

# Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)

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In order to address the need for building shared, professionally managed and strong Science and Technology infrastructure in the country which is readily accessible to academia, start-ups, manufacturing, industry and R&D labs, the **Department of Science & Technology has launched a unique scheme called Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI).**

## **Key features of SATHI**

- The SATHI centres are expected to house major **analytical instruments to provide common services of high-end analytical testing, thus avoiding duplication and reduced dependency on foreign sources.**
- These centres would be operated with a transparent, open access policy.
- DST has already set up three such centres in the country, one each at IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi and BHU at a total cost of Rs 375 Cores.
- It is planned to set up five SATHI Centres every year for the next four years.

## **What will SATHI do?**

- SATHI will address the problems of accessibility, maintenance, redundancy and duplication of expensive equipment in our institutions, while reaching out to the less endowed organizations in need, e.g., industry, MSMEs, startups and State Universities.

- This will also foster a strong culture of collaboration between institutions and across disciplines to take advantage of developments, innovations and expertise in diverse areas.