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Department of Science & Technology conducts India and Canada Technology Summit

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With an aim of opening a new chapter in the bilateral relationships of India and Canada, Department of Science & Technology has organised a two day India-Canada Technology Summit in New Delhi.

The Summit was inaugurated by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Environment, Forests & Climate Change and Navdeep Singh Bains, Canada's Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development.

In his inaugural address, Dr. Harsh Vardhan said that "As partners in the 21st century knowledge economy, this Technology Summit reinforces our common belief in the power of science and technology in contributing to the present and future strategic Indo-Canadian partnership."

A new call for joint projects under the Indo-Canadian Industrial R&D programme was also announced on this occasion. Industry led joint R&D projects that have significant potential for commercialisation leading to product or process development in the areas of advanced manufacturing, clean technologies, smart cities and food and agro technologies will be supported by DST from India and the National Research Council of Canada.

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The new phase of India Canada - IMPACTS program between DST and NSERC, Canada, was announced to promote multidisciplinary research partnerships aimed to deliver practical solutions through application of science and technology.

MoU to facilitate continued innovative partnerships between Canadian and Indian researchers was also signed by Professor Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology and Dr. B. Mario Pinto, President of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

The themes for the Technology Summit highlight a broad range of research and innovations areas where India and Canada have common interests. A particular focus of the Summit is highlighting the role of women in science and business as well as promoting the start-up and incubator communities in India and Canada. The Canadian and Indian companies for the Tech Summit include world class innovators and technologies that have potential to forge new knowledge-market-economy connect at bilateral level. Sixty smart technologies were also showcased as a part of the exhibition.