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President Kennedy announced today formation of an educational consortium representing nine United States universities and institutes of technology to help in the development of the Indian Institute of Technology at Kanpur, India.

Participating in the consortium, which is being sponsored by the new United States Agency for International Development (AID) are:

California Institute of Technology, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Case Institute of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ohio State University, Princeton University, Purdue University, University of California, and University of Michigan.

"This is the first time such a consortium has been used in United States aid programs in the field of education," the President noted. "I am delighted that these nine major centers of knowledge and learning have been willing to pool their resources, in ~~cooperation~~ with the Agency for International Development, to cooperate in the development of advanced education facilities in India in this important phase of her Third Five Year Plan.

The success of this cooperative enterprise will be a model for other similar efforts on the part of the United States to share our educational and technical resources with the peoples of the developing nations of the world.

"I am particularly hopeful that Prime Minister Nehru will consider this project a souvenir of his visit."

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