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

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
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To,

Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner,
Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Jammu & Kashmir

Subject: Minutes of meeting of the Apex Committee meeting held on 25th November, 2025 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – regarding.

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of meeting of the Apex Committee meeting held on 25th November, 2025 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Conference Room in hybrid mode for consideration of proposal of Annual Action Plan of Tribal Research Institute of **Jammu & Kashmir** under the scheme, “Support to TRIs” for the year 2025-26, for kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


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- v. Joint Secretary, M/o Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- vi. Advisor, NITI Aayog
- vii. Director (TRIs) (as per list attached)

Copy for information to

- i. PS to MTA
- ii. PSs to MoS (TA)

Internal circulation:

Tech. Dir (NIC), MoTA, with the request to upload it on the Ministry's website.

List of Participants:

Ministry of Tribal Affairs:

- i. Ms. Ranjana Chopra, Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
- ii. Sh. Anant Prakash Pandey, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- iii. Ms. Debolina Thakur, JS & FA, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- iv. Ms. Hari Kiran Gurla, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- v. Sh. Ganesh Nagarajan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- vi. Mr. P. Haokip, Under Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- vii. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, ASO TRI Division
- viii. Sh. Mithun Chandravanshi, Program Officer

State Representatives

- i. Ms. Choten D Lana, PS, Tribal Welfare Department, West Bengal
- ii. Ms. Sarika, PS, Tribal Welfare Department, Sikkim.
- iii. Shri Prasanna , Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Jammu & Kashmir
- iv. Ms. I. Sino Phom, Director, TRI Nagaland
- v. Shri Manish Shah, Director, TRI Gujarat
- vi. Director, TRI, Mizoram
- vii. Director, TRI Madhya Pradesh
- viii. Director, TRI, Andaman & Nicobar Island
- ix. Director, TRI, Jammu & Kashmir
- x. Ms. Chumkula, DS, TRI, Sikkim
- xi. Dr Debchand Bahoniya, Research Officer, TRI Gujarat
- xii. Dr. Devendra Singh, TRI Uttar Pradesh

Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting held on 25th November 2025 through VC for consideration of Annual Action Plan of States under the Scheme of “Support to TRIs” during FY 2025-26.

A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 25th November 2025 through hybrid mode to appraise and approve the Annual Action Plans of TRIs for funding under the scheme “Support to TRIs” during FY 2025-26’.

2. Secretary, Tribal Affairs welcomed the participants and informed TRIs that all the activities undertaken by TRI should be impactful and the activities/events to be linked with sustainable livelihood opportunities and income augmentation for the tribal population.

3. The committee considered the annual action plan proposals submitted by the TRIs, Status of pending UC, SNA balance & committed liability of each TRI under the scheme “Support to TRIs” and the following decisions were taken:

I. The decision with respect to each item proposed in Annual Action Plan by TRIs is given in annexure in relation of each state subject to the following:

II. General Decisions:

- i. **Quantifiable Targets and Impact:** Each activity in the annual action plan should have measurable outcomes, clearly stating the number of beneficiaries targeted. A follow up action plan should be devised to ensure that the impact is sustainable and that the tribal participants in these events ultimately benefit.
- ii. **Mapping of PVTG Habitats:** TRIs to conduct mapping of PVTGs habitat in the financial year 2025-26. Domain experts to be involved for efficient and effective mapping.
- iii. **Publications:** TRIs shall publish a compendium on Tribal Freedom Fighters of their respective states in Hindi, English, and state-specific tribal languages.
- iv. **Outcome-Based Capacity Building:** Workshops and seminars must focus on tangible outcomes and be assessed for their effectiveness in influencing participants' behaviours, attitudes, and functionality for at least six months via online follow-ups.
- v. **Livelihood-Linked Skill Training:** Skill and entrepreneurship training programs should contribute to livelihood generation and income enhancement among tribal communities.
- vi. **Long-Term Engagement of Trainees:** Selected training and workshop participants should be engaged/ supported for a long-term until they are established in the industry.
- vii. **Research Proposals:** All approved research projects must include a Detailed Project Report (DPR) with clear timelines, actionable objectives, and expected outcomes as well as actionable recommendations, preferably accompanied by a pilot project based on these recommendations.
- viii. **Outcome-Oriented Seminar/workshop/Documentation:** Seminars/workshop and research documentation must highlight the actionable recommendations. Value addition is to be ensured.
- ix. **Non-Duplication with other schemes:** TRIs should ensure that there is no duplication of activities with other schemes of the Government including PM-JANMAN and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.
- x. **Library Development:** Projects for libraries of TRIs should be limited to the procurement of books, magazines, and the preservation of rare books should integrate with online library networks like LIBNET.



- xi. **Clarity on Deferred Activities:** DPRs including clear objectives and expected outcomes must be provided for all deferred activities.
- xii. **Comprehensive Planning for Approved Activities:** In respect of the events/activities/programs which have been given in-principle approval, a DPR with timelines, financial requirements for the current and subsequent years (if applicable) and actionable objectives should be provided.
- xiii. **Reporting on Events:** Physical and financial details of all approved projects shall be uploaded on the NTRP.
- xiv. **Involvement of Stakeholders:** All TRIs to explore the possibility of contribution from the stakeholders in the form of DAPST funds for their effective utilization by the state, sponsorship, and CSR contributions, volunteerism etc. not only financially but in other ways also especially in the conduct of national and state level events as well as in IEC campaigns and follow up actions on projects.

III. Financial Decisions: TRI must comply with following while implementing the projects sanctioned by the Ministry under the scheme:

- i. State may utilize the funds already available with them under the scheme for the time being. While utilizing the fund, it may be ensured that the head of account is not changed.
- ii. Further funds would be released to the State subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate, uploading of Physical Progress Report on **National Tribal Research Portal**, and Compliances of SNA requirements in accordance with the instructions of the Department of Expenditure, Government of India as issued time to time. Some projects, as specified, shall also be uploaded on the Aadi Prasaran portal.
- iii. Interest accrued in the SNA Account has to be deposited in Consolidated Fund of India as per DoE OM dt.30.06.2021.
- iv. All procurement will be done following the procedures of obtaining technical & administrative approvals from the competent authorities with transparency norms/GFR.
- v. Intimation regarding conduct of activities should be sent to Ministry of Tribal Affairs at least 15 days prior to conduct of the activity so as to enable participation of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in the same.
- vi. Regular monitoring of the progress of projects shall be undertaken at the TRIs/State Government levels and the reports on such progress shall be shared with the Ministry monthly by the 5th of the succeeding month.
- vii. The expenses should be incurred in a cost-effective manner, following transparency and efficient procurement procedures as per the GFR provisions.
- viii. TRIs must provide a breakup of the amounts to be spent/ required during the current financial year (2025-26), and for the next financial year (2026-27) where projects spill over into the second year.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.



Annexure for TRI, Jammu & Kashmir

a) UC and SNA Balance:

Amount (₹) in lakh					
Scheme	State	UC pending	SNA balance	Last Release	Fund Allocation
Support to TRI	Jammu & Kashmir	146.15	34.37	100.00 (2024-25)	400.00

b) Committed liabilities of previous years:

Sl. No.	Activities	Year of first approval	MoTA's support	Amount already released/ Balance to released	Balance Committed Liability Amount	Amount Approval for release during 2025-26	Amount (₹) in lakh
							Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
1.	Regular TRI, Activities	2023-24	830.70	358.315	472.385	74.685*	Approved. *The activities of ₹397.70 lakh surrendered. The Activities are A (ii to vii), B (v to vii), C (i to v), & E.
2.	Regular TRI, Activities	2024-25	81.00	0.00	81.00	10.00**	Approved **The activities of ₹71.00 lakh surrendered except activity at S.No.3 under Training & Capacity Building.
Total		911.70	358.315	553.385	84.685		

c) New Proposals for 2025-26)

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
1.	Research and Documentation			
a)	Employability of college educated Tribal youth. Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
b)	Study of drug menace in 15-40 years of age group. Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
c)	Roll of trans humance lifestyle in cultural heritage conservation. Duration: 06 Months	30.00	0.00	Not Approved



S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
d)	Study of the role of Government Schemes in weaning away from extremist ideology. Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
e)	Training to tribal girls above 18 years of age in food craft. Duration: 06 Months	35.00	0.00	Not Approved
f)	Training of tribal youth in Hotel management. Duration: 06 Months	35.00	0.00	Not Approved
g)	Beautician course for tribal girls Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
h)	IELTS training to graduate tribal students for obtaining jobs in foreign countries. Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
i)	Skill Development Programme in Plumbing & Electrical Trades for Tribal Youths. Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
j)	Conversion of normal rooms into home stays in tribal areas with tourist attraction Duration: 06 Months	280.00	280.00	Approved. Unit cost is ₹5.00 lakh.
k)	Tribal Artisans Community-based platform for tribal artisan clusters. Duration: 06 Months	150.00	50.00	Approved. To be taken up on pilot basis.
2. Health and Education				
a)	Training tribal girls on basic health facilities with the focus on first-aid (including wild animal attacks) & basic child birth care. Duration: 06 Months	30.00	0.00	Not Approved
b)	Health status survey tribal communities in J&K. Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
3. Seminar / Workshop / Capacity Building				
a)	Legal orientation on Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006. Prevention of Atrocities Act, Land laws to ensure rights-based awareness. Duration: 06 Months	30.00	0.00	Not Approved
b)	Impact assessment of implementation of Forest Right Act (FRA) 2006 among tribal communities of J&K. Duration: 06 Months	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
4. Tribal Festivals and Events				

S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
a)	Tribal Festivals, Sports Mela, Talent Hunt in Jammu Division. Duration: 06 Months	50.00	0.00	Not Approved
b)	Tribal Festivals, Sports Mela, Talent Hunt in Kashmir Division. Duration: 06 Months	50.00	0.00	Not Approved
5.	Tribal Exchange Visit			
a)	Inside the State for the students of Tribal Hostels. No. of Groups x Unit Cost (In Rs) 28 x 5 Duration: 06 Months	140.00	0.00	Not Approved
b)	Outside the State for the students & Farmer & Self-Help Groups of Tribal Community. No. of Groups x Unit Cost (In Rs) 20 x 10 Duration: 06 Months	200.00	20.00	Approved. The activity to be conducted with 2 groups and 10.00 lakh for each group.
6.	Museum Management & Maintenance and Related Activities / Documentation of Tribal Freedom Fighters			
a)	Setting up of tribal museum at gujjar desh charitable trust Jammu. (The DPR of the project will be submitted soon & is under preparation) Duration: 12 Months	300.00	0.00	Not Approved.
7.	Construction of Building			
a)	In J&K Tribal Research Institute building has been constructed two years back. But establishment of basic infrastructure support for TRI in J&K is required as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research & documentation hubs • Tribal library & archive centres • IT system for data storage & analysis • Conference & training hall for stake holders engagement. (DPR will be submitted soon & is under preparation)	100.00	0.00	Not Approved.
	Total	1590.00	350.00	



d) Total amount approved for release during 2025-26:

		Amount (₹) in lakh
A	Committed Liability for Regular TRI Activities for 2023-24	74.685
B	Committed Liability for Regular TRI Activities for 2024-25	10.00
C	New Proposals approved by Apex Committee for 2025-26	350.00
	Total	434.685

