

## JNU and DRDO-SAG Join Hands for Advanced Research Collaboration



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Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and the Defence Research & Development Organisation's Scientific Analysis Group (DRDO-SAG) formally entered into a research collaboration agreement today. The meeting, held at 3:00 pm on the JNU campus, was presided over by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit, who extended a warm welcome to the visiting DRDO delegation.

The DRDO team was led by Dr. N. Rajesh Pillai, Director, SAG, accompanied by Ms. Sarvjeet Kaur, Scientist 'G', Sh. Sunil Sagar, Scientist 'F', and Sh. Yogesh Kumar, Scientist 'E' (Coordinator). From JNU, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, participants included Registrar Prof Ravikesh, Rector Prof. Dipendra Nath Das, Prof Prof. Manju Khari (School of Computer & Systems Sciences, Coordinator), Prof. Zhaid Raza, Prof. Piyush Pratap Singh, and other senior faculty members.

During the meeting, both institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that sets the framework for joint R&D, academic collaboration, and training initiatives in emerging fields. The MoU outlines cooperation in cutting-edge domains such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, big data analytics, quantum communication, blockchain technology, Internet of Things (IoT) security, software and hardware vulnerabilities analysis, and advanced cryptography.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit emphasized the importance of academia–industry–government partnerships in advancing national priorities. She noted that the collaboration would provide JNU students and researchers with opportunities to work closely with DRDO scientists on strategic technologies of national importance.

Dr. N. Rajesh Pillai highlighted that the partnership would facilitate knowledge exchange, joint supervision of doctoral research, internships, and manpower training, thereby fostering innovation and strengthening India's research ecosystem in defence and cybersecurity.

The event marked a significant step toward building a long-term strategic partnership between JNU and DRDO-SAG, ensuring that cutting-edge research translates into solutions for India's security and technological challenges.