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To,  
(As per list attached)

**Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the recognising Organisations as Centre of Excellence held on 12.02.018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs-reg.**

Sir/Madam

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of the meeting of the recognising Organisations as Centre of Excellence held on 12.02.2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Tribal Affairs in Conference Room of this Ministry for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



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To  
All Members of the Committee

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**Minutes of the meeting of recognising Organisations as Centre of Excellence(COE) held on 12.02. 2018 under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

A meeting of the recognizing Organizations as Centre of Excellence under the Scheme "Supporting Projects of All India or Inter-State Nature" was held on 12.02.2018 at 2.00 P.M. in the Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. List of participants are as under:-

**Ministry of Tribal Affairs**

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| 1. Ms. Leena Nair, Secretary.            | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Shri Rajesh Aggarwal, Joint Secretary | - | Member      |
| 3. Ms Nivedita, Director (Finance)       | - | Member      |
| 4. Shri Gopal Sadhwani, Director         | - | Member      |
| 5. Smt. C.H. Honey, Director             | - | Member      |
| 6. Shri M Dilip Kumar, Deputy Secretary  | - | Member      |
| 7. Sh. Nadeem Ahmad, Member              | - | Member      |

**Representative of Institution**

1. Dr. Raghu Raman, Chairman, Amrita University
2. Dr. Prema Nedungadi, Director, Amrita University
3. Prof. Rajani Menon, Director, Amrita University

2 The representative of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham made a presentation wherein they highlighted their expertise, areas of work where they are engaged and their achievements in various areas. They, inter alia, informed the Committee as under:

- (i) They are running the university since 2003. Presently there are 1700 faculties (800 Phd holding). The faculty of Amrita has published more than 300 books, 1200 papers in reputed peer reviewed journals and conferences attracting 40,500 citations. They have exclusive resource persons (13 Nos.) with experience in tribal studies.



- (ii) They have excelled in many fields / subjects and have 25 Centre of Excellence in their cap. They have received over Rs.250.00 crore as grants from various Government and Private funding agencies.
- (iii) They are engaged in conducting various research works and studies on plethora of subjects including education, health, women empowerment, social awareness, and Tribal Issues etc.

3. Further, they urged the Committee to consider their request for declaring them as "Center of Excellence" on tribal matters and requested to grant a sum of Rs. 165.60 Lakh for conducting various activities in the States of Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and Rajasthan i.e. (i) Awareness about primary health with special focus on women and children in (ii) education along with digital literacy, vocational skills (iii) action oriented policy research.

4. The Committee considered the proposals and advised the representatives of Amrita University to focus on a core area of research (as is mandated for a COE) as against current diverse portfolios of the university for which they can be considered under the Scheme. Also some other States like Maharashtra could be included in the scope of research. The representatives of the organization were advised to submit a fresh/revised proposal in this regard, with modified costs norms.

5. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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