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## **Media Release**

## IIT Hyderabad Cluster receives a prestigious Rs. 60 crore grant from DST for establishing the ground-breaking Centre for In-Situ and Correlative Microscopy (CISCOM)

"This transformative initiative will empower scientists across diverse disciplines to collaborate on innovative solutions using cutting-edge microscopy techniques." - Prof BS Murty

**Hyderabad, March 08, 2024:** IIT Hyderabad Cluster has been awarded a Rs. 60 crores grant by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the **Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)** scheme. It is important to note that only 3 clusters have been selected under this SATHI scheme call. The proposed IIT Hyderabad centre, called the Centre for In-Situ and Correlative Microscopy (SATHI-CISCOM), will serve as the cornerstone for cutting-edge characterisation. The proposed centre would be the first of its kind to enable real-time characterisation across multiple length scales for fundamental and industrial R&D purposes. This initiative aims to bring together scientists from a broad range of scientific disciplines, including physical sciences, chemistry, biology, and pharmaceutical studies, to address common scientific goals that can only be addressed by using such sophisticated microscopy techniques.

Led by Prof BS Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad and a team of researchers from IIT Hyderabad with Dr Sai Rama Krishna Malladi as the Principal Investigator, the SATHI-CISCoM facility is supported by 15 academic, research, and industrial organizations to the tune of 16+ Cr, namely, University of Hyderabad (UoH), Telangana State Council for Higher Education, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology Nagpur, National Institute of Technology Raipur, National Institute of Technology Warangal, Chaitanya Bharati Institute of Technology Hyderabad, Sri Vishnu Educational Society Hyderabad, International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB), Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT Hyderabad), LV Prasad Eye Institute Hyderabad, Dr. Reddy's Labs Hyderabad, Bharat Biotech Hyderabad, Amara Raja Group Tirupati, TATA Steel.

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