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INDO-US JOINT DECLARATION

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A Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) was signed between the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on 23rd January 2015 in New Delhi for providing support to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). The JDI intends technical support of USAID to facilitate advisory and other resources for the identified one or more IITs, initially IIT Gandhinagar. The JDI also intends to establish a Joint Working group that will serve as a platform for dialogue and the exchange of information on the modalities of technical assistance.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani in a written reply to the Lok Sabha question.

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