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# UK, India ink research agreement to advance shrimp farming, HAB detection, fisheries

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## Partnerships to tackle shrimp diseases, climate change readiness and more

The UK and India have signed a “landmark” Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) agreement on science, research and innovation, which will help facilitate a raft of new joint research programs – some of which include aquaculture initiatives.

The collaborative activities carried out under the MoU will be supported by joint funding agreed by both sides, with finances for each program determined between the UK and India on a case-by-case basis.

“The agreement will remove red tape standing in the way of major collaborations while unleashing a raft of new joint research schemes aiming to deliver progress on some of the biggest issues facing the world: from climate change and pandemic preparedness through to AI and machine learning,” wrote the UK government **[in a press release \(https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-india-sign-landmark-research-agreement\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-india-sign-landmark-research-agreement)**.

The agreement includes a study on using “cutting edge UK technology” to spot diseases in shrimp



The UK and India will help develop joint research programs, like using “cutting edge UK technology” to spot diseases in shrimp aquaculture.

aquaculture, as well as a partnership using data to detect harmful algal blooms (HABs) affecting the ocean. Moreover, there are plans to fund 10 UK-India fisheries research fellowships.

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“Today’s agreement is part of our program of deepening UK collaboration with other global science superpowers on ground-breaking innovation and research, to help tackle shared global challenges,” said George Freeman, Minister of State for the new Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. “This partnership will grow the sectors, companies and jobs of tomorrow for the benefit of both our countries and the globe.”

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