

## Decisions taken by the Union Cabinet

- **Cabinet apprised about MoU for cooperation on youth matters between India and Morocco**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised about an MoU signed in February, 2019 on youth matters between India and Morocco.

The objective of the MoU is to strengthen and encourage cooperation between the two countries on youth matters through participation in events and activities, information and knowledge sharing and youth exchanges.

The areas of cooperation on Youth matters include:

- organisation of youth programmes;
- exchange of invitations to international conferences and seminars;
- exchange of printed materials, films, experiences, research and other information;
- participation in youth camps, youth festivals and other cooperative youth events.

The MoU also mentions that from the year 2019, both countries will annually exchange 20-member Youth delegations for a period not exceeding ten days.

- **Cabinet apprised about MoU on Antarctic cooperation between India and Argentine**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised about an MoU signed in February, 2019 between India and Argentine on Antarctic cooperation.

The MoU will help scientific cooperation on projects in the fields of Earth sciences, as well as those related to the protection and conservation of the natural environment of Antarctica and the Southern Oceans.

Salient Features:

- Scientific co-operation on projects in the fields of -inter alia- Earth sciences and life sciences, as well as those related to the protection and conservation of the natural environment of Antarctica and the Southern Oceans;
  - The exchange of scientific and bibliographical information related to the study of Antarctica, its environment and dependent and associated ecosystems;
  - Exploring opportunities for exchanges of scientists;
  - Participation of scientists and technical experts of the national Antarctic programme of one country in the national Antarctic programme of the other, if so required;
  - Joint scientific conferences and workshops; hold bilateral meetings on the sidelines of major polar forum meetings, where feasible.
  - Joint scientific publications;
  - Training of scientific personnel;
- **Cabinet apprised about MoU between India and Morocco to promote exchange of information and technical cooperation in the field of Housing and Human Settlement**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised about an MoU signed in February, 2019 between India and Morocco to promote exchange of information and technical cooperation in the field of Housing and Human Settlement.

Implementation of the MoU would strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the areas of Housing & Human Settlement. Both countries will cooperate to address the challenges faced by cities, with the aim of promoting sustainable inclusive urban growth, whilst improving commercial and trade relations between the two countries. This will primarily include, but not limited to, low cost and mass affordable housing, water supply and sanitation, urban transport and smart cities development.

- **Cabinet apprised about MoU between India and Saudi Arabia for cooperation in the field of Housing**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised about an MoU signed in February, 2019 between India and Saudi Arabia for cooperation in the field of Housing.

The MoU will promote technical cooperation in the field of Housing, including affordable/low income housing and enhance participation of authorities and companies in the housing and infrastructure projects undertaken in both the countries. It will also promote sharing of knowledge and experiences in development and transfer of modern construction techniques and encourage R&D in the fields of housing development.

- **Cabinet approves MoU between India and Republic of Korea on Startup Cooperation**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its ex-post facto approval on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Republic of Korea on Startup Cooperation. The MoU was signed in February, 2019.

The MoU would facilitate and promote bilateral cooperation between the startups of both countries, subject to their national laws and regulations and any applicable international treaties, conventions and agreements to which the two countries are party.

- **Cabinet approves MoU between India and Indonesia om combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and its precursors**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Indonesia on combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and its precursors.

The MoU will help in mutual cooperation in regulation of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and in combating drug trafficking. It will come into force on the date of signing and will remain in effect for a period of five years.

India has signed similar Conventions/MoUs/Agreements with the 37 countries.

Salient features of the MoU are as under:

- The MoU shall facilitate and enhance the cooperation between the two countries in combating illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and its precursors as defined by the United Nations International Drug Control Conventions.
- The cooperation under this MoU includes the exchange of information on existing legal instruments of national legislation of both countries in combating the illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs psychotropic substances and its precursors, allowing and assisting each other in the use of controlled delivery operation with a view to identifying persons involved in illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and its precursors and essential chemicals, prevention of money laundering.
- Under the MoU, there is a provision of maintaining the secrecy of information and documents

obtained in accordance with this MoU.

- **Cabinet approves acquiring land of Central Water Commission at Nallagandla, Hyderabad by Telangana State Government for road widening**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for acquiring 372 sq. yards out of 10 acres of land including compound wall (about 200m) in the eastern side of Central Water Commission land by the Telangana State Government for improvement of Radial Road No.30 by widening of road with nil charges.

The developed road shall be useful for Central Water Commission, as a Center of Excellence is proposed to be constructed over the allotted land.

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