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(TRI & Media Division)

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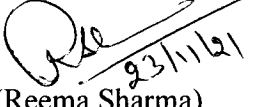
To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Kerala.

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 Kerala 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 Kerala for funding under the scheme 'Support to TRI'. The following officers were present:

Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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

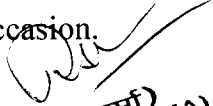
1. Dr. S. Bindu, Director

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 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 occasion.


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(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.

(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.

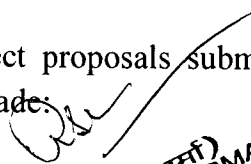
4. Secretary (TA) advised State TRIs on the following:

(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 Amrit 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 Amrit 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'.

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


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5.1 (i) Committed Liability of previous years:

Committed Liability during 2021-22

(Rs. In Lakh)

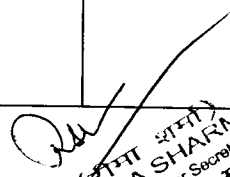
S. No.	Project	Year of first Approval	MoTA's Support	Amount Already Released	Amount for release during 2021-22	Remarks
1.	Construction of Museum for freedom fighters. Location: Kozhikode	2017-18	1500.00	719.00	Nil	State was asked to expedite the construction and present the progress of curation and civil work before NLC. Amount will be released based on the receipt of pending utilization certificate.
2.	Construction of additional floor to training block	2018-19	275.00	100.00	Nil	Sate was asked to provide detailed progress of the work before consideration of approval of amount.
3	Regular activities TRI	2018-19	581.275	401.25	180.025	TRI to upload status of projects sanctioned in earlier years on TRI portal and completed projects on digital repository
	Grand total		2356.275	1220.25	180.025	

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5.1 (ii) Activities of 2020-21 reconsidered for the year 2021-22:

(Rs. In Lakh)


S. No	Activity	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks / Decision
1	A Study on Demography and Other Implications of Dwindling Scheduled Tribe Population of Kerala (Duration: 12 Months)	14.00	14.00	7.00	2 nd Installment to be released when the project details are uploaded on portal.
2	Training Programme for Enhancing Leadership Qualities among Elected Scheduled Tribe Representatives of Kerala	10.70	10.70	3.60	TRI should coordinate with TRI Odisha, NTRI and UNDP who have designed curriculum and audio video material for such trainings. The data base of all PRI trained to be uploaded on TRI Portal as per format given by MoTA.
3	Documentation of Vanishing Tribal Art Forms and Oral Literature and Workshop for their Revival (Duration: 12 Months)	12.65	12.65	7.00	2 nd Installment to be released when the project details are uploaded on portal.
4	Digitization of KIRTADS Ethnological Museum and Research on Tribal Freedom Fighters (Duration: 24 Months)	50.80	50.80	20.00	Complete project details may be submitted before NLC for Tribal Museum. Further installments to be released based on progress report submitted.
5	Five Days Workshop and Treatment Camp for Tribal Medicinal Practitioners of Kerala (Duration: 5 Days)	11.75	11.75	5.00	The dates and calendar to be shared with NTRI so as to involve other TRIs also. TRI requested to share details of studies which have already taken place in State by the TRIs and Other agencies on tribal healers.


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					<p>The report will be shared with TRI Uttarakhand, nodal TRI for Research on Tribal Healers and uploaded on Document repository.</p> <p>Registration of these healers will be done through QCI.</p> <p>The data of these healers will be updated on Swasthya Health and Nutrition Portal.</p>
6	<p>Motives and Implications of Migration of Tribal People in Wayanad to the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu: An Appraisal</p> <p>(Duration: 12 Months)</p>	9.50	9.50	5.00	<p>2nd Installment to be released when project details uploaded on portal.</p> <p>Based on outcome of study, TRI Kerala may consider making data repository of such migrants and upload such data on migration repository.</p>
7	<p>Modernization and Strengthening of IT Infrastructure of TRI</p> <p>(Duration: 12 Months)</p>	40.00	5.00	05.00	Approved
8	<p>Three Days Workshop for Tribal Artists</p> <p>(Duration: 3 Days)</p>	3.48	3.48	3.48	The data base of artists to be uploaded on National Tribal Art & Culture Portal.
9	<p>Implementation of Forest Right Act – 2006 amongst the Scheduled Tribe communities of Malappuram District in Kerala: An Evaluation Study</p> <p>(Duration: 12 Months)</p>	14.93	14.93	5.00	<p>The calendar for training to be shared with NTRI.</p> <p>Training will be done in coordination with FRA division and NTRI.</p> <p>Data of Master Trainers and trainees to be uploaded on MoTA TRI Portal.</p> <p>Course material to be uploaded on knowledge Repository</p>
10	<p>Three Days Workshop on Disaster Management in Tribal Areas</p> <p>(Duration: 3 Days)</p>	6.50	6.50	6.50	<p>TRI May share dates and topic with NTRI for participation of all TRIs, COEs and Research fellows through virtual medium.</p> <p>Data of trainees to be upload on NTRI portal.</p>


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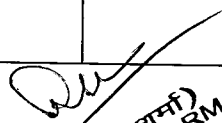
11	Documentation of ornaments, clothing and crafts among the Tribal communities of Kerala. (Duration: 18 Months)	41.00	41.00	10.00	2nd Installment and balance amount will be released once progress uploaded.
12	Three Days National Seminar on Contemporary Health Issues. (Duration: 3 Days)	23.77	15.00	10.00	TRI May share dates and topic with NTRI for participation of all TRIs, COEs and Research fellows.
13	Modernization of KIRTADS Library. (Duration: 12 Months)	23.50	5.00	5.00	Approved
14	Two days Training Program for Non-teaching Staff of Model Residential Schools/Ashram Schools/ Tribal Schools of Kerala (Duration: 2 Days)	3.10	3.10	3.10	Data of teachers trained to be uploaded on training module of NTRI.
15	International Museum day Celebration (Duration: 1 Days)	5.80	5.80	5.80	Approved
16	Two Days Hamlet Level Health/Educational Awareness Training Program For The Kadar Community. (Duration: 2 Days)	3.80	3.80	3.80	Approved
17	Workshop for Traditional Art forms of Malasar/Mahamalar Community (Duration: 15 Days)	8.50	5.00	5.00	Approved


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18	Primer Preparation for Malaipandaram Tribal Language (Duration: 12 Months)	4.46	4.46	2.00	2 nd Installment when project details are uploaded
19	Purchase Five Modern Archery Equipments (Duration: 12 Months)	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved A committee of experts including government department/institution representatives should be made to decide about specifications, and that quality products should be procured at reasonable prices in a transparent manner.
20	Ethnic Cuisine Festival (Tribal Art Festival) (Duration: 7 Days)	9.00	9.00	9.00	List of artists may be uploaded on National tribal art and cultural festival.
21	37 th Thalakkal Chandu Memorial National Archery Competition (Duration: 3 Days)	24.73	24.73	0.00	Funds be released when date finalized.
22	Training Programmes on Wheels (Awareness Programme to Reduce Substance Abuse) (Duration: 12 Months)	47.90	47.90	16.00	2 nd Intalment on progress of project.
23	The Confluence of Tribal Writers & Tribal Literature Festival (Duration: 5 Days)	40.00	5.00	5.00	TRI advised to organize Virtual festival in view of corona pandemic. TRI May share dates and topic with NTRI for participation of all TRIs, COEs and Research fellows
24	The Collaborative Projects (Collaboration with Universities, Colleges and Other Institutes) (Duration: 12 Months)	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved
25	Tribal Dance & Music Festival (Tribal Art Festival)	56.80	56.80	20.00	Approved. Balance amount will be released once data is uploaded National Tribal Art & Culture Portal.


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	(Duration: 12 Months)				<p>TRI advised to organize Virtual Festival in view of corona pandemic.</p> <p>TRI advised to coordinate with NTRI & All India Folk and Tribal Art Parishath, working with TRI Uttrakahnd who would render technical guidance and coordinate with States to organize such competitions and upload data of artists on National Tribal Virtual Art and Culture Portal (adikalakar.tribal.gov.in) and for live streaming of the workshop on You tube/ Facebook and uploading the videos on MoTA's Virtual Art Portal .</p> <p>TRI may also suggest tentative date to ensure participation from artisans from all States.</p>
26	<p>Display, Sale and Demonstration of Tribal Paintings (Tribal Arts & Handicrafts Festival)</p> <p>(Duration: 10 Days)</p>	4.10	4.10	4.10	Data of artists uploaded National Tribal Art & Culture Portal.
27	<p>Quiz Competition to Create Knowledge about Indigenous Culture and Art Forms among College Students</p> <p>(Duration: 15 Days)</p>	10.30	10.30	10.30	Approved
28	<p>Post Covid Response Entrepreneurship Programme for Tribes of Kerala</p> <p>(Duration: 12 Months)</p>	50.20	50.20	20.00	<p>Approved.</p> <p>TRI advised to coordinate with Trifed, NSTFDC, Assocham, FICCI, EY (high Investment Potential Districts-HIPoD) and GOAL project of Ministry, where reputed organizations are working on Entrepreneurship development with MoTA for establishing forward and backward linkages.</p>


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29	Publication of E Books on Research Reports of KIRTADS (Duration: 12 Months)	13.50	13.50	4.50	Approved . Rs. 4.50 lacs to be released as 1st Installment and balance amount will be released once data is uploaded on Tribal Digital Repository.
30	KIRTADS Adhikalakendram Grant to 10 Performing Troops for Purchasing Musical Instruments and Costumes (Duration: 12 Months)	7.73	7.73	7.73	Data of artisans to be uploaded on virtual art and cultural portal A committee of experts including government department/institution representatives should be made to decide about specifications, and that quality products should be procured at reasonable prices in a transparent manner.
Grand Total		567.50	466.73	223.91	

5.3 (iii) New Proposals

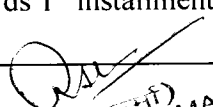
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S.No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER 'SUPPORT TO TRI'					
I	Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav				
1	Tribal Freedom Fighters Booklet	1.00	1.00	1.00	Approved
2	Tribal Talent Hunt Activities in Tribal Dance	14.00	14.00	14.00	Approved
Grand Total		15.00	15.00	15.00	

Total amount approved for release during 2021-22:

(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liability of FY 2018-19	180.025
B	Proposals of 2020-21 approved for FY 2021-22	466.73
C	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	15.00
D	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 st installment of grant	238.91



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E	Total amount approved for release of 1 st installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	418.935
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Note: New proposals not approved / deferred by APEX Committee are at Annexure-I.

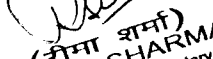
6. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review will be done for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to FY 2021-22. GFR provisions may please be adhered to strictly. The 2nd instalment 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 adikalakar portal (www.adikalakar.tribal.gov.in).

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

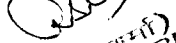

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Annexure I

S.No.	Activities	Amount sought	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	PROJECT PROPOSALS 2020–2021 UNDER ‘SUPPORT TO TRI’ reviewed for 2021-22				
1	Renovation and Improvement of Training Facility in KIRTADS. (Duration: 12 Months)	107.21	0	0	Complete details of project may be submitted for discussion in next meeting.
2	Awarding of Junior Research Fellowship (Duration: 12 Months)	11.52	0	0	Details of projects may be shared for discussion in next meeting as MoTA id funding 750 research scholars annually.
3	Centre for Anthropological Studies (CAS) (Duration: 12 Months)	34.00	0,00	0,00	Project details and DPR to be submitted for discussion in next meeting.
4	Construction of Hostel Building for Trainees and Guests (Duration: 12 Months)	350.00	0	0	Advised to take up under Article 275(1) of Constitution.
	Total	502.73	0	0	
	PROJECT PROPOSALS 2021 - 2022 UNDER ‘SUPPORT TO TRI’				
I	Research and Evaluation Projects				
1	Tribal Customary law of Kurumbar, Mudugar and Irular tribes of Attappady, Kerala	42.70	0	0	Deferred. TRI to expedite activities approved in earlier year.
2	Centre for Anthropological studies(CAS)	43.56	0	0	
3	Land Alienation and Redistribution	28.65	0	0	


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	of Land to Scheduled Tribes of Kerala:An Evaluation Study				
4	Life-culture and Journeys Of Tribes In Kerala- through Lens & Frames: A visual Documentation Of The Existing Photo-Video Collection At KIRTADS Ethnological Museum	30.60	0	0	
5	Democratic decentralisation experiences: An overview of customary laws among Kurichiyan and Paniyan communities of Wayanad district	6.10	0	0	
6	Restoration and Conservation of Tribal Villages, Tribal Architecture and Tribal Constructions.	37.0	0	0	
II	Seminars and Workshops (Webinars)				
1	Workshop on Tribal Music	5.75	0	0	Deferred. TRI to expedite activities approved in earlier year.
2	Workshop for Indigenous Tribal Cuisine : Collaboration with Food Craft Institute Kozhikode	6.90	0	0	
III	Training & Capacity Building				
1.	Training programmes on wheels (Awareness Programmes ,Empowerment Programmes Health and Education Programme)	72.90	0	0	Deferred. TRI to expedite activities approved in earlier year.
2.	The Collaborative Projects(Collaboration with Universities, Colleges and Other)	84.00	0	0	
3.	Comprehensive Health Promotion : A Conscientization Drive to Tribal Youth of Kerala	11.80	0	0	
4.	Tuber cultivation Promotion training program	7.50	0	0	
5.	Training in Medicinal gardening for Tribal Healers: KIRTADS in collaboration with JNTBGRI	7.50	0	0	
6.	Care from Cradle Instituting	111.33	0	0	


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	Newborn screening, Co morbidity Care & Tackling Second Generation Health problems in Person and The Rehabilitation and Providing appropriate Livelihood for the People with Sickle Cell Disease in Kerala.				
IV	Tribal Festivals and Audio Video Documentation				
1.	The Confluence of Tribal Writers & Tribal Literature Festival	40.00	0.00	0.00	Deferred. TRI to expedite activities approved in earlier year.
2.	Tribal Dance & Music Festival (Tribal Art Festival) Online Mode	8.30	0.00	0.00	
V	Publication / Library				
1	Modernization of KIRTADS Library - II	40.53	0.00	0.00	Deferred. TRI to expedite activities approved in earlier year.
2	Publication of Books on Research theses of MTDB & TF, Tribes at a Glance and Memoranda of Tribal Festival	10.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Purchasing JSTOR – a digital library	5.00	0.00	0.00	
VI	Infrastructure/Construction/Manpower Requirement				
1	Renovation and Improvement of Training Facility in KIRTADS	107.21	0.00	0.00	Deferred. State was asked to expedite the previous infrastructure activities and furnish the progress. Amount will be considered based on the receipt of pending utilization certificate and progress report.
2	Installation of an elevator with a machine room for the Training Block	48.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Awarding of Junior Research Fellowship	19.20	0.00	0.00	
4	Additional work of Ethnomedicine Research and Treatment centre at Wayanad	25.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Rewiring of Training Hall cum Hostel Building	12.00	0.00	0.00	
VII	Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav		0.00	0.00	
1	Organising Conferences and erect Memorial stones of Tribal Freedom Fighters	14.15	0.00	0.00	
	Total	825.68	0.00	0.00	


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