

**THE SURVEY OF INDIA (SOI) AND THE MILITARY CARTOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE (ICM) OF  
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SIGN COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF GEODESY,  
CARTOGRAPHY AND SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE**

**PRESS RELEASE**

In a significant step to strengthen cooperation in the field of Geodesy, Cartography and Spatial Data Infrastructure between India and the Dominican Republic, the Survey of India (SOI) and the Instituto Cartográfico Militar (ICM) of the Dominican Republic signed a Cooperation Agreement on 15 April 2026 at Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

The Cooperation Agreement signed by Mr. Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Surveyor General of India and Coronel César Augusto Medina Calderón, Director of Instituto Cartográfico Militar (ICM) was formally exchanged between the Director of ICM and Mr. K.D. Dewal, Ambassador of India to the Dominican Republic in a ceremony organized at the premises of ICM. The formal exchange was witnessed by the high officials of the Survey of India (SOI), Instituto Cartográfico Militar (ICM) and Ministry of External Relations (MIREX). Shri S. K. Sinha, Additional Surveyor General (Policies and Coordination), represented Mr. Hitesh Kumar S. Makwana, Surveyor General of India.

The Government of India notified the National Geospatial Policy (NGP) in December 2022. At its core, the policy is citizen-centric, seeking to strengthen the Geospatial sector to support national development, economic prosperity and a thriving information economy. The Survey of India (SOI) plays an important role in furthering India's National Geospatial Policy (NGP). In tune with India's philosophy of South-South cooperation and sharing our knowledge and expertise with friendly developing countries, this Cooperation Agreement in the fields of geodesy, cartography, high-resolution mapping using the latest technology, training and capacity building shall open up new avenues where the Dominican government can take advantage of the expertise and experience of India.

Earlier, the Government of India conducted a special course on Remote Sensing at Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dehradun, India from January – March 2023 wherein 14 Dominican professionals participated. Going ahead, this Agreement opens up more opportunities for capacity building and training, exchange of information and documentation, meetings, seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

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