

Project name:

## Smart Switching Toilet with urine diversion system for Flood Region

Recently Kerala experienced a devastating flood that affected more than half the population of Kerala. Hence our project focuses on eliminating the problems of latrine facility during these times. We intend on creating a sustainable sanitation facility in which a four layered filter system along with separate tanks to collect faeces and urine.

The project can be introduced in the flood prone areas as well as congested areas like cities where providing individual septic tanks is not feasible.

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### Phase-1

The idea is to create sanitation facility that can be used continuously during and after flood. It can provide increase pit life. It is assisted by desludging pump for automated cleaning of the composite faeces pit.

### **Working and Implementation**

The design is basically a raised pit latrine. The cement and sand is used to coat the raised plinth.

The latrine is having two chambers with one roof and two pits. Each chamber is having three partitions. The first partition is to collect the urine the centre partition is to collect the faeces and the third partition is for washing. The washing partition and the urine partition are connected. The centre partition is connected to the urine partition while flushing. Again, as the flush tank is filling the water slowly the sliding system will open. It is ready to use.

The excreta are decomposed by adding clay or lime.

The separation of urine from excreta will increase the life of the pit. It will allow the excreta to decompose fast.

The valve is connected to the basin. If the water level is more the valve will get open to the tank created for the flood.

If the water level decreases the valve will get open in the normal septic tank.

## **Plan to Implementation**

It occupies less space and can be shared with different houses. The heightened area can be the appropriate site for the implementation of it. The project can be pushed through the Flood control NGO and Sanitary society.

## **Scope for the improvement**

The pit can be improved by connecting parallel connection and collection pit. The septic tank covering can be made of transparent glass to penetrate the sunlight for the fast decomposition of the excreta.

## **Phase-2**

Phase-2 is friendlier to the women than phase-1. Phase 2 is an add on feature of phase-1.

## **Working and implementation**

Design of smart toilet is same as that of the ordinary toilet except for the waste disposal mechanism. There are two partitions at the base. One for faeces and other for urine and flush water collection. Separation of waste is done by filtering mechanism. The separation of urine from excreta will increase the life of the pit. It will allow the excreta to decompose fast.

There are four layers of filtration. Here instead of flush handle we are using a flush puller. When we pull the flush puller, the beam connecting the filter will move to the first partition and turns 90 degree. Thus the faeces that collected in the filters will be collect at the base part of the first partition. When the flush puller goes to the resting position flush water will come and clean the filters. This will prevent the clogging. Thus there will be no overflow during the flood.

## **Scope for improvement**

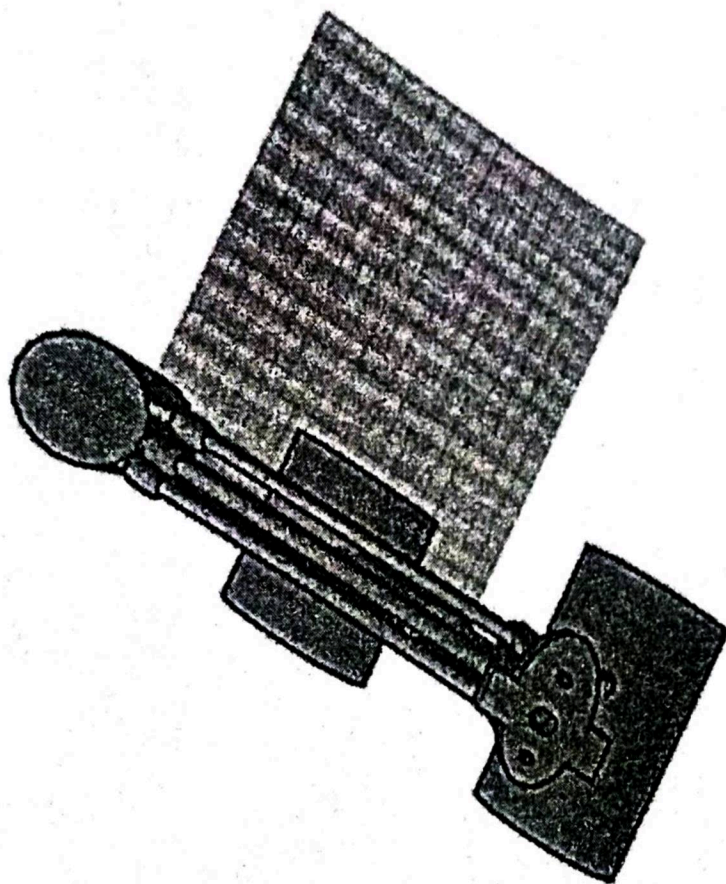
We wish to extend our design so as to make it more handicap friendly. We wish to incorporate a self-raising toilet seats to make it easier for age old people. The waste material so obtained is sent to a biogas plant as a means of sustainable power generation and the water collected from it will recycle and use for other purposes like irrigation of gardens.

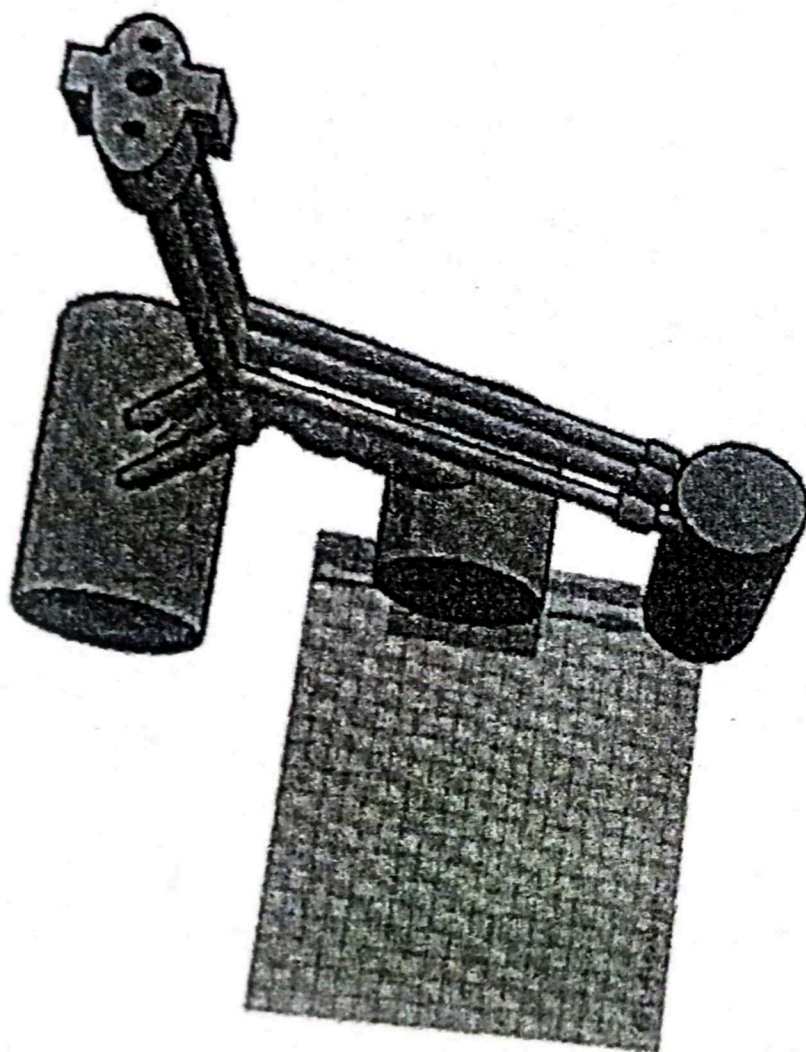
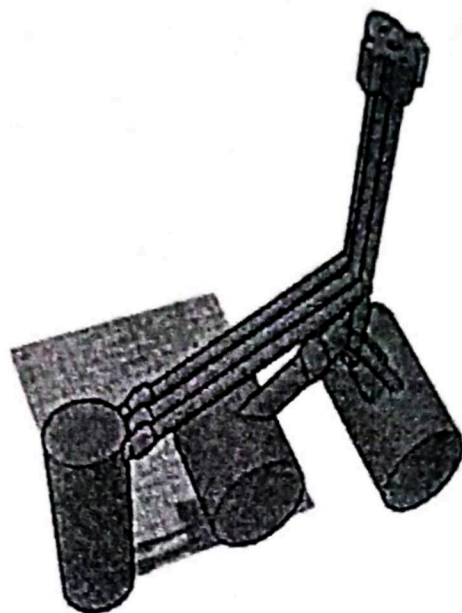
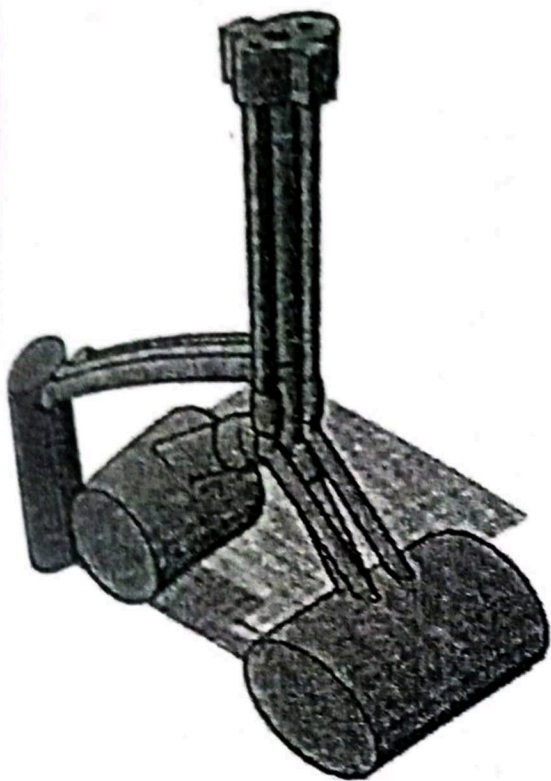


### Goals

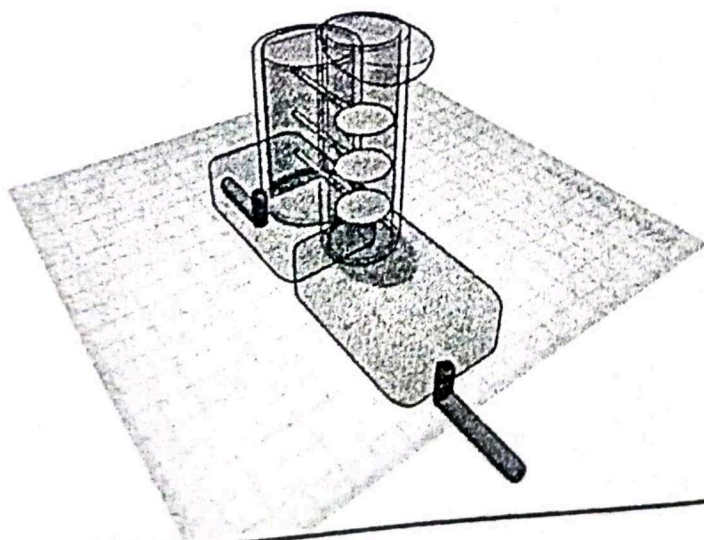
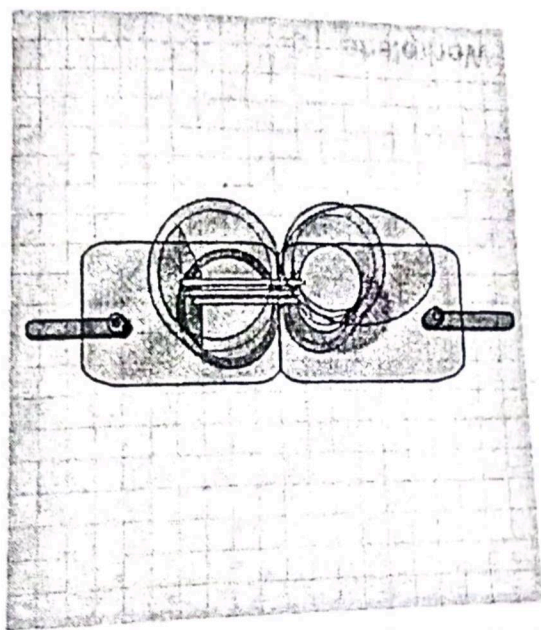
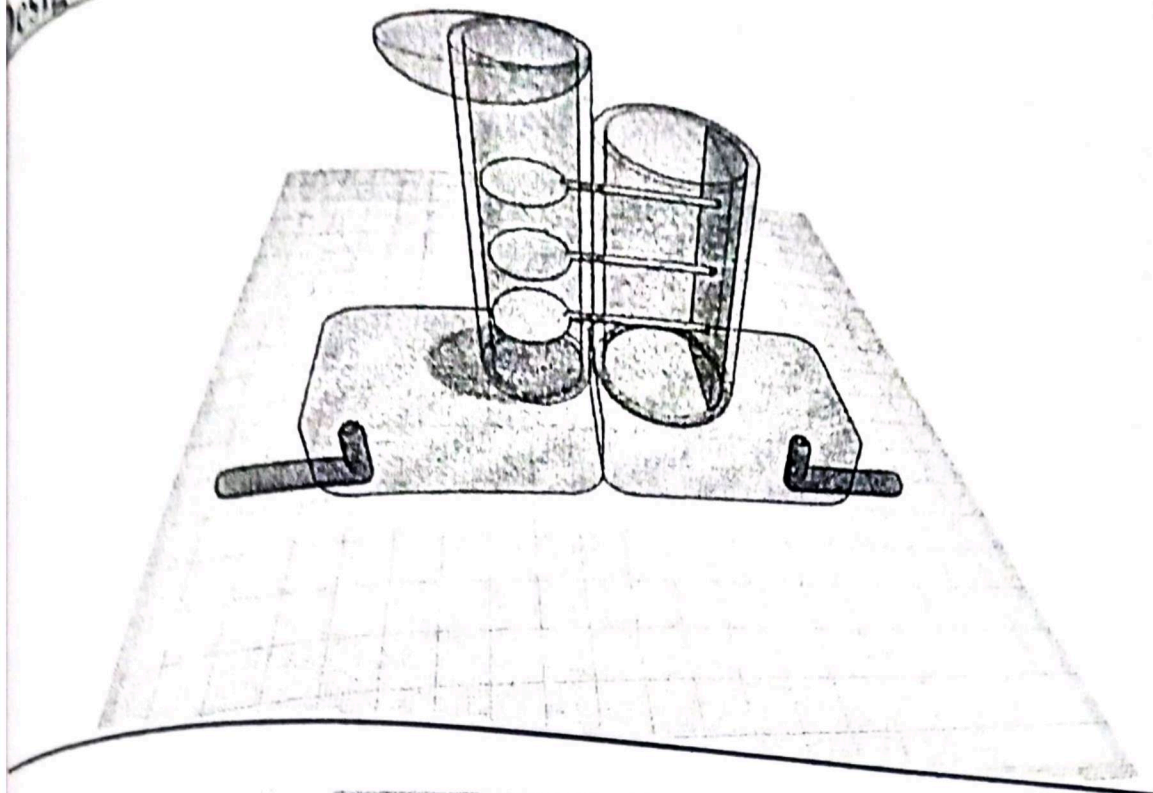
Since our college is in a flood prone area, we would like to initiate the design in our college and hostels. We expect that our product will definitely make sanitation sustainable at least for people in the flood prone area. Even homes without proper sanitation facilities may install our product as we intend to provide affordable and environment friendly toilets.

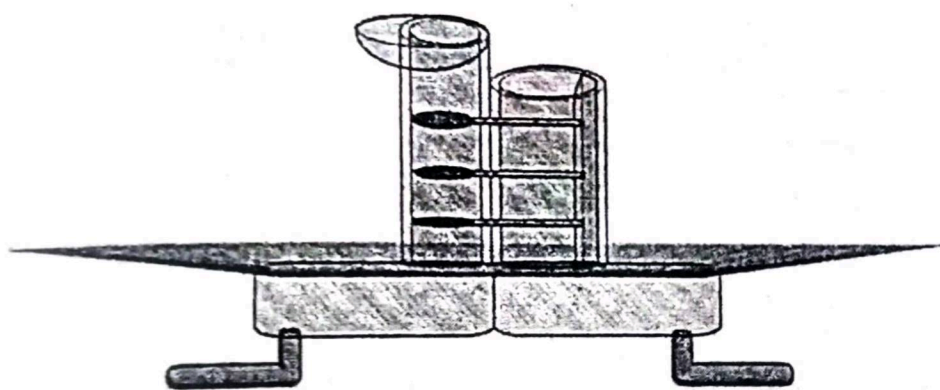
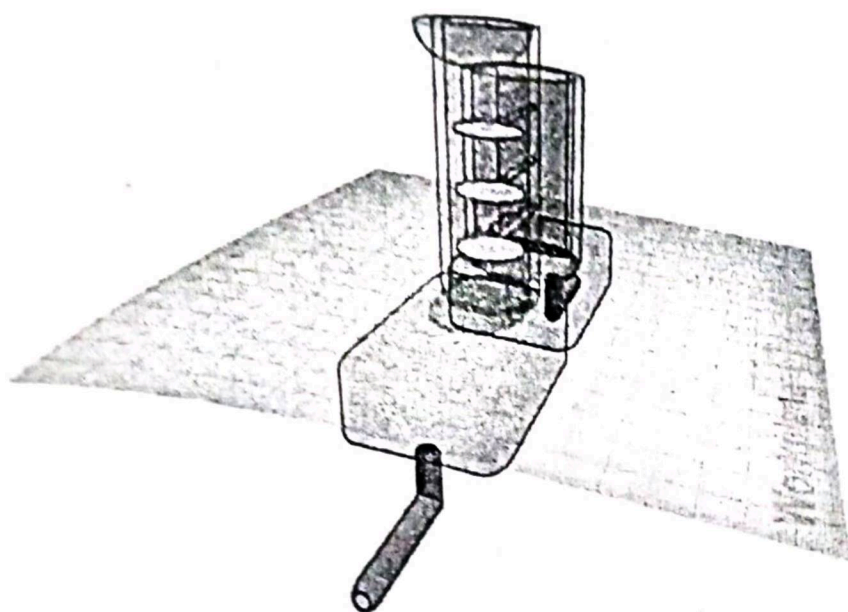
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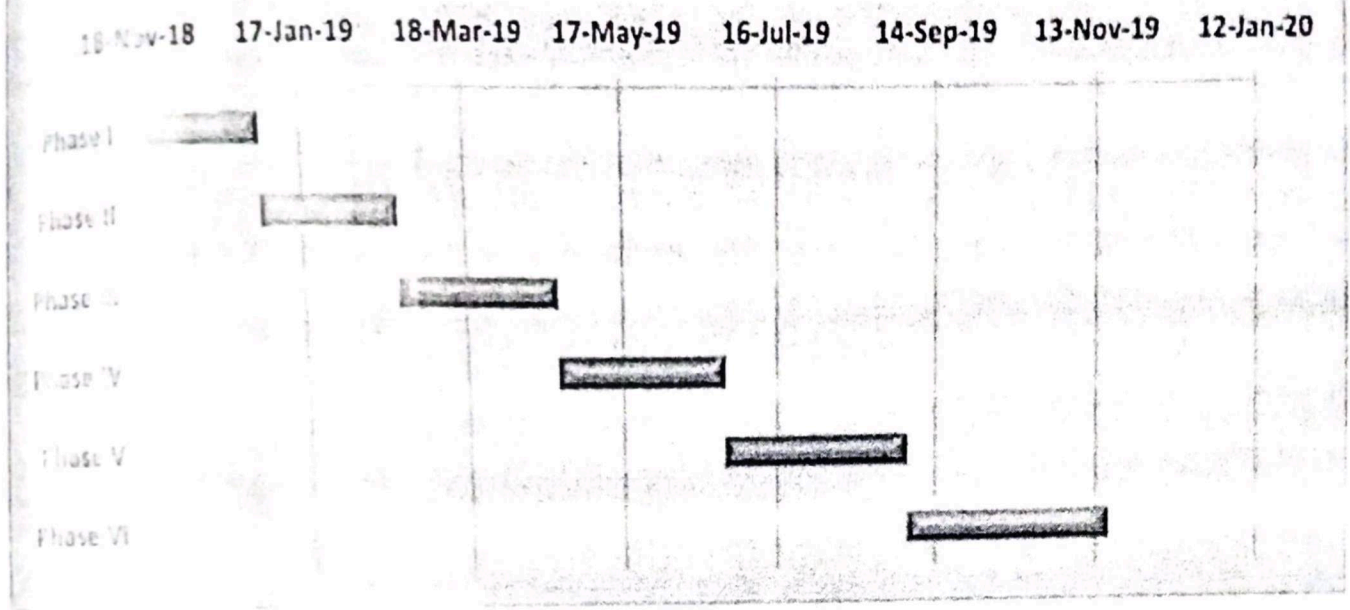




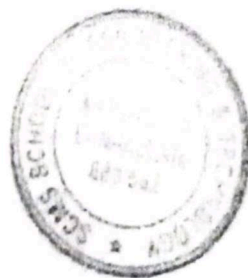
# Visual View of Tasks Scheduled for the Project: 'Smart Switching Toilet'

## Using Gantt Chart

### Smart Switching Toilet Task Schedule



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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
KARUKUTTY GRAMA PANCHAYAT

From  
Secretary  
Gram Panchayat  
Karukutty

To  
Dr. Sunil Jacob  
Director  
Centre for Robotics  
SSET, Karukutty

Respected Sir.

Subject: Implementation of Smart Switching Toilet with urine diversion system for Flood Region, with the support of Karukutty Grama Panchayat

The project Smart Switching Toilet with urine diversion system for Flood Region, of SCMS School of Engineering and Technology done under the supervision of Dr. Sunil Jacob, Director Centre for Robotics is supported by Karukutty Grama Panchayat. We have reviewed and is interested in supporting your proposal. The prototype on completion will be implemented through the Karukutty Grama Panchayat, Angamaly, Kerala, India. It will be implemented with the involvement and support of Karukutty community affected with flood.

This project for sure, will be a great invention in the field of rural development.

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**NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (UNIT NO. 182)**  
**SCMS SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY,**  
**KARUKUTTY, ERNAKULAM - 683544**



NSS/2018-19/TC/104

Dr. Sunil Jacob  
Professor,  
Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering,  
SCMS School of Engineering and technology.

Respected Sir,

**SUB: SMART SWITCHING TOILET with urine Diversion system**

The project "Smart Switching Toilet with urine diversion system for Flood Region" of SCMS School of Engineering under the supervision of Dr. Sunil Jacob. We reviewed and interested the proposal. Once the prototype is ready it will be accepted and implemented through National Service Scheme(NSS) to the flood prone area.

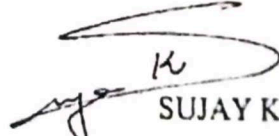
Since it is a socially relevant project, it will be a great and useful project especially to Rebuild Kerala. The prototype will help NSS to provide better sanitation facility during flood.

National Service Scheme (Technical Cell) is interested to support this projects in all kinds.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

08/10/2018  
Karukutty

  
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SCMS School of Engineering & Technology  
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## Intellectual Property Policy

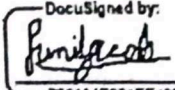
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Reference number: 19-SPC2-01

Grants provided by IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee ("SSC"), a committee of the IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee ("HAC") may result in the creation of intellectual property ("Grant IP") by the grant funds recipient (the "Grantee"). Grantee and IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee agree to work together to protect and distribute the Grant IP in order to achieve the goals of the Project and for the benefit of humanity.

- A. The Grantee shall own all rights in any Grant IP created during the Project. All costs involved in obtaining and maintaining legal protection of Grant IP shall be borne by the Grantee.
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- E. The Grantee shall disclose to SSC any Grant IP that is developed during the Project and provide any additional reports or information that may be requested by IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee in IEEE.
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- H. Grantee shall use its best efforts to ensure that the Grant IP is not used to inhibit the development of additional projects by others organizations or individuals.

By signing below, the Grantee certifies that he/she is a representative of the Project and accepts the terms outlined in this Intellectual Property Policy.

I certify that I accept the terms outlined in this letter:

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Signature:   
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Printed Name: Sunil Jacob

Title: Director SCMS Centre for Robotics and Prof ECE Dep  
Date: 2019-07-31



Equipment purchased shall be vested in the grantee with the understanding that the equipment will be used for the Project, or similar activities, for which it was obtained.

#### Reversion of Grant Funds

The grantee will return to the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee any portion of the funds not used for the specified purposes at the close of the grant period. Funds also will be promptly returned if the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee determines that the grantee has not performed in accordance with the Award Letter or has not met the specific grant conditions of the Project and its supporting budget.

#### Special Conditions

The Project lead will ensure that every participant in the Project signs (i) the Waiver and Release of Liability Form and (ii) the Publicity Release Form prior to participating in the Project. The grantee will sign the Intellectual Property Policy prior to receiving the grant funds and undertaking any work on the Project. The Project lead will keep a copy of all signed documents and submit them to the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee together with the first and final reports.

#### Grant Renewal

Unless otherwise stipulated in writing, this grant is made with the understanding that the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee has no obligation to provide other or additional support to the grantee.

#### Legal Compliance

The grantee currently complies and will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations, including laws concerning civil and human rights, and will ensure that the Project will be free of any discrimination based on race, color, national origin, physical disability, religion, gender, or age.

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**Addendum to Award Letter for  
"Smart Switching Toilet with urine diversion system for Flood Region"  
(the "Project")**

Grant Reference number: #19-SPC2-01  
Please refer to this number in all communications regarding this grant.

**1. Publicity**

The grantee shall mention that the Project is sponsored by IEEE SIGHT (the "Sponsorship") in all press releases, news conferences and other media contacts concerning the Project. All materials developed or published by the Project, including brochures, announcements, flyers, manuals and reports, shall mention the Sponsorship. The grantee shall send to the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee copies of all publicity regarding the grant, including print media and information materials that are related to the Project. Copies of the IEEE SIGHT logo suitable for reproduction are included for your convenience.

**2. Accounting**

The grantee is responsible for the expenditure of the grant funds and for maintaining adequate supporting records consistent with generally accepted accounting procedures.

**3. Reports**

A complete project and financial report for the Project must be provided within sixty (60) days after the completion of the grant period based on the below schedule. Biannual reports are to be provided every 6 months for any Project lasting longer than 6 months:

<u>Beginning Date</u>	<u>Ending Date</u>	<u>Interim Report Due Date</u>	<u>Final Report Due Date</u>
01-Sep-2019	31-Aug-2020	01-Mar-2020	31-Oct-2020 or 60 days after Actual Completion Date.

SIGHT may occasionally reach out to you for updates throughout the term of the project; likewise, SIGHT welcomes periodic updates, including pictures and/or videos, as you have available.

**4. Payment Schedule**

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee, the grant award shall be paid as indicated below:

- US \$2,953.00 will be transferred to IEEE Kerala Section account for disbursement to this project.

The grant award shall be paid to the grantee after the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee receives an executed copy of the Grant Award Letter.

Initials <sup>OS</sup> Sunil Jacob



30-Jul-2019

Dr. Sunil Jacob &lt;suniljacob@scmsgroup.org&gt;

IEEE Kerala Section SIGHT Group

On behalf of the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee: Congratulations! The IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee, committee of the IEEE Humanitarian Activities Committee, has approved a grant of US \$2,953.00 for the project named "Smart Switching Toilet with urine diversion system for Flood Region" (19-SPC2-01). Our offer of this grant is subject to your agreement to:

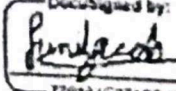
1. Use the grant funds only as specified in the approved grant proposal.
2. Maintain your records to show and account for the uses of grant funds and retain all original receipts.
3. Allow the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee access to records to verify grant expenditures and activities.
4. Provide written acknowledgement of receipt of grant funds.
5. Repay any portion of the funds not used for the specified purposes.
6. Refrain from use of the funds for any purpose prohibited by law.
7. Cooperate with any efforts of the IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee to publicize the grant award.
8. Comply with reasonable requests for information about program activities.
9. Meet terms and conditions specified in the addendum to this letter.

All grants are made in accordance with current and applicable laws and pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service Code and the regulations issued thereunder.

If you agree to these terms, please sign and return one copy of this letter to [sight-projects@ieee.org](mailto:sight-projects@ieee.org). We appreciate being able to assist in the success of your project.

Sincerely,

Sampathkumar Veeraraghavan  
Chair, IEEE SIGHT Steering Committee  
A Committee of the IEEE Humanitarian  
Activities Committee

I certify that I accept the terms outlined in this letter:	
Signature:	<div>Digitally signed by:  770764E271EE42F Sunil Jacob</div>
Printed Name:	_____
Title:	Director SCMS Centre for Robotics and Prof EC
Date:	2019-07-31