

**Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), India Signs Memorandum of Understanding with National Center of Scientific Research (CNRS), France to support Scientific, Technological Research**

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Government of India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Center of Scientific Research (CNRS), France on 17-12-2019 to establish a framework for cooperation between the two towards promotion and support of scientific and technical research. A team led by Dr. Shekhar C Mande, Director General, CSIR, met a delegation from CNRS France, led by its President and CEO, Prof Antoine Petit.



The National Centre for Scientific Research, France is an interdisciplinary public research organization, **which also deals with Ecology, Environmental and Earth Sciences** to explore the living world, matter, the Universe, and the functioning of human societies in order to meet the major challenges of today and tomorrow. Thus, this MoU can broaden the possibilities of beneficial and synergistic collaboration to translate science into technology and technologies applicable to India, France, and other nations to enhance industry-academic cooperation in the research field.

Broad research areas of mutual interest include biotechnology including **Plant and Marine Biotechnology**; Health research; Environmental and climate change studies; Engineering Science and Technology; Materials Science and Technology; Energy Science and Technology and **Water Research**.

A. Petit, Head of CNRS said that CSIR is a valuable and reliable partner and believes that the MoU will further boost cooperation and contribute to many important areas such as health, water, energy and climate change among others and contribute towards addressing the global challenges.

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