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(TRI Division)

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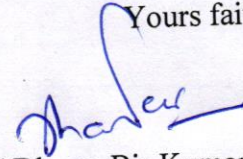
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**Subject: Minutes of meeting of Selection committee on Centres of Excellence held on
23.10.2018 & 29.10.2018 -reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the captioned subject and to forward herewith a copy of minutes of meeting of Selection committee on Centres of Excellence held on 23.10.2018 & 29.10.2018 under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Tribal Affairs in Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



(Dharm Bir Kumar Singh)
Section Officer(TRI & Media)

Encls: As above

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All Members of the Committee

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Minutes of the meeting of Centre of Excellence(COE) held on 23.10. 2018 & 29.10.2018
under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Meetings of Selection committee on Centres of Excellence constituted under the Scheme "Tribal Festival, Research Information & Mass Education" was held on 23.10.2018 at 3.00 P.M & 29.10.2018 at 11.15 A.M in the Conference Room of Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

List of participants being as below,

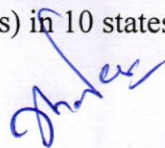
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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| 1. Ms. Deepak Khandekar, Secretary | - In Chair |
| 2. Sh. Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Joint Secretary (A) | - Member |
| 3. Dr. A. Anil Kumar, Director | - Member |
| 4. Sh. Roopak Chaudhari, Director | - Member |
| 5. Sh. Jeewan Kumar, Under Secretary(IFD), | - Member |
| 6. Sh. M.K. Jha, Under Secretary (TRI) | - Member Secretary |

Representative of Institution(s)

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Department/Institute
1	Dr. Hemant Darbari	Director General	C-DAC, Pune University Campus
2	Dr.Ajai Kumar	Associate Director	C-DAC, Pune
3	Abhishek Das	OSD to DG	C-DAC, Pune
4	Priyabrata	Coordinator C-DAC	C-DAC, Pune
5	Aditya Sinha		C-DAC, Pune
6	Dr. Chandan Kumar	Joint Director	RVSKVV, Gwalior, M.P.
7	Dr. P. C. Mohapatro	Director	COATS, Koraput, Odisha
8	Alakh N. Sharma	Professor and Director	Institute for Human Development, Delhi
9	Bhim Heddy		Institute for Human Development, Delhi
10	Priyanka Tyagi		Institute for Human Development, Delhi
11	Dr. Nupur Tiwari	Associate Professor	Indian Institute of Public Administration
12	Zoya Khan	Research Assistant	Indian Institute of Public Administration

2. **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing(C-DAC)** has presented its proposal for recognition as a Centre of Excellence. It has sought financial assistance under the scheme of ICT Skill Development Programme for candidates belonging to Scheduled Tribes (STs) in 10 states.



2.1 Objectives:

C-DAC proposes to conduct the training of ST candidates in the areas of Information and Communication Technology. The training shall be provided to socially and economically challenged tribal students for enhancing their employability and career opportunities.

Outcome of the project is increasing the employability of tribal students by enhancement in their technology skill sets and know how. It will help to raise social status of beneficiaries and empower them economically.

2.2 C-DAC has proposed to train 50,000 number of ST students in identified ten states namely Odisha, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Telangana and Tripura as part of Certificate Course in Advanced Web Technology (CAWT) over a period of five years with an outlay of Rs. 21.20 crore.

2.3 The committee felt that the proposal concerning skill development of tribals do not fall within the purview of guidelines governing CoEs.

3. C-DAC presented a second proposal before the Committee on development of Machine assisted Translation system for Tribal Language from English to Oraon, Ho, Gond, and Mundari for its use in Health and Tourism sectors by tribal beneficiaries.

3.1. Objectives:

- Design and develop a Machine Assisted Translation system (MAT) for English to Oraon, Ho, Gond, and Mundari in Health and Tourism Domain.
- Provide MT Framework using web portal and MT as-a-services.
- Provide Unicode compliant script technology and content creation (Oraon, Ho, Gond, and Mundari languages) for the development of NLP tools and technologies.

3.2. Expected Outcomes:

- Development of Machine Translation for 4 Language pairs are (English – Oraon, English - Ho, English – Gond and English – Mundari).
- Development of a web portal and Mobile application to support online translations.
- Providing MT as-a-services form.
 - i. Linguistic Resources Open Type fonts of targeted languages
 - ii. Keyboard for targeted languages
 - iii. Monolingual & Bilingual Corpora
 - iv. Monolingual & Bilingual Dictionary
 - v. Synonym Dictionary
 - vi. Transliteration Engine
 - vii. Common Locale Data Repository (CLDR)

3.3. Total cost of the project will be Rs. 16.80 crore. The duration of the proposed project will be 24 months.

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3.4 The committee felt that as against 4 tribal languages proposed, to start with two widely spoken languages like Gond and Uroan could be chosen to start with. In view of budgetary projection being on a higher side which cannot be provided for by MoTA from its current year allocation, selection committee has felt that the proposal could be formulated as a new scheme for eliciting the views of Ministry of Home Affairs.

4. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jhabua under Rajmata VijayarajeScindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Gwalior (M.P.)

4.1. A presentation made representative of KVK, Jhabua on Promotion of Kadaknath (Poultry Bird) Farming in Tribal Areas. He explained that Madhya Pradesh has great bio-diversity of poultry & livestock's. Out of many indigenous poultry breeds the state has one well known breed of native origin named as Kadaknath or Kalamasi meaning the fowl having black flesh. This breed was evolved through natural selection in indigenous agro-ecological condition and well adopted to local environment. The bird is being reared by Bhil & Bhilalaadivasis living in Jhabua(M.P.).

4.2. The proposed objectives being as under;

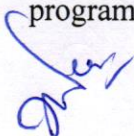
- To maintain the native breed of poultry "Kadaknath" order to sustain their purity & its existence and increase of pure stock to the farmers.
- Impart training on scientific rearing of Kadaknath and fulfil the demand of pure Kadaknath chicks to poultry farmers across the world.
- Facilitating for creation of adequate information ensuring through convergences with MGNAREGA scheme.
- Facilitating for extending the benefits of getting subsidies to the tribal farmers in poultry farming.
- Development of sustainable livelihood security through poultry production managers

4.3. The committee felt that as the objective of project is aimed at livelihood improvement, it does not fall within objectives of recognition of CoEs.

5. Institute for Human Development (IHD), New Delhi

5.1 The representative of IHD 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:

- a. The Institute is one of the "ICSSR-recognized institutes", a newly created category of Research Institutions by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Government of India. It also has a Regional Centre for Tribal Research at Ranchi.
- b. The Institute is recognized by Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, as a Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. It has made contributions across a range of priority areas, such as labour, employment, poverty, social security, development policy and planning, governance and decentralization, education, health, gender, etc.
- c. IHD has conducted about 200 research and evaluation studies and brought out several working papers and publications. It has conducted a large number of impact and evaluation studies and baseline studies of different types of government schemes and programmes.



- d. The institute has done a number of research and evaluation studies relating different issues relating to livelihood like migration, trafficking, education and health, employment etc.

5.1. Further, they urged the Committee to consider their request for declaring them as "Center of Excellence" on tribal matters and for conducting different studies as indicated below,

- Bringing out the Tribal Human Development Report based on data available in public domain with an outlay of Rs. 94.00 lakh with a duration of 18 months.
- Economy and Livelihood of PVTGs of Eastern India: Challenges and Policy Measures targeted at 24 groups in Odisha, Jharkhand & West Bengal having an outlay of Rs. 69.00 lakh with a duration of 24 months.
- Study on Migration patterns of Scheduled Tribes in India: Aspirations, Challenges and Opportunities with outlay of Rs. 73.37 lakh for 24 months.
- Child Development and Tackling Malnutrition among Tribal Children amounting to Rs. 50.37 lakh with time duration 24 months.
- Data base on Tribals related to livelihood, education, health, employment, socioeconomic and other development indicators with an outlay of Rs. 2.60 crore and expected duration of 5 years.

5.2 The Committee deliberated upon proposals of IHD and agreed to recognize it as a Centre of Excellence. It was further resolved that project on Tribal Human Development Report could be considered for funding support of MoTA with release of 1/3rd of proposed outlay of Rs 90.00 lakh in the current financial year and remaining two instalments during 2019-20 based on receipt of progress reports on achievements at six monthly intervals.

6. Council of Analytical Tribal Studies (COATS), Koraput

6.1 The representative of Council of Analytical Tribal Studies(COATS) made a presentation wherein the expertise, areas of work and achievements were stated. The organization is having collaboration with TRI, Odisha besides serving as a study centre of IGNOU for SC/ST students. IT has also provided skill development training to 600 ST women in the past besides undertaking a Planning commission sponsored study on desirability of continuation of welfare schemes for PVTGs .

6.2. The Committee was urged to consider their proposal for declaration as "Center of Excellence" on tribal matters and for study on various activities which is given below;

- Documentation of (i) Tribal Cultures which includes dance, music, songs, languages, dialects, tribal arts, traditional medicines and sports, customary Laws and religions. (ii) Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) in respect of their population, customary laws and culture. (iii) Tribal Artifacts.
- Research on Tribal Minor Forest Rights
- Organization of Awareness campaigns among Scheduled Tribes on various Acts and Rules and about basic minimum needs.
- Organisation of Seminars and workshops.

6.3. The estimated outlay being Rs. 19.95 lakh with a duration of 12 months.

6.4 The committee has expressed its consent to recognize COATS as a CoE with a release of an initial grant of Rs 10.00 lakh in 2018-19 and the balance in 2019-20 subject to submission of report on progress made.

7. Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi [Meeting held on 29/10/18]

7.1 The representative of Indian Institute of Public Administration has proposed its recognition as a Centre of Excellence of MoTA to strengthen training and active research in the fields of tribal development. The IIPA being an autonomous body with expertise in training, research and information dissemination in streams related to Tribal Development and Social & Public Policy.

7.2. The Centre will be created with specific objectives to operate as an apex institution at national level which include:

- To provide and organize suitable training to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) and to the personnel engaged in tribal welfare programmes;
- To enhance and upgrade the existing skills, knowledge and technical know-how of the TRIs, so that they may be able to uphold the cultural diversity of the Scheduled Tribes of the country and their empowerment;
- To conduct qualitative, action-oriented and policy research on tribal communities;
- To hold seminars for the purpose of facilitating awareness of problems facing the tribals and encouraging communication between the technical experts and the popular leaders;
- To arrange special conferences and study groups on contemporary problems of tribal development;
- To promote research on various governmental problems of tribal development in India;
- To develop an efficient and up-to-date information centre and documentation services in tribal related issues in India and abroad; and to disseminate information and create awareness.

7.2 The projected budgetary requirement being Rs. 54.85 lakh over a period of one year.

7.3 The Committee felt that objectives of proposal are worth consideration and recommended IIPA as a CoE. Financial support to the tune of Rs 20.00 lakh shall be made in current financial year to the organization with subsequent releases during 2019-20 contingent upon progress achieved.

8. The Chairperson of the Selection committee further desired to undertake a review meeting of all the COEs recognized by this Ministry till now.

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



List of addressee

- (i) Director Research Services, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Raja Pancham Singh Marg, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
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- (iii) Director, Council of Analytical Tribal Studies (COATS), DNK Road, Koraput – 764 020, Odisha.
- (iv) Director General, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
- (v) Associate Director & HOD, AAI Group, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Pune

