

# India to Support Ethiopia's Engineering Sector

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ADDIS ABEBA – An Indian institution has agreed with government officials to provide training and capacity building of Ethiopian manpower in the metal and engineering sector.

Council of Scientific Research and Industrial Research (CSIR), a premier government of India institution in the forefront of pursuing R&D in India, and Metal Industries Development Institute of Ethiopia (MIDI) entered into an agreement Thursday to implement a training program.

The deal was signed in the presence of government officials including State Minister of Industry Dr. Alemu Sime and State Minister of Education, Teshome Lemmain Addis Abeba and Director General of CSIR Dr. Girish Sahani.

Anurag Srivastava, Ambassador of India to Ethiopia, Djibouti and African Union also attended the signing event.

The embassy of India stated the deal enables the institution to provide training and capacity building of science and technol-

ogy manpower "in order to transform the metal and engineering sector in Ethiopia".

This twinning arrangement between CSIR and MIDI is another milestone in bilateral cooperation in the science and technology sector between India and Ethiopia.

"This partnership that has been implemented both bilaterally as well as under the framework of the India-Africa Forum Summit, provides for training opportunities, scholarships in the best Indian scientific and

technological institutions, joint research as well as transfer of skills and knowledge through telemedicine and tele-education," reads the statement from the embassy.

CSIR with its 38 research laboratories and about 10,000 science and technology personnel has taken up international partnership with Africa as one of its major agenda in pursuance of high level commitment to enhance partnership in science and technology sectors between India and Africa.

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