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The Department of Science and Technology (DST), ministry of science and technology, government of India, and the Japan Science and Technology (JST) will conduct the India-Japan Science & Technology Programme to promote bilateral scientific collaboration between Indian and Japanese scientists.

The areas of cooperation include the medical diagnostics for early detection, particularly for infectious diseases. Apart from that the other areas include the system biomedicine and their computational platforms.

The aim of the program is to strengthen collaboration between Japan and India within the area of "Biomedical Research" to achieve world-class scientific results, leading towards new innovative science and technology. This research area is currently undergoing remarkable development and is considered important on a global scale in achieving steady growth and sustainability in the long run.

JST and DST plan to support cooperative research projects including exchange of researchers to the counterpart country. JST supports expenses for Japanese researchers, and DST supports expenses for Indian researchers. However, exchange visits of researchers for approved activities under the program would be supported in bilateral mode i.e. a dispatching side would provide a return air ticket and premium for overseas medical insurance, and the inviting side would provide local hospitality (accommodation, meals or per diem in lieu of and local transport).

Applications are invited from eligible Indian researchers and scientists to submit proposals for joint projects. The joint application must include one Indian and one Japanese Principal Investigators, who would be responsible for technical as well as administrative co-ordination of the project and its periodic scientific and financial reporting to the DST/ JST respectively.