

Major biotech related announcements during forthcoming Australian PM's visit to India

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Singapore: Ahead of the India visit next week on September 4, the Australian High Commissioner in New Delhi, Mr. Patrick Suckling called on Dr Jitendra Singh, union minister of state for science and technology, to discuss different issues likely to come up during the visit.

Dr Jitendra Singh told the high commissioner, he was glad that some major announcements are scheduled during the Australian Prime Minister's visit which include the Australian Government's decision to extend the "Australia-India Strategic Research Fund" (AISRF) for four years from 2015-16 primarily for work in the field of Bio-technology as also Science and Technology.

Expressing satisfaction, science and technology minister said this initiative will underline the Australia's commitment to bilateral partnership between the two countries and will further strengthen to grow scientific and innovation collaboration between the two nations. This may further pave the way for participation in several other joint projects as well, he added.

Dr Singh informed that so far, 46 joint projects and 9 bilateral workshops covering areas of aquaculture, biofuels, biomedical devices, bioremediation, transgenic crops, vaccines, stem cell research etc. have been jointly supported by the two countries.

Dr Jitendra Singh disclosed that the researchers from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi and the Australian National Trauma Research Institute are already working together under "Australia-India Trauma Systems Collaboration Programme" and in this connection, the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Tony Abbott is also scheduled to visit the Trauma Centre at AIIMS, New Delhi during his New Delhi visit next week.