

India, Sri Lanka extend science and tech cooperation for next 3 years

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With focus on new areas such as waste-water technologies, biotech, sustainable agriculture, aerospace engineering, robotics, big data analytics, artificial intelligence, as well as industrial collaborations, India and Sri Lanka recently extended the existing science and technology cooperation for three more years.

Key Highlights

- The Deputy High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka, Vinod K. Jacob, highlighted that as part of India's 'Neighborhood First' policy, which guides the country's cooperation with Sri Lanka, this meeting would help build on the existing collaborative work and help them reach greater heights.
- The Indian side presented the overall STI policy and priority areas by showcasing the core mandates of DST, multi-stakeholder base of DST, India's recent progress in S&T, as well as focus on securing India's future in technology through various missions.
- The Sri Lankan side also highlighted the scope and status of S&T in their country and its application in various areas of national importance, a release from the Ministry of Science & Technology said.

- The board mutually agreed to extend the Programme of Cooperation (POC) for another three years between both countries and identified new areas such as waste-water technologies, industry and biotech, sustainable agriculture, aerospace engineering, robotics, big data analytics, and artificial intelligence to be included in the POC, the release said.

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