

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025

To,

Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner,  
Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,  
Tamil Nadu

**Subject: Minutes of meeting of the Apex Committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 **Tamil Nadu** 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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- vi. Advisor, NITI Aayog
- vii. Director (TRIs) (as per list attached)

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**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. Debachand Bahoniya, Research Officer, TRI Gujarat
- xii. Dr. Devendra Singh, TRI Uttar Pradesh

**Minutes of Apex Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Annexure for TRI Tamil Nadu**

**a) UC and SNA Balance:**

Scheme	State	UC pending	SNA balance	Amount (₹) in lakh	
				Amount last released	Fund Allocation
Support to TRI	TRI Tamil Nadu	260.00	61.61	150.00 (2024-25)	400.00

**b) Committed liabilities of previous years:**

S. No.	Project	Year of Approval	Amount Approved	Amount Released	Balance Committed Liability Amount	Amount Approved for release during 2025-26	Remarks of the Division
1	Regular Activities	TRI 2018-19	411.55	294.10	117.45	0.00	Surrendered
2	Regular Activities	TRI 2021-22	157.00	18.19	138.81	0.00	Surrendered
3	Regular Activities	TRI 2022-23	324.00	0.00	324.00	0.00	Surrendered
4	Regular Activities of ₹471.00 lakh and ₹49.40 lakh for JJGD 2023	TRI 2023-24	520.24	325.00	0.00	0.00	<b>Approved.</b> Activities of ₹201.00 lakh surrendered. The activities are B (ii & iii), C (i, ii & iii), E, F (I & ii) and G(ii).
5	Regular Activities of ₹384.40 lakh and ₹25.00 lakh for JJGV (National Event)	TRI 2024-25	409.40	5.76	403.64	403.64	<b>Approved.</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>1822.19</b>	<b>643.05</b>	<b>983.90</b>	<b>403.64</b>	

**c) New Proposals (2025-26)**

S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Amount (₹) in lakh	
				Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee	
1.	<b>Research/ Impact Assessment/ Livelihood/ Entrepreneurship/ Projects on Socio-Economic Development</b>				



S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
a)	An Analysis of socio-economic Condition in Narikoravan / Kurivikkaran community <b>Duration: 06 Months</b>	30.00	30.00	Approved
<b>2. Health and Education</b>				
a)	Study of the Health Problems of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in Nilgiris. <b>Duration: 06 Months</b>	32.00	0.00	Mapping of PVTG habitat to be done
b)	Analyses: Identification and Nurturing of Talented Tribal Students <b>Duration: 06 Months</b>	30.00	0.00	Not Approved
<b>3. Seminars / Workshops (Webinars) / Capacity Building</b>				
a)	National Seminar on Effective climate change in tribal habitation in Tamil Nadu: Challenges and opportunities	30.00	30.00	Approved
b)	Workshop on Livelihood opportunities (PVTGs in Tamil Nadu) for 6 days	30.00	0.00	Not Approved
c)	Higher Education Awareness Training for EMRS Teachers in Tamil Nadu: Preparing Tribal Students for NEET, JEE, and Beyond (3 days)	15.00	15.00	Approved
d)	Workshop on Ainthinai Scheme for Irular and Malayali tribal community in Thiruvanamalai (Ainthinai Scheme- establishment of a value addition unit for tribal agro products)	12.00	12.00	Approved
e)	Training for development of Gardening Skills among EMRS Students in Tamil Nadu	20.00	20.00	Approved
f)	Capacity building programme for RDO's/ Sub Collectors for providing awareness about ST community certificate	8.00	8.00	Approved
g)	Preparing Tribal Students for International Education with Specialized Training	30.00	30.00	Approved
h)	Training Programme on Bamboo Handicrafts making for Irulas and Kurumbas (3 days)	10.00	10.00	Approved
i)	Aari Work Training for Tribal women in Tamil Nadu (30 days)	30.00	30.00	Approved
j)	Capacity Building training for Self-Help Groups (2 Days)	8.00	8.00	Approved
<b>4. Tribal Festival and Events</b>				
a)	National Level Tribal Festival	55.00	0.00	Not Approved

S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
b)	Conducting Masimagam Traditional Cultural Identify Programme for the Irulas (PVTGs) of Tamilnadu at Mamallapuram seashore -3 Days	10.00	0.00	Not Approved
c)	Conducting Malayali Tribal Festival –Valwill Ori	10.00	0.00	Not Approved
d)	Conducting Tribal festival for Palliyar tribe - Yellathu Palliche amman	10.00	0.00	Not Approved
e)	Conducting Tribal festival for Narikoravan, Kurivikkaran community- Pattam peruthal	10.00	0.00	Not Approved
f)	Conducting Tribal festival for Kani tribe- Vaikunda Swamy Festival	10.00	0.00	Not Approved
<b>5.</b>	<b>Tribal Exchange Visit</b>			
a)	Within the State (Tribal exposure visit) No. of Groups 10 X Unit Cost 3.00	30.00	6.00	Approved. The exposure visits to be conducted with 2 groups
b).	Outside the State (Tribal exposure visit) No. of Groups 6 X Unit Cost 5.00	30.00	10.00	Approved. The exposure visits to be conducted with 2 groups
<b>6.</b>	<b>Museum Management &amp; Maintenance and Related Activities / Documentation of Tribal Freedom Fighters</b>			
a)	Tribal products lantana (model elephant) for museum	20.00	20.00	Approved
b)	Museum Gardening and Foot path inside the Museum	25.00	25.00	Approved
c)	Purchase of Tribal Musical instrument and Artifacts for Museum	15.00	15.00	Approved
d)	Museum maintenance and up gradation	20.00	0.00	Not Approved
<b>7.</b>	<b>Construction of Building</b>			
a)	Tribal Research Centre Guest House Renovation, Painting, Key Purchases etc.....	60.00	0.00	Not Approved
b)	Digitalisation of the Library and Procurement of Books for the Library	10.00	10.00	Approved
c)	Administrative cost (Contractual Staff Salary (Research, Technical and Administrative Staffs) and other Expenses)	50.00	0.00	Not Approved
<b>8.</b>	<b>Documentation</b>			



S. No.	Activities	Amount Sought	Amount Approved	Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee
a)	Creating video documentation of six tribal groups in Tamil Nadu for the Adi Sanskriti portal: Kani, Malayali, Malasar, Eravallan, and Irulas (in Chengalpattu district).	48.00	0.00	Not Approved
<b>9. JJGD Celebration</b>				
a)	State Level Event (Cultural Programme)	12.00	0.00	Not Approved
b)	Inauguration and Two-Way Connectivity	5.00	0.00	Not Approved
c)	Tree Plantation in all EMRS schools in Tamil Nadu - (9 Schools)	9.00	0.00	Not Approved
d)	Organising health camps in Highly Populated Tribal Areas in Tamil Nadu (50 Camps)	50.00	0.00	Not Approved
<b>Total</b>		<b>774.00</b>	<b>279.00</b>	

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

**Amount (₹) in lakh**

A	Committed liability for regular activities 2024-25 & JJGV (National Event)	403.64
B	New Proposal approved by Apex Committee for 2025-26	279.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>682.64</b>

