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India-Mexico Friendship - Beginning of a New Era of
Science Technology and Industry Collaborations

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of the Republic of India (CSIR) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (AMEXCID, SRE) of the United Mexican States for advancement in research, technological development and innovation cooperation

New Delhi, 4th March 2023: In an landmark milestone in S&T Cooperation between India and Mexico, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Research, Technology and Innovation cooperation was signed between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) under the Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST) of the Republic of India and the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States.

The MoU shall facilitate cooperation in the areas of research, technological development/deployment, innovation and capacity building, with an objective to expand knowledge and strengthen Intuitional capacities in both the countries. The collaboration would focus in the areas of Aerospace, Electronics Instrumentation & Strategic Sectors; Civil, Infrastructure & Engineering; Ecology, Environment, Earth, Ocean Sciences & Water; Mining, Minerals, Metals & Materials; Chemicals & Petrochemicals; Energy & Energy Devices; Agriculture, Nutrition & Biotechnology; and Healthcare. Special focus on technology and industry collaboration has been structured in the MoU (supporting start-up ecosystem and existing industry through technology partnerships, tailor-making each other's technologies/products and demonstration/deployment, establishing joint outreach centres and capacity building centres).

A presentation giving an overview of CSIR and showcasing its technological and research prowess including specific developments in Aerospace, Healthcare, Energy, Water, Intelligent sensors Minerals, Mining and Materials, Oil & Gas sectors, sparked interest and ignited discussions leading to identification of specific priority topics for focused technological partnership, namely Healthcare (Vaccines), Energy (Lithium value chain), Water (Desalination and Atmospheric Water Generation Units).

Hon'ble Minister of S&T, Government of India and Vice President, CSIR Society, Shri Jitendra Singh welcomed the dignitaries. In his remarks, Shri Jitendra said India and Mexico have a lot of similarity in geopolitical conditions, culture S&T and have similar hemodynamics. Emphasizing on the great potential for collaboration between India and Mexico, Hon'ble Minister appreciated CSIR and DG, CSIR for taking forward industrial and technological

collaboration ignited during the last visit of Mexican Foreign Affairs Minister in March 2022. He was very happy to see start-up companies in the Mexican delegation and encouraged partnerships for sustainable start-up ecosystem in India and Mexico.



Hon'ble Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh, said that this MoU would be a stepping stone for developing and building future Industrial cooperation between India and Mexico and CSIR being one of the oldest Industrial institution of India, with the widest spectrum of research capabilities, with 37 laboratories working in almost all the industrial sectors is the most appropriate partner for technology collaboration.

Thanking H.E. Marcelo Ebrard, Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico for his visit to India to ink this MoU, H.E. Dr. Jitendra Singh highlighted the importance given by Mexican government to this collaboration.

H.E. Marcelo Ebrard, thanked our Hon'ble minister for his valuable support and time for his cooperation and indicated that S&T collaboration with India is one of the top priority of Mexico and this MoU between CSIR and AMEXCID, Mexico would culminate into a special relationship and close industrial partnership between the two Nations. He appreciated India's support extended to Mexico during the COVID pandemic period and stated that Mexico remembers this support.

Dr N Kalaiselvi, DG, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR said that the MoU has been planned and finalized after several rounds of discussions since the last visit of Mexican delegation led by Hon'ble Minister Marcelo Ebrard to CSIR in March 2022 and extended her support towards building this cooperation. CSIR strongly supported the proposal of Mexico to focus collaboration to begin with in Water, Lithium and Vaccines and highlighted the rich capabilities and capacity of CSIR in these areas.

Dr. Javier Davila, the Director General of International Development Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico extended a hearty thanks to CSIR and the leadership which helped in formalizing this cooperation and indicated this as a first among many deliberations and technology collaboration between India and Mexico.

Mr. G. Srinivas, Additional Secretary (LAC), Ministry of External Affairs, Gol catalysed the discussions and identification of cooperation priorities

considering India's vision and the ongoing discussions between the two countries.

H.E. Federico Salas Lotfe, Ambassador of Mexico to India and Dr N. Kalaiselvi, DG, CSIR signed the MoU in presence of the Hon'ble Ministers of India and Mexico.



CSIR, India thanked the Foreign Affairs Ministry of India and Mexico and AMEXCID and the support of our governments towards this cooperation.


