

# IIT Mandi iHub & HCI Foundation

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Technology Innovation Hub (TIH) in Human Computer Interaction (HCI)

Regd. Office: Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, VPO Kamand, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, India – 175075

## Notesheet

Dated: 10-08-2023

**Subject: Approval for inclusion of members in the HGB.**

As per the notification from IIT Mandi IITM/DST/PFS/288/10 on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 competent authority has approved the constitution of the Hub Governing Body attached as an **Annexure-1**.

**Dr. Laxmidhar Behera** has been appointed as Director of IIT Mandi and appointed as Chairperson of the BoD and HGB of IIT Mandi iHub on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

As per the mail from DST dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023, regarding the inclusion of a representative of AS & FA, DST as a special invite to HGB of all TIHs attached as **Annexure-2**. "Role and Responsibilities of BoD vs. HGB is attached as **Annexure-3**.

**The new constitution of the HGB is given below:**

### Chairperson

Dr. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi

### Academic representatives:

1. Dr. Bhardwaj Amrutur, Professor, IISc Bangalore
2. Dr. Varun Dutt, Associate Professor, IIT Mandi & Project Director, IIT Mandi iHub and HCI Foundation
3. Dr. Syed Abbas, Dean SRIC, IIT Mandi
4. Dr. Venkata Krishnan, Professor, IIT Mandi

### Industry representative:

1. Dr. Balamuralidhar P. Principal Scientist & Head (Retd), TCS Innovation Labs
2. Mr. Pranay Kumar Hridayesh Sinha, Air Vice Marshall (Retd)
3. Mr. Hari Nalan, Chief Strategy Officer, Think Design, (A Havas group company (France))
4. Mr. Venkatadri KR, Chief Commercial Officer, TATA Chemicals Ltd.

### DST representative:

Dr. Ekta Kapoor, Mission Director, NMICPS, DST

### Financial Adviser, DST:

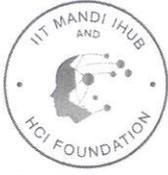
Shri Rohit Kumar, Deputy Secretary, IFD, DST

### Special Invitee

Sh. Vishvajit Sahay, IFD, DST

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## Member Secretary

Mr. Somjit Amrit, CEO, IIT Mandi iHub and HCI Foundation

The following erstwhile members have completed the term period as members of the HGB.

Dr. Arnav Bhavsar  
Dr. Sushil Chandra  
Mr. Saurabh Mittal

The chairperson of the HGB is requested to approve the composition of HGB members.

Approved/ ~~Not approved~~

Dr. Laxmidhar Behera  
Director, IIT Mandi iHub and HCI Foundation

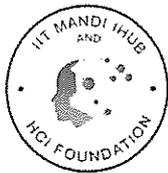
*L. Behera*  
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## Annexure 1: Previous HGB composition

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मण्डी-175001, हिमाचल प्रदेश, भारत

IITM/DST/PFS/288/ 10

Dated: 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

### NOTIFICATION

The competent authority has approved the constitution of a Hub Governing Body (HGB) of the Section-8 company constituted for the Technical Innovation Hub (TIH) in Human - Computer Interaction as per the DST guidelines:

**I. Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, Director, IIT Mandi - Chairman**

**II. Academic Representatives:**

1. Dr. Venkata Krishnan, Dean (SRIC & IR)
2. Dr. Varun Dutt, Lead coordinator, TIH, IIT Mandi
3. Dr. Arnab Bhavsar, Co-coordinator, TIH, IIT Mandi

**III. Industry Representatives:**

1. Dr. Balamuralidhar P., Principal Scientist & Head, TCS Innovation Labs
2. Dr. Sushil Chandra, Scientist 'G' & Addl. Director, INMAS, DRDO
3. Mr. Saurav Mittal, Senior Advisor, IIT Mandi Catalyst

**IV. Dr. K. R. Murali Mohan (DST representative), Mission Director, NM-ICPS; Scientist-G & Head, Frontier & Futuristic Technologies Division, DST**

**V. Dr. Prem Felix Siril, PI (Member Secretary)**

**Terms & Conditions**

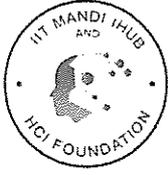
1. The quorum of the HGB will be 1/3rd of its members including the Chairman, HGB.
2. Meetings of the HGB may be held from time-to-time as and when needed. Members of the HGB may attend these meetings virtually or physically in person.
3. Co-PIs of the NM-ICPS TIH in HCI project, beyond those serving as academic members in the HGB, may attend the meetings as special invitees to the HGB.
4. The Head of the Host Institute (Director, IIT Mandi); Dean (SRIC & IR); PI/Project Director/CEO, TIH; and Mission Director (or a representative), Mission Office, DST would be ex-officio members of HGB based upon their position at IIT Mandi and DST, respectively.
5. The industry and/or academic members of HGB may continue to be members for a period of 1-year after appointment to the HGB. These industry and/or academic memberships may be renewed for time-to-time by the Chairman, HGB.
6. Additional members may be included in the HGB with the approval of Chairman, HGB.
7. The membership of the Mission Director (or a representative), Mission Office, DST would be for a total period of 5-years from the date of start of the TIH project under the section 8

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V. Krishnan

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company created for this purpose. This membership will expire after the 5-year period unless specifically renewed by the Chairman, HGB.

8. The HGB shall be the apex body for overall supervision, control, directions and mid-course correction in the implementation of the TIH for a period of 5-years from the date of start of the TIH project under the section 8 company created for this purpose. During this period of 5-years, the HGB will follow the terms of reference outlined in the DST letter dated 3rd March 2020 to Director, IIT Mandi (DST/NM-ICPS/MGB/2018). These terms of reference may change in discussion with DST anytime during the 5-year period and may change with the quorum of the HGB after the expiration of the 5-year period.

*V. Krishnan*

Dean (SRIC and IR)  
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## Annexure- 2: Financial Representative from DST.

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Fwd: Financial Representative from DST in the Hub Governing Body (HGB) of the TIHs - Reg

Ceo <ceo@ihubiitmandi.in>

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Cc:Volga <volga@ihubiitmandi.in>;Navdha <navdha@ihubiitmandi.in>;varun@iitmandi.ac.in <varun@iitmandi.ac.in>

We will work in this inclusion .

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Cc: Rohit Kumar DDQA <rohitkumar.dgsnd@gov.in>; Dr. Ekta Kapoor <ekta.kapoor@nic.in>; JBV Reddy <jbvreddy@nic.in>

Subject: Financial Representative from DST in the Hub Governing Body (HGB) of the TIHs - Reg

Dear Madam/Sir,

Greetings from Mission Office. NM-ICPS!

This is regarding inclusion of Financial Representative from DST in the Hub Governing Body (HGB) of the TIHs.

It is to apprise that now **Shri Rohit Kumar, Deputy Secretary, IFD, DST ( rohitkumar.dgsnd@gov.in )** will be the representative of Financial Adviser, DST "Shri Vishvajit Sahay" <fa-dst@nic.in> in the HGB meetings (Special Invitee) of the respective TIHs.

You are accordingly requested to update the records and take necessary actions.

सादर/Regards.

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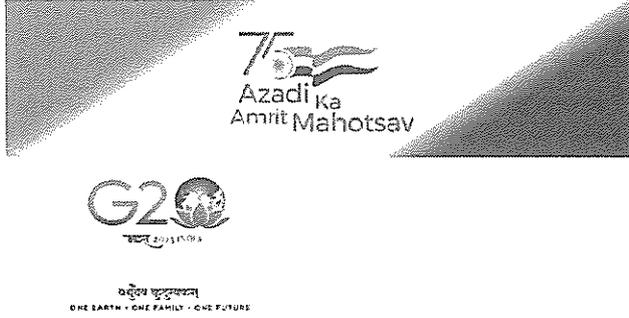
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कनिष्ठ विश्लेषक (तकनीकी)/ Junior Analyst (Tech)  
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## Annexure-3: Roles and responsibilities mail from DST

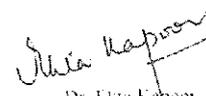
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National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (NM-ICPS)  
Frontier and Futuristic Technologies (FFT) Division  
Department of Science & Technology  
Ministry of Science & Technology  
Government of India

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION IN CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS (TIPS)

A two-day workshop on Technology Innovation in Cyber-Physical Systems (TIPS) was organized at IIT-Madras, during 6-7 May 2022, to review and monitor the physical achievements as well as financial performances of each Technology Innovation Hub (TIH), also called as Section 8 company, established under National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber Physical Systems (NM-ICPS). The workshop was attended by Project Directors and CEOs of all the 25 TIHs, some members of Mission Governing Body (MGB) & Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) of NM-ICPS and Mission Office, DST team. The list of participants is placed at Annexure-1.

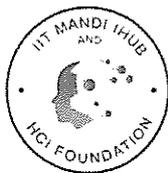
The major recommendations of the workshop are as follows:

1. Mission Office, DST issued clarifications to the following points:
  - **Roles and Responsibilities of Chief Executive Officer (CEO) vs Project Director (PD):** The TIH is to be managed by a dedicated full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with desired domain and management expertise. A faculty of the Host Institute (HI) is designated as Project Director, either full-time or part-time, and will act as an interface between TIH, HI, and researchers. TIH must be managed by CEO. The Hub Governing Board (HGB) has the authority to take a decision on the appointment of a Project Director and also decide on the Roles, Responsibilities, Terms, and conditions of the appointment.
  - **Roles and Responsibilities of Board of Directors (BoDs) vs Hub Governing Board (HGB):** HGB role is advisory and is to provide technical and scientific directions once the Section 8 company is set up. All management and governance decisions are to be taken by the BoD once the section 8 company board is constituted. The Chairman of both BoD & HGB is the director of the HI. The interface of the Hub with Mission Office, DST is through Director/Head of HI and the Project Director. Representative of AS & FA, DST (not below the rank of Deputy Secretary), will be a special invitee to HGB of all TIHs.
  - **Guidelines for procurement policies by TIHs:** All TIHs and HIs will adopt transparent processes in hiring, procurement and other decisions having a financial bearing. But safeguards, inter alia following canons of financial propriety will be followed.
  - **Date of start of the TIH:** The date of issuance of first Sanction Order from the Mission Office, DST, is to be taken as the date of start of the respective TIH.

  
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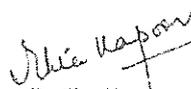
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## 2. Uniformity in salary disbursement among CEOs and other employees of the TIH:

The following Guidelines should be followed by all TIHs for salaries of personnel, especially CEOs:

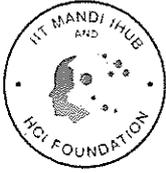
- Since a major component of the salaries to be paid by the TIHs to their employees is to be met from the grant released by DST under the recurring head, the salaries of CEOs and employees should not be higher than the salary structure in the Government of India.
  - In case some TIHs wish to offer their employees, salaries higher than that stated in (a) above, they may top up the salaries of their personnel from the extra funding raised by the TIH over and above funding from DST.
3. Mission office is to create a system for all TIHs to work in close association with each other for focused research in the areas of common interests. It was suggested that there is a need for emphasizing more frequent interactions of the Hubs, keeping in view their strengths and weaknesses. It was proposed that an interactive mechanism may be developed by connecting some select good performing TIHs (A) with TIHs (B) as per the table below.

TIHs (A)	TIHs (B)
IHUB NTIHAC Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	I-DAPT-IHUB Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University), Varanasi
	AI4ICPS I-Hub Foundation (TIH) at Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
	IDEAS- Institute of Data Engineering, Analytics and Science Foundation at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
Pravartak Technologies Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology Madras	Technology Ihub Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology, Palakkad
	Innovation and Technology Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar
	IHub and HCI Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi
I-IHUB for Robotics and Autonomous Systems Innovation Foundation at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	Comet Foundation at International Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore
	Vishlesan I-hub Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology, Patna
	BioCYTIH Foundation at Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
IHUB Drishti Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur	Drishti CPS Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology, Indore
	IHUB Anubhuti Foundation at Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi

  
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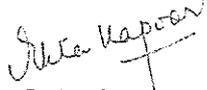
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NMICPS Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation Foundation (TIHAN) at Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad	Navavishkar I-Hub Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati
	Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation at Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) Dhanbad

4. Interactive workshops under NM-ICPS should be organized for connecting:
- TIHs with industry (with the support of CII and FICCI).
  - TIHs with state governments through S&T Councils of the states.

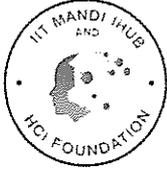
In addition to this, it was also recommended that the problem statements concerning applicability of Cyber Physical Systems, as given to Mission Office, DST by various line ministries of the Government of India should be taken up on priority. The solutions to these problem statements, as developed by the TIHs working in the respective areas, may be shared with the line ministries. For this purpose, a brainstorming with line ministries may be organized.

- It was recommended to publish a Monthly bulletin to analyze the progress of the work of all TIHs. In order to manage the work properly and efficiently, the responsibility will be rotated to the PD of each TIH every 3 months. It was suggested that since the TIH at IIT, Jodhpur is engaged in publishing such bulletins, this activity will be started through Dr. Mayank Vats, PD, IIT Jodhpur and the further rotation of the responsibility will be regulated by DST.
- Mission office, DST should organize Annual workshops on NM-ICPS with a larger audience including all stakeholders - Line Ministries/Departments/Industry/Industry Associations/ State Governments/ R&D Institutions/Academia.
- Review of all TIHs with respect to their physical and financial targets should be conducted by Mission Office, DST regularly and preferably once in every quarter. DST will plan physical visit to each TIH within next 6 months.
- Individual Hubs should organize brainstorming sessions (Physically or Virtually) and connect with each other in their respective sectors/thrust areas. The interactive mechanism as proposed in Point 3 may be considered.
- There is a need for a major discussion over the exemptions of Income Tax for these Section 8 companies. This may be taken up on priority in the next review meeting.
- To bring more transparency and accountability to TIHs' policy of activities, it was recommended that the minutes of Hub Governing Body (HGB) of each TIH should be uploaded on the NM-ICPS portal.
- Agencies which require the expertise of a TIH to work in any relevant and specific area of expertise, will be free to approach the TIH/III directly.
- Target definitions for the Mission targets for all TIHs will be interpreted and clarified by the Mission Office, to facilitate a more accurate projection of achievements.

  
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13. Issues concerning GST, Income Tax or any other Tax matter may be clarified with local authorities along-with expert opinion of professionals. Any outstanding matters with policy implications may be placed before the next review meeting, which is scheduled to be conducted during September, 2022.

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Annexure-I

## List of Participants

Sl. No	Name and Affiliation	Position
<b>MGB Members</b>		
1	Dr Kris Gopalakrishnan, Chairman, Axilor Ventures Pvt Ltd, Bengaluru	Chairman
2	Dr V K Saraswat, Member (S&T), NITI Aayog.	Member
3	Dr. Rahul Neival. (Representative of Secretary, MeitY), New Delhi	Member
4	Dr. Srivari Chandrasekhar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology	Member
5	Shri K Ananth Krishnan, Vice President & CTO, TCS	Member
6	Prof I. M Patnaik, NIAS, Bengaluru	
<b>SAC Members</b>		
7	Prof Udai B Desai, Former Director, IIT Hyderabad	Chairman
8	Shri G.Narendra Nath, Representative from National Security Council Secretariat	Member
9	Ms Rohini Srivathsa, Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Member
10	Mr. Amit Sharma, Director & Advisor (Cyber), DRDO	Member
11	Mr. S. Pradyumna Joshi, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre	Member
<b>Mission Office, DST</b>		
13	Dr. Akhilesh Gupta, Senior Advisor, DST	
14	Shri Manoj Kumar, Director of Finance, DST	
15	Shri Umesh Kumar, Under Secretary, Integrated Finance Division, DST	
16	Ms. Rajani Kushwaha, FFT Division, DST	
17	Mr Saikat Batabyal, Young Professional, DST	
18	Dr. Ekta Kapoor, Scientist F & Head, FFT Division, DST	
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21	Prof. Deva. Priyakumar & Team	IIT-H Data I-Hub Foundation at International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad
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