



## Department of Scientific and Industrial Research

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The **Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)** celebrated its 40th Foundation Day on **4<sup>th</sup> January 2025**, marking four decades of contributions to India's scientific and industrial development.

- **DSIR:** It was established on 4<sup>th</sup> January 1985, under the **Ministry of Science and Technology** through a **Presidential Notification** under the **164th Amendment of the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961**.
  - DSIR focuses on promoting **indigenous technology development, utilization, and transfer**.
  - DSIR oversees the [Council for Scientific and Industrial Research \(CSIR\)](#), [National Research Development Corporation \(NRDC\)](#) and **Central Electronics Ltd (CEL)**.
  - DSIR supports the [Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology \(APCTT\)](#) under [United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific \(UN-ESCAP\)](#), advancing scientific and industrial progress in India.
- **DSIR Key Schemes:**
  - **PRISM: Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Start-ups and MSMEs (PRISM) scheme** supports innovators and MSMEs fostering inclusive development as outlined in the [12th Five-Year Plan \(2012-2017\)](#).
  - **PACE: The Patent Acquisition and Collaborative Research and Technology Development (PACE)** supports industries in developing and commercializing innovative technologies.
  - **CTRDH: Common Research and Technology Development Hubs (CRTDHs)** provides shared infrastructure and technology support for MSMEs.
  - **A2K+: Access to Knowledge for Technology Development and Dissemination (A2K+)** promotes the dissemination of tech and innovation information to industries and research bodies.

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