

Instructions for Implementing Agencies (IAs) on Opening of ZBS Bank Account under the DST Vigyan Dhara Scheme

In reference to shifting to the Hybrid-TSA Model (Model-1A) from CNA Model for flow of funds. All programs of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) under the three umbrella schemes 'Science and Technology Institutional and Human Capacity Building (1817)', 'Research and Development (3237)' and 'Innovation Technology Development and Deployment (1819)' will be merged under the Scheme '**Vigyan Dhara**' which will be operational from **16.01.2025 onwards**. Further, please note that **Hybrid-TSA model** fund flow system will be implemented by DST for Vigyan Dhara scheme from **16.01.2025 onwards** as per extant instructions of the Ministry of Finance.

For on boarding on Hybrid-TSA Model, all Implementing Agencies (IAs) down the ladder are required to open ZBSA in nearest branch of **Union Bank of India (UBI)** immediately. **IAs already having ZBSA in Union Bank of India for the scheme 'Innovation Technology Development and Deployment (1819)' will NOT be required to open fresh account as same A/c will be converted to ZBSA for the scheme 'Vigyan Dhara'.**

However, IAs having ZBSA in Bank of Maharashtra for the scheme 'Science and Technology Institutional and Human Capacity Building (1817)' and 'Research and Development (3237)' and not having ZBSA in UBI will be mandatorily required to open a new ZBSA account in UBI for the scheme 'Vigyan Dhara'.

Please note that **only one account for one organization** will be required to be opened for the Vigyan Dhara scheme and all the assignments related to different projects and programs under this scheme will be made to this single account (**UBI ZBSA**) of the organization.

The '**Technology Development Board (TDB)**' will be the Central Nodal Agency for the Vigyan Dhara Scheme. TDB will act both as Funding agency as well as Recipient agency. The ZBSA of the organisation in UBI will be linked to the TDB CNA Account. Instructions regarding PFMS mapping of the UBI ZBSA shall be shared soon.

The organizations not having existing ZBSA in Union Bank of India are requested to open ZBSA account in the nearest branch of UBI. In case of any issue, the UBI branch in DST premises may please be contacted. The contact details of UBI personnel for support, if any, are given below:

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