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# New IISER director's vision: 'Will try to make it a hub of collaborations'

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Tripathi also aims to encourage IISER students (https://www.speakingtree.in/topics/people/students) to contribute to indigenous science in India rather than settling overseas after their studies.

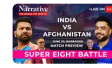
To achieve this, he plans to collaborate with adjoining research laboratories in the region, drawing inspiration from the former Panjab University vice-chancellor's concept of bringing research centres together.

"We would like most of our students to come back to the country, instead of settling overseas and work to enhance our indigenous science. For this, we need to collaborate with the adjoining laboratories within the Tricity," said Prof Tripathi. He said, "I am inspired by former PU vice-chancellor Prof Arun Grover's concept of trying to bring all the research centres together."

Tripathi said he believes in rigorous scientific processes. While Covid-19 vaccine development was fast-tracked due to the health emergency, the same approach cannot be adopted for other vaccine/drug developments, he said.



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