National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS)

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What are Cyber Physical Systems (CPS)

- CPS are a new class of engineered systems that integrate computation and physical processes in a dynamic environment.
- CPS encompasses technology areas of Cybernetics, Mechatronics, Design and Embedded systems, Internet of Things (IoT), Big Data, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and many more.
- The CPS systems are intelligent, autonomous and efficient and are expected to drive innovation in sectors as diverse as agriculture, water, energy, transportation, infrastructure, security, health and manufacturing.

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In order to harness the potential of this new wave of technology and make India a leading player in CPS, the Union Cabinet approved the launch of National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) to be implemented by the Department of Science & Technology (DST) with a total outlay of Rs. 3660 Crore for a period of five years

Aim of the mission

The Mission aims to create a strong foundation and a seamless ecosystem for CPS technologies by coordinating and integrating nationwide efforts encompassing knowledge generation, human

resource development, research, technology and product development, innovation and commercialization.

Implementation of the mission

- The mission will be implemented through a network of 15 Technology Innovation Hubs (TIHs), 6 Sectoral Application Hubs (SAHs) and 4 Technology Translation Research Parks (TTRPs).
- Each hub and technology park will follow a technology life cycle approach, addressing all stages viz.
 Knowledge-Development-Translation-Commercialization
- The first Phase of NM-ICPS will focus on establishing six Technology Innovation Hubs (TIHs) in the following domain areas:
 - 1. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
 - 2. Technologies for Internet of Things and Everything (IOT & IOE), Sensors, Activators and Control
 - 3. Databanks & Data Services, Data Analytics
 - 4. Advanced Communication Systems
 - 5. Robotics & Autonomous Systems
 - 6. Cyber Security and Cyber Security for Physical Infrastructure
- The first phase of NM-ICPS will be implemented by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB).