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A high-level delegation led by Dr. Eva Ortega-Paíno, Secretary General, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Govt of Spain, called on Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh at Kartvaya Bhawan, here today and today held high-level discussions primarily on astrophysics collaboration as well as strengthening India-Spain cooperation in science, technology and innovation, with focus on emerging technologies, industrial research, innovation-driven partnerships and astrophysics.

The meeting reflected the growing momentum in India-Spain scientific engagement and the shared commitment of both countries to deepen collaboration in futuristic and technology-driven sectors. The discussions covered areas including circular economy, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, advanced materials, digital health, medical devices, biotechnology, space sciences and industrial innovation.

The Spanish delegation was led by Dr. Eva Ortega-Paíno, Secretary General, Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities, Spain. The delegation also included Dr. José Moisés Martín, Director-General, Centre for Technological Development and Innovation (CDTI). Senior officials and scientists from the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for the Ministry of Science of Technology (Govt of India) and associated scientific institutions participated in the meeting.

Dr. Jitendra Singh appreciated the decade-long India-Spain partnership in industrial R&D and said that the bilateral science and technology engagement has steadily expanded into several cutting-edge domains. He expressed satisfaction that collaborative programmes between the two countries have generated productive research outcomes and commercially relevant technologies benefiting industries and innovation ecosystems on both sides.

The Minister welcomed the growing participation of industries, startups, innovators and research institutions under the India-Spain collaborative framework and said the partnership has created new opportunities for technology development, innovation-led growth and scientific advancement.

During the discussions, both sides reviewed ongoing cooperation mechanisms and explored ways to further strengthen institutional linkages, industry participation and researcher collaborations. The meeting also witnessed discussions on expanding cooperation in astrophysics and other mega-science initiatives of mutual interest.

India and Spain also exchanged views on promoting collaboration in biomedical sciences, oncology research, biotechnology and innovation networks, while encouraging greater synergy between academic institutions, scientific organizations and industries.

The two sides acknowledged that India-Spain cooperation in science and technology has evolved significantly over the past two decades and agreed to explore new thematic areas aligned with emerging global scientific priorities and technological transformations.

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment of India and Spain to further deepen bilateral cooperation in science, technology and innovation and to build stronger partnerships for research, industrial development and knowledge-sharing in the years ahead.





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