Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (NASB) Renew Scientific Partnership to Promote Joint Research, Innovation and Technology Development

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India and Belarus took an important step towards strengthening their bilateral scientific and technological partnership with the signing of the Second Programme of Cooperation (PoC) for the period 2027–2029 between the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) of India, and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (NASB) at New Delhi on 16th November 2026.

The Programme of Cooperation was signed during a meeting between Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR, and Dr. A. V. Trukhanov, Deputy Chairman of the Presidium of NASB, who is visiting India from 15–18 November 2026 in connection with the 12th Meeting of the Belarusian-Indian Intergovernmental Commission on Cooperation in Economy, Trade, Industry, Science, Technology and Culture and the India-Belarus Business Forum.

The signing of the Second PoC builds upon the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Scientific and Technical Cooperation signed between CSIR and NASB on 22 May 2023. Under the first Programme of Cooperation (2024–2026), the two institutions launched a Joint Call for Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) proposals in October 2024, resulting in the approval seven joint projects.These projects are currently progressing through their second year of implementation.

The Second Programme of Cooperation (2027–2031) provides a renewed framework for expanding bilateral scientific collaboration, facilitating joint research and development initiatives and strengthening linkages between research institutions and scientists of both countries. It is expected to provide an impetus to collaborative research, technology development, knowledge exchange and innovation-driven partnerships through focused cooperation in mutually identified areas of science and technology.

As a key initiative under the Second Programme of Cooperation, CSIR and NASB propose to launch the Second Joint Call for Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Proposals from 27 November 2026 inviting proposals from researchers and scientists of both countries for undertaking collaborative research projects in mutually identified priority areas. The call is expected to provide fresh impetus to bilateral research partnerships, encourage scientific exchanges and facilitate the development of innovative solutions through joint research and technological collaboration.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR, highlighted the importance of sustained scientific partnerships in addressing emerging global challenges and advancing innovation-led development. The DG, CSIR emphasised the significant potential for Indian and Belarusian researchers to work together by leveraging their respective scientific strengths and institutional capabilities.

Dr. A. V. Trukhanov, Deputy Chairman of the Presidium of NASB, highlighted the importance of continued scientific engagement between India and Belarus and expressed interest in further strengthening institutional cooperation and expanding opportunities for joint research and technological collaboration, specifically through organizing Joint Laboratories between NASB and CSIR and exploring mechanisms to support cooperation activities targeting upscaling and translational research activities.

The signing of the Second Programme of Cooperation marks an important milestone in India–Belarus scientific relations. The renewed partnership is expected to further strengthen research collaboration, promote institutional linkages and create new opportunities for scientific exchange and innovation, contributing to the broader objectives of bilateral cooperation between the two countries.





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