



# Invention to Innovation

# Indo-German Science & Technology Centre

Established with an aim to facilitate Indo-German S&T networking through substantive interaction among government, academia/research system and industry including public-private partnership to foster innovation and application for the overall economic and societal developments of both the countries.

The Centre envisions to:

- advance industrial research partnership with mutuality of interest and respect
- create platform for cross fertilisation of ideas
- develop knowledge networks for industrial sectors to enhance competitiveness
- establish joint knowledge pools to address global challenges
- serve as a nerve centre to promote Indo-German technology partnership

The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) will provide links to research, academia and industry and support flagship projects between India and Germany in the areas of common interest including: Manufacturing technology (including automotives); Energy and Environment; Health Research/Biotechnology; Information & Communication Technology; Advanced Materials & Nanotechnology; Chemical Process Technology etc. Both governments will be contributing Euro 2 million (Rs. 13 crore) each year for realising the goals.

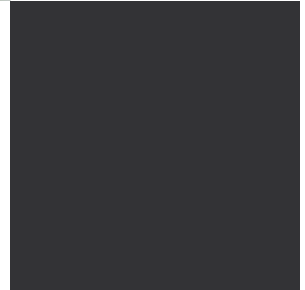


"IGSTC will emerge a new joint path for cogeneration of values to people of both countries through innovation led manufacturing."

- Dr. T Ramasami, Secretary, DST

"It is for the first time that Germany has created such a centre together with another country. We have done so because we knew that India has excellent scientists and the best know how... For the first time, we have the chance to not only provide an impetus to new ideas and concepts, but also to produce them."

- Mr. Thomas Rachel, Parliamentary State Secretary, BMBF

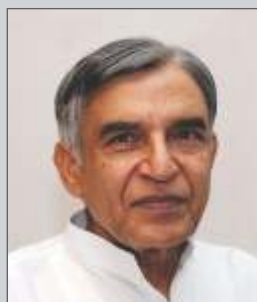


## Objectives

- To play a proactive role in facilitating participation of industry in joint R&D projects
- To provide/assist in mobilising resources to carry out industrial R&D projects
- To promote electronic exchange and dissemination of information on opportunities in bilateral S&T cooperation
- To provide individual advice to institutes and industries from either country on the possibilities of Indo-German cooperation and helping in the identification of suitable partners
- To facilitate and promote Indo-German bilateral collaborations in basic and applied science, research and technology through substantive interaction among government, academia and industry
- To encourage public-private partnerships (PPP) to foster elements of innovation and application and cultivating a culture of cooperation between science and industry
- To nurture contacts between young and mid career scientists and technologists to develop a sense of mutual trust, partnership/leadership and entrepreneurship
- To develop cooperation through the identification of scientists and scientific institutions of the two countries
- To organise workshops, seminars, training programmes and other types of events on subjects of mutual interest

## A Backgrounder

"Both sides will work towards setting up an Indo-German science, research & technology centre" - was the announcement through the joint statement during the visit of Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh to Germany in 2006 reaffirming the strategic partnerships of Germany and India. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up the Centre was signed by German Federal Minister of Education and Research, Dr Annette Schavan, with her Indian counterpart Kapil Sibal in October 2007, during the visit of German Chancellor Angela Merkel to India.



"The establishment of IGSTC is a landmark decision taken by Governments of India and Germany to take their S&T relationship to greater heights. It is expected that IGSTC will create a newer model of research partnership between India & Germany to foster industry participation. The strong network created over three decades of S&T linkage, will be the foundation for IGSTC to create that platform."

- Minister Pawan Kumar Bansal



"The new Indo-German Science and Technology Centre will make an important contribution towards strengthening collaboration between science and industry and accelerating the translation of research results into new products, processes and services... It will help us to jointly master the challenges of the future for the benefit of both our countries."

- Minister Annette Schavan

*Formally inaugurated on 7th December 2010, the IGSTC in Gurgaon (Haryana) has been registered as a "Society" under Societies Registration Act in India. The Centre is managed by a Governing Body comprising equal members from Germany and India with representation from Government, academia and industry.*



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