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SANCTION LETTER

Ref No:- IBITF/Note/TSP/SanctionLetter/2024-25/0028

Dated: 29-01-2024

To,

**Dr. Nitesh Kumar Mishra,
Assistant Professor,
Department of AIHC & Archaeology,
Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur**

Sub: Administrative approval for the project entitled “Economic Upliftment of the Tribes Residing in Balrampur District Through their Cultural Heritage” under the Tribal Area Sub plan (TSP) scheme of IBITF.

1. The undersigned is directed to convey the administrative approval of the competent Authority for the project titled “Economic Upliftment of the Tribes Residing in Balrampur District Through their Cultural Heritage” under the Tribal Area Sub plan (TSP) scheme of IBITF.
2. The total estimated cost of **Rs. 72,44,000 Lakhs (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakhs Forty-Four Thousand Only)** as support from IIT Bhilai Innovation And Technology Foundation (IBITF) over a period of **Two years** will be provided for this project. The grant for the first year will be disbursed initially, and the grant for the second year will be sanctioned based on the availability of funds and the project's performance. The project may be extended based on performance/availability of funds and requirement of IBITF.
3. It is recommended that the project be implemented through the Start-up to be incubated at Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur by Dr. Nitesh Kumar Mishra.
4. The liability-free equity share for IBITF, not exceeding 8%, will be decided at the time of Start-up incorporation/suitable time.
5. The details of the project are given in Annexure-I enclosed.
6. This is issued with the approval of the Chairman, IIT Bhilai Innovation And Technology Foundation (IBITF).

**Prof. Santosh Biswas,
Interim CEO & Project Director, IBITF**



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1. The Director, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur
2. Dr. Nitesh Kumar Mishra, Assistant Professor, Department of AIHC & Archaeology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur
3. Dr. Banso Nuruti, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur
4. Mr. Ankit Diwan, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur
5. Dean R&D, IIT Bhilai
6. Finance & Accounts Office, IIT Bhilai
7. CEO, IBITF
8. Project Director, IBITF

Annexure-I

1	Title of the Project	Economic Upliftment of the Tribes Residing in Balrampur District Through their Cultural Heritage
2	Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Enhance tribal livelihoods through tourism in Balrampur district.● Document and preserve unique tribal culture and traditions.● Connect tribal communities to tourism jobs for economic growth.● Utilize natural beauty for economic empowerment and conservation.
2.1	Deliverables with TRL	As per the detailed proposal
2.2	Intermediate Milestones on a quarterly basis	As per the detailed proposal
2.3	Name of PI	Dr. Nitesh Kumar Mishra
3	Name of the Implementing Agencies and Status	IIT Bhilai Innovation And Technology Foundation
4	Name of Principal Investigator & Co-Principal Investigator	Dr. Nitesh Kumar Mishra, Assistant Professor, Department of AIHC & Archaeology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur Dr. Banso Nuruti, Assistant Professor, Department of History,



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		Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur Mr. Ankit Diwan, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism and Hotel Management, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur
5	Expected duration of the project completion	2 years

7. Total Project Outlay: Rs. 72,44,000 Lakhs (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakhs Forty-Four Thousand Only)

Head	1st Year	2nd Year	Amount contributed by industry	Amount payable by IBITF
	(Rs. in Lakhs)	(Rs. in Lakhs)	(Rs. in Lakhs)	(Rs. in Lakhs)
Equipment	0	0	Nil	0
Travel	3,00,000	3,00,000	Nil	6,00,000
Manpower	6,72,000	6,72,000	Nil	13,44,000
Training/Workshop	23,50,000	23,50,000	Nil	47,00,000
Contingencies & Consumables	3,00,000	3,00,000	Nil	6,00,000
Grand Total	36,22,000	36,22,000	Nil	72,44,000

8. Mode and Extent of Funding:

This funding is provided by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) for the Technology Innovation Hub (FINTECH) at IIT Bhilai. Thus, the commitment of the funds from IBITF is subject to the grants received from the funding organization, i.e., DST, Govt. of India.

9. Other Terms & Conditions:

The financial support for this project approved under the Tribal Area Sub plan (TSP) scheme of IIT Bhilai Innovation And Technology Foundation (IBITF) shall be subject to the conditions listed below. The PI/Co-PI shall agree to be governed by these conditions and provide a duly signed copy of this document to IBITF:

1. The amount shall be i) spent for the project within the specified time; and ii) Any portion of the grant, which is not ultimately required for expenditure for the approved purposes, shall be duly surrendered to IBITF.
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2. The PI/Co-PI shall maintain an audited record in the form of a register for permanent and semi-permanent assets acquired solely or mainly out of the funds received by IBITF.
 3. The assets referred to in (2) above will be the property of IBITF. The assets should not, without prior permission of IBITF, be disposed of, encumbered, or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned.
 4. In case the PI is unable to continue working on this project, the institute shall assign a Co-PI or a suitable person to be the PI of the project. In case no suitable person is identified, such assets, etc., shall revert to IBITF.
 5. The PI/Co-PI shall render progress-cum-achievement reports at intervals of not exceeding three months on all aspects of the project, including expenditure incurred on various approved items during the project.
 6. IBITF shall appoint an Evaluation Committee comprising representatives from IBITF and other experts; this committee will periodically (not exceeding three months) monitor the project in all aspects, including technical, financial, etc., and may suggest any changes to the proposed deliverables and timelines.
 7. The Auditor of IBITF will look into the utilization of grants for the intended purposes according to the directives issued by the DST Government of India.
 8. IBITF or its nominee(s) will have the right of access to the books and accounts of the PI/Co-PI/Start-up for which a reasonable prior notice would be given.
 9. PI/Co-PI/Start-up should not retain the sale proceeds of prototype, product, etc., fabricated due to the project's development arising directly from funds granted by the IBITF without its consent.
 10. The Intellectual property and its associated rights shall be owned jointly by the PI/Co-PI and IBITF. Both parties may share any royalties or other benefits generated by licensing such joint IP under mutually agreed terms on a case-to-case basis. The PI/Co-PI is expected to hive off a startup to deploy the system. In such a case, the IP could be transferred to the startup.
 11. In case of any dispute on any matter related to the project during its implementation, the decision of the IBITF shall be final and binding on the proposal, originating industry/industry consortium, and the PI/Co-PI/Start-up.
 12. Projects sanctioned under the Tribal Area Sub Plan (TSP) scheme of IBITF necessitate the conduction of stakeholder workshops. The PI must conduct these workshops on regular intervals to ensure feedback gathering, development & dissemination of tech-based solutions, and ease of adoption of such solutions by the local population.
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