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Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(TRI & Media Division)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To,

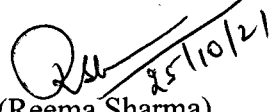
Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner, Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,  
Government of Sikkim.

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the APEX Committee held on 28.09.2021 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 28.09.2021 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 Sikkim under the scheme, "Support to TRIs" for the year 2021-22.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Reema Sharma)

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Encls: As above

**Copy to Committee members:**

- i. PPS to Secretary (TA) / JS(A)/ JS&FA, MoTA.
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- iii. Dr. S B Muniraju, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
- iv. Dir(TRI), Sikkim

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## Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting dated 28.09.2021

A meeting of the Apex Committee was held on 28.09.2021 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 Sikkim, for funding under the scheme 'Support to TRI'. The following officers were present:

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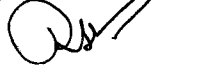
1. Sh. Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary (Tribal Affairs)
2. Sh. Biswajit Das, DDG, MoTA
3. Ms. Yatinder Prasad, JS(FA)
4. Dr. Muniraju SB, Deputy Adviser, NITI Aayog
5. Sh. Rajender Kumar, Director (TRI)
6. Ms. Reema Sharma, Under Secretary (TRI)

### State Representative

1. Shri Suman Gurung, Additional Secretary
2. Shri T.T. Lepcha, OSD

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 on 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.
- (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. State representative informed that they have opened the SNA account. The Committee advised to link the account with PFMS. As regard to construction of TRI building, it was informed that 50% of construction has been completed and it is expected to be completed by October, 2022.

4. 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.

5. 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) Secretary (TA) viewed that TRI Sikkim along with physical assets should also focus on building up TRI team and should be in touch with Archaeology Department. On the proposals of the State TRI, Secretary (TA) viewed that there is too much focus on documentary film making whereas TRI should be more concerned with action-oriented research directed towards welfare of tribals. State representative informed that they had consulted tribal associations while preparing the proposal. Secretary (TA) appreciated the comments of State, however, he noted that from the point of view of Government and TRI, tribal youths must be involved in livelihood activities, particularly in job-creating areas like tourism, hospitality, handicrafts, organic farming, etc. so that this results in sustainable and meaningful benefit to these communities. State should take up issues such as pollution in hills and making the communities as well as visitors aware on the issue. TRI Sikkim was



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advised to make a concept note for training tribal youth in digital media and share with TRI Odisha. TRI was also advised to prepare livelihood-oriented proposals and submit.

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

**Committed Liabilities:**

6.1 (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	2020-21	410.50	144.00	266.50	TRI advised to complete the sanctioned proposals expeditiously.

**6.1(ii) New Proposals**

(Rs. In Lakh)

S. N.	Activities	Amount in lakh	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
<b>I</b>	<b>IT Eco System</b>				
1	Establishment of VC System (Duration: 3 Months)	5.00	5.00	5.00	Approved
<b>II</b>	<b>AKAM</b>				
2	Holding State Level Tribal Dance Festival (Duration: 3 Days)	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved The physical programs may be organized depending on situation of COVID.

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3	Holding State Level Tribal Craft Festival (Duration: 3 Days)	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved
4	Support (to provide logistic support) to Technical Team for Audio Video Film on Tribal Dance in the State @2 lakh per Tribal Dance (Five Dance) (Duration: 1 Month)	10.00	10.00	10.00	Approved
5	Funds for sending troupes for participating in National Level Dance and Craft Mela and other functions to be organized. (Duration: 5 Months)	15.00	15.00	15.00	Approved
	Grand Total	60.00	60.00	60.00	

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

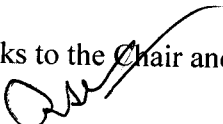
(in lakhs)

A	Committed Liability of FY 2020-21	266.50
B	New proposals approved by APEX Committee	60.00
C	Total amount approved for FY 2021-22 towards 1 <sup>st</sup> installment of grant	326.50
D	Total amount approved for release of 1 <sup>st</sup> installment during FY 2021-22 for the sanctioned projects [A+C]	326.50

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

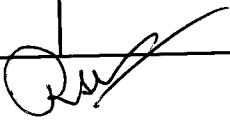
7. Funds to be released to the State Govt. subject to furnishing of Utilization Certificate and Physical Progress Report as per rules. Review will be done for the State to apprise on actual progress of projects sanctioned up to FY 2021-22. The 2nd installment to be released after the project approved 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)).

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


  
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## Annexure I

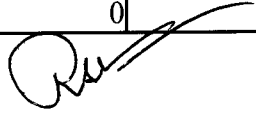
S.No.	Activities	Amount in lakh	Amount approved	Amount to be released as Ist Installment	Remarks /Decision /Discussion
	<b>Tribal Arts &amp; Culture</b>				
1	Documentary film and documentation on food habits of Bhutia Tribe of Sikkim, Like; Cha-Dung, Bya-Shu, Felu, Bhang-Rey, Shay-Ro, Fag-Sha gari, Na-Thuk, Khap-Shay, Leh-am, Luko-byashu, Khori, Makhu, Chu- Thoku, Ghuma etc. (Duration: 6 Months)	19.00	0	0	Not approved
2	Documentary on faith Healer Ritual Practices of Bhutia Community of Sikkim like : Che-rim Sap- ten, Doko-gapshey, yang-cok, etc. (Duration: 6 Months)	17.00	0	0	Not approved
3	Development of ethnographic film on Bhutia, Lepcha, Limboo, Sherpa and Tamang tribal community of Sikkim. (Duration: 6 Months)	85.00	0	0	Not approved
	<b>Research &amp; Documentation</b>				
4	Research study on Lepcha tribal traditional architecture of Sikkim. (Duration: 3 Months)	15.00	0	0	Not approved
5	Research study on Lepcha tribal indigenous customary norms and the governance. (Duration: 3 Months)	15.00	0	0	Not approved

  
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6	Research Documentation on Art & Artifacts of Limboo tribe. (Duration: 8 Months)	17.00	0	0	Not approved
7	Documentation and compilation on folk songs of the Sherpa tribe of Sikkim (Duration: 6 Months)	15.00	0	0	Not approved
8	A research study on the Sherpa tribal clan system of Sikkim (Duration: 6 Months)	13.00	0	0	Not approved
	<b>Organization of Events</b>				
9	A week long workshop on preservation, promotion and Development of Culture Tradition, Customs, Rituals, Language and Literature of Limboo Tribal Community. (Duration: 7 Days)	16.00	0	0	Not approved
	<b>IT Eco System</b>				
10	Development of website apps of STBA and Tamang language script "TAMYIG" fonts. (Duration: 6 Months)	14.00	0	0	Not approved
	<b>Training</b>				
11	2 day workshop on Research Methodology for TRI staff and other Tribal Development professionals. (Duration: 2 Days)	6.00	0	0	Not approved
12	Training of TRI staffs on museum and library management at Indian Museum, National Archives and National Library (Duration: 15 Days)	10.00	0	0	Not approved

  
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	<b>Entrepreneurship Development Programme</b>				
13	Training on Tamang musical instruments, handlooms and crafts. Orientation and development of TAMBAS (Tamang tribal ritual specialist) of Sikkim. (Duration: 6 Months)	18.00	0	0	Not approved
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>260.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

  
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