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The research agreement was signed by Prof. Satyajit Mayor, director, inStem and Mr Francois Pradier, director, research and innovation, L'Oréal India.

The collaborative research program between L'Oréal and the Centre for Inflammation and Tissue Homeostasis (CITH) at inStem will focus on exploration of biological mechanisms that influence skin-aging.

On the occasion of this collaboration, Mr Francois Pradier, director of L'Oréal Research & Innovation (R&I) in India said, "...This partnership is a step forward to achieving our goal of generating knowledge of Indian skin and hair...."

A major objective of this collaboration would be to study the molecular mechanisms and signaling pathways involved in the cell biology of skin homeostasis.

L'Or©al will share its active ingredients for evaluation and validation of these concepts.

"... Our emphasis on understanding basic biological principles synergizes well with the translational focus of L'Or©al and together we expect this collaboration will advance our understanding of skin biology, and may also lead to new ideas for skin and hair care. This partnership will provide a unique access to active ingredients of L'Oréal, enabling us to modulate different processes involved in skin homeostasis. Beyond scientific interest this collaboration provides our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to work with industry where they are encouraged to view how their work can affect people outside of their narrow area of research," commented Dr Colin Jamora, coordinator, CITH, inStem.