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India, Germany to focus on AI-based startups in healthcare

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India and Germany have agreed to work together with focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) startups as well as AI research and its application in sustainability and healthcare.

This was stated by Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences after his bilateral talks with German Minister for Education & Research, Bettina Stark-Watzinger.

Both the ministers agreed that there is a lot of scope to work together in Artificial Intelligence for which experts on two sides have already met. An Indo-German call for proposals for this would be raised soon inviting proposals from researchers and industry.

The ministers expressed satisfaction on recently concluded MOU between Department of Science & Technology, Government of India and German Research Foundation (DFG) to support the International Research Training Groups (IRTG) programme would further boost the cooperation towards capacity building targeting the training of Indian and German students for pursuing the PhD programme. The maiden call for inviting proposals under this programme from Indian and German research groups is already on.

Several initiatives for human capacity developments in science and engineering have recently been worked out, which includes Women Involvement in Science and Engineering Research (WISER) to facilitate lateral entry of women researchers into ongoing S&T projects and Paired Early Career Fellowships creating an inclusive ecosystem for the Indo-German S&T cooperation with exchange of young researchers on both sides.