



## Request for Expression of Interest for ICMR-NCAHT Collaborating Centre of Excellence (ICMR-CCoE) -2025

### Background:

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex body for formulation, coordination, and promotion of biomedical research in India. It is committed to promote, support and conduct research to improve health of all our citizens, and to make India a global leader in Health. Our institutions should achieve global Leadership in research with an aim to solve health problems of Indian citizens.

ICMR has established the National Centre for Assistive Technology (NCAHT) in collaboration with **AIIMS-Delhi and IIT-Delhi, with partners like Saksham NGO, NISH-Trivandrum, and IIT, Madras**; with the Objectives of finding the landscape of AT, mapping manufacturers, fostering innovation, validating existing technologies, ensuring reimbursable AT interventions, improving awareness and use of AT, enhancing the National capacity of the service providers, developing policy briefs or guidance documents, and develop standards of ATs through Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

Henceforth, it is proposed to establish the **NCAHT** across six regions (*East, West, North, South, North-East, Central*) of India, Guided by the “5 Ps” approach—**People, Personnel, Products, Provision, and Policy**— which aims to transform assistive technology (AT) development, accessibility, and policy implementation to ensure inclusive healthcare for all.

In this backdrop, ICMR-NCAHT is inviting Expression of Interest for establishing ICMR-NCAHT Collaborating Centres of Excellence.

### Purpose:

1. To strengthen the ecosystem for AT.
2. To enhance access and equity for people with functional impairment.
3. To advance sustainable policies and provisions.

**Duration:** 3 years (extendable based on review)

**Categories of Organisations:** Public, Private, NGO, academia and research institutions, including medical colleges, universities, engineering colleges, NIPER, IISER, IIM, IIIT, CMET, CDAC, NID, NIFT, CLRI, CFRI, MSME tool rooms, STPI, SAMEER, Med Tech Parks, para-sports academies, NI-MoSJE, etc.

**No Financial Support:** Recognition as ICMR-NCAHT-CCoE is independent of any financial support being given to the institution by ICMR. No special financial support will be provided to ICMR-NCAHT-CCoE.

**Eligibility:**

Indian research institutes or organizations as cited above & others can submit the EoI, provided it fulfils the criteria mentioned below:

- A research team of an institute with cutting edge biomedical research experience led by a senior PI.
- Excellent track record in health research in terms of impactful publications.
- Demonstrated collaboration with or contribution to ICMR.
- Willingness to contribute to the objectives and activities of ICMR-NCAHT on an honorary basis, such as adjunct faculty for help in capacity development, assisted with proposal development workshops etc.
- Willingness to work with ICMR-NCAHT on national priorities related to public health.
- Categories of research teams to be included: basic research, translational research, clinical research, laboratory-based research, population-based research.

**Submission of applications:** The interested organisations can apply through ICMR Electronic Project Management System (e-PMS)

**Important note for the submission of proposal:**

1. Submission Portal will open from 18th Feb-2025
2. Open the ICMR Electronics Project Management System (e- PMS) portal <https://epms.icmr.org.in>. The user manual of e-PMS (under Guidelines → e-PMS manual) is available on the portal.
3. Project proposal submission is three steps process in e-PMS:  
Step 1: PI registration/ Login (<https://epms.icmr.org.in/userLogin>)  
Step 2: Verify email ID and complete/ update PI profile  
Step 3: Proposal submission
4. After completing mandatory section of PI profile, click on Proposal submission → Click on Call for proposal → Click on the click here to apply new proposal against “Request for Expression of Interest for ICMR-NCAHT Collaborating Centre of Excellence (ICMR-CCoE)” → Fill the form step by step.
5. For any queries related to the call, please contact  
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## Tentative Timeline

Activities	Date
Release of Call	18-Feb-2025
Last date for submission of proposal	19-March-2025 (17:00hrs)
Review and selection	30-April-2025