

Kartavya Bhavan-1, New Delhi
Dated: 21st January, 2026

To,

Principal Secretary/ Secretary/ Commissioner,
Tribal/ Social Welfare Department,
Government of Uttar Pradesh

**Subject: Minutes of meeting of the Apex Committee meeting held on 14th January, 2026
under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs Kartavya Bhavan,
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 14th January, 2026 under the chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs Kartavya Bhavan, New Delhi in Conference Room in hybrid mode for consideration of proposal of Annual Action Plan and additional proposal of Tribal Research Institute of **Uttar Pradesh** under the scheme, “Support to TRIs” for the year 2025-26, for kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



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- ii. Joint Secretary, M/o Culture
- iii. Joint Secretary, M/o Tourism
- iv. Joint Secretary, M/o Culture
- v. Joint Secretary, M/o Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- vi. Advisor, NITI Aayog
- vii. Director, (TRIs) Uttar Pradesh

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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 14th January 2026 through VC for consideration of 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 14th January 2026 through hybrid mode to appraise and approve the Annual Action Plans and additional proposal 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 and additional 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. **Tribal Cuisine, Food Festival, Musical instruments, Tribal vanishing art and Language Labs:** Each TRI shall submit a proposal focussed on Tribal Cuisine, Food Festival, Musical instruments, Tribal vanishing art and Language Labs.
- iv. **Publications:** TRIs shall publish a compendium on Tribal Freedom Fighters of their respective states in Hindi, English, and state-specific tribal languages.
- v. **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.
- vi. **Livelihood-Linked Skill Training:** Skill and entrepreneurship training programs should contribute to livelihood generation and income enhancement among tribal communities.
- vii. **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.
- viii. **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.
- ix. **Outcome-Oriented Seminar/workshop/Documentation:** Seminars/workshop and research documentation must highlight the actionable recommendations. Value addition is to be ensured.
- x. **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.



- xi. **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.
- xii. **Clarity on Deferred Activities:** DPRs including clear objectives and expected outcomes must be provided for all deferred activities.
- xiii. **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.
- xiv. **Reporting on Events:** Physical and financial details of all approved projects shall be uploaded on the NTRP.
- xv. **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.
- xvi. All TRIs to send list of artisans (Performing arts) and Calendar of events of the State (Cultural) in a compiled format

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

IV. 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.

V. 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.

VI. Interest accrued in the SNA Account has to be deposited in Consolidated Fund of India as per DoE OM dt.30.06.2021.

VII. All procurement will be done following the procedures of obtaining technical & administrative approvals from the competent authorities with transparency norms/GFR. 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.

IX. 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.

X. The expenses should be incurred in a cost-effective manner, following transparency and efficient procurement procedures as per the GFR provisions.

XI. 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 Uttar Pradesh

a) UC and SNA balance:

| | | | | | | Amount (₹) in lakh |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Scheme | State | UC pending | SNA balance | Amount released | last Fund Allocation | |
| Support to TRI TRI | Uttar Pradesh | 54.87 | 60.22 | 89.25 (2021-22) | 200.00 | |

b) New Proposals for 2025-26:

| S. No. | Activities | Amount Sought | Amount Approved | Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee |
|-----------|---|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | Research/ Impact Assessment/ Livelihood/Entrepreneurship/ Projects on Socio-Economic Development | | | |
| a) | Career Counseling, Mapping & Assessment of Tribal Youth of Uttar Pradesh | 05.00 | 0.00 | Deferred. TRI UP informed that they are not in a position to do the activities within FY 2025-26. Apex suggested the TRI come up with fresh proposal in the next Financial Year (FY). |
| b) | Sustainable Livelihood Through Eco-Tourism for Tribal Youth of Uttar Pradesh | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| c) | Documentation of Best Practices and beneficiaries of Government Schemes | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| 2. | Health / Education | | | |
| a) | Health Camp (10 number of Camps) | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| 3. | Seminars /Workshops (Webinars) /Capacity Building | | | |
| a) | STC/TSP Capacity Building Program for line departments of UP | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| b) | Renewable Energy Solutions (hands on training) for tribal youth | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| c) | Teacher Training Programme for ERMS and ATS teacher of UP | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| d) | Training of Organic Farming in tribal dominated areas | 5.00 | 0.00 | |
| e) | Digital Literacy and information Technology Training | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| f) | Capacity building of Self-Help Group on PM Van Dhan Yojana | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| g) | Workshop on 21st century skilling of tribal youth | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| h) | Workshop on Forest Right Act for tribal community members, forest/revenue officers and PRI members | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| i) | Workshop on Gaming for students of tribal institution | 5.00 | 0.00 | |
| j) | Workshop on Robotics and experimental learning for students of EMRS and | 10.00 | 0.00 | |



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| | Ashram school of UP in association with IIT Kanpur & Department of IT & Electronics, Govt, of UP | | | |
| k) | Hand holding workshop on AR/VR technology (Promotion of STEM education among tribal children) | 10.00 | 0.00 | Deferred. TRI UP informed that they are not in a position to do the activities within FY 2025-26. Apex suggested the TRI to come up with fresh proposal in the next FY. |
| l) | Workshop on Graphic Designing and Video Editing for up skilling tribal youth | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| m) | Tree Plantation Drive in tribal areas | 8.00 | 0.00 | |
| 4. | Tribal Festivals / Events | | | |
| a) | National Level Event/festival (Truly national representation of all states, well published, and with long-term engagement with domain industry or sector. Selection of participants shall be through a National process for ensuring the best tribal talent) | 25.00 | 0.00 | |
| b) | Saanjhi Virasat - National Tribal Cultural Festival 2025 | 25.00 | 0.00 | |
| c) | Adi Lakhpatti Didi Maha Sammelan | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| d) | Tribal Entrepreneurship Conclave | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| e) | Adi Paridhaan Mahotsav (An initiative to promote the rich tribal costumes) | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| f) | Tourist Vloggers/Influencers Conclave (An initiative to highlight the hidden Tourism marvels in tribal areas of India) | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| g) | Tribal Photo Exhibition & Live Painting | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| h) | Tribal Debate Competition on International & National issues | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| i) | Painting competition | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| j) | Dance Competition - Group & Solo category | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| k) | Essay Competition | 03.00 | 0.00 | |
| l) | Tribal Singing Competition | 03.00 | 0.00 | |
| m) | Hands on training on Wood Craftsmanship and competition amongst students | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| n) | Photography Competition - Hands on training and Competition | 07.00 | 0.00 | |
| 5. | Tribal Exchange Visit | | | |
| a) | Inside & Outside the State | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Total | 316.00 | 0.00 | |



c) **JJGD 2025:**

| S. No. | Activities | Amount Sought | Amount Approved | Remarks/Decision of the Apex Committee |
|----------|--|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | JJGD 2025 | | | |
| a) | Additional fund for JJGD 2025 (Total Expenditure ₹43.635 lakh out of which ₹40.00 lakh already allocated by the Ministry). Utilization of ₹40.00 lakh from ₹60.36 lakh lying in SNA Account. | 3.635 | 3.635 | Approved. MoTA has already approved ₹40.00 lakh for JJGD 2025. Further, an additional amount of ₹3.635 lakh for the said purpose has also been approved by the Apex Committee. The request of TRI, UP for utilization of ₹40.00 lakh from ₹60.36 lakh lying in SNA Account has also been considered and approved. |

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

| | | Amount (₹) in lakh |
|---|---|--------------------|
| A | New Proposals Consider for Approval by Apex Committee for 2025-26 | 3.635 |
| | Total | 3.635 |



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. Shivanand F. Bachagundi, Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- iv. Sh. Ganesh Nagarajan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- v. Sh. Sushil Bading, US (IFD), Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- vi. Shri Sudhir Kumar, SO (TRI & Media), Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- vii. Sh. Sanjay Kumar Sharma, ASO TRI Division

State Representatives

- i. Director, TRI, Telangana
- ii. Director, TRI Chhattisgarh
- iii. Director, TRI, Mizoram
- iv. Director, TRI, Himachal Pradesh
- v. Representative from TRI, Nagaland
- vi. Representative from TRI, Andaman & Nicobar
- vii. Shri Sanjay Bhatt, TRI Uttar Pradesh