

CSIR–National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research (NIScPR) signed an MoU with Science City of Andhra Pradesh to Strengthen Science Communication and STI Policy Research

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The CSIR–National Institute of Science Communication and Policy Research has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Science City of Andhra Pradesh (SCAP) to strengthen science communication and promote collaborative research in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) policy. This collaboration aims to advance evidence-based policymaking, enhance public understanding of science through science communication initiatives, and foster a robust scientific ecosystem through joint initiatives in research, training, and outreach.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Geetha Vani Rayasam, Director, CSIR-NIScPR and Sri Venkateswarlu Kesineni, CEO, Science City of Andhra Pradesh (SCAP), in the presence of Sri M.T. Krishna Babu, Special Chief Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh and senior officials from both institutions. From NIScPR side, Dr. Yogesh Suman, Chief Scientist; and Dr. N.K. Prasanna, Principal Scientist, will be nodal officers for taking forward the initiatives envisaged in the MoU.

Key Benefits of the MoU:

- Strengthening science communication and scientific awareness across state of Andhra Pradesh
- Promoting collaborative research in STI policy and supporting evidence-based decision-making
- Capacity building through training programmes, workshops, and mentoring initiatives
- Facilitating knowledge sharing, joint publications, and academic support
- Benefiting students, faculty, researchers, and scholars from school to university levels

Major Collaborative Activities:

- Joint research projects and publications in science communication and STI policy
- Organization of seminars, workshops, conferences, and training programmes
- Development of educational and training materials
- Mentorship and academic guidance for students and research scholars

- Promotion of scientific journals and knowledge resources
- Outreach initiatives aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This marks a significant step towards strengthening the interface among science, policy, and society, contributing to a knowledge-driven, innovation-oriented ecosystem in Andhra Pradesh.



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