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Grants received from Government and non-governmental agencies for research projects / endowments in the institution during 2021-2022

SL NO:	Faculty Name	Department	Sanctioned by	Sanctioned for	Sanctioned amount	Current Status
1	Ms. Remya Y K	Civil Engineering	CERD_KTU	Research work	120000	Ongoing
2	Vinoj P G	ECE	CERD_KTU	Research work	75000	Completed
3	Hazel Elza John	ECE	KSCSTE	Research work	9800	Completed
4	Rosebell	CSE	CERD_KTU	Research work	49,860	Completed
5	Deepasree varma	CSE	SERB DST	Research work	1,664,000	Ongoing
6	Deepasree Varma	CSE	RajCOMP Info Services Ltd	Research work	755,000	Ongoing
7	Susmi Jacob	CSE	CERD-KTU	Research work	75,000	Ongoing
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No. KTU/RESEARCH 2/4643/2020

Dated: 02.09.2021

From

The DEAN (Research)

То

The Principal SCMS School of Engineering and Technology

Sir,

Sub:- APJAKTU - CERD - Research Seed Money Scheme - Projects Selected for funding - reg:-

I am glad to inform you that the project proposals as listed in Annexure I are provisionally selected for funding under Research Seed Money (RSM) scheme of KTU.

The expenditure should be incurred as per the sanctioned budget heads and in accordance with terms and conditions given in Annexure II. Format of MOU to be furnished by the college is given as Annexure III.

The Principal Investigators may please be directed to forward request (in Annexure II) for releasing the fund with Bank Account details. The fund will be released only after settling pending accounts of the principal investigator in CERD, if any. Any request received after three months from the date of this letter will not be considered.

Yours faithfully Dr. Shalij P.R \* DEAN (Research)

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1. Vinoj P. G, Assistant Professor in ECE.

- 2. Y. K. Remya, Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering.
- 3. Susmi Jacob, Assistant Professor in Computer Science.

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	Assistant Professor		Technology for the paralyzed							
<mark>2</mark>	<mark>Y K Remya</mark>	<mark>Civil</mark>	Geometric design consistency	1,20,000	<mark>60,000</mark>	<mark>60,000</mark>	<mark>55,000</mark>		<mark>5000</mark>	<mark>60,000</mark>
	Assistant Professor		evaluation criteria for two							
			lane rural combined curves							
<mark>3</mark>	<mark>Susmi Jacob</mark>	CSE	ContextAuth – An implicit	<mark>75,000</mark>	<mark>55,000</mark>	<mark>20,000</mark>	<mark>20,000</mark>	<mark>50,000</mark>		<mark>5,00</mark> 0
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			<mark>Smartphones</mark>							



#### **Research progress report (RSM CERD Research Seed Money)**

#### **Details of Project**

Title of Project: Geometric design consistency evaluation criteria for two lane rural combined curves

Name of Principal Inevstigator: Y K Remya, Asst Prof., CED

Amount Sanctioned: Rs1,20,000/-

First allotted money: Rs60,000/-

#### **Relevance** of the topic

Relevance of the topic can be understood from the following facts:

- Though Kerala is a small state constituting only 1% of total area of our country, more than 3 lakh km long road network exists. So a large number of different types of curves are a common phenomenon.
- Rollover crashes of commercial vehicles at curves are mostly serious and cause severe damage and injury than other kinds of vehicle crashes.
- The relatively low roll over stability of commercial heavy vehicles promotes rollover and contributes to the number of heavy vehicle crashes.
- The lateral stability of a commercial heavy vehicle changes with the load distribution as the position of centre of gravity of loaded heavy vehicle varies.
- Lateral stability of a heavy vehicle also depends on its suspension characteristics while traversing a horizontal curve.
- Vehicle stability also depends up on geometry of the highway and on operating speed.

So this study focuses on rollover potential of heavy vehicles carrying different load distributions and to arrive at critical or unsafe load conditions. The influence of suspension characteristics of the vehicle on its lateral stability while negotiating a horizontal curve will also be studied. Moreover the study aims to determine how geometry of a curve and operating speed of vehicle influence lateral stability of the vehicle. The research also attempts to compare field study with computer simulation/mathematical modeling techniques.

#### Literature review

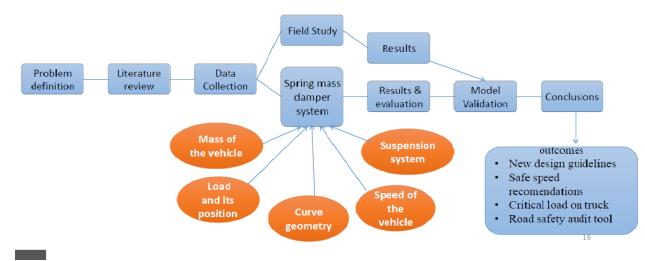
Literature are being collected and grouped into the following subgroups

- Literature giving Basic understanding of vehicle rollover phenomenon and point mass model
- Research on vehicle stability using computer simulation
- Research on vehicle stability using field study

- Literature evaluating geometric design consistency and safety
- The following gaps in previous research are identified
- Current design guidelines for horizontal curves in India are based on AASHTO guidelines which were developed in consistent with studies done outside India. The adaptability of these design guidelines to Indian conditions is not investigated yet.
- Guidelines for geometric design of reverse curves and combined curves under Indian conditions are not developed yet.
- The effect of distribution of load carried by trucks on its stability at various operating speeds is not studied.

#### **Innovation expected**

- Expect new design guidelines for horizontal curves considering vehicle stability
- Safety engineers could select appropriate speed limit for heavy vehicles on different types of horizontal curves.
- Vehicle operators could identify the critical or worst load distribution condition of heavy vehicles and can avoid the situation of rollover of heavy vehicles.
- Road safety audit tool for rural highways handling freight transportation.



#### Methodology planned

Figure 1: Flowchart showing research organization

#### **Details of progress of research**

Physical progress Crash data during 2016,2017 and 2018 collected

1. Selection of study truck(Figure 2). Characteristics of study truck shown in Table 1

- 2. Geometric data for simple horizontal curves and combined curves collected using total station equipment and GPS (Table 2)
- 3. Field survey using two axle truck equipped with Androsensor application for different loading conditions like empty condition, partial loading conditions and fully loaded condition.



Figure 2: TATA SE 1613 truck

Sl. No.	Vehicle Characteristics	Truck	SUV
1	Vehicle model	TATA SE 1613	Nissan Terrano
2	Gross Vehicle Weight	16200kg	1770kg
3	Suspension	Semi elliptical multi leaf spring, hydraulic double acting telescopic damper	McPherson Strut with Coil Spring Stabilizer Bar & Double Acting Shock Absorber
4	Overall height	2460mm	1671
5	Overall length	6970mm	4331mm
6	Overall Width	2434mm	1822mm
7	Track width	1890mm	1560mm
8	Wheel base	4225mm	2673mm

9	Centre of Gravity height from ground level	873mm (Empty truck) 1489mm (Truck loaded upto GVW)	835mm
10	Ground Clearance	259mm	205mm

**Table 2**: Summary statistics of geometry of study curves.

Sl. No	Curve Type	No. of curves	Geometric data collection Status
1	Simple Horizontal curves	91	Completed
2	Combined curves	68	Completed
3	Reverse curves		On Progress

#### Collection of lateral acceleration data

The lateral behaviour of test vehicles on study curves were determined by collecting real field data through an extensive field survey. Acceleration sensor available in android phone was used for collecting lateral acceleration experienced by the vehicle. It shows in real time how much force is applied on it in the form of acceleration. The x, y and z axis show the direction of the force. x is relative to the left and right sides of the phone as you hold it looking at the screen. y is relative to the up and down sides of the phone as you hold it looking at the screen. z is relative to the front and back sides of the phone as you hold it looking at the screen. The android phones with 'Androsensor' application installed in it were mounted at six different positions inside the test vehicle as shown in figure 2, four of which were fixed above the front and rear wheel positions and the remaining two were fixed above the centre of the front and rear axles. The androsensor application gives the following data:

- a) Acceleration in X, Y and Z directions
- b) Geographic Location in Latitude, Longitude
- c) Instantaneous speed
- d) Date and Time



Figure 3: Sensor Positions on SUV and Truck: 1: Front left; 2: Front mid 3: Front right; 4: Rear left; 5: Rear mid; 6: Rear right

The test vehicles were operated through the study curves under natural conditions with sensor active. Test runs were conducted during off peak hours. Also, a number of trials were repeated to improve accuracy of results and to eliminate possible errors due to influence of other vehicles if any. Later, the large data set recorded by the sensor was retrieved, sorted, grouped and analyzed to obtain lateral acceleration experienced by the test vehicle along each study curve under different sensor positions and trials. Test runs were performed under dry weather conditions for SUV, empty truck and fully loaded truck.

#### Work to be completed

Geometric data collection of remaining curves

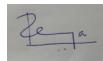
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Data Analysis

Discussion of results and drawing conclusions

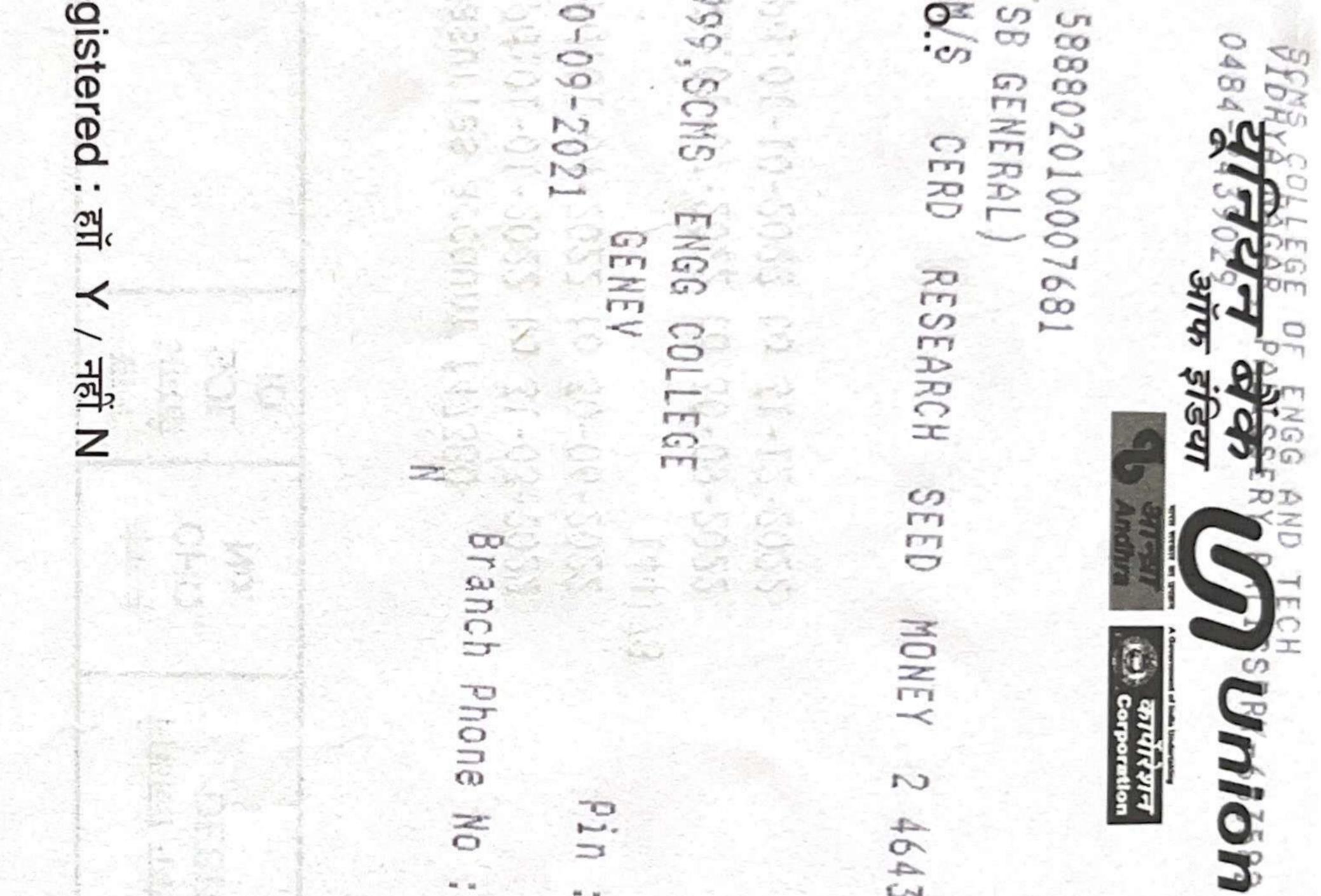
#### Time plan of the remaining tasks

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No.	Activity	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024
1	Geometric data collection						
	Field survey(data related to lateral						
2	stability of trucks)						
3	Data analysis and interpretation						
4	Discussion on results						
5	Drawing conclusions						
6	Generating outcomes from the model						



Signature of the Principal Investigator

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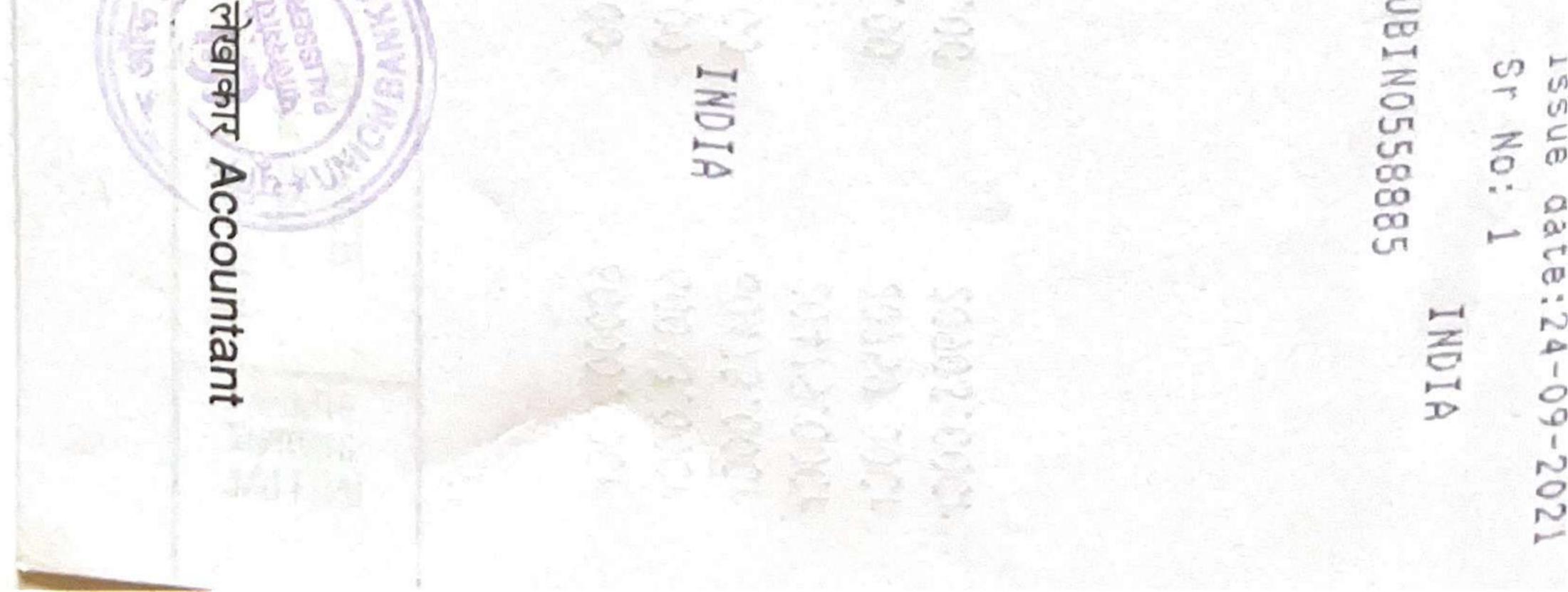
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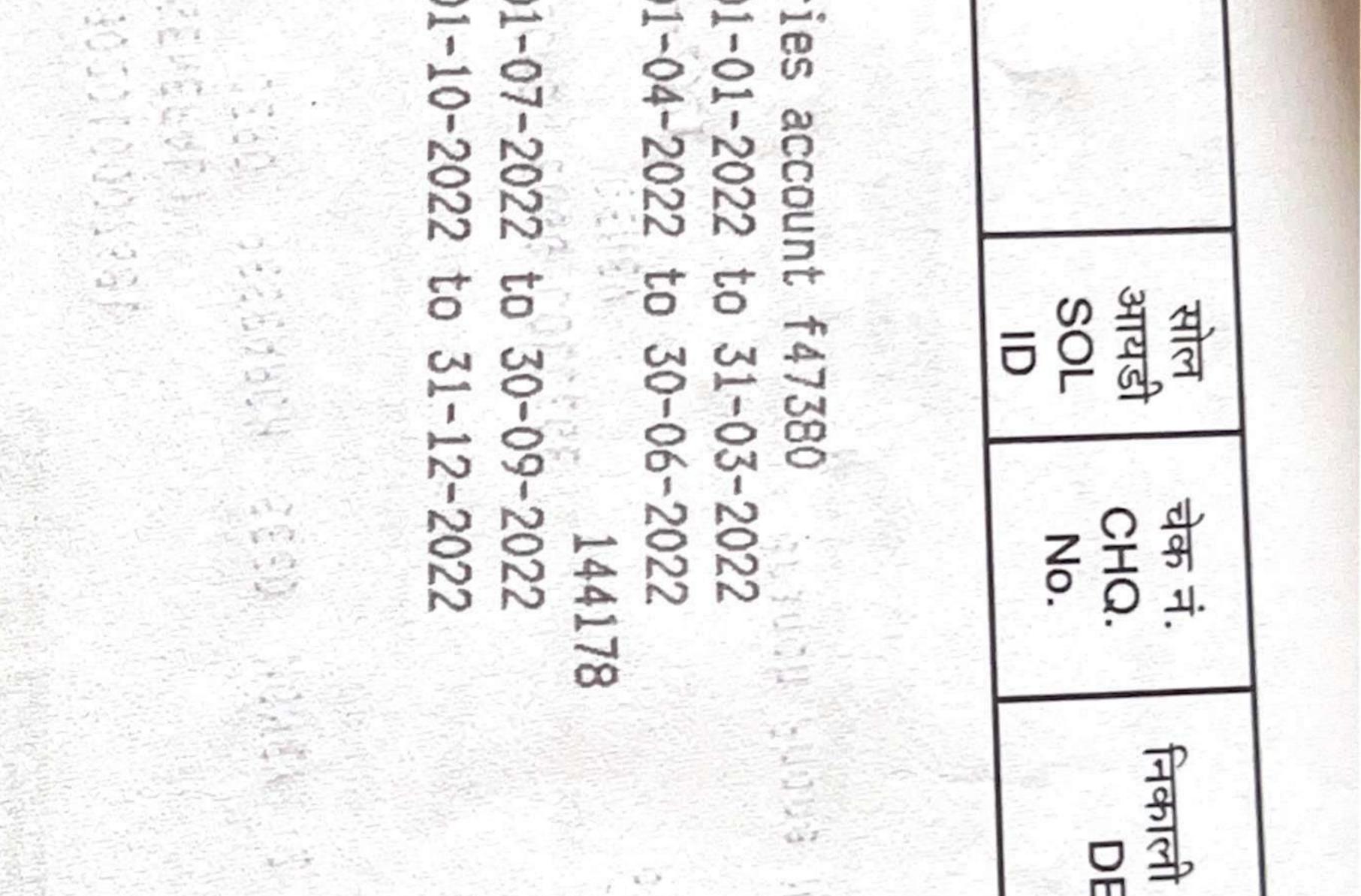
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#### **CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **Application format for Research Seed Money**

1. Title of the Research Proposal: Brain Actuated Assistive Technology for the paralyzed

2. Name & address & experience of Investigator: VINOJ P.G,ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY,VIDYANAGAR,PALISSERY,KARUKUTTY,ERNAKULAM-683576 MOBILE NUMBER:9446276238 EMAIL:vinojpg@scmsgroup.org Experience: Teaching :10 years 4 months Industry: 2 years

- 3. Teaching experience: 10 years 4 months Assistant Professor at SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY from 2-09-2010
- 4. Objectives (150 words):
  - To develop a Brain-controlled assistive technology for the paralyzed
  - To develop a low-cost, flexible and Light weight alternative for exoskeleton
  - To control exoskeleton movements using human Intentions
  - To automate the post-stroke rehabilitation and assistance using artificial Muscle Intelligence
  - To develop communication aid for the paralyzed to express their feelings

#### 5. Broad Subject area / field of classification Brain Computer Interface (BCI), Medical Electronics/Assistive Technology

#### 6. Project Type(s)

(Basic Research / Applied Research / Developmental / Demonstration / Others Demonstration

#### 7. Abstract (400 words)

Due to partial or full paralysis due to stroke, the majority of patients are compelled to rely upon parental figures and caregivers in residual life. With post-stroke rehabilitation, different types of assistive technologies have been proposed to offer developments to the influenced body parts of the incapacitated. In a large portion of these devices, the clients neither have control over the tasks nor can get feedback concerning the status of the exoskeleton. Brain Computer Interface (BCI) controlled assistive technology is the new paradigm, providing assistance and rehabilitation for the paralyzed. But, most of these devices are error prone and also hard to get continuous control because of the dynamic nature of the brain signals. Moreover, existing devices like exoskeletons bring additional burden on the patient and the caregivers and also results in mental fatigue and frustration. The proposed framework tackles these issues utilizing a Brain Actuated Assistive Technology for the Paralyzed (BAATP), in which the exoskeleton movements are controlled based on user intentions. The BAATP uses a flexible design which can be customized according to the degree of disability. The BAATP system also automatically identifies the status of the paralyzed person and transmits information securely using Novel-T Symmetric Encryption Algorithm NTSA to caregivers in case of emergencies. The exoskeleton is fitted with actuators and motors which are controlled by the human intentions of the user with an Electroencephalogram (EEG) headset. The BCI interfaced micro-controller controls the high torque motors and actuators connected to the exoskeleton joints based on user intentions. To automate the rehabilitation process, Artificial Muscle Intelligence (AMI) is incorporated in the proposed system. AMI integrates user intentions with artificial muscle movements in an efficient way to improve the performance. Human thoughts captured using Electroencephalogram EEG sensors are transformed into body movements, by utilizing micro-controller and Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS) device. EEG signals are subjected to pre-processing, feature extraction and classification, before being passed on to the affected body part. The system also provides a feature for communicating human intentions as an alert message to caregivers, in case of emergency situations. This is achieved by offline training of specific gesture and online gesture recognition algorithm. The recognized gesture is transformed into speech, thus enabling the paralyzed to express their feelings to relatives or friends. Experiments were carried out with the aid of healthy and paralyzed subjects. The AMI system can reduce mental fatigue, miss-operation, frustration, and provided continuous control. The thrust of lifting the exoskeleton is also reduced by using lightweight wireless electrodes. The proposed system will be a great communication aid for the paralyzed to express their thoughts and feelings with dear and near ones, thereby enhancing the quality of life.

#### 8. Scientific scope of the Research proposal (400 words)

The recent survey by reeve foundation revealed the impact of paralysis on world population, affecting approximately 5.4 million people. The survey also identified stroke (33.7%) as the major cause for paralysis.Exoskeleton-assisted technologies have emerged as a reliable means for rehabilitation of the affected upper and lower limbs.Because of the dynamic and uncertain nature of brain signals, most of the BCI systems result in miss-operation, mental fatigue and it is hard to produce continuous control. The proposed system is designed to address the above gaps in research.The Brain Actuated Assistive Technology for the Paralyzed (BAATP) analyses the human thoughts and transforms it into different movements on a unique exoskeleton structure. The contributions of the research are,

- 1. A Brain Actuated Assistive Technology for the Paralyzed (BAATP), in which the exoskeleton movements are controlled based on user intentions.
- 2. An adaptive mechanism based on sensory feedback integrated with the exoskeleton to reduce the system false rate.
- 3. A flexible design for the exoskeleton which can be customized according to the degree of disability.
- 4. Automatic identification of the status of the paralyzed person and secure transmission of information to caregivers in case of emergencies
- 5. An Artificial Muscle Intelligence (AMI) system, in which adaptive mechanism based on recorded muscle movements is integrated with the system to enhance continuous control and facilitate rehabilitation.
- 6. Communication aid is incorporated in the system using gesture recognition

#### Methodology High gain EEG Electrode EEG Sensor Acquisition Amplifier SOURCE Signal Arduino Filter Processing Mega Bluetooth Bluetooth Wireless Transmiter (message transfer) Exoskeleton Motor Driver Arduino **High Torque** Mega Circuit Motor Adaptive DESTINATION Feedback Accelerometer Joints and Foot bed of Angle Sensor Exoskeleton

FIGURE 1. System architecture for Brain Actuated Multidimensional Exoskeleton

The architecture of the proposed system is presented in figure 1. The system design comprises an exoskeleton that replicates a lower limb, which is made using carbon fiber. The exoskeleton has total six degrees of freedom including both legs, one on each side of the pelvic bone, one on each knee and one on each ankle. Thus three degrees of freedom on each leg making it total of six degrees of freedom on the entire exoskeleton. Each joint of the lower limb is actuated using high torque motors. The movement of the exoskeleton is facilitated by controlling the degree of rotation of the motors. This exoskeleton is strapped onto the abdomen as well as foot region for improving the stability and balance of the person. Support is also provided on the back side of the ankle region. The angle sensors are placed on the joints to provide feedback regarding the status of exoskeleton. This sensor is also used to validate whether the applied force is sufficient to stabilize the

exoskeleton. The fall detection mechanism is implemented by placing an accelerometer on the back side of the lower limb to measure the tilt. If the measured sensor value crosses the threshold, a message will be given to the caregivers for emergency rescue.

The exoskeleton is controlled through human intentions. Electroencephalograph (EEG) sensors use non-invasive methods to collect the brain signals from the scalp of the person. EEG sensor has 16 electrodes incorporated in structure, where two electrodes act as the reference for measurement. The conductivity of the electrodes is improved by using gold plating. The signals collected are amplified using a high gain amplifier and a band pass filter is used for filtering high-frequency noise. In the signal processing stage, the signal undergoes further pre-processing and filtering. The suitable pattern based on the mental command is selected by using windowing technique. The signal is converted into digital data which is given as input to the micro-controller. The micro-controller does the classification of each mental command based on the feature extraction. In the training phase, users will be trained for five basic commands (sitting, standing, forward movement, right turn, left turn). The recorded patterns during the training phase will be used by the micro-controller for decision making. The recognized thought patterns will be mapped to five different commands. During the testing phase, the controller makes use of machine learning to recognize and match patterns in the input data along with the training data that is already stored in the system to make the necessary decision regarding the action to be performed. The activation command to the exoskeleton is given by the controller through the Bluetooth module. At the receiver side the micro-controller converts this command into motor action which in turn moves the desired parts of the exoskeleton. Using a three-level sensing mechanism, feedback is given to the micro-controller regarding the status of the exoskeleton. Based on this feedback the micro-controller makes the desired corrections on the activation signals. The sensory feedback gives more stability to the system, and moreover rescue messaging systems are also implemented in case of emergencies.

#### 9. Applications / Socioeconomic importance

(The relevance, if any, to the utilization and management of the natural resources of the State)

As per the "Disability Census 2015" 2.2% of the Kerala state population is suffering from various disabilities. This project can have impact directly on approximately 8 lakhs people in Kerala and 21 million people in India. The major applications of the proposed project and its importance are listed below

1) The proposed Brain Actuated Assistive Technology for the Paralyzed (BAATP) will bypass the brain clotting and help the paralyzed person to move their paralyzed parts using Muscle stimulation

2) Our product is unique because we are incorporating rehabilitation and communication assistance in the same system itself. The Multi-dimensional system helps in Rehabilitation and intuitive communication for the paralyzed. Most of the existing assistive devices provides only rehabilitation/motion

3) Non-invasive alternative to currently existing exoskeleton designs, which is lightweight and easy to Lift

4) An adaptive mechanism based on sensory feedback integrated with the exoskeleton to reduce, accidental fall rates

5) The BAATP uses a flexible Exoskeleton design which can be customized according to the degree of disability

6) Caregiver Interventions are minimized with the use of deep learning algorithms. Most of the existing systems require dedicated caregivers

7) The proposed system provides better classification accuracy and reduced false rates.

8) Deep learning algorithm helps to reduce mental fatigue and provides continuous Control

9) The major advantage of this innovation is that it can be applied to any existing assistive technology like MMIP (muscle to muscle interface for the paralyzed), Exo-skeleton etc. with minor modifications

10) This system can be easily passed down to any living beings which is having communication disabilities

11) The proposed system will be a great communication aid for paralyzed to express their thoughts and feelings with dear and near ones, thereby enhancing the quality of life

#### **10. Scientific background of the project**

#### a) Importance of the problem

- 1. The solution to the proposed problem can have direct/indirect impact on 21 Million peoples in India and 100 million people world-wide as per the Reeve foundation survey
- 2. Problem is aimed at enhancing the quality of life of the paralyzed
- 3. The Multi-dimensional system helps in Rehabilitation and intuitive communication for the paralyzed. Most of the existing assistive devices provides only rehabilitation/motion
- 4. Project can have impact on the existing exoskeleton designs, making it lightweight and easy to carry
- 5. Caregiver Interventions are minimized with the use of deep learning algorithms. Most of the existing systems require dedicated caregivers
- 6. Enhance user experience by reducing mental fatigue and provides continuous control
- 7. The proposed solution to the problem will be a great communication aid for paralyzed to express their thoughts and feelings with dear and near ones

#### b) Related work already performed or in progress at your organization or in the state.

- 1) Muscle Machine Interface for the paralyzed (MMIP) at SCMS School of engineering and technology, Karukutty
- 2) Brain Controlled Robot at SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Karukutty

#### c) Related work already performed or in progress at other places in India or abroad.

1) BCI based Control, CDAC, Noida

2) Brain Control devices, CBR, IISc Bangalore

3) Re-walk Robotics, USA is an innovative medical device company that designs, develops, and commercializes robotic exoskeletons,

4) Home automation and smart wheel chair based on Electroencephalography (EEG) signals produced in brain",BITS,Pilani

#### 11. Details of any preliminary work done by the investigator

- Literature survey and market study of existing Assistive devices, Identified the gaps in existing designs
- Tie-up with Sunrise hospital, Kochi to interact with paralyzed persons and medical practitioners
- Tie-up with NeuroSky and Backyard Brain, USA for expertise in EEG sensor design
- Real-time EEG data Acquisition and Analysis using Emotive EPOC mobile EEG headset
- Customized EEG sensor designed with 16 Electrodes
- Exoskeleton designed for the actuation of the affected lower Limb
- Implemented and Tested Brain-Controlled lower limb exoskeleton on the paralyzed patients and healthy subjects
- Developed an alternative method for Muscle stimulation without using exoskeleton
- Brain signal Analysis using realistic head models

#### **Figures of Implementation/Simulations**



Figure 1. Emotive EPOC mobile EEG headset

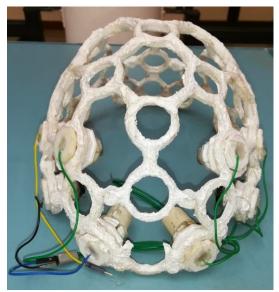


Figure 2. Designed EEG Sensor with electrodes

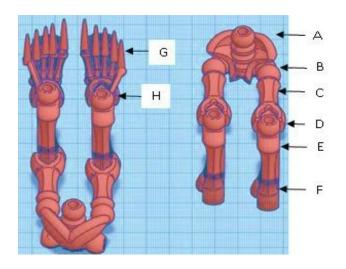


Figure 3: Complete Lower body part exoskeleton (3d Model designed)

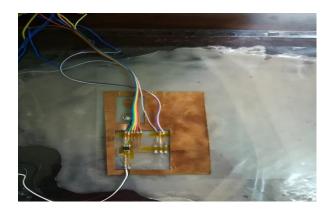


FIGURE 4. Artificial Skin along with processor and sensor circuit



FIGURE 5.Controlling the outer structure of exoskeleton using EEG headset

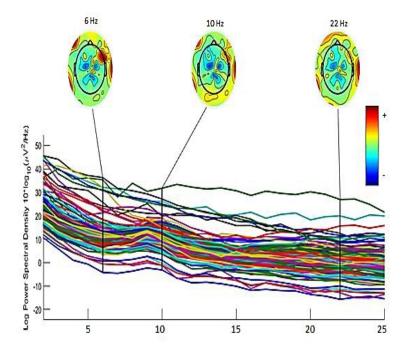


FIGURE 6. Brain pattern variations at different frequencies

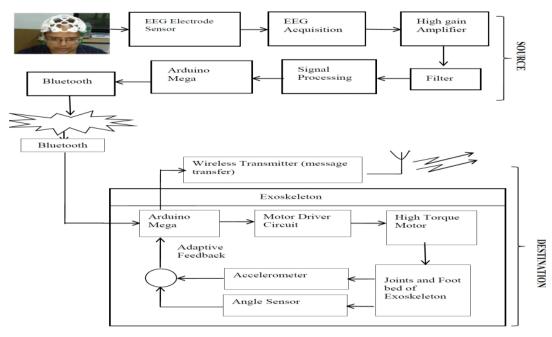


FIGURE 1. System architecture of Brain Actuated Multidimensional Exoskeleton

#### 12. Detailed year wise work plan (Indicate methods / Techniques to be used)

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Activity	Plan Start (months)	Plan Duration (months)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		odir 12				16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Design of EEG sensor, Muscle stimulation Unit,Signal Contition Unit,Brain signal analysis using Realistic Head models	1	6																								
Mechanical Design of Exoskeleton,Microtroller Programming for Algorithm Implementation, Interfacing of EEG sensor and Exoskelton with Microcontroller,System Integration and Testing	7	6																								
Real time data Collection and Analyses, Intergration of Artificial Muscle Intelligence, Deep-learning Model development, Online Testing using the Model	13	7																								
Usability Testing of the integrated prototype device on paralyzed patients,Incoperating Feedback from patients and Medical Practitioners,Final Assembly and Testing	20	5																								

#### 13. Particulars of equipment required

- 1) 3D printers
- 2) CNC Machine
- 3) Soldering and Drilling machine
- 4) Electronics work bench
- 5) Laser Cutter
- 6) PCB Milling Machine, CRO, Digital Oscilloscope

#### 14. Particulars of any other facilities required

NIL

#### 15. Particulars of the facilities that will be provided by the institution where this project will be implemented

- 1)3D printers
- 2) CNC Machine
- 3) Soldering and drilling machine

#### 16. Whether the project was submitted to any other organization for financial support $$\mathrm{NO}$$

#### 17. Budget Details: Estimated expenditure

Sl No	Items	Amount (Rs)
1	Consumables (Do not exceed 20% of the total amount)	40,000/-
2	Equipment (For Private self-financing Colleges, 50% of the actual Equipment cost subject to the maximum of sanctioned amount shall be borne by the college)	1,40,000/-
3	Travel (Do not exceed 10% of the total amount)	10,000/-
4	Contingency (Do not exceed 10% of the total amount)	10,000/-
	Total	2,00000/- (Two Lakhs Only)

#### **Budget Justification:**

#### 1. Consumables : Rs 40,000/-(Forty Thousand)

- EEG/EMG, Pressure, Accelerometer, gyroscope sensors, cables, Controller Boards, shields, Actuators, Motors, Batteries and Other electronic Components
- 2. Equipment : Rs 1,40,000/-(One lakh Forty Thousand)

Rental for Equipment Like 3D printers, Laser Cutters, NC Machines, Purchase of electronic Equipment like Multi-meter, soldering Iron, material for 3D printing, drill bits, Acrylic and plywood sheets for laser Cutter

- 3. Travel: Rs 10,000/-(Ten Thousand)
  - Travel Budget will be utilized for meeting doctors, patients and subject experts

#### 4. Contingency: Rs 10,000/-(Ten Thousand)

• Contingency Fund is utilized for patent filing, medical committee approval, to cover unforeseen risks during patient usability testing.

- 18. The sources of funding the project including funds from other agencies from which financial assistance is obtained/expected to be obtained, and the quantum of assistance from each agency NIL
- **19. Quantum and nature of assistance expected from the CERD KTU** Financial and Technical support to implement the project
- **20. Name and address of the authority of Institution authorized to receive the grant** Dr.PRAVEENSAL C J, PRINCIPAL, SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, VIDYANAGAR, PALISSERY, KARUKUTTY, ERNAKULAM-683576
- 21. Whether grant under this scheme had been availed earlier by the investigator: NO (If so, provide details)
- 22. Details of projects already undertaken by the Principal Investigator with any other funding agency
  - 1. KSCSTE funded student project "Mute Horn"-A device to reduce sound pollution with a funding amount of Rs 10000/- on January 2020 as Principal Investigator
  - 2. KSCSTE funded student project "Wearable device for detection And Prevention of Heart Failure" with a funding amount of Rs 15000/- on January 2017 as Principal Investigator
  - 3. Manorama Yuva Mastermind Funded student Project "Wearable device for detection And Prevention of Heart Failure" with a funding amount of Rs 10000/- on April 2017 as Mentor
  - 4. KSCSTE funded student project "Bionic haptic Arm" with a funding amount of Rs 15000/on January 2016 as Co-Investigator
  - 5. KSCSTE funded student project "Eco-friendly Traffic Junction" with a funding amount of Rs10000/- on January 2020 as Co- Investigator

#### Declaration

Certified that the details furnished above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the amount of financial assistance, if granted, will be utilised for the purpose for which it is granted within the time prescribed by CERD KTU. I also undertake to abide by the rules and other conditions prescribed by the grantee.

VINOJ P. G Juof Name and Signature

of the Investigator

Name and Signature of the Prof-in-charge CERD Satellite Centre

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Name and Signature of Head of the Institution

DR. PRAVEENSAL C.J. PRINCIPAL SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Place: Karukutty Date: 14 1 2021

#### APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

#### CENTRE FOR ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT College of Engineering Trivandrum Campus Thiruvananthapuram. Pin 695 016

#### **RESEARCH SEED MONEY**

Name & address of the Principal Investigator: VINOJ P.G, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, VIDYANAGAR, PALISSERY, KARUKUTTY, ERNAKULAM-683576 MOBILE NUMBER: 9446276238 EMAIL:vinojpg@scmsgroup.org

Title of the Research Proposal: Brain Actuated Assistive Technology for the paralyzed

Broad Subject area/field of classification: Brain Computer Interface (BCI), Medical Electronics/Assistive Technology

#### **Terms and Conditions**

- 1. The scheme is constituted for the purpose of providing assistance in the form of grants to initiate research work in Engineering and Technology with particular relevance to the State of Kerala in the economic and industrial development.
- 2. Grant will be released to the Principal Investigator of the project through the Head of the institution.
- 3. The maximum duration of the project will be three years from the release of grant.
- 4. On completion of the project, one copy of the final project report on the work done should be sent to the CERD KTU along with the utilization certificate (UC), certified bills, bill wise statement and statement of expenditure (SE). Copy of the relevant pages of the Bank pass book should also be attached along with the documents for settlement.
- 5. The institute shall maintain separate audited accounts for the project.

- 6. The institute shall not entrust the implementation of the work for which the grant is being sanctioned to another institution nor shall divert the grant receipts to other institute as assistance.
- 7. The CERD KTU reserves the right to terminate the project at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress is not being made. In addition, the CERD KTU may designate a Scientist/Specialist or an Expert Panel to review the work done.
- 8. If the PI to whom the project has been sanctioned leaves the Institution, the Head of Institution/PI shall inform the same to the CERD KTU and in consultation with the CERD KTU, evolve steps to ensure successful completion of the project, before relieving the PI.
- 9. Investigators must acknowledge the CERD KTU in reports and technical/scientific papers published based on the research work done under the project. Investigators are requested to publish some of the research papers emerging out of the project work in leading Journals.
- 10. If the results of research are to be legally protected by way of patent/copy rights etc. the results should not be published without action being taken to secure legal protection for the research results.
- 11. The knowledge generated from the project will be the property of the CERD KTU and should be properly acknowledged. Transfer of technology generated shall be done in consultation with the CERD KTU.
- 12. For Private self-financing Colleges, 50% of the actual Equipment cost subjected to the maximum of sanctioned amount will be reimbursed by KTU if and only if the proof of remittance of other 50% is produced by the college.
- 13. Equipment details must be entered in a separate stock register for the RSM project signed by the investigator, lab in charge and Principal. A separate stock entry certificate has to be furnished by the Principal Investigator with the authentication of Head of Institution.
- 14. The grant amount should be deposited in a separate bank account in the name of the Principal investigator and Head of Institution jointly.
- 15. The interest accrued shall also be accounted in the project.
- 16. If the project is not completed within the time limit, the grant amount should be reimbursed along with interest accrued.

The CERD KTU may enforce additional guidelines for the operation of research project from time to time and the Institution/Investigators are required to observe such directions in the conduct of the research work.

We agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

VINOJ P.G Judfer Name & Signature of Principal Investigator

Name & Signature of Prof-in-charge CERD Satellite Centre



Name & Signature of Head of Institution DR. PRAVEENSAL C.J. PRINCIPAL

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#### Annexure II

#### APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY Centre for Engineering Research and Development <u>Request for releasing RSM grant</u>

Title of Project: ContextAuth: An implicit Authentication pysters Date of sanction: 2.09.2021 Amount sanctioned: 75,000/-

Account No and bank details: 588802010007680, UNION BANK OF INDIA, PALISER IFSC code: UBIN0558885 Ac name: CERD RESEARCH SEED MONEY 2464320200 Terms & Conditions for Research Seed Money Scheme

1. The amount sanctioned for the project shall be deposited in a separate joint A/c of Principal Investigator and Head of the institution where the Principal Investigator works. (Name of A/c: CERD Research Seed Money - File No.)

2. The maximum duration of the project will be three years from the date of start of the project

3. The amount has to be utilized as per budget provision under each head. It is the discretion of the University to settle amount towards the purchase of those items not clearly mentioned, if any, in the project proposal.

4. The purchase of equipments shall be in accordance with the store purchase rules. All equipment purchased will be the property of CERD and the stock entry of the items purchased shall be maintained in the College signed by the Investigator, Lab in charge and Principal. Purchase of computers/peripherals is not allowed unless specifically mentioned in the sanction order.

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Each Party shall bear its own losses arising from such force majeure event(s), if any.

#### 6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All prior information, design and data existing with either party before the signing of this MoU (pre-All prior information, design and data existing with out of perty. All Intellectual Property including design existing IP) shall be the sole property of the concerned party. All Intellectual Property including design existing IP) shall be the sole property of the concerned party of the collaboration under this MOU shall information, designs, source codes and data generated through the collaboration under this MOU shall be as mutually agreed in writing and also as per the guide line of the funding agency, if such an agency is involved. Any IPR arising specifically out of this collaboration will be owned by both parties, except when mutually agreed in writing otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this memorandum of understanding to be executed in duplicate, through their representatives at Thiruvananthapuram in the day and year first above written:

Now the memorandum of understanding witnesses as follows.

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SCMS School of Engineering and Technology APJ ADAU KALAN Ecchnological University PRINCIPAL SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University Thiruvananthapuram 695016

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#### Annexure II

#### APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY Centre for Engineering Research and Development

Title of Project: ContextAuth: An implicit Authentication system For smartphones. Date of sanction: 2.09,2021 Amount sanctioned: 75,000/-

Account No and bank details: 588802010007680, UNION BANK OF INDIA, PALISER

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Dated: 02.09.2021

NO. KTU/RESEARCH 2/4643/2020

From The DEAN (Research)

TO

The Principal SCMS School of Engineering and Technology

Sir,

Sub:- APJAKTU - CERD - Research Seed Money Scheme - Projects Selected for funding - reg:-

I am glad to inform you that the project proposals as listed in Annexure I are provisionally selected for funding under Research Seed Money (RSM) scheme of KTU.

The expenditure should be incurred as per the sanctioned budget heads and in accordance with terms and conditions given in Annexure II. Format of MOU to be furnished by the

The Principal Investigators may please be directed to forward request (in Annexure II) for college is given as Annexure III. releasing the fund with Bank Account details. The fund will be released only after settling pending accounts of the principal investigator in CERD, if any. Any request received after

three months from the date of this letter will not be considered.

Yours faithfully Dr. Shalij P.R \* DEAN (Research)

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1. Vinoj P. G, Assistant Professor in ECE. 2. Y. K. Remya, Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering. 3. Susmi Jacob, Assistant Professor in Computer Science.

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#### **Research Seed Money - CERD**

Ms. Susmi Jacob, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, SSET, has been awarded CERD RSM (Research Seed Money) fund of 75,000/- rupees for the project titled "ContextAuth – An implicit Authentication system for Smartphones".

#### Abstract :

A context-aware implicit and continuous multimodal authentication system is proposed to identify and validate a user. Different modalities include touch gestures and typing behaviour that leverages different built-in smartphone sensors while typing a password, head movements while user making calls or interacting with smartphone through voice and, finally different voice modalities which utilizes unique audio features of the user.

#### Progress of work :

The fund was approved on July 2021. And first instalment of rupees 55,000/- was released on March 2022. Withdrawal of rupees 45,000/- was requested and sanctioned in June 2022. Account statement till February 2023 is attached herewith.

#### **Purchase details**

The equipment purchased for the ongoing work include:

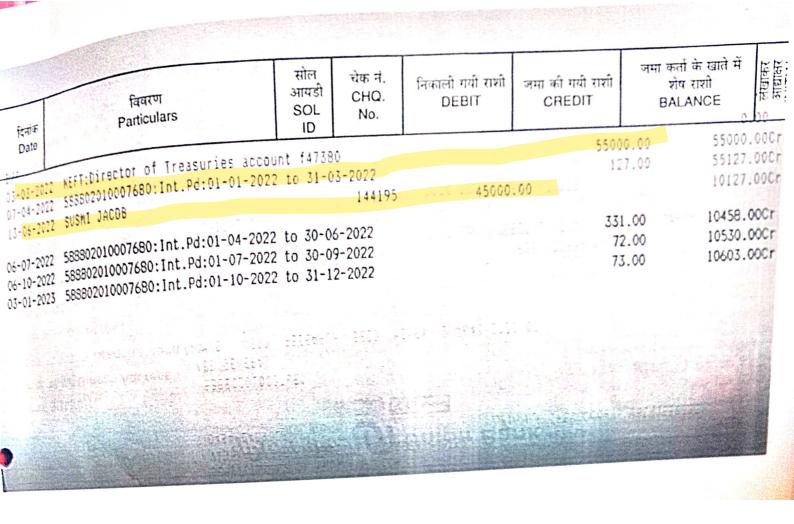
- 1. Adafruit Playground Bluefruit Bluetooth Low Energy
- 2. MPU-6050 3-axis Accelerometer and Gyro Sensor Total Purchase cost – 3188/- (from ROBU.IN)
- 3. Kodenshi IR sensor Infrared sensor
- 4. NordicSemi Embedded AI Dev board Total purchase cost – 3700/-

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No: IIITK/2021-22/R&D/4073

Date: February 18, 2022

#### TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Dr. Deepasree Varma is Co-Principal Investigator in the project entitled "Cross-lingual knowledge transfer for social media analysis in less-resourced languages during COVID-19", which is approved by the Department of Science & Technology (International Bilateral Co-operation Division) under the scheme India-Slovenia Bilateral Scientific and Technological Cooperation, Government of India. The file number is DST/ICD/Slovenia/P-15/2021 (TPN: 55580). The cost of the project is Rs.16,64,640/- for a duration of three years.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information at basant.cse@iiitkota.ac.in

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Dr. Basant Agarwal, Principal Investigator, Assistant Professor, IIIT Kota

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The Indian Institute of Information Technology, 2nd Floor, Prabha Bhawan, MNIT Campus, JLN Marg, Jaipur - 302017

Sub: Contribution for research and development of project "Social media analysis using explainable artificial intelligence (AI) based techniques for less-resourced languages" under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) head of RISL.

We wish to inform you that a research project titled "Social media analysis using explainable artificial intelligence (AI) based techniques for less-resourced languages" (the "Project"), has been approved for contribution of Rs. 7,55,000/- by RISL (A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking) under its CSR head for the financial year 2021-22 to Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kota ('IIIT Kota') having following project investigators:

S. No.	Name of Investigators	Designation	Role
1.	Dr.Basant Agarwal	Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Information Technology Kota (IIIT Kota), MNIT Campus, Jaipur -302017, India	Principal Investigator
2.	Dr.Vinod P.	Professor, Department of Computer Applications, Cochin University of Science & Technology, Cochin, Kerala, India, University Road, South Kalamassery, Kalamassery, Kochi, Kerala 682022	Co-Principal Investigator-I
3.		Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, SCMS School of Engineering and Technology, Vidya Nagar, Palissery, Karukutty, Ernakulam - 683 576, Kerala	Co-Principal Investigator-II

The fund has been transferred to the account of IIIT Kota.

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The sanction is subject to the Terms and Conditions as mentioned below:

- 1. IIIT Kota should acknowledge the contribution under CSR received from the RISL in all the outcomes of the project.
- 2. The contribution shall be spent within the duration of the project.
- 3. The Intellectual property rights associated with the project shall vest with IIIT Kota and RISL.
- 4. The Project Investigators will be in-charge to take the decisions regarding all the matters related to the project as per IIIT Kota Norms.
- 5. IIIT Kota shall submit the Utilisation Certificates along with status reports from time to time till completion of the Project Implementation.

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**Managing Director** 

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#### File Ref.No.KTU/RESEARCH5/467/2022

#### APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University Thiruvananthapuram

#### <u>Abstract</u>

APJAKTU - Financial Assistance to Student Projects 2022 - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

RESEARCH SECTION				
U.O.No. 964/2022/KTU	Thiruvananthapuram, Date <mark>d: 27.04.202</mark> 2			

*Read:*-1. Minutes of the 1st meeting of Engineering Research Council dated 27.01.2010.

2. Minutes of 2nd meeting of Executive Committee dated 21.10.2010.

3. Meeting of the 2nd Research Council dated 29.02.2017.

4. Proposals of Student Projects for Financial Assistance.

5. Screening Committee meeting held on March/April 2022 for evaluation of project proposals.

#### <u>ORDER</u>

Vide paper read 1st above, the Engineering Research Council had approved the scheme for Financial Assistance to Student Projects for the Government Engineering Colleges. Vide paper read 2nd above, it was decided to extend the financial assistance to the student projects to the students of the Government aided and Government Controlled Engineering Colleges.

It was decided to extend the financial assistance to Student Projects for all engineering colleges affiliated to the University with NBA accreditation as per paper read 3rd above. It was also decided that the financial assistance will be provided as reimbursement of expenditure occurred for the sanctioned project.

The Screening Committee meetings held in March/April 2022 evaluated the project proposals forwarded from Engineering Colleges affiliated to the University and recommended financial assistance to selected proposals as per the List appended.

Administrative sanction is therefore accorded for financial assistance to student project as detailed in the list attached below. The project shall be completed within a period of 1 year and the project shall be completed with the students who presented the project before the Screening Committee.

The expenditure should be incurred as per the terms and conditions as per Annexure II attached. The amount will be reimbursed to the Principal of the concerned Colleges only after the successful completion of the project and on the production of certified bills & vouchers along with the audited utilization certificate, statement of expenditure and project completion report.

The expenditure shall be met from the Head of Account "S 3022-Innovative Student Project". Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-

Dr. Shalij P.R \* DEAN (Research)

Copy to:-

- 1. Principals of Engineering Colleges.
- 2. Principal Investigators.



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79	Sreevidya P Assistant Professor	Gokul Rejitkumar Godson Thomas	Integrated communication system for deaf and mute	Federal Institute of Science ancl Technology, Ernakulam	3000	10,000		1000	14,000	ECE
80	S Sundararajan Assistant Professor	Bilal Ibrahim P A Rajeena R Sony Shajan	Fruits adulteration detection system	Federal Institute of Science ancl Technology, Ernakulam	1500	5000		1000	7500	ECE
81	Panjami K Assistant Professor	Aleena Garvasis Apsara S Baiju Gayathri S Kumar Gokul S	Study on Effeetiveness of Mobile sensors in deteeting sutrsurface cavities- A step towards earlv detection of cavities at Kerala	Federal Institute of Science ancl Technology, Ernakulam	10,000		35,000	5000	50,000	CIVIL



## A SWARM BASED AI AIDED WHEEL BOT SYSTEM TO DETECT CRACKS IN RAILWAY TRACKS

## **INTRODUCTION**

Indian Railway is one of the largest transportation networks in the world. It has a daily passenger count of 24 million passengers. For such a vast network the possibilities of lapses in safety is alarmingly high.

One of the major causes of hazard would be disruption in locomotive movement. Cracks in railway tracks have been identified as one of the major causes of railway accidents.Currently there isn't a fail proof system to detect and fix cracks on railway tracks. The system still follows the primitive methods of manual checking and solving.The project focuses on providing a real-time solution to the identified cracks on railway tracks. Once identifying a crack as a threat the agent aims at alerting the nearby agents as well as a base station by an active communication channel that updates the status in real-time. The projects implements a wheel-bot (UGV) which is able to differentiate between cracks and intentional gaps(thermal expansion). The Robots Dynamically communicate with other agents (Swarm Robotics approach) and the main workstation to relay information regarding the problems

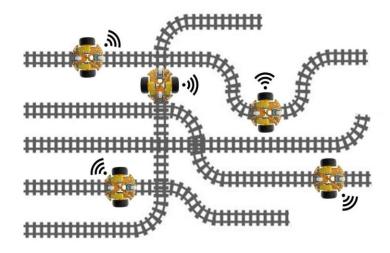
identified.Once the agent has identified a crack, it is intimated to the nearest base station for the track engineer to address the issue at the earliest.It also communicates to its nearest agents and alerts them regarding the identified setback. The system also tries to provide a safe environment for the locomotive system in the regions of animal crossing.

## **BACKGROUND AND MOTIVATION**

Railway is the most essential form of transport in India, as it provides long-distance, comfortable travel within a budget for a commoner. According to the NCRB Annual Report 2020, there were 27,987 train accidents in 2019, 13,018 in 2020. The report also revealed that as many as 11,986 railway passengers were killed and 11,127 were injured in these accidents during the past year of 2021. Accidents like these can happen to various reasons, one of the most prominent being the cracks in railway tracks. The very concept of the project lies within identifying the type of cracks on the tracks. They are of two types, one being the faulty cracks which can cause a catastrophe as dangerous as derailment of the train of the tracks. The current system lacks any kind of novel technology to identify and rectify faulty cracks. This project tries to work on this problem and provide a real time solution. The project also takes the vast scale of the domain into consideration. So it tries to provide a solution that requires minimal human interference and mobile management.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The system is divided into clusters. Each cluster has a base station and a fixed number of agents. These agents follow swarm robotic architecture. The agents are deployed on the tracks. The number of agents in a cluster is determined by the maximum communication range of an NRF module which is the communication unit used in the product. The aforementioned can be extended up to 3 km. The cluster also has a fixed number of free robots that replace the working agents in case of a fault or low battery. The designed UGV is a four-wheeled bot that is deployed directly onto the railway tracks.

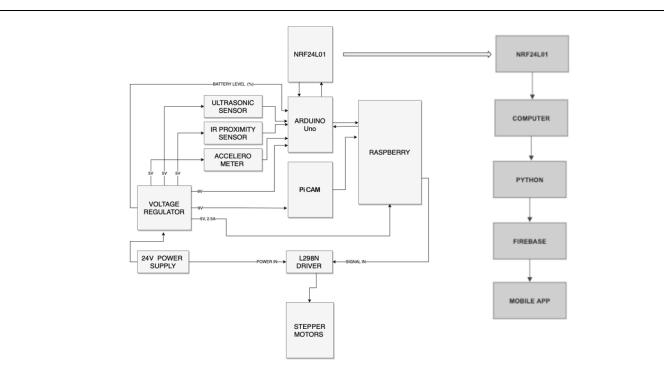


#### SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system mainly comprises the communication unit and the sensor data processing unit. Communication is responsible for the efficient exchange of data between the agents as well as the base station. The agents communicate to the nearest bots and base station in the case of any kind of hindrance identified by the sensor data processing unit. The sensor data processing unit is responsible for the detection of different types of cracks, obstacles, and faults in the agent itself. Various sensors are integrated and implemented for fault detection. The data is fed to the Arduino board which handles the communication and sensor data processing tasks.

The raspberry module is integrated in the system for image processing. The project aims toward efficient animal crossing detection which is common on the Indian railway tracks due to the terrains it passes through. The agents will be equipped with an FPV camera, which captures images when it encounters live object detection. Then running efficient image processing algorithms it identifies the subject in front of it and starts over only when the path is clear.

The model is also equipped with a GPS module which helps 7the other agents know its current location when it sends out data in case of fault detection. This helps other agents to reach that specific location and aid it. It also helps the base station to know the location of the fault.



### **COMMUNICATION UNIT**

The communication unit is set up primarily using an NRF24L01 module. The intersystem communication happens in the case of:

- Crack detection
- Obstacle detection
- Animal crossing detection
- Agent failure

On the onset of any of the aforementioned conditions, the agent sends its location, proximity, X-Y coordinate values of accelerometer, IR proximity, temperature values to the assigned base station and nearby agents within communication range. A single RF channel with multiple communication pipelines is established with a dedicated pipeline for each of the agents. The agents constantly send data to their respective cluster base station which can be

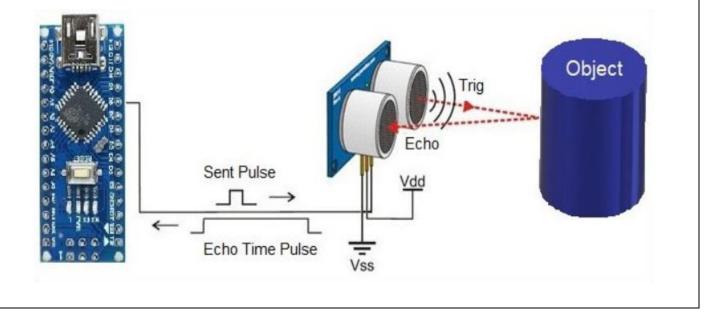
viewed on the android application. It shows a warning signal along with a trigger alarm when an agent detects an anomaly. It also communicates to the nearby agents when an anomaly occurs. A single agent can communicate up-to 6 agents at a time and has a maximum communication range of 3 km.

#### SENSOR AND PROCESSING UNIT

The sensor unit mainly comprises:

- Ultrasonic sensor (Obstacle detection)
- IR Proximity sensor (Crack detection)
- MPU6050 (Fault detection)

The ultrasonic sensor mounted in front of the agent continuously sends trigger pulses in front of it till certain proximity. In case of occurrence of an obstacle, it receives an echo back, meaning the pulse has hit a physical object and the agent confirms detection of an obstacle on the track.



#### ANDROID APPLICATION

An Android application is developed to alert the officials and the concerned individuals regarding the emergency condition that has to be addressed fast. The developed app gives the provision to know the different values of the sensors which include an IR sensor, a combined sensor module of Temperature and Accelerometer called MPU 6050, and a GPS module. The app gives an alert alarm and a warning image as the sudden response to cracks or any other obstacle encountered by the bot during their routine crack detection checkup. It consists of a parallel display providing a side-by-side view of the status of each bot. The app also consists of the two buttons named BOT\_1 and BOT\_2 which once clicked will lead to the live location of the robot where they are present. The approximate distance between the two robots will be displayed between the two buttons. This app is basically an interface that helps the authorities to know when to start the accident prevention steps. Basically, this app provides full-fledged access to know all the details regarding the robot including their nearest distance. The alarm system in the application causes a sudden alert throughout and constantly rings until an immediate step is taken. This app will be provided only to the Railway Authority officers as there are high chances of this app getting misused. The distance between the coordinates namely Latitude and the Longitudes are calculated using the Haversine formula. When one robot is getting tampered with or derailed, then the nearest robot will come to assist the damaged robot. The nearest distance is hence calculated with the help of the haversine formula.

#### ANIMAL DETECTION UNIT

The pathways of the crack detection robots are medalled with a plethora of obstacles and dangers. The bot actively responds against non-living obstacles using its array of proximity sensors. The next challenge are the living obstacles and dangers caused in specific locations like animal crossings and wildlife sensitive areas. Elephant crossings along various railway tracks can cause untimely disruptions in the proper movement of the robot. An efficient way to tackle this problem is a real-time animal detection system that takes in live camera feed and detects elephant crossings present in the frame. On the detection of an elephant the robot is signaled to halt its movement and wait for a safer environment to continue its movement by analyzing the live camera feed. The process of animal detection is carried out on a Raspberry Pi module attached onto the robot. Upon detection the Raspberry Pi is programmed to provide a motor signal to the required L298N motor driver module. Detecting an object entails both stating that an object belonging to a specified class is present, and localizing it in the image. The location of an object is typically represented by a bounding box.

## **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

The prototype was successfully run on the simulated railway tracks and the results suggest that the final model can be successfully run on the actual railway track along with the implementation of auto-detachment feature from the track feature. The trains will be set up with proximity sensors and using the geo-location of the trains, when the train is within a proximity threshold distance, the agent proceeds to detach itself off the tracks onto the surface of the tracks. The agent uses actuators to lift itself off the track, then scissor hinges flips the wheels inside the tracks and the actuator proceeds to rest the agent onto the base of the tracks. The agent then lifts back up and places itself back onto the track when the train leaves the proximity threshold region.

The integration of the Indian railway database with the model can make the project extendable across the railway network of the country. With access to geo-location of trains and the thermal expansion tracks along with the train timings and delays, the efficiency of the model can be increased exponentially.

The success of the whole project revolves around the auto-detachment feature. A number of alternatives were brainstormed and discussed out, from the spider-bot model to linear actuators stand alone. After extensive research, cross-hinges along with linear actuators along the wheels was confirmed to be the most feasible and suitable model for our project. This made sure there was an equal distribution of weight throughout the base of the robot. It also ensured a sturdy, fool-proof and hasty mechanism.

The inclusion of animal detection, arose from the obstacle detection module, when the presence of animal crossing was taken into consideration. When the obstacle detection module was being implemented, it was realized, the agent has to be cautious about not just the static, but the dynamic(animals) obstacles which may hinder the movement of robot on the track. Thus, the concept of image processing was brought up, which will help the agent identify if any kind of animal crossing is going on, on the tracks in front of it. Based on the type of animal crossing and the behaviour the animal exhibits, the robot can accordingly decide the amount of time it has to halt, before restarting its movement.

## HIGHLIGHTS

This project consist of many features which enhances the credibility and use of the system. An application that supports the real-time data transfer and an alarm system is added to the app. As a next step to future implementations we have included an advanced feature of image processing. The app which is mentioned above consist of certain features which include an alarm and specific values of the corresponding cracks and defects which are found on the rail. Each feature contains a specific threshold beyond which the alarm starts to beep and a warning message will be popping up. Image Processing section will be dealing with the objects encountered by the bot. The proposed system is a swarm system and supports multiple bots and any damaged or derailed robot will be supported by the neighboring robot.

#### UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

Name & Signature of Principal Investigator

Name & Signature of Head of the Institution

Dr. ANITHA G. PILLAI PRINCIPAL SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEER: AND TECHNOLOGY



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KSCSTE - Student Project entitled –"Data abstraction of vehicles on crashing (DAVOC)" submitted by Mrs.Hazel Elsa John, Assistant Professor, Electronics & Communication,SCMS School Of Engineering And Technology, Vidya Nagar, Palissery, Karukutty, Ernakulam - 683 576 Kerala as PI and Ajmal P S,Akshay Kumar T V,Adithyan A S,Hafis Abdul Rahimas student investigator(s) - financial assistance - Orders issued.

Council (P) Order No366/2021/KSCSTE Dated: Thiruvananthapuram,05/10/2021

- Ref: 1. Decision of the 64<sup>th</sup> SP Committee meeting dated December 13, 2019 on item No. SP- 64\_ (01300 /SPS 64/2019/KSCSTE)
  - 2. KSCSTE/592/2020-SP

#### ORDER

Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) is operating a programme for supporting student projects in colleges and university departments. Mrs.Hazel Elsa John, Assistant Professor, Electronics & Communication, SCMS School Of Engineering And Technology, Vidya Nagar, Palissery, Karukutty, Ernakulam - 683 576, Kerala, has submitted a student project as PI with Ajmal P S,Akshay Kumar T V,Adithyan A S,Hafis Abdul Rahimas student investigator(s) for financial assistance. The 64<sup>th</sup> SP Committee meeting dated December 13, has sanctioned ₹9800/-(Rupees Nine thousand and eight hundred only) for the conduct of the above said project. The PI has submitted the final report and financial statements after completion of the project.

KSCSTE has verified the submitted documents and is pleased to accord sanction for the release of ₹7249/-(Rupees seven thousand two hundred and forty nine only)towards financial assistance for the student project titled –"Data abstraction of vehicles on crashing (DAVOC)"submitted by Mrs.Hazel Elsa John, Assistant Professor, Electronics & Communication, SCMS School Of Engineering And Technology Vidya Nagar, Palissery, Karukutty, Ernakulam - 683 576, Kerala.The amount will be disbursed to The Principal, SCMS School Of Engineering And Technology, Vidya Nagar, Palissery, Karukutty, Ernakulam - 683 576, Keralaby means of Electronic Fund Transfer as per their bank details given below.

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The expenditure in this regard will be met from the Council fund (III) Schemes and Programmes of KSCSTE - Student project scheme.

## K P SUDHEER EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, KSCSTE

To

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Prof (Dr.) K.P. Sudheer Executive Vice President KSLSTE, Pattoni

Letter No. 01300 /SPS 64/2019/KSCSTE

Dear Mrs. Hazel Elsa John,

Sub:-Financial assistance for Student Project scheme of KSCSTE reg. Ref:-Your application received under Student Project scheme

This is to invite your attention to the reference cited and to inform that the project proposal titled "Data abstraction of vehicles on crashing (DAVOC)" submitted by Mrs. Hazel Elsa John as PL and Annal P.S. Akshay Kumar T.V.Adithyan A.S.Hafis Abdul Rahim as student investigator(s) has been approved. An amount of 19800/- is sanctioned by the Council. The budget estimate of the project is as detailed below.

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2	Minor equipments	200	
3	Travel	200	
4	Research Laterature & Documentation	100	
5	Others (for analysis)	9800	
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The PI has to submit the signed Terms and Conditions (as per the guidelines) and the date of start of the project within two weeks to the undersigned. The project should be completed within six months and submit the certified soft copy of the final report (in pdf to sed.kscste@kcrala.gov.in), andted Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate counter signed by the flead of the Institution for releasing the grant. The format for final report, SE and UC can be downloaded from www.kscste.kcrala.gov.in.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely.

Prof (Dr.) K.P. Sudheer

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