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## Press Release

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### **India and United Kingdom sign Letter of Arrangement (LOA) to pursue collaborative Defence R&D**

India and United Kingdom entered into a letter of arrangement today on 16th September 2011, to pursue collaborative Defence R&D Cooperation with UK's Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) and facilitate making best use of respective research and technology development capability through joint projects, collaborative research and industry and academia participation. The LOA was signed in London by Dr VK Saraswat, Scientific Adviser to the Raksha Mantri, Secretary Defence R&D and Director General Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), India and Professor Sir Mark Welland, Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA), Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom. Dr VK Saraswat is currently on a visit to UK on the invitation of UK MoD.

The signing of LOA marks an important milestone in the technical collaboration between the two countries and a number of projects are being planned to commence in coming months.

On the occasion, Sir Mark Welland thanked Dr Saraswat for his efforts towards strengthening the relationship with India. He said, "He has seen the exceptional dedication, expertise and skill in DRDO personnel and knows that UK can look forward to a productive and valuable cooperation with our great allies in India for many years to come". He added, "India and UK have a strong history of mutual co-operation and have thriving science and engineering communities. India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world and is a power house of technology". He said that "Indian and British Defence scientists will be working together on technologies to face their country's Defence and Security challenges, thanks to the new agreement". Dr Saraswat thanked CSA and UK MOD on behalf of the Govt of India and expressed hope that LOA will further strengthen the technical collaboration and mutual relations.

