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No: JKST&IC/SRE/836-40 Dated: 29-01-2024

Sub: Funding of Research Projects – Approval thereof.

Sir,

Apropos to the subject the cited above, in this connection, the undersigned is directed to inform that your project **titled "Privacy-Preserving Pandemic Tracing Using Smart Contracts in Block chain (B- IoT)"** has been approved by the expert/Technical committee for funding which shall be released in phased manner as per the availability of funds over a period of two years. In the first instance an amount of **Rs.1.56 lac (40% of the 1st instalment of Rs 3.90 lac)** has been sanctioned and released vide **G.O. No. 43- JK(ST) of 2023 dated 22-12-2023** in the official account of your institution. The terms and conditions governing the funding of the project are as below.

Terms and Conditions

1. PI's who have submitted more than one project or is already running JKST&IC project have been recommended for undertaking only one research project at a time.
2. The PI shall complete the research projects within the budget recommended by the Technical Evaluation / Advisory Committee and within stipulated time.
3. PI of the projects must be working as permanent Scientists/ Academicians.
4. International travel if any, is not permitted under the programme.
5. The overhead expenses (if any) will be given to the maximum 10% of the yearly budget excluding the cost of permanent equipment.
6. Any equipment procured under the said project shall be allowed to be used by any other research agency as and when needed.
7. Stock Register for any purchase made under the project should be properly maintained for audit purposes or as and when needed.
8. Laptops, DSLR's, cameras, printers not allowed to be procured.
9. Physical and financial progress of the projects should be communicated after every three months, or whenever asked for.
10. Funds for approved proposals shall be released only as per rules of the JKST&IC.
11. PI must submit Utilization Certificate, Project report, and other relevant documents, duly audited and authenticated by the Competent Authority, to JKST&IC on the completion of the project or as and when asked for in case of official exigency.
12. Publication of results/presentation of papers should clearly acknowledge the funding from the JKST&IC, UT of J&K and should also contain a disclaimer that the JKST&IC is not responsible for any result interpretations expressed in the report/study.
13. The time period for the project and utilization of approved funds shall be two years, commencing from the date of release of funds, i.e.w.e.f January 2024 to January2026 and the utilization certificate of the funds may be submitted as and when asked for.
14. Annual report of the work done under the project in MS word, along with the high resolution/Geo tagged photographs must reach this office on yearly basis for publications of report.
15. The investigators should clearly understand and accept the Terms and Conditions regulating the grants released by the JKST&IC.

Expenditure breakup for utilization of funds.

S.No.	Particulars (**for a period of two years**).
1	Consumables up to Rs. 2.00 lakhs.
2	Minor equipment up to Rs.2.50 lakhs
3	Travel for attending/participating in conferences/workshops/project related work up to Rs.0.50 lakhs
4	Manpower up to Rs.0.20 lakhs per month
5	Others/contingency up to Rs.0.50 lakhs per year.

For any other clarification please feel free to contact preferably through e-mail jkstic89sre@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,
29.1.2024
(Bilal Ahmad)
Joint Director

Copy to the:

1. Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. Science & Technology Department, Civil Sectt. Jammu/Srinagar.
2. Addl. Director, JKST&IC for information, please.
3. Registrar, IUST, Awantipora, Kashmir for information.
4. PA to VC, IUST, Awantipora, Kashmir for information of Vice Chancellor.

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