PRESS NOTE

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SRM *AP* Signs MoU with Qbit Force to Advance Quantum Research and Academic Collaboration

Turning quantum physics into practical computing hardware requires close alignment between university laboratories and engineering enterprises. SRM University-*AP*, Amaravati took a major step in this direction by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Qbit Force to formalise a long-term partnership spanning industry collaboration, joint research, and academic training. The agreement was signed by Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of SRM *AP* and Dr L Venkata Subramaniam, Chief Executive Officer of Qbit Force.

Through this agreement, academic researchers and commercial quantum engineers will work side by side to support the National Quantum Mission while measuring institutional progress against global standards.

Addressing the gathering, Dr L Venkata Subramaniam commended the open academic system at SRM *AP*. He emphasised that the two organisations must operate as one integrated team and noted that joint technical projects are already underway between both groups, and that this formal agreement will accelerate their shared contributions to the National Quantum Mission and strengthen their presence in the global quantum ecosystem.

Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar reflected on the institutional effort involved in establishing the Quantum Facility from the ground up. Pointing to the culture of applied innovation taking shape across the campus, Prof. Satish Kumar said the formalised partnership with Qbit Force gives faculty and students a clear avenue to translate laboratory ideas into practical global technologies.

Prof. Somnath Bhattacharya, Dean of Quantum Technology Institute, remarked that developing deep quantum capability is a long undertaking with miles still to go. Prof. C V Tomy, Dean of the School of Engineering and Sciences, observed that SRM *AP* has assembled the right mixture of scientific talent, experimental facilities, and institutional support to meet ambitious technical milestones. He added that the university must continually compare its research output against the highest global benchmarks.

Over recent months, the university has expanded its deep-tech footprint through its Quantum and AI Innovation Centre and its dedicated Quantum Facility, while faculty and students have pursued applied work across cryptography, advanced computing, materials science, and cybersecurity. By embedding open industry partnerships directly into its academic programmes and laboratory workflows, SRM University-*AP* is steadily building an interdisciplinary research ecosystem in Amaravati that trains graduates on live experimental systems and prepares them to contribute to global scientific progress.