



Government of India  
National Commission for Scheduled Castes  
(A Constitutional body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India)

No.4/8/Central University/2020-ESDW

5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan  
Khan Market, New Delhi  
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To,

The Vice Chancellors and Registrars,  
All Central Universities  
(through email)

**Subject: NCSC invites EoI for two inter-disciplinary research projects**

Sir/Madam,

National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) is a constitutional body set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India. Clause 5 of the article enjoins the Commission to participate in planning for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes. It is in this connection that the Commission is writing to the Central Universities to express their interest on taking up inter-disciplinary research projects such as:

- (i) Identify the challenges & opportunities that the Scheduled Castes citizens of India are likely to have in the next five years. These could be topics like increasing economic opportunities for SCs in the private sector; the impact of climate change on traditional occupations of SCs; more effective representation of SCs in urban and rural local bodies; strengthening the capacities of women SCs to participate more effectively in civic, social, and economic activities; improving the effectiveness of courts and police in responding to crimes relating to SCs; bringing about social change among all other sections of society so that social discrimination & practice towards SCs is changed; making state governments' schemes for SCs more effective etc.
  - (ii) For identifying the top five challenges, each university shall put together a multi-disciplinary team which will include a sociologist and an economist. Additional faculty members may be from experts in political science, an expert in gender studies, an expert in urbanisation, and other relevant experts.
2. The recommendations based on research study should be for all stakeholders viz. union and state governments; businesses; Scheduled Castes advocacy groups; educational institutions; courts; media, etc. These recommendations should be specific i.e. which stakeholder should do what, and what support shall be provided by NCSC.

3. The Commission will select universities for awarding the research projects based on the quality and depth of the proposed team; methodology of work in identifying the five challenges & opportunities; the understanding that the university shows about the current issues facing Scheduled Castes; existing research so far done by the university; and of course, the cost of the research project.
4. Kaushal Kumar, Director, of the Commission ([dirhq-ncsc@gov.in](mailto:dirhq-ncsc@gov.in)) will be coordinating this project. Within fifteen days from the date of this letter, a preliminary meeting will be held either in the Commission's Headquarter at 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi or online, where the interested universities may propose suggestions and ask for information from the Commission before they submit their proposals. The proposals shall be submitted in another fifteen days.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Kaushal Kumar)  
Director

Note:

Interested faculty may contact Mr. Kaushal Kumar,  
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