

Subject: Capacity building and Strengthening of Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) and road map of National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI).

Ministry of Tribal affairs is funding TRIs under the scheme "Support to TRIs", for conducting research. During deliberations it has been observed that TRIs do not have uniform approach in identification of research projects, training programs, areas of research project, methodology and monitoring of research. One of the example is Forest Right Act, where different TRIs have developed different forms and portals for collecting data and devising training mechanisms. It is also felt that that some of the TRIs who are doing well need to mentor new TRIs. Some TRIs have also brought out various problems regarding scope of work, staff strength, availability of funds and administrative setup.

2. To understand all these aspects, MoTA has entrusted a project to Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), being one of the CoE of the Ministry with following objectives..

- Identification of strength and weaknesses of each TRI.
- To assess the training and Research needs of Tribal research institutes
- Study the existing methods of training imparted in the TRIs.
- Identifications of state / region specific issues and prepare training calendar for 2020.
- Identify Nodal TRI for a PAN India specific research
- Sharing of best practices, experiences and knowledge amongst TRIs
- Identification of issues for giving training
- Prevent duplicity of work by different TRIs
- Developing parameters for Grading the TRIs and identify best performing TRIs.
- Prepare a standardized training process and module for the TRIs in which training will be imparted to the TRIs.

3. The study gains importance as MoTA has prepared a roadmap for establishing National Tribal Research Institute and deliberations for various issues is required which will be facilitated by IIPA by organizing a national level workshop and regional workshops. The schedule of the workshops will be intimated in advance.

4. Further, MoTA has developed Tribal TRI portal, which will facilitate online submission and monitoring of projects. MoTA has also identified few PAN India projects, in which one of the TRI will be nominated as nodal TRI for coordinating with other TRIs and stakeholders. Training will also be given in this workshop on using the portal.

5. IIPA will be coordinating with all the TRIs for their valuable inputs on the agenda of these workshops for achieving the objective of the project. Any suggestions on this program are welcome. Dr. Nupur Tiwary, Associate Professor, IIPA (Mob.09958822607) and Head of CoE and Shri Nadeem Ahmad, Under Secretary will be coordinating for this program.

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