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India-Finland Industrial Technology, R&D and Innovation Programme 2015

India-Finland Industrial Technology, R&D and Innovation Programme is joint initiative by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) & Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY), Government of India and Tekes, Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation.

Funding support available for challenging, collaborative and industry-led Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Projects between India and Finland leading to commercialization. The focus is on the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The objective of this programme aims funding of joint Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) activities including e.g. piloting, demonstration and testing. The projects should be innovative and user need-driven and they should lead to new products or processes with potential to commercialisation. Duration of the project should not be more than 24 months.

In India, on behalf of DST, funding and other services will be provided through Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA), a not-for-profit company, promoted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Technology Development Board (TDB) of the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. In Finland, funding and other services will be provided through Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation.

Funding available under this Programme would be in form of Grant to Indian Industry and partnering R&D organization/Academic institution.

Focus sectors for current RFP are as under:

- **Cleantech** (including for applications in Energy, Transportation, Water, Sanitation, Waste Management etc.)
- Information & Communication Technologies (ICT)), including Electronics System Design
 Manufacturing (ESDM)), for applications in various sectors, focussing on
 - Large Area Flexible Electronics
 - Internet of Things (IOT)
 - Technology for Internal Security

The Request for Proposal under this Programme has been announced on May 13, 2015 and it is closing on **October 19, 2015**.

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