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Subject: Proposal under "**FIST Program – 2024**" [TPN – **106564**]

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to the captioned proposal submitted by your Department/ Centre/ College for support under the FIST Program of DST. I am pleased to inform you that the proposal has been favorably recommended in Level B category by the DST, based on the recommendation of the 29th FIST Advisory Board (FISTAB). The details of the recommendation for 5 years' duration of the project are given below:

To augment the research facilities in the Department.

E: ₹ 109.0 L [Tabletop X-Ray Diffraction System: ₹ 70L, Computation Facility: ₹ 25L, Physical Quantities Measurement System (PQMS) Transport Measurement System: ₹ 14L]

IRD: ₹ 2.0 L (Activities to be identified by the department)

SSR: ₹ 3.0 L (Select list of activities mentioned in SSR table)

M: ₹ 15.0 L

Total: ₹ 129.0 L
[Any shortage of funds for acquiring the recommended Equipment is to be borne by the HI]

It may be noted that the allocations indicated now above with respect to any Equipment or any other budget heads are the **Upper Limit of the Budget** as they are purely based on recommendations. However, Department shall now finally firm-up specifications/ configurations of each Equipment, Computational & Networking facility in Computer Lab, Infrastructure Facility as recommended above to be acquired by the Department/ Centre/ School/College and actual cost of this project shall be firmed up based on these inputs from you. The support for the 'Maintenance' will be provided as per norms under FIST Program. The type of **equipment and its specifications/ configurations finalized now by the Department/ Centre/ School/ College would not be possible to change during the course of implementation of the said project.** For enabling us to process the case further, including the release of 1st installment of grant now, you are requested to please upload the following documents you are requested to please upload the following documents **by 20th January, 2025 only through e-PMS web portal of the DST using the registered USER ID and PASSWORD:**

- Valid quotation for each of the recommended equipment (CIF value) for support. Please ensure that the budgetary cost is not an inflated one with respect to its specifications given. In case, the recommendation shows Equipment list is "to be identified & prioritized", please submit quotations of the identified & prioritized Equipment only. **Teaching Aids like LCD Projector, Smart Boards etc. are out of scope of FIST support and shall not be projected by the Department/ Centre/ School/ College.**

- Quotations with detailed plans for implementation of the 'Networking and Computational Facilities' (NW) under the support as per guidelines mentioned in the Terms and Conditions of DST – FIST Program available at the website: www.fist-dst.org.

- Budgetary quotes from suppliers along with details & their cost estimates of Items/ activities recommended & proposed under 'Infrastructure Facility' which includes the list of Books, Lab renovation etc.

- Identify the activities pertaining to the Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) to be conducted, and hence, provide a detailed plan with cost-wise details to undertake each of such activities.

- Identify the activities pertaining to the Industrial Research & Development (IRD) to be conducted, and hence, provide a detailed plan with cost-wise details to undertake each of such activities. It is a Proactive measure of DST to have a hand-holding system should be in place to assist startup and industry, organization of Industry & Academia Meetings in to encourage and maximize the utilization of research infrastructure Such encouragement would accelerate the human resource exchange program, deployment of research knowledge, deepen and strengthen current research links, and enable acquisition of new skill and practices.

The Department/ Centre/ School or College who have already enjoyed support earlier under FIST Program and recommended for **Repeat Support** now, shall need to complete all formalities i.e. **submission of Project Completion Report, Audited Financial Statements, Refund of unspent funds etc.,** for the previously supported project under DST-FIST Program. Process towards releasing the grants to such Department/ School/ Centre would not be possible to initiate without completion of all formalities for the previous project. **Blank Format** toward closure of previous project is also available at the website: www.fist-dst.org
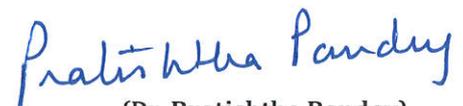
Department/ Centre/ School/ College are also requested for uploading all documents (whichever is applicable) as a single PDF file through e-PMS web portal by 20th January, 2025 in the following order:

S. No.	For PG Colleges under Level A and Department/ Centre/School at the University/Academic Institute under Level B category	For Department/ Centre/School at the University/Academic Institute under Level C and Level SHAKTI category
1	List of the Major & Minor Research Equipment with Cost (₹) and Quotations (one for each equipment)	List of the Research Equipment with Cost (₹) and Quotations (one for each equipment)
2	Items for Networking Lab with cost (₹) and quotations	Not Applicable
3	Items for Infrastructure including quotations for lab renovation, any other item and list of Books with Cost (₹), as applicable	Items for Infrastructure including quotations for lab renovation, any other item, as applicable
4	Cost of sample preparations and other peripherals towards seeking the allocated amount under IRD budget head for undertaking analysis of the industrial samples	
5	Cost-wise list of activities pertaining to the Scientific Social Responsibility (SSR) to be undertaken	
6	Duly signed copy of Terms & Conditions	
7	Composition of Project Implementation Group (PIG)	
	Documents (in PDF) to be submitted for the previously supported project (if any) under DST-FIST Program (Formats at www.fist-dst.org)	
1	Project Completion Report	
2	Brief Summary of FIST support (not for 1st time supported Departments/ Schools/ Centers/ Colleges)	
3	Audited Financial Statements	
4	Receipt generated after refund of unspent funds and accrued interest (if any) at the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) through NTRP i.e. www.Bharatkosh.gov.in	

Please do not send these documents in parts or by e-mail at the last moment. Incomplete documents submitted by any Department/ Centre/ School/ College would be unable to process for releasing grants. Kindly send the above information along with acceptance for taking up the project at the earliest to enable us to process the project for release of grant. In case we do not receive the abovementioned documents/ information within 20th January, 2025, it would be presumed that the Department/College is not interested in this project and the offer would automatically stand withdrawn. **Kindly submit all the above-mentioned documents through e-PMS Web portal only.**

Any further correspondence may please be sent directly to my colleague, Dr. Rajkumar Joshi, Scientist 'F' (E-mail: rkjoshi@nic.in; Phone: 011-26590348) who will be handling the project henceforth. I shall remain accessible to Dr. Rajkumar Joshi for all project related matters, in case there is any such need on his part.

With best regards

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