



Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) Partner to Drive Innovation Across India's Industrial Corridors

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The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a collaborative framework for leveraging CSIR's R&D expertise and innovative technologies across India's upcoming industrial corridors.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR, and Shri Rajat Kumar Saini, IAS, CEO & MD, NICDC. It was formally executed by Dr. Vibha Malhotra Sawhney, Outstanding Scientist and Head, Technology Management Directorate, CSIR, and Mr. Vikas Goel, General Manager (CS & Marketing), NICDC, at CSIR Headquarters, New Delhi. Senior officials from both organizations were also present.

This strategic partnership seeks to foster self-reliant, innovation-led industrial ecosystems aligned with key national initiatives such as *Make in India*, *Startup India*, and *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*. The collaboration will promote the establishment of R&D hubs, industrial incubators, and innovation centres within smart cities to strengthen industry-academia-research linkages and accelerate the growth of high-tech enterprises.

A key focus of the partnership will be identifying, adapting, and deploying advanced technologies to enhance productivity, operational efficiency, and environmental sustainability across sectors. Priority areas include industrial automation, biotechnology, renewable energy, advanced materials, digital manufacturing, robotics, aerospace, infrastructure engineering, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, scientific instrumentation, agro-processing, and sustainability-driven utilities.

This MoU marks a significant step toward integrating scientific innovation with industrial growth to strengthen India's position as a global manufacturing and technology leader.



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