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### **India, Denmark to begin strategic research collaboration in biotechnology**

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India and Denmark will soon begin strategic research collaboration in biotechnology in the broad areas of biotechnology aspects of nanoscience, nanotechnology, bioengineering and bioinformatics in bioresources, biological manufacturing and biological products.

For both of the countries it is of major importance to provide solutions by means of biotechnology in order to accommodate challenges related to health, food and bioresources in a sustainable way. The main objective of the collaborating is to strengthen and intensify the research effort within these areas and to integrate the specific competencies of the Indo-Danish research groups involved.

According to sources, pursuant to the memorandum of understanding of October 25, 2004, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation have decided to further develop and strengthen the Danish-Indian research collaboration within the biotechnological area.

The collaborative projects will be managed jointly by the DBT and the Programme Commission on Health, Food and Welfare under the Danish Council for Strategic Research. Under the project, researchers from universities, research institutions and private companies in India and Denmark conducting research within the biotechnology area can apply for funding of joint Indo-Danish strategic research collaborations.

The aim of this proposal is for the funded project to be able to deliver considerable and tangible results at the end of the project period. Hence the joint proposals must be based on existing collaborations in the form co-publication, PhD exchange, project collaboration or other relevant research related activities in order to be of significant strength and importance within the field of biotechnology. A responsible principal investigator, Indian or Danish, must be identified. Multi institutional networked programme with lateral partnerships clearly defined will be encouraged on the Indian side.

The Department of Biotechnology and the programme commission will support a joint strategic research project for a period of 3 to 5 years covering direct project costs e.g. research activities, research training (PhDs and post docs), courses and international conferences. The total economical frame is approximately € million.