

MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Title:	15 TH Scientific Operations Committee	Meeting Date/Time:	01-07-2024
Meeting Type:	Hybrid	Meeting Location:	Hyderabad
Meeting Organizer/ Coordinator:	Dr. Gopal & Sannareddy Sravani		

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Meeting Agenda/Outline

- General Elections 2024 Updates
- Financial assistance - NCVPRIPG 2024 & 8th CVIT Summer school
- Other Edu Programs – 2024

Presentation link:

- [SOC Meeting - July 1st 2024 \(1\).pptx](#)
- [ihub-soc-1-july-2024.pptx](#)

Meeting Summary

Support Requests for Upcoming Conferences and Workshops

1. NCVPRIG Conference at Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Trivandrum:

- Organizers: Avinash Sharma, IIT Jodhpur (previously at IIIT-H), General Chair: PJN.
- Prof. Avinash requested funding support for the conference.

2. Computer Vision Summer School (IIIT-Hyderabad):

- Details: A one-week course/workshop on computer vision.
- Prof. Jawahar has requested support for this workshop.

Decision Taken: Both initiatives are approved in principle.

Conditions:

- Funding will be released as and when it is relevant.
- Final support is contingent upon receiving funds from DST.

Other Educational programs-2024

Chair Professorships of Dr. Mukta Advani & Srikanth Ryali

- Dr. Raju suggested the support period from 1st August 2024 to 31st July 2025.
- Dr. Anbu suggested to check with Dr. Mukti before sending the appointment letters.
- Prof. Bapi suggested to send formal Invitation by CEO to invite Mukti Advani, confirming Chair Professorship approval.
- Dr. Jay updated Dr. Srikanth and Dr. Mukti will receive a monthly stipend for chair professorship, with a formal offer letter.
- **Chair Professorship letter** : Include a brief overview of focus areas and intended involvement in the letter for clarity and commitment.

2Phd and 1 MS fellowship extensions

- 2PhD and MS fellowship extensions for Prof. Ashok Kumar Das, Prof. Rajakrishnan, and Sachin Chaudhary are being considered for another year, pending evaluations and possible reassignment.
- **Support Decision:** Extend both PhD and MS fellowships for one year. Given the longer duration of PhD studies, continued support is important.

2024-2025 Fellowships:

- For 2024-25, we received 8 PhD and 2 MS fellowship applications, historically supporting 4-6 PhDs and 6-9 MS fellowships annually with a budget of ₹30,00,000 per year.
- CTO suggested checking if PIs can cover initial expenses to avoid delays. Prof. Bapi recommended having the institute cover initial costs and adjust accounts with the hub later. Dr. Jay agreed that if DST funding is delayed, this approach is the only viable option.

Decision:

- Select PhD and MS fellowships to fit the budget.
- Inform unsuccessful applicants that support isn't available.
- For selected fellows, support will start in August, with the institute covering costs if DST funds are delayed.

Legal AI project Overview:

- Collected judgments from 1947 to 2022 (54,000 cases, 22 million citations) and 900,000 Hindi case documents from UP. Focused on prior case retrieval, bail prediction, and legal summaries; bail prediction work published in ACL 2022 with data/code on GitHub. Insights include categorized case types, high bail application rates, and

regional case concentrations, with discussions on AI tool use with legal professionals. The project uncovered prediction biases based on names/metadata and is exploring fairness in large language models using real case data.

- Prof. Bapi suggested CTO to collaborate with PK to explore the possibility of hosting some of this data on the Data Foundation.
- Prof. Bapi inquired about the state of legal document processing in India. Prof. PK responded that it is limited, with inconsistent state policies and mostly unprocessed, scanned data.

General Elections 2024:

- The project analyzes and visualizes election-related social and online data, developing tools to process and interpret content despite limited access to data sources, focusing on bias detection and spending patterns through advanced models and dashboards.
- The current financial status shows a sanctioned amount of 18.5 lakhs, with 3.5 lakhs spent and 14 lakhs remaining. Plans include ordering a server costing around 5 lakhs. The project is now set to continue until June 2025 to complete all tasks and finalize funding.
- Prof. PK said they have the data and everything set up now. With the SOC approval, he wants to extend the project to June 2025 to complete all tasks and use up the funding.

Decision: CEO and Prof. Bapi requested a specific list of planned accomplishments with the remaining budget before June 2025, along with a detailed breakdown of recurring and non- recurring expenses.

Actions/ To Do Items			
Sl No.	Creation Date	Description	Action Item Owner
1	01-07-2024	To check with Dr. Mukti before sending the appointment letters. To send formal Invitation by CEO to invite Mukti Advani, confirming Chair Professorship approval	Dr. Raju/CEO
2	01-07-2024	To collaborate with PK to explore the possibility of hosting some of this data on the Data Foundation.	CTO/Prof.P.K
3	01-07-2024	a specific list of planned accomplishments with the remaining budget before June 2025, along with a detailed breakdown of recurring and non-recurring expenses	Prof. PK/Sravani/Dr. Gopal