

Cabinet approved MoU between India and various countries

Cabinet approved MoU between India and Malaysia for Mutual Cooperation in the field of Company Secretaryship: The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between India and Malaysia for Mutual Cooperation to raise the status and prestige of the Practicing Company Secretary in both countries, and to facilitate the movement of the Company Secretaries across borders in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Point-wise details

Approval of the Cabinet is in respect of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the "Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)" and "Malaysian Association of Company Secretaries (MACS)" to strengthen cooperation and to raise the status and prestige of the Practicing Company Secretary in both jurisdictions and to facilitate the movement of the company secretaries across borders in the Asia Pacific region.

Cabinet approves Framework Agreement between India and Indonesia on cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes: The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval to the Framework Agreement between India and Indonesia on cooperation in the exploration and uses of outer space for peaceful purposes. The Framework Agreement was signed and exchanged t Jakarta on May 30, 2018.

Point-wise details:

- This Framework Agreement shall enable the following potential interest areas of cooperation such as, space science, exploration of outer space, use of space technology, remote sensing of the earth; operation and maintenance of the integrated BIAK TTC station, hosting of Indian ground station, hosting of IRIMS station, in kind support for launching LAPAN made satellites,, cross utilisation of ground stations etc.
- This Framework Agreement would lead to concluding Implementing Arrangements for specific activities. This would also lead to setting up a Joint Working Group, drawing members from DOS/ISRO, and Indonesian National Institute of Aeronautics and Space (LAPAN), for the purpose of achieving the goals of this agreement.

Major Impact:

The signing of the Framework Agreement will strengthen the cooperation between India and Indonesia. This agreement will help in establishing ISRO's TTC station and IRIMS station at Indonesia

Cabinet approved MoU between India and Election Management Bodies of Namibia and Panama : The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for an MoU between India and the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) and with Electoral Tribunal of Panama (ETP) on cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration.

Salient features:

This MoU contains standard articles/clauses which broadly express promotion of cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration including promotion of exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of organizational and technical development of electoral process; support in exchanging information, institutional strengthening and capacity building, training of personnel, holding regular consultations etc.

Impact:

The MOU would promote bilateral cooperation, aimed at building technical assistance/ capacity support for the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) and with Electoral Tribunal of Panama (ETP). It envisages cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration and providing a leg-up to it in conducting elections in their respective countries. This would also result in bolstering India's international relations.

Cabinet approved MoU between India and Finland in the field of Biotechnology: The Union Cabinet has approved the MoU between India and Finland for collaborating based on mutual interest in the field of Biotechnology, for funding and implementing ambitious industry-led innovative and transnational projects within the broad scope of research development and innovation.

Benefits:

The Mou will support creation of long-term Research, Development & Innovation collaboration mechanism and to establish and strengthen cooperative network between Indian and Finnish organizations. By funding need-oriented, ambitious joint projects of high international standards, the two countries aim to help reach world-class innovations beneficial to both countries. It will also facilitate knowledge sharing and knowledge generation among scientists, researchers and industry in the two countries.

Details:

1. Identifying innovation as the cornerstone of the collaboration, both DBT and Business Finland have agreed to cooperate with Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), the Public Sector Enterprise of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India for funding and implementing ambitious industry-led innovative and transnational projects. Based on their mutual interest following research areas have been identified, i. Mission Innovation;

Biofuture platform: biofuels, bioenergy and biomass based products;

2. Environmental and energy applications of biotechnology;
3. Business development of start-up and growth companies; and
4. Education technologies and games in life sciences vi. Other fields of life science industry

Cabinet approved MoU between India and Norway on India-Norway Ocean Dialogue: The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Norway on India-Norway Ocean Dialogue.

Benefits:

The MoU will promote cooperation in the areas of mutual interest pertaining to the development of blue economy. Norway is a global leader in the area of Blue Economy and has cutting-edge technologies and expertise in areas such as fisheries, hydrocarbons, renewable energy, sustainable harnessing of ocean resources and maritime transport. The proposed MoU will contribute to create opportunities for collaboration in areas such as exploitation of hydrocarbons and other marine resources, as well as management of ports and tourism development for the mutual benefit of all stakeholders within the framework of the Joint Task Force (JTF). It will contribute to the objective of Food Security through infusion of new technologies in fisheries and aquaculture. It will further offer a platform for businesses in both countries to execute profitable ventures. Scientists and researchers may collaborate on studying ocean ecosystem also in the context of the Arctic region.

Cabinet approved MoU between India and Maldives for Establishing Mutual Cooperation to Improve the Ecosystems for Agribusiness: The Union Cabinet accorded ex post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, India and the Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resource and Agriculture, Maldives signed on 17th December, 2018 during the State visit of President of Maldives to India.

The MoU for establishing mutual cooperation to improve the ecosystem for agribusiness provides for cooperation in the fields of agriculture census, agribusiness, Integrated Farming System, Irrigation, improved seeds, Soil Health Management, research, capacity building of local agribusiness, enhancing knowledge of entrepreneurs in the areas of food security and nutrition, developing climate resilient agriculture system, establishing facilities to test pesticide residues etc.

Under the MoU, a Joint Working Group will be constituted to prepare plans of cooperation, implement the tasks determined by the Parties and to indicate the implementation of activities outlined.

Cabinet approved Signing of Agreement between India and Ukraine for cooperation in Agriculture and Food Industry: The Union Cabinet has approved Signing of Agreement between the India and Ukrain for cooperation in Agriculture and Food Industry.

The proposed Agreement provides for cooperation in various fields of agriculture and food Industry. A Joint Working Group comprising of representatives from both countries would be constituted, the task of which would be to discuss and prepare plans of cooperation in identified sectors and to monitor the implementation of tasks determined by the Parties. The meetings of the Working Group shall take place at least every two years, alternately in the Republic of India and in Ukraine. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years, being automatically extended for subsequent periods of five (5) years. This Agreement can be terminated after six (6) months from the date of receipt of notification of either Party of its intention to terminate this Agreement.

Cabinet approved MoU between India and the UAE on Development cooperation in Africa: The Union Cabinet has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and the United Arab Emirates on Development Cooperation in Africa. The MoU entails setting up of a framework of cooperation between the two countries for implementing development partnership projects and programmes in Africa.

Benefits:

The proposal will help strengthen political and economic linkages between India and the countries of Africa and serve our broader strategic interests.

Cabinet approved MoU between India and Uzbekistan for promoting Bilateral cooperation in the area of e-Governance: The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for promoting bilateral cooperation in the field of e-Governance.

The Agreement intends to promote close cooperation in the areas of e-Governance, IT education, Implementation and roll out of generic configurable e-Governance products / devices in various sectors, development of Data Centers etc.

Cabinet approved MoU between India and Brazil on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy: The Union Cabinet has approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Brazil on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.

Benefits:

The MoU will enhance bilateral cooperation between India and Brazil in the areas of Traditional Systems of Medicine. This will be of immense importance to both countries considering their shared cultural heritage.

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