

**Agreement on Scientific and Technological Co-operation
between
the Government of the Republic of India
and
the Government of Ireland**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Ireland (henceforth referred to as 'the Parties'),

Desiring to further develop friendly relationships and to promote, for peaceful purposes, co-operation in the field of science and technology between the two countries;

Recognising the need to consolidate joint activities at a time when scientific knowledge is being dynamically expanded and deepened, and scientific research and development are becoming internationalised; and

Recognising the favourable impact of scientific and technological co-operation on the endeavours of both countries to increase trade and create closer economic co-operation between them,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall in accordance with their capabilities and common interests and within the framework of their respective laws and regulations, including obligations under international law, encourage and develop co-operation in Science and Technology between the two countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 2

The Parties can undertake the following co-operation in appropriate ways:

1. Reciprocal visits of scientists, researchers, technicians and trainees for visits, study tours and advanced studies;
2. Joint research on projects and programmes of mutual interest;
3. Organisation of bilateral scientific technical meetings and participation in conferences, symposia and seminars; and
4. Other forms of scientific and technological co-operation as may be agreed by the Parties.

Article 3

The Parties shall implement this Agreement according to the principle of mutual benefit.

Article 4

Pursuant to the aims of this Agreement, the Parties shall encourage and promote co-operation between their scientific institutions, research centres, institutions of higher education and enterprises; and the conclusion of particular implementing arrangements for the conduct of such cooperative activities under this Agreement.

Article 5

Each party shall use its best efforts to facilitate, in accordance with its laws and regulations, the entry to and exit from its territory of personnel and equipment of the other country engaged on or used in projects and programmes under this Agreement.

Article 6

1. The responsibility for implementing this Agreement shall rest with the Department of Science and Technology (DST) of the Government of the Republic of India and with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment (D/ET&E) of the Government of Ireland (henceforth referred to as 'the Implementing Agencies').
2. The Implementing Agencies undertake to keep in frequent contact for the effective implementation of this Agreement.
3. The Implementing Agencies agree to create a Working Group and to hold working sessions as necessary, alternately in the two countries, to review and discuss the development of the scientific and technological co-operation between them and to discuss matters related to the implementing arrangements of this Agreement.

Article 7

This Agreement shall come into force thirty days after the Parties have notified each other that the constitutional requirements for its entry into force have been fulfilled. The Agreement shall remain in force until terminated by either Party by giving written notice through diplomatic channels, in which case this Agreement shall terminate six months after the date on which the notice has been received by the other Party. Such termination of the Agreement will not affect collaborative activities already initiated.

Done in duplicate in New Delhi on this 19th day of January 2006, in two original copies, in Hindi and the English language, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of the
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For the Government of Ireland

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