



Nayanta University and University College Cork Strengthen India–Ireland Academic Ties Through Strategic Partnership

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Nayanta University, Pune, and University College Cork (UCC), Ireland, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore opportunities for collaboration across student and faculty exchange, joint academic programmes, and research initiatives. The MoU was signed during a visit by Dr Ranjan Banerjee, Vice Chancellor and Professor, Nayanta University, to the UCC campus in Cork on 25 May 2026. The partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing international engagement and strengthening educational ties between India and Ireland. Drawing on the rich academic commitment by both institutions, the collaboration seeks to create opportunities for academic exchange, collaborative learning, and research, while fostering deeper cultural understanding. Recognising sustainability as a shared priority, this area is one of the first avenues for meaningful collaboration towards strengthening the undergraduate experience at both universities.

Speaking on the collaboration, Dr Ranjan Banerjee, Vice Chancellor and Professor, Nayanta University, said, “Universities today have a responsibility to prepare students for a world that is increasingly interconnected, complex, and collaborative. Our partnership with University College Cork reflects a shared belief in interdisciplinary learning and academic exchange. India and Ireland share a long tradition of intellectual and cultural legacy, and we seek to build on that through meaningful partnerships between students, faculty, and researchers. We look forward to creating opportunities that enrich learning while advancing knowledge across disciplines and geographies.”

Professor John O’Halloran, President, University College Cork, said, “We are delighted to establish this partnership with Nayanta University and to explore opportunities for collaboration across education and research. Universities have an important role to play in fostering international understanding and creating knowledge that contributes to society. This agreement provides a valuable framework for connecting our students and faculty, encouraging the exchange of ideas and perspectives, strengthening academic links between Ireland and India, and contributing to creating sustainable future for us all. We look forward to working together in the years ahead.”

University College Cork, founded in 1845, is one of Ireland's leading universities with a strong reputation for teaching, research, and international engagement. UCC is consistently ranked in the top 10 most sustainable universities in the world in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking.

As Nayanta welcomes its initial undergraduate cohorts, the University continues to build relationships with leading institutions around the world to expand opportunities for global learning, research, and academic collaboration.

About Nayanta University

Nayanta University, a new multidisciplinary institution based in Pune, is committed to bringing together the arts, sciences, technology, and public thought in a student-centred learning environment through a balance of cultural and technical literacy. Shaped by visionary leaders like Naushad Forbes, Kris Gopalakrishnan, Nadir Godrej, Meher Pudumjee, among others, and a strategic partnership with CII, Nayanta is grounded in its commitment to real-world learning and celebrating diverse dimensions of excellence. The university offers a four-year residential undergraduate programme in BA (Honours) and BSc (Honours) with an interdisciplinary foundation in arts, sciences, and technology, and majors including economics, computer science, history, psychology, sustainability studies, and literature; to prepare the next generation of ethical and responsible leaders.