and industry pay scales, ensuring that IIIT-Delhi attracts top talent to its PhD program. Additionally, support for conference travel and two-week international visits will strengthen collaborations with renowned labs worldwide. IIIT-Delhi is also known for its rigorous evaluation process*

throughout the PhD program, ensuring high-quality, impactful research and enhancing the employability of its graduates.

With this enhanced support structure, IIIT-Delhi **invites highly motivated research aspirants** to join its Ph.D. program and **contribute to groundbreaking discoveries** that will shape the future of technology and society.

More details can be found here: https://iiitd.ac.in/admission/phd-fellowhsip