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# IIT-M, Thales sign pact for PhD programmes

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**Thales and IIT-M look forward to strengthening Indo-French scientific collaboration, while contributing towards the development of highly specialised technical skills in India.**



French multinational company Thales group and the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to create a jointly supervised Ph.D fellowship programme in coordination with the **French scientific research agency** CNRS.

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The MoU was exchanged in the presence of Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar and Mr Frédérique Vidal, Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation, Government of France, at the Knowledge Summit.

Thales already has similar agreements for jointly supervised PhDs with leading institutions like Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi.