



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh delivers inaugural address at BRICS Science Ministerial Meet at Chennai

**Dr Jitendra Singh defines India's Global Outreach in Science,
Technology and Innovation under PM Modi**

**Dr. Jitendra Singh Advocates collective effort for Accessible,
Affordable, Trusted and Sustainable Innovation**

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The 14th BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Ministerial Meeting began here with an inaugural address by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, who defined India's growing global outreach in science, technology and innovation under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Welcoming the delegations from BRICS member countries, Dr. Jitendra Singh said India has chosen "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability" as the theme of its BRICS Presidency in 2026. The theme reflects the shared conviction that science, technology and innovation must serve humanity by enhancing resilience, driving inclusive growth, promoting sustainable development and fostering equitable partnerships among nations.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said the world is undergoing rapid transformation driven by emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, quantum technologies, advanced materials, biotechnology, photonics, geospatial technologies and high-performance computing. While these technologies are creating unprecedented opportunities for progress, they also call for stronger international collaboration to ensure that innovation remains accessible, affordable, trusted and sustainable.

He said BRICS, with its vast population, scientific talent and growing research capabilities, is well placed to foster a cooperative, responsible and future-oriented innovation ecosystem. Dr. Jitendra Singh also acknowledged the contribution of the STI Steering Committee, Senior Officials and various STI Working Groups in sustaining dialogue and translating it into practical cooperation and tangible outcomes.

The Minister said BRICS STI cooperation has evolved into a robust platform encompassing research collaboration, innovation partnerships, young scientist exchanges, research infrastructures and thematic working groups. During India's Presidency, a comprehensive review of BRICS STI priorities was being undertaken to align cooperation with emerging scientific and technological frontiers and the developmental aspirations of societies.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said India remains committed to advancing an open, inclusive and human-centric approach to science and innovation. He referred to India's initiatives including the National Quantum Mission, National Supercomputing Mission, BioE3 Policy, National Geospatial Policy and the expanding Digital Public Infrastructure ecosystem, which reflect an approach where innovation ultimately improves people's lives, strengthens societal resilience and supports sustainable economic transformation.

The Minister invited BRICS partners to identify ambitious yet practical pathways for deeper collaboration in frontier research, innovation financing, talent mobility, research infrastructure sharing, startup partnerships and capacity building. He said such cooperation can help create a future-ready BRICS STI architecture that is responsive to global challenges and supportive of the aspirations of the Global South.

Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed confidence that the deliberations in Chennai would further strengthen the spirit of BRICS partnership and contribute meaningfully to a more innovative, resilient and sustainable world.





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