

IISWBM, Russian univ in exchange programme

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Kolkata: India's oldest management school, Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM), inaugurated its first student exchange programme with the Moscow State Linguistic University, on Tuesday.

Inaugurated just two months after the institute celebrated its 70th anniversary, the programme's first edition will allow six IISWBM students to study management at Moscow for a semester while six Russian students will study at IISWBM. The first batch of exchange students are set to

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leave for Moscow in the last week of June. "We are the oldest B-school in the country. We hope this programme will expand over the coming years to diverse programmes and exchange destinations," said IISWBM professor, Gairik Das.

On Tuesday, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at the institute between IISWBM director, Dipankar Das Gupta, and Consul General of Russia to Kolkata, Alexey Idamkin. The project was the brainchild of Moscow-based translator Debasmita Moulick, who was also present at the MoU signing. "The exchange was being planned for several months and finally came to fruition on Tuesday," said Moulick. The programme will be valid for the next five years.