

Job Description – CEO, Wadhwani Superhub Translation Center (WSTC)

Job Title	Chief Executive Officer – Wadhwani Superhub Translation Center (WSTC)
Location	IIT Kanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India
Center	Wadhwani Superhub Translation Center (WSTC), IIT Kanpur
Reports To	Dean, Wadhwani School of AI & Intelligent Systems (WSAIS), IIT Kanpur
About WSAIS	The Wadhwani School of AI & Intelligent Systems (WSAIS) was established in 2025 with a vision to pioneer academic programs in intelligent systems that connect machine intelligence with the material world. It encompasses: 1. Department of Intelligent Systems (DIS) 2. Wadhwani Center for Developing Intelligent Systems (CDIS) 3. Wadhwani Center for Robotics (CR) 4. Wadhwani Center for AI Policy and Outreach (CAPO) 5. Wadhwani Center for Cybersecurity of Critical Infrastructure (C3i)
About WSTC	WSTC will act as a national catalyst for translating breakthrough AI and Intelligent Systems research into market-ready and socially impactful solutions. It supports TRL 3–7+, industry collaboration, startup mentoring, and capacity building across 7+ partner hubs in India.
Role Summary	The CEO will lead the establishment and national operationalization of WSTC, shaping its long-term strategy, driving funding programs, and building national/international partnerships across domains such as ML, NLP, Vision, Robotics, LLMs, Cybersecurity, Human–AI Interaction, Edge Computing, and Public Policy.
Key Responsibilities	1. Strategic Program Planning & Execution 2. Research Translation & Portfolio Management 3. National Network & Hub Activation 4. Operations & Administration 5. Partnerships & Stakeholder Engagement 6. Innovation & Commercialization Support 7. Monitoring, Evaluation & Reporting 8. Outreach, Events & Communication 9. Team Leadership & Culture Building
Desired Qualifications	• Master’s or PhD in relevant technical fields • Minimum 8 years experience in research, innovation, or translational leadership • Proven experience with TRL 3–7+ and commercialization • Strong ecosystem, partnership, and fundraising capabilities • MBA/Executive Education preferred • Excellent leadership and communication skills