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Singapore, July 17: After signing six agreements with Indian universities, Singapore Management University (SMU) is now set to sign an MoU with IIM Lucknow as part of its plan to expand its executive education programme in the country.

SMU is ready to launch a number of higher educational programmes in India this month onwards, SMU's Deputy President for Academic Affairs, Rajendran K. Srivastava, said today.

"We want to link up and work with Indian universities as they provide us a landing spot to do research work in India," he said.

SMU has signed six MoUs with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore; the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur; the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi; the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute, Mumbai; the Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH), Noida; and the Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak.

SMU would soon be signing another MoU with IIM Lucknow for a programme in executive education in the Delhi region.

A team from SMU would work with IIT Kanpur from the month-end to co-design a masters' programme in innovations.

"We already have one such programme at SMU but we are going to adapt it to the Indian context," Srivastava said.

SMU would also conduct a programme with the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute on financial strategy for small and medium enterprises by September.

It would also join IIM Bangalore for a programme for Certification in Wealth Management in late September.

Explaining its interest in India, he said, "We are finding people that we can work with on similar skills that we have and develop executive programmes."

Srivastava said the SMU links with Indian universities were part of its global link-up but with the focus on Asia, including China and South-East Asia.