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Subject: Constitution of Expert Committee for the National Geospatial Programme

The National Geospatial Programme of DST aims to catalyse the National Geospatial Ecosystem with the mandate of promoting Geospatial Science and Technology, policy, solution, capacity building, entrepreneurship and international cooperation for sustainable socio-economic development at all levels of governance.

It has the following objectives:

- Promotion of R&D in emerging areas of Geospatial science and technology.
- Development of geo-spatial solutions for sustainable socio-economic growth in alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and National Developmental Priorities up to panchayat and ward levels.
- Build knowledge and adaptation capacity of geospatial technologies at various levels of governance in collaboration with academia and user agencies.
- Stimulate the growth of Geospatial technology innovation.
- Develop the national capacity for Geospatial Science and technology development, acquisition and transfer through International cooperation.
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In order to guide, overview, monitor the current divisional programme as well as for addressing the gaps as per the changing global scenario, it is proposed to reconstitute the NGP Expert Committee with the following composition and terms of reference.

A. Composition

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| 1. | Dr. V K Dadhwal, Former Director, NRSC, Hyderabad | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. Vishnu Chandra, Former Deputy Director General & HOG –NIC, New Delhi | Member |

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| 3. | Dr. Saibal Ghosh, Deputy Director General (Geology) & Regional Mission Head-IV, Geological Survey of India, Eastern Region, Kolkata | Member |
| 4. | Prof. K. S. Rajan, Professor & Registrar, IIT-Hyderabad | Member |
| 5. | Prof. Onkar Dikshit, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Kanpur | Member |
| 6. | Dr. S. K. Srivastava, Chief General Manager, Regional Centres (RCs), NRSC-New Delhi | Member |
| 7. | Prof. P. Shanmugam, Professor, IIT-Madras | Member |
| 8. | Prof. Vikram Goyal, Professor, IIT-Delhi | Member |
| 9. | Prof. Surya Durba, Professor, IIT-Bombay | Member |
| 10. | Prof. R. Vidhya, Department of Civil Engineering, Anna University, Chennai | Member |
| 11. | Shri Rajesh Mathur, Advisor, ESRI India, Noida | Member |
| 12. | Shri Nikhil Kumar, President – Geospatial, MapmyIndia | Member |
| 13. | Representative from Survey of India | Member |
| 14. | Representative from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation | Member |
| 15. | Representative from National Institute of Disaster Management | Member |
| 16. | Representative from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs | Member |
| 17. | Dr. Shubha Pandey, Scientist E, DST, New Delhi | Member Secretary |
| 18. | Shri Ujjwal Rajput, Scientist B, DST, New Delhi | Convener |

B. Terms of Reference

1. The Expert Committee will guide, oversee and monitor the R&D activities and provide overall guidance and directions in realizing the planned objectives of the programme for research.
2. The Expert Committee shall identify new areas of research, emerging technologies and future directions of research.
3. The Expert Committee shall scrutinize all R&D project proposals, scientific contents, evaluate the feasibility of funding and recommend for support.
4. Review of the progress of ongoing R&D projects and recommend appropriate corrective measures, if any.
5. The Expert Committee may co-opt any other member, as and when required.
6. Suggest ways and means for transferring emerging technologies to potential users.

C. Tenure

Tenure of the Expert Committee will be for a period of 03 years from the date of its first meeting.

D. Payment of TA/DA and Honorarium

1. The non-officials of the Expert Committee shall be paid TA/DA as per the rule of government of India for attending the meeting of the Committee.
2. The members of the expert committee shall also be paid Rs.4,000/- per day as honorarium for attending a meeting of the committee.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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