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India to strengthen engagement with Italy based 'International Physics Centre', says Minister Dr Jitendra Singh



CHENNAI – 16 Nov, 2026 India and the "International Centre for Theoretical Physics" (ICTP) have taken a significant step towards institutionalising their longstanding scientific partnership with the initiation of the ‘India-ICTP Co-operation Fund’, aimed at strengthening the engagement and mobility of Indian researchers with the international research centre.

A Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed between the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and ICTP in this regard during the visit of Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, to ICTP in Trieste, Italy. The LoI was exchanged from the Indian side by Dr Praveenkumar Somasundaram, Head of the International Cooperation in DST.

Welcoming the initiative, Dr. Jitendra Singh expressed the hope that the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund would give greater impact to the existing engagement between the two sides and benefit Indian researchers. He noted the importance of institutionalising the ongoing association to provide further impetus to scientific collaboration and researcher mobility.