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Western Regional Centre of Indian Council of Social Science Research invites proposals from teachers, professors from the colleges in tribal areas for documenting the knowledge.

The Western Regional Centre of Indian Council of Social Science Research (WRC/ICSSR) was set up with the approval of the Government of Maharashtra in January 1973 in collaboration with the University of Mumbai is located at the Kalina campus of the University of Mumbai and the states covered under the Western Regional Office of ICSSR are Maharashtra, Goa, and Gujarat. The Western Region that WRC/ICSSR, in pursuance of its aims and objectives, conducts as well as funds the research methodology workshops, and other seminars; receives foreign visitors; administers study grants; provides hostel facilities, etc.

Some activities of the WRC/ICSSR have been:

- To operate a study grant scheme under which travel costs and local maintenance charges at the prescribed rates are given to social scientists who come to Mumbai to avail themselves of the research material available, in accordance with the rules framed by the ICSSR;
- To organize as well as fund training courses in Research Methodology in the social sciences as approved by the ICSSR from time to time;

- To arrange as well as fund lectures, seminars, and discussions for Indian social scientists with the help of eminent social scientists;
- To undertake any other programs designed to promote and facilitate social science research in the region.

Tribal society has an independent way of life. Here the habitat of the primitive tribe is in a very remote area. They had a unique social system of self-governance based on customs, traditions and social laws. During the British era, their self-sufficient social system was disrupted due to the loss of their land and forest rights and their lives became dependent.

Once the identity of unclothed or semi-clothed society living in the forest has now been wiped out by the tribal society as well and waiting for the mainstream. It has created a new identity for itself as "tribal society" while preserving its glorious traditions while moving from the present to a bright future and into the mainstream of society.

The wealth of nation lies with people, and societies. The knowledge system that exists close to nature has evolved through experiences and learnings. The tribes in western ghats have created wealth of knowledge.

The traditions, literature, customs have evolved over period of time. The use of this knowledge in day to day activities and on specific occasions calls for serious attention.

India is rich in its varied heritage and diversity. The local intellect that has driven the societies for ages together.

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Some of the indicative topics are as below

1. Songs for occasions
2. Traditions recommendation
3. Social life -marriage, birth, get-together occasions
4. Agriculture, sports etc
5. Local kingdom and contemporary role of them in local development

List is indicative and not exhaustive.

Proposals are invited for research studies on tribes in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa.

Professors from the colleges in Tribal Areas can send the proposals along with the format

The application format is available at following link: <https://mu.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Format-for-Minor-Reserach-Project.docx.pdf>

Applicants are requested to send duly filled form along with Institution forwarding letter (Hardcopy) at the following address:

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**Last date for submitting the proposals online as well as hard copy on or before
15th September 2024**