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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(TRI & Media Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

To,  
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,  
Government of Gujarat.

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 29.10.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (TA), Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 29.10.2021 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Conference Room through VC for consideration of proposals of Tribal Research and Training Institute of Gujarat under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,



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## Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting dated 29.10.2021

A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 29.10.2021 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to appraise and approve the proposals for FY 2021-22 submitted by the Tribal Research Institute of **Gujarat** for funding under the scheme 'Support to TRI'. The following officers were present:

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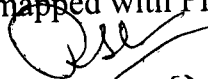
1. Sh. Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
2. Dr. Naval Jit Kapoor, JS, MoTA
3. Sh. Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
4. Ms. Yatinder Prasad, JS(FA)
5. Dr. Muniraju SB, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
6. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

### State Representative

1. Mr. Dilipkumar Rana, Executive Director

2. At the outset, Director (TRI) welcomed all the participants. Thereafter, JS &FA put forth procedure for release of funds to State Government under Centrally Sponsored schemes and emphasised upon its strict compliance by all TRIs. She elaborated on the following:

- (i) All State Governments have to mandatorily designate a Single Nodal Agency (SNA) for each Centrally Sponsored Scheme.
- (ii) To open SNA account in a Commercial bank and all government business has to be carried through SNA account, which is required to be mapped on PFMS.
- (iii) State Governments have to credit grants received from the Ministry to SNA and not more than 25% of funds can be released in one instance.
- (iv) all implementing agencies (IAs) have to credit unspent balance to SNA account.
- (v) all State TRIs to strictly comply with the above procedure and designate SNAs and open account on priority. It was further specified by JS&FA that no funds would be released if SNA accounts are not opened and mapped with PFMS by State TRIs.

  
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(vi) In case if any activity is not initiated in a year for which it was approved then State TRI can place it in the next financial year before the Apex Committee for its approval during that year.

3. Representative from NITI Aayog highlighted that State TRIs may get themselves converted into registered societies. He further stated that wherever issues are being faced by State TRIs in switching into society mode the same would be taken up by NITI Aayog in the Chief Minister's Conference.

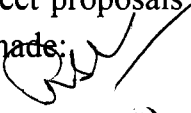
4. Secretary (TA) advised State TRIs on the following:

(i) TRIs should share in advance the dates of tribal festivals, workshops, seminars, craft mela, inauguration of TRI building, museum proposed to be organized under India@75 Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM) for wider participation and share photographs and audio-visuals for records while uploading the same in Tribal repository.

(ii) Whenever any festival is organized by State TRI then the theme and form of the dance, location of performance and its cultural significance, instruments used etc, should be made a part of the repository of the State as well as Ministry. It was further advised to rationalize activities for Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM).

(iii) States should take up meaningful activities during 15-22 November, 2021 which is being celebrated as 'Saluting Tribes & their contribution to India'. States may involve other Departments and integrate events.

5. The Committee considered project proposals submitted by the State for the year 2021-22 and following decisions were made:

  
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**Committed Liabilities:**

5.1 (i) Committed Liability of previous years:

**Committed Liability during 2021-22**

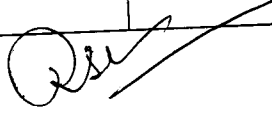
(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2021-22	Remarks
1	Regular Activities TRI	2019-20	1761.92	1719.07	42.85	
2	Regular Activities TRI	2020-21	71.85	0	0	
The State was not able to take any grants for the proposed activities for 2020-21 by PAC. The State was asked to prioritize the activities and take fresh approval of PAC if the activity proposed in previous year is still relevant.						
Total			1833.77	1719.07	42.85	

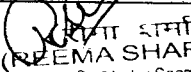
**6.1(ii) New Proposals**

(Rs. In Lakh)

S.No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
<b>PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER 'SUPPORT TO TRI'</b>					
<b>I Tribal Festival</b>					
1.	National Tribal Festival at Statue of Unity	65.00	65.00	65.00	<b>Approved</b> To take the program as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav with logo of AKAM and MoTA.
<b>II Special Projects</b>					
1	Acquired 1 shop in Ekta Mall, Statues of Unity for Tribal Artisans	16.64	16.64	16.64	<b>Approved</b> Ownership should be with TRI/State Govt.

  
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<b>III</b>	<b>Library</b>				
1	Procurement of Books and Journals for TRI Library	3.50	3.50	3.50	<b>Approved</b>
<b>IV</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
1	Purchase of Laptops, Desktops, Printers	7.00	7.00	7.00	<b>Approved</b> Should be used in TRI
<b>V</b>	<b>Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav</b>				
1	Traditional tribal craft fair (State Level)	15.00	15.00	15.00	<b>Approved.</b>
2	Tribal art and craft competition	10.75	10.75	10.75	State to organize such events in a meaningful manner. Such melas should provide livelihood opportunities and sustainability for tribal youths and artisans. States may contact with State Development Commissioner for Handicrafts who have database of artisans with Aadhar number under the 'Pehchan Scheme'.  State TRIs may involve TRIFED also for such craft melas so that it becomes part of a Campaign.
3	2-3 minutes documentary film of Tribal Freedom Fighters	6.00	6.00	6.00	<b>Approved</b>
4	Tribal dance documentary film	6.00	6.00	6.00	<b>Approved</b>

  
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2	Organizing Memorial function: Tribal Freedom Fighters	12.00	12.00	12.00	<b>Approved</b>
3	Tribal Dance Competition	60.00	40.00	40.00	<b>Approved</b>
4	State level tribal dance festival	15.00			
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>216.89</b>	<b>181.89</b>	<b>181.89</b>	

**Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:**

(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liability of FY	42.85
B	New proposals approved by Apex Committee	216.89
C	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 <sup>st</sup> installment of grant	181.89
D	Total amount approved for release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	224.74

**Note:** New proposals not approved / deferred by APEX committee are at Annexure-I.

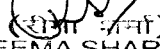
6. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review will be done for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to FY 2021-22. GFR provision may please be adhered strictly. The 2nd instalment to be released after the project approved by committee is started and progress is uploaded on the portal. TRIs should share in advance the dates of tribal festivals, workshops, seminars, craft mela, inauguration of TRI building, museum proposed to be organized under India@75 Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav (AKAM) for wider participation and share photographs and audio-visuals for records while uploading the same in Tribal repository. All audios, videos and photographs of music, dance and cultural festival to be uploaded on adi-kalakar portal ([www.adikalakar.tribal.gov.in](http://www.adikalakar.tribal.gov.in)). While organising events, all necessary precautions and protocols related to Covid must be maintained.

7. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and participants.

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**Annexure -I**

S.No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	<b>PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER 'SUPPORT TO TRI'</b>				
<b>I</b>	<b>Research and Evaluation Projects</b>				
1	An Evaluation study of Girls Low Literacy Residential School for Scheduled Tribes of Gujarat State	13.36	0.00	0.00	The State was advised to complete pending projects on priority and submit UCs before taking up new projects and upload the completed projects on TRI Portal and repository.
2	A Study of prevalent dialects spoken in the scheduled tribes of Gujarat (In Reference of Bhili, Rathwi, Dhodia, Kokani)	34.52	0.00	0.00	
3	Base Line Survey of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)	54.60	0.00	0.00	
<b>II</b>	<b>Special Projects</b>				
1	Prepare pamphlets, calendars, Book, Booklets, etc., giving an overview of tribal communities and cultures	7.97	0.00	0.00	<b>Not Approved</b>
2	Documentary on Traditional herbal treatment system among the tribes	17.20	0.00	0.00	On the lines of training done by AIIMS, Jodhpur, skill identification and upgradation of tribal healers should be organized.
<b>III</b>	<b>Training &amp; Capacity Building</b>				
1.	Training Programme on Marketing & other Skills for sustainable livelihood of Tribal Artisans and Craftsmen	1.62	0.00	0.00	<b>Not Approved</b>
<b>V</b>	<b>Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav</b>				
1.	Tribal Freedom Fighters Booklets (01)	1.00	0.00	0.00	Combined book to be done by TRI Odisha
	<b>Grant Total</b>	<b>130.27</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

  
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