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

Kartavya Bhavan-1, 3rd Floor, New Delhi

Dated: 20th February, 2026

To

Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner,
Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Jharkhand, Odisha, Manipur, Nagaland and Jammu & Kashmir

Subject: Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting held on 18th February 2026 through hybrid mode for consideration of Proposal on Livelihood through skilling, Annual Action Plan and additional proposal of States under the Scheme of "Support to TRIs" during FY 2025-26.

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 meeting held on 18th February, 2026 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi in Conference Room, in hybrid mode for consideration of proposal on livelihood through skilling of Tribal Research Institutes of **Jharkhand, Odisha, Manipur, Nagaland and 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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Copy to Committee members:

- i. PPS to Secretary (TA) / JS(APP)/ JS&FA/DDG, MoTA.
- ii. Joint Secretary, M/o Culture
- iii. Joint Secretary, M/o Tourism
- iv. Joint Secretary, M/o Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- v. Advisor, NITI Aayog,
- vi. Director, TRI, Jharkhand, Odisha, Manipur, Nagaland and Jammu & Kashmir

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

Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting held on 18th February 2026 through hybrid mode for consideration of Proposal on Livelihood through skilling, Annual Action Plan and additional proposal of States under the Scheme of "Support to TRIs" during FY 2025-26.

A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 18th February 2026 through hybrid mode to appraise and approve the Proposal on Livelihood through skilling, Annual Action Plan and additional proposal of TRIs, Nagaland, Mizoram, Telangana & Odisha for funding under the scheme "Support to TRIs" during FY 2025-26'.

After detailed deliberations on the presentations made by States, the committee approved following:

- a. Similar to the Centenary celebration of Ol Chiki Script by Ministry of Culture, TRIs should identify important events/centenaries/anniversaries in their respective States and submit the same to MoTA in advance.
- b. Each State shall identify one flagship tribal event to be celebrated as a grand annual event, for which Ministry support may be considered.
- c. MoTA will accordingly decide on the quantum of financial support for such tribal festivals (State/District Level) under the scheme *Support to TRI*.
- d. In-principle approval of Proposal on Livelihood through Skill Training while exploring other organization's participation also in case of Hospitality training by 'The Lalit Suri Hotel' group. On the Placement Linked Skill Training through Support to TRIs in other sectors, a draft the EOI/RFP for empanelling Training Providers having substantial bandwidth and infrastructure for training in trades which have assured placement would be prepared by Livelihood division immediately.
- e. Outstanding rent as per the existing rate to be released to TRI Odisha for onward clearing of dues of NTRI.
- f. Additional proposals as per the annexure were also approved.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

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Annexure for Skilling Project (Jharkhand, Odisha, Manipur, Nagaland and Jammu & Kashmir)

a) **Additional Skilling Project Proposals for 2025-26:**

Amount (₹) in lakh				
S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
1.	Training & Capacity Building			
a)	Skilling of 500×2 ST youth in Jharkhand & Odisha Duration: 3 years	1651.00	0.00	The initiative should be undertaken by the Livelihood Division by floating EOI for empanelment of agency for skilling. The empaneled agencies may propose their own target number of trainees. The agencies having residential training facilities should be considered. It was emphasized that the programs should be industry-specific, should have high aspirational value for students, and should ensure strong market linkage. It was decided that the Ministry accords in-principle approval to the project but at present this shall be kept on hold and would be considered subject to above consideration at later state.
b)	Hospitality & Tourism Training of 30×3 ST students in Manipur, Nagaland & J&K (₹47,000 per student) Duration: 6-7 Months	42.30	42.30	Approved as pilot project. The hospitality industry should be involved in providing both training and assured placement to the students. Two to three reputed hospitality players should be onboarded for the program. It was suggested that other reputed institutes may be explored, who's work ethics and engagement with tribal youth are strong.
	Total	1693.30	42.30	

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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. Sh. Bhaskar Choradia, JS&FA, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- iv. Sh. Ganesh Nagarajan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- v. Ms. Deepali Masirkar, Director (Livelihood), Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- vi. Sh. P. Haokip, US (TRI), Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- vii. Shri Sudhir Kumar, SO (TRI & Media), Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- viii. Registrar, IIPA, New Delhi
- ix. Prof. Nupur Tiwari, Spl Director, NTRI, New Delhi.
- x. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, ASO TRI Division

State Representatives

- i. Shri Prasanna, Secretary, Tribal Welfare Department, Jammu & Kashmir
- ii. Ms. I. Sino Phom, Director, TRI, Nagaland
- iii. Director, TRI, Mizoram
- iv. Director, TRI, Jharkhand
- v. Director, TRI, Odisha
- vi. Director, TRI, Manipur
- vii. Director, Telangana

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