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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Gradation Framework for 5G Use Case Labs Setup by DoT-reg

The Department of Telecommunications has set up 100 5G Use Case Labs across educational institutions nationwide, aiming to achieve the following key deliverables:

- i. At least 50 students and 10 faculty members utilizing the lab for testing and project development annually.
- ii. Engagement of at least 5 start-ups/MSMEs for product testing and development each year.
- iii. Development and testing of at least 10 products/solutions/IPs annually.
- iv. Active contribution to the standardization process and efforts to integrate developed technologies into global standards.
- v. Piloting, commercialization, and deployment of tested products in the field.
- vi. Publication of at least two papers per year.

2. Gradation of Labs

To ensure the effective utilization of these 5G Use Case Labs, a Gradation Framework with 11 key parameters has been prepared. The labs will be evaluated based on the following Gradation Parameters:

Sl. No.	Parameter	Target	Score
1.	No. of students utilised Lab for product testing/ applications	50 unique students / year	1- 10 student – 1 point 11– 30 student – 2 points 31-50 students – 4 points > 50 students – 5 points
2.	No. of faculty utilised the lab for mentoring/ development/ testing	10 unique faculty / year	1- faculty – 1 point 2 – 5 faculty – 2 points

			6 - 10 faculty – 4 points > 10 faculty – 5 points
3.	No. of projects utilizing the Lab	10 projects / year	1- project – 1 point 2 – 5 project – 2 points 6 - 10 projects - 4 points > 10 projects – 5 points
4.	No. of start up / MSMEs engaged in the lab for testing/ product / use case development	5 Start up/ MSME / year	1 point / startup or MSME (max. 10 points)
5.	Engagement with Atal Tinkering Labs/ Schools/ colleges/ academic institutes (Workshops/ mentorship etc.)	5 institutes / year	1 point / institute (max. 10 points)
6.	No. of companies other than start-up/MSME/ Academic institutes engaged in the lab for testing/ product / use case development	5 companies or organisations / year	1 point / company (max. 10 points)
7.	Inclusion of 5G related academic course utilizing the Lab in the curriculum	Completion of the course for 50 students	2 point / 10 student (max. 20 points)
8.	Contributions related to 5G and beyond in International journals or Standardization organizations such as ITU/3GPP/ISO/IEEE/ ORAN alliance etc	2 Contributions/ year	5 points / contribution (max. 30 points)
9.	No. of product/ solutions/ use cases developed	2 products/ solutions/ use cases developed	10 point / product/solution/use case (max. 30 points)
10.	No. of IP generated	2 IPs in a year	10 point / IP (max. 30 points)
11.	No. of developed products/use cases in the Lab commercialised/ piloted/ deployed	1 product/ year	15 points each (max. 30 points)

3. Ranking of Labs:

The Labs will be ranked based on their total points in the following categories:

- a. Excellent: > 130 points
 - b. Very Good: 101 – 130 points
 - c. Satisfactory: 81 – 100 points (with minimum 23 points from item number 1-5 of Gradation Framework in Para 2 above)
- ii. All engagements and outcomes will be shared and made accessible through the **bharat5glab.gov.in** portal.
 - iii. The top 5 ranked institutes will be felicitated annually at the IMC or any other event designated by the DoT.

This is issued with the approval of competent authority.

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To,

Heads of 100 institutes of 5G labs