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The Principal Secretary/ Secretary / Commissioner/Director
Tribal Welfare Department /Social Welfare Department/Tribal Research Institute
(All States/Union Territories - as per list)

Subject: Strengthening and Revamping of TRIs and inviting project proposals under the scheme "Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI) during 2020-21 regarding

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) have to function as a body of knowledge & research and as a think tank for tribal development and preservation of art and culture of tribal people. Ministry of Tribal Affairs under the scheme "Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRI) provides grants to States/UTs to strengthen the Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) for their infrastructural needs, Research & documentation activities and Training & Capacity Building programmes etc.

2. A project was given to IIPA for strengthening and revamping of TRIs and 2 conclaves have so far been organized during January and September, 2020 respectively. During deliberations, it has been observed that some of the TRIs lack proper Infrastructure, manpower and other essential capacity to perform as a robust organisation catering to its objectives. Quality of research work, avoidance of duplicity of work and proper coordination between various TRIs are felt necessary. Further, consolidation of database of research projects undertaken by various TRIs is direly needed to help researchers and policy makers to build upon. Following measures are suggested to evolve TRIs as a knowledge hub and make it more effective in terms of delivery quality output.

i) Infrastructural Assessment: All TRIs should have its own building, manpower and resources to perform core activities. A Performa was devised and circulated to all TRIs to submit the details of Infrastructure, Manpower and assets to assess their capacity and capability and requirement of funds for these purposes. All TRIs are requested to fill the Performa and the budget requirement for these activities. The proposals should seek specific budget for such activities.

ii) Updation on TRI Portal: A portal with web address (tritribal.gov.in) has been developed by MoTA and all TRIs are expected to upload their sanctioned projects with status and expenditure on these projects on the portal. However, Except for few TRIs, this exercise is pending on part of most of TRIs. All TRIs must complete the exercise of consolidation of data base of Research Projects allocated in last 3-4 years by uploading the details of research projects, status of progress and project specific fund utilization in the portal. For handholding, dedicated resource persons i.e. Sh. Kumar Govind and Anil Chaurasia have been associated, whose help can be availed of if needed. For resolving queries, a communication module is also available in TRI Portal. A whatsapp group exclusively for TRI officials has been created. It may be noted that uploading details on the portal will be pre-requisite for release of funds during 2020-21.

iii) Financial Accountability: As per the instructions issued by Ministry of Finance vide their letter dated 6th May 2020, it is required to be ensured that the funds allocated in previous years have been spent for the purpose for which they were allocated before considering release of fresh funds during 2020-21. Further, integration of Utilization of funds with PFMS is also required. In this regard, workshops were organized twice to acquaint the State Officials with Central PFMS and State PFMS authorities. It may be ensured that the fund spent and shown as utilized in UC is reflected in PFMS as well. Details of unspent funds and the projects which have not yet started should be clearly mentioned in the UC. In the event the projects sanctioned earlier but remained as a non-starter, the same may be treated as annulled and the fund released for the purpose may be adjusted under new project with the approval of the Ministry. If the TRIs feel that nature of project needs to be changed, a specific request should be made for the same.

iv) Tribal Repository: With the objective of preserving rich tribal cultural heritage and also to create awareness among others, a searchable digital repository (repository.tribal.gov.in) has been developed where all research papers, books, reports and documents, folks songs, photos/videos with their metadata are uploaded. The repository also envisages to have folk songs, photos/videos regarding their evolution, place of origin, lifestyle, eating habits, architecture, education level, traditional art, folk dances and other anthropological details of the tribes in India so that the rich cultural heritage of tribals can be demonstrated world over. All TRIs are requested to prepare list of such items to be uploaded on the portal. TRI Odisha, NTRI and NIC have been entrusted to provide handholding sessions for uploading such items on the portal. So far, five TRIs have uploaded about 600 Books/research reports and documents on the portal. The documents to be uploaded must be scanned only in searchable OCR format. If needed, funding support for the purpose can be asked for.

v) Quality Evidence Based Research: The purpose of undertaking research by TRIs should not only to assess the problems but also to find suggested solutions to be

considered for implementation in the interest of STs. The TRIs should come out with some best practices which can be showcased and replicated by others. However, TRIs have not so far been able to demonstrate such best practices. In this regard attention is invited to the discussion held in the National Conclave held on 3-4th September 2020 where Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs and Secretary(TA) prompted the TRIs to take outcome-based research projects, where outcome can be measured at the end of the projects. Such projects can be in the priority areas of Education, Health, Livelihood, Entrepreneurship Development, Water Conservation; Cow based Organic Farming, Preservation of Art and Culture, Tribal Migration, Development of model Atm Nirbhar village, Model districts and Digitalisation etc. The TRIs should associate with reputed organisations with domain knowledge and expertise based on the nature and specific requirements of projects. TRIs should also undertake few Action Research projects in these fields. Suggestive list of Priority Activities that can be funded under TRI Scheme Sector is at **Annexure 1**. MoTA has given pilot projects to some reputed organisations, who have been designated as COEs. TRIs can collaborate with such CoEs to build their strength by utilizing their domain expertise based on the requirements. The details of the COEs alongwith their area of work is at **Annexure 2**. Further, the tribal research scholars who are receiving scholarship from Ministry for doing PhD should be associated with such research projects.

vi) Preservation of Cultural heritage: TRIs are expected to play an important role in preservation, protection and promotion of cultural heritage of tribals. The TRIs may prepare calendar of events like tribal festivals, exhibitions, expos, sports events, dance & music competitions (physical or virtual), painting competition, workshops, seminars, exchange visits and other such programs to be conducted by them during the year and seek specific funds under the scheme. Ministry has collaborated with some reputed organization like Assocham, FICCI, Facebook and Pratishthan etc. Domain expertise and strength of these organizations can be suitably tapped for organizing such events.

Due to Corona and travelling restrictions it is suggested that the lecture, seminars and conferences should be held through VCs till the situation become normal. Formal request should be made to MoTA/ IIPA who have licensed system of CISCO and technical expertise for organizing such events, if needed.

vii) Ongoing Construction Projects: Some TRIs have been sanctioned projects for construction of Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museums and new TRI buildings. These projects may be completed expeditiously and fund requirement, if any out of committed liability may be sought during the year.

viii) Use of Sectoral Gaps: Ministry has done gap analysis of 1,17,084 villages having tribal population 25% or more in prominent sectors. This have been shared with States/ UTs and are available on National Tribal Research Portal

(www.tritribal.gov.in), which can be used for carrying out research work and preparation of evidence-based development plan upto panchayat level.

ix) Submission of Project Proposals: While submitting proposal under the scheme 'Support to TRI', it may be ensure that it complete in all respects with details of location, expenditure, proposed time line for completion etc., wherever applicable. States are required to submit the proposals as per the template at **Annexure 3**. As a part of strengthening of TRIs, young TRIs may consult or seek guidance of Sh AB Ota, Director TRI Odisha, Ms. Nupur Tiwari from IIPA and TRI Division team for formulation of Annual Plan and the activities to be undertaken, it is put up before PAC and uploaded on portals.

x) Documentation and Publication: As far as possible, reports, research papers, and other books may be published in e-book form. Hard copies may be published in limited quantity (say 25 or so).

xi) Suggestive Areas for Budget requirement: It should be ensured that the specific requirement of TRIs in respect of each of the following areas is clearly mentioned.

1	Infrastructure- Construction / repair of TRI building, Manpower requirement, Computer, VC and other requirement
2.	Construction of Tribal Freedom Fighters' Museum
3.	Construction / Repair of cultural museum, Auditorium, exhibition hall, etc.
3	Tribal Festivals, Virtual Dance, Music and Painting competitions, Cultural exchange visits etc.
4.	Research and Evaluation Studies including Action Research, Impact Assessment, Mapping of existing assets, Collection and Compilation of data on migration etc.
5	Festival, Exhibition, Expo, Workshop, Seminars, Conference, Lectures, Training programs.
6	Committed Liability of earlier years / Availability of funds due to projects abandoned or not started.
7.	Documentation and Publication – E-books, AR/VR, Audio-Video clips etc. (publication of hard copies of books should be limited in quantity).

Yours faithfully,

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Suggestive list of Areas of Action Research

S.No	Sector	Description of Activities
1		- e-Learning Programme - Impact assessment of Ashram Schools / Tribal Schools - Impact assessment of Vocational Courses and Skill Development programmes.
2	Health & Nutrition	- Traditional Medicine & Healing Practices/tribal Healers - Screening & management of sickle cell/ blood diseases - Other Endemic area specific diseases / disease burden - Indigenous medicinal plants
3	Livelihood	Developing model / Pilot projects for Entrepreneurship development, Product development, Area development etc. in coordination with reputed Technical support agency who has already implemented such projects in such area
4	Water Conservation	Developing models for Water Conservation Projects: Like rejuvenations and preservation of natural springs, afforestation with reputed Technical Support agency who has already implemented such projects
5	Organic Farming	Developing models for Promotion of Zero Budget Natural Farming in collaboration with reputed organizations alongwith implementation of action research project in convergence of various schemes of Central and State Govt Schemes.
6	Comprehensive development	Development of model for an aspirational district alongwith implementation of action

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	of village/Aspirational District Project	research project in convergence of various schemes of Central and State Govt Schemes.
7	Comprehensive development plan for Tribal villages On Pilot basis)	Developing Model for development of Gram panchayats located in immediate vicinity of EMRS schools alongwith implementation of action research project in convergence of various schemes of Central and State Govt Schemes.
		i. Individual and community entitlements ii. Availability of water for Drinking and Irrigation iii. Electricity and gas connection iv. Education v. Health vi. Livelihood-MFP, Farm and artisan based with focus on Traditional Low Cow based low cost Organic farming, with use of traditional seeds and crops, organic manure and biopesticide vii. Housing and Road connectivity viii. Infrastructure Food and Nutrition security with storage facility ix. Waste disposal system-ensuring reuse of water and house waste x. Digital Connectivity and Literacy xi. Strengthening of Panchayati raj System
8	Migration	• Proper Documentation of Migrants including collection and compilation of migrants' data. • Training Programme
9	Organisation of Events	• tribal festivals, exhibitions, expos, sports events, dance & music competitions (physical or virtual), painting competition, workshops, seminars, exchange visits and other such programs to be conducted during

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		the year alongwith preparation of calendar of such events.
10	National Tribal Repository Portal	• Uploading of research papers, books, reports and documents, folks songs, photos/videos with their metadata. Creation of digital records of folk songs, photos/videos regarding their evolution, place of origin, lifestyle, eating habits, architecture, education level, traditional art, folk dances and other anthropological details of the tribes in India and uploading thereof in the portal.
11	Strengthening of IT ecosystem in TRI	• Provision of Video Conferencing Software /Hardware • Computers • Data Entry Operators
12	Tribal Art & Culture	• Tribal Art & culture Contest • Documentation of Tribal Profile
13	Entrepreneurship Development Programme	• Boost to Atamnirbhar Bharat • Local for Vocal Campaign
14	Strengthening of Panchayti Raj Institutions	Awareness programs on various schemes of Ministry, Various Acts, FRAs and community participative programs
15	FRA	Helping settlement of pending FRA and community rights cases

Annexure 2

List of CoE and Area of Work

S.No.	COE	COE LOCATION	COE STATE	SECTOR
1	Visva Bharati, Shantiniketan, West Bengal	Shantiniketan	West Bengal	Education (Language)
2	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha	Rourkela	Odisha	Education, Health, Livelihood, PVTG, FRA

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3	Bhasha Research & Documentation Centre, Vadodara	Vadodara	Gujrat	Education (Language) Art & Culture
4	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Kerala	kollam	Kerala	Health & Nutrition, Awareness
5	National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), Hyderabad	Hyderabad	Telangana	Evaluation Study / Training
6	International Crops Research Institute for the Semi - Aird Tropics (ICRISAT), Telangana	Hyderabad	Telangana	Evaluation Study/Survey
7	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance & Policy Analysis	Bhopal	Madhya pradesh	Health
8	Vanjeevan, NSTFDC	New Delhi	Delhi	Livelihood
9	Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi	New Delhi	Delhi	Evaluation Study, Training / Workshop
10	Council of Analytical Tribal Studies, (COATS) Koraput, Odisha	Koraput	Odisha	Art & Culture , Livelihood PVTG
11	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF PHARMACEUTICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (NIPER), Guwahati	Guwahati	Assam	Health
12	Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research and Development (IBRAD) , Kolkata	Kolkata	West Bengal	Livelihood
13	Institute for Human Development, Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	Human Development
14	Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding IFGTB,	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu	Livelihood
15	School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal	Bhopal	Madhya pradesh	Livelihood
16	All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	Health
17	Jawahar Lal University (JNU), New Delhi	New Delhi	Delhi	Livelihood
18	BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune.	Pune	Maharastra	Livelihood, Model Village Development
19	Bharat Rural Livelihood Foundation (BRLF) New Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	Livelihood, Monitoring and Evaluation of projects
20	Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP),Karnataka	Mysore	Karnataka	Human Development
21	Himmothan Society,Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	Livelihood, Entrepreneur ship Development
22	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak,	Amarkantak	Madhya Pradesh	Health
23	Matru Sewa Sangh Institute of Social Work, Nagpur	Nagpur	Maharastra	Tribal Displacement

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24	Paravara Institute of Medical Science, LONI	LONI	Maharashtra	Health
25	Patanjali Research Institute, Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Uttarakhand	Health
26	Socio Economic Development Foundation (FICCI), New Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	Livelihood
27	The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI),	New Delhi	Delhi	Forest Rights
28	The Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL)	Ladakh	Ladakh	Model Village Development, Water Problem
29	Centre of Excellence for Data Analytics (CEDA), National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI), New Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	Data Science
30	Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia New Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	Livelihood
31	Vyakti Vikas Kendra, India, Bangalore, Karnataka	Bangalore	Karnataka	Livelihood
32	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi	Delhi	Delhi	Data Science
33	Piramal Swasthya Management and Research Institute	Delhi	Delhi	Health & Nutrition
34	Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Trust (SSIAT)	Bangalore	Karnataka	Livelihood
35	Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (WICCI)			Livelihood
36	AFC India Limited/ AFC Foundation			Livelihood and Education
37	Disha Foundation, Gurgaon	Nashik	Maharashtra	Migration of Worker
38	Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI)	Kolkata	West Bengal	Bibliography / Tribal Profile
39	Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM), New Delhi	New Delhi	Delhi	Livelihood

Annexure 3
Template for Submission of Project Proposal

1. Name of the activity :
2. Sector:
(Research & Development, Organising Conference/Seminar/Workshops, Strengthening of IT ecosystem etc.)
3. Sub Sector :
(Ref Annexure 2)
4. Brief Executive Summary of the Project :
(Please provide a brief description highlighting the importance of the project. Any details can be attached separately)
5. Objectives :
6. Location along with LGD Code
 - District (s):
 - Block(s):
 - Village (s):
7. Methodology :
8. Intended Beneficiaries :
 - Number of Male :
 - Number of Female :
9. Tribal Communities / Groups to be benefitted (Mention name of tribes ,PVTGs):
10. Process of Consultation followed during the planning :
(specify name of CoEs/Government Agencies etc. were consulted)
11. Expected Outcome :
- 12 Duration of Projects (in months) :
13. Total Proposed Cost (Rs. in Lakhs) :
14. Detailed Budget :