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IIT-M plans collaboration with US Biotech hub

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The city council of South San Francisco city represented by IIT-M alumnus Dr Pradeep Gupta has proposed a collaboration between the Healthcare Technology Innovation Centre (HTIC), a multidisciplinary research and development centre at IIT-M, and life sciences firms in South San Francisco involved in cutting edge research in disciplines ranging from oncology to neurodegenerative diseases.

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Dr. Pradeep Gupta, who served as the Mayor of South San Francisco city in 2017 is also keen for HTIC to sign MoUs with earlystage Google-funded startups like Verily and Calico, apart from traditional drug manufacturers looking to revive their product lines.