

 India and France have taken significant steps to strengthen their partnership in the field of nuclear energy. Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary of the **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)** and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), and Mr. François Jacq, General Administrator of the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (**CEA**), have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to bolster bilateral collaboration in nuclear energy through the Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP).

The Global Centre for Nuclear Energy Partnership (GCNEP) is a significant initiative established by the Government of India to promote international collaboration in nuclear energy research and development. Located in Kheri-Jasaur, near Bahadurgarh in Haryana, GCNEP was approved in September 2010 and is the sixth research and development unit under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).

