

**Department of Science & Technology  
Ministry of Science & Technology  
Government of India**

**Special Call for Proposals Under the Scheme “Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence” (PURSE-2022)**

Department of Science & Technology announces a “Special call” to provide basic infrastructure and enabling the facilities for promoting R&D activities in new and emerging areas of Science & Technology in the **UGC recognized State funded Universities/Private Universities of North Eastern Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar ,Haryana ,Telangana, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan.** It is a complimentary support for enabling the universities in these regions of the country to pursue research activities more effectively and efficiently. It is worthwhile to establish modern scientific infrastructure in universities of these regions to keep its research enterprises at the National forefront.

**Nature of Support:** The main objective of the scheme is to strengthen the research capacity of Indian Universities and provide support for nurturing the research ecosystem and strengthening the R&D base of the Universities in the country. The Scheme will provide the support to acquire research facilities (support for acquiring the teaching facilities will not be provided in the scheme), research man-power cost, acquiring research consumables, funds for travel, organizing workshops and conferences, contingencies and maintenance of the facilities. Universities are encouraged to harness their areas of excellence into an inter-disciplinary thematic effort of an accomplished team, with clearly articulated objectives. Universities are also requested to identify the pockets of excellence through some process and shall allocate significant portion of PURSE support to those performance group rather than uniform allocation to performing and non-performing departments or groups. Universities are requested to send a consolidated proposal ensuring broader participation of Science and Engineering departments at the maximum level within in the university. Scheme does not allow any provision for building/ construction and recruitment of staff in permanent in nature. The Manpower recruited under PURSE shall be co terminus with the project duration. The manpower shall be technical and scientific only. Applied/Translational projects related to life sciences area are encouraged to apply under the similar scheme of Department of Biotechnology. Individual Centric R&D proposal shall not be entertained under this scheme.

**Duration:** The duration of support for each PURSE Project will be for a period of **4 years.**

**Eligibility:** The Scheme is exclusively for the **UGC recognized State funded Universities/Private Universities of North Eastern Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Haryana, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan.** Only UGC Recognized State Universities/Private Universities of these states/UT are eligible to apply under the Scheme. All other agency-based Universities are excluded from the scope of PURSE support. The eligible university should not have received support under SATHI/PURSE program of DST.

**Revenue sharing mode**

The maximum support would be up to Rs 15.0 Crores. For all Non-Government Grantee Institute (Private Universities), the support would be shared on 75:25 ratio, i.e., DST share

would be 75% and the management of the Non-Government Grantee Institute would need to bear 25% of the total sanctioned cost of the project. For all UGC Recognized State funded Universities, DST share would be 100% of the total sanctioned cost of the project.

**Criterion for Selection** - Academic and Research merits of the Science and Technology departments will be considered for evaluating the proposals. The selection process will be through a peer review mechanism and visit to the Universities, if necessary. Programme Management Board of Experts will assist DST in making the final selection.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION**

1. Log on [onlinedst.gov.in](http://onlinedst.gov.in) to access the home page of the “DST e-PMS Portal”.
2. Before filling up the form candidates are advised to carefully go through the Relevant Advertisement published at the DST Website ([www.dst.gov.in](http://www.dst.gov.in)) and also go through the Proposal Formats in the e-PMS Portal after login to the portal .
3. To save your time and avoid data loss please download the proposal format, fill all the information required as per the format as a Word and PDF file (**max. size 5Mb**) and then keep it ready for upload during submission of mandatory documents.
4. After filling all above particulars there is provision for preview your detail before final submission of application form on clicking on “Preview” button. Preview page will display all facts/particulars that you have mentioned on entrytime if you are sure with filled details then click on “Submit” button to finally push data into server.
5. Candidates are advised to carefully fill and verify the details filled in the online application themselves as no change will be possible/ entertained after clicking the FINAL SUBMIT BUTTON.
6. Universities are requested to submit single proposal only from each university

### **LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:**

Online Application must be submitted by **20 August, 2022 (Saturday)** after which the web-link will be AUTOMATICALLY disabled FOR ANY USAGE.

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### **PLEASE NOTE**

- 1 IT IS MANDATORY TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSALS ONLY THROUGH **ONLINE MODE**.
- 2 THE UNIVERSITIES ARE REQUIRED TO SEE THE COMPLETENESS OF THE APPLICATION BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED FINALLY. SINCE THREE (3) CHANCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE SAME UNIVERSITY, **THE LAST PROPOSAL SUBMITTED WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR EVALUATION**. THE UNIVERSITY SHALL KEEP A COPY OF THE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL FOR THEIR REFERENCE. THERE WILL BE **NO NEED TO SUBMIT HARD COPY OF THE PROPOSAL AT THE DST**.

- 3 INCOMPLETE OR WRONGLY FILLED UP APPLICATION FORMAT OR APPLICATION WITH LACK OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION/ DOCUMENTS WILL BE SUMMARILY REJECTED. ANY LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN RESPECT TO ANY MATTER OF CLAIM OR DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT AND / OR APPLICATION CAN BE LODGED ONLY IN DELHI COURTS/ TRIBUNALS/ FORUMS AND DELHI COURTS / TRIBUNAL/ FORUMS ONLY SHALL HAVE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO TRY ANY CASE / DISPUTE.
- 4 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED THROUGH E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL OTHER THAN THE PRESCRIBED FORMAT SHALL SUMMARILY BE REJECTED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER PROCESSING AS PER PROGRAM NORMS.

**Mandatory Documents to be uploaded with the Online Proposal:**

- *Letter from UGC about the Recognition of the University*
- *Endorsement Letter from the Vice-Chancellor/Registrar of the University*
- *Department of Science and Technology - Policy on Conflict of Interest*
- *Terms and Conditions for "PURSE" program*
- *Project Implementation Group of PURSE (PIG)*
- **Endorsement Letter**
- *Brief Summary of the PURSE PROJECT (in two pages only)*

**Please note that incomplete Proposal/ Proposal not in the prescribed Format would summarily be rejected and no correspondence in such cases would be made in this respect.**