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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Constitution of Working Group for PRABHASS activities

DG, CSIR has constituted the following Inter-Ministerial Working Group to work towards development of a single National Portal titled "Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (**PRABHASS**)" for effectively engaging with Indian Global S&T Community :-

1. Dr. Dnyaneshwar Mulay, IFS & Member, National Human Rights Commission, India - Chairman
2. Nodal S&T Departments / Agencies (Members)
 - a. Department of Science and Technology (DST)- Shri. Sanjeev K Varshney, Head International Cooperation Division
 - b. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) - Dr Rajni Kant, Scientist 'G' & Director, RMRC, Gorakhpur; Head, RMPPC & CU
 - c. Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) - Dr. A.K. Tyagi, Associate Director, Chemistry Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
 - d. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)- Dr N. Ranjana, Scientist-G, Director, DSTA
 - e. Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) - Dr. Gopal Raman Iyengar, Scientist-G
 - f. Department of Space (DOS) – Sh. M S Anurup, Sci/Engg.G & Associate Director, STOP
 - g. Department of Biotechnology (DBT) – Dr. Manish Rana, Scientist E
 - h. Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE/ICAR) Representative
 - i. Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - Dr. Rama Swami Bansal, Chief Scientist and Head, International S&T Affairs Directorate (ISTAD)
3. Ministry of External Affairs, (MEA) Smt. Renu Pall, Additional Secretary (NEST), MEA - Member

As PRABHASS is conceptualized as a NATIONAL Portal, other Departments may be included subsequently.

The mandate of the above Working Group is as follows:

- a) to synchronize / assimilate the inputs/targets and join forces towards engaging the Global Indian S&T Diaspora for enriching the Indian innovation ecosystem including their networking with Indian researchers / institutions to guiding this effort ahead,
- b) to provide policy guidance,
- c) conduct periodic reviews/follow-ups of the activities and progress of this initiative,
- d) establish and launch joint collaborative programmes / schemes and
- e) serve as Inter-Ministerial Committee for enabling mechanisms for collaboration and evaluation of proposals for collaborative R&D projects, workshops, trainings, fellowship etc.

The draft Terms of Reference of the Working Group is enclosed as Annexure A for kind reference, which would be finalized collectively in the Working Group meeting.


(Bhawna Guglahi)
Under Secretary

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Draft Terms of Reference*
of
the Working Group for PRABHASS Activities

**To be finalised in the Working Group meeting*

The Working Group is set up to work towards development of a single national portal titled Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRABHASS)" for effectively engaging with Indian global S&T community. It would help integrate similar effort being made by various Indian S&T departments / agencies to bring together the Scientific Diaspora using a virtual platform to address the Indian societal challenges / problems and promote collaboration between resident and non-resident Indian scientists.

Draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group*

- Integrating PRABHASS with VAIBHAV Summit Outputs
- Framing Implementation policies for the outcomes/outputs from the VAIBHAV Summit
- Facilitating collaborations on value proposals and serve as Inter-Ministerial Committee for enabling mechanisms for collaboration and evaluation of proposals for collaborative R&D projects, workshops/Webinar, trainings, fellowship etc. Facilitating execution of International Cooperation related to different activities and collaboration requests.
- Framing Policy Guidelines for enhancing the engagement with Diaspora and way ahead for this initiative to address the societal challenges through S&T interventions
- Facilitating Implementation of Government effort including realization of Make-In-India and "Aatm Nirbhar Bharat Schemes
- Conducting periodic reviews/follow-ups of the activities and progress of this initiative
- Suggesting establishment and launch of collaborative programmes / schemes and suggesting potential international collaboration possibilities (such as for a) Facilitating upgradations and standardizations of Indian Technologies as per the Global Standards; b) Showcasing the Indian Technologies developed under different initiatives by Indian departments/agencies to the world and support the technology transfer effort; c) Facilitating Inputs to technological gaps
- Facilitating Technology Transfer agreements and connecting the Indian S&T departments/agencies with the global diaspora experts and industries/R&D institutes for promoting and transferring Indian technologies.
- Bringing on board relevant Central and State ministries/bodies for effective and smooth implementation of these efforts
- Facilitating implementation of solutions through Central & State Ministries/bodies for Societal Benefits
- Connecting and developing Entrepreneurs
- Identification of nodal agency for portal management, implementation and coordination with the Working Group.
- The Working Group should meet Quarterly
- Any other relevant matter

PRABHASS VISION

To serve as National Digital Platform to engage with Global Indian S&T Community for Societal Good and implementing recommendations of VAIBHAV Summit.