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C-CAMP inks pact with Dutch Agri and Food incubator

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The LoI which was signed on the sidelines of the ongoing Indo Dutch Technology Summit in New Delhi in presence of Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Sigrid Kaag and Dutch State Secretary for Economic Affairs and Climate Change, Mona Keijzer, marks the inking of the third such international Sister Innovation Hub by CCAMP in a move to leverage global ecosystems beyond India.

Agritech and food are a major focus area in the global entrepreneurship arena and this newly instituted hub is planned to enable the best innovations from both geographies to grow and mature into real life solutions. The new signing is envisioned to also augment C-CAMP's current efforts in Agritech and Allied space under its recently launched Centre of Excellence in Agri Innovation.

On the occasion of the signing, StartLife stated - "With an aim of encouraging and promoting collaborations in Life Science and Agri-entrepreneurship, StartLife representing Agri-Food Cluster in the Netherlands intends to partner C-CAMP in creating this **Indo-Dutch Life Science Sister innovation Hub**. TheSister Hub will foster links between both hubs so as to enhance life science-based entrepreneurship, with focus on Agri Innovations and businesses."

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