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Subject: Virtual launch of State Science Technology Innovation (STI) Data Portal of Punjab by Adviser, Deptt. of Science & Technology, Govt. of India on 23.1.2023.

Dear Madam,

I am glad to share that Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST) has taken pioneering initiative to develop first-of-its-kind State level Science Technology Innovation Data Portal (<https://pscst.punjab.gov.in/en/sti-data-portal>). Department of Science and Technology, Government of India had entrusted PSCST with the responsibility to develop Model Data Architecture Framework as well as Data Portal to provide end-to-end holistic information regarding STI ecosystem of the State on a single platform. DST, Govt. of India envisions that this portal will act as a model and will be emulated by other States in the country.

The above said Science, Technology and Innovation Data Portal of Punjab was launched today by Dr. Debapriya Dutta, Adviser, Deptt. of Science and Technology, Govt. of India in India international Science Festival, being held at Bhopal.

The heads of various Universities and Institutions from the State as well as those of Science and Technology Councils across the country participated physically/virtually in the above said event.

I am enclosing a Press Note regarding this novel initiative and request you to give adequate coverage to the same in your esteemed News Paper.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Jatinder Kaur Arora)

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Press Note

**Punjab launches first-of-its-kind
State Science, Technology Innovation Data Portal**

Dr. Debapriya Dutta, Adviser, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India launched country's first-of-its-kind State level Science, Technology Innovation (STI) Data Portal. The Data Portal developed by Punjab State Council for Science and Technology (PSCST) with the support of Department of Science & Technology, Government of India was launched by him virtually during State Science and Technology Councils' Conclave in India International Science Festival, organized by Government of India. The Portal provides end-to-end holistic information regarding STI Ecosystem of the State on a single platform. During his address, Dr. Dutta applauded the efforts of PSCST for making Punjab the first State to develop the Portal. He informed that PSCST has emerged as a Model S&T Council and hence was entrusted with the responsibility to develop State STI Data framework as well as the Portal. He further shared that it will now be emulated by other states in the country.

Dr. Jatinder Kaur Arora, Executive Director, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology made brief presentation about key features of Data Portal. She informed that the initiative was taken up with the foresight to map and strengthen STI Ecosystem of Punjab. The Model STI Data Architecture Framework has been developed to provide information on about 50 STI indicators, for which, all relevant stakeholders from the state viz. Research Institutions, Scientific Organizations, Universities, Development Departments etc. have been taken on board. The Portal also provides access to information on the vast resources existing in the State in terms of infrastructure, facilities, equipments, research expertise, incubation & acceleration spaces, technologies available with various institutions/organizations etc. which could be used by students, innovators and industry within and outside the State.

Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Scientist F, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India shared that DST, GoI envisions to strengthen this initiative by supporting setting up STI Data Centres in Punjab as well as in few other States which will be taking lead in emulating the model developed by State of Punjab.

Dr. Dapinder Bakshi, Joint Director, PSCST informed that the Portal has been developed in collaboration with Centre for Technology, Innovation and Economic Research, Pune and CDAC Mohali.

The Launch Event was attended physically / virtually by heads of various Universities and Institutions from the State as well as those of Science and Technology Councils across the country.