



SOUTHERN REGIONAL CENTRE (SRC)
INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (ICSSR)
 Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad

SPECIAL CALL FOR SEMINARS ON "VISION VIKSIT BHARAT @ 2047"

Applications are called for organizing One/Two Day National/Regional Seminars under the theme "Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047" for availing partial financial assistance from SRC on the following themes/sub themes. The Social Science faculty members of the UGC recognized Indian University/ Deemed University/ Colleges from Southern Region (**Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana & Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Puducherry**) are eligible to apply.

Last Date for Submission of Application: 20th July, 2024

Main Themes/Sub-Themes

S. No.	Themes and Sub-themes	Papers are invited under these topics for Seminar
1.	Economic Prosperity and Sustainability	
1.1.	Natural Resource and Regional Development	
1.1.1.	Sustainable Agriculture Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agro ecology and Agroforestry Systems • Policy and Institutional Support for Sustainable Agriculture • Value-Chain Approaches to Sustainable Agriculture (including market linkages, value addition, farmer cooperatives, and fair-trade initiatives, and assess their impact on small holder livelihoods and rural development.)
1.1.2.	AI for Agriculture and Rural Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Extension Services for Rural Communities (e.g., mobile apps, chatbots, interactive voice responsesystems) • Rural Infrastructure Planning and Optimization (e.g., road networks, irrigation systems, market facilities)
1.1.3.	Agritech-Transforming Indian Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT Solutions for Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) • Blockchain for Supply Chain Traceability and Quality Assurance • Biotechnology Innovations for Crop Improvement
1.1.4.	Food Security and Nutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Based Food Security Interventions • Urban Agriculture and Micronutrient Access (e.g., rooftop gardens, community gardens, vertical farming) • Gender Dynamics in Food Security
1.2.	Economic Prosperity	
1.2.1.	Green and Blue Economy	Blue Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Carbon Ecosystems and Climate Change Mitigation • Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) - (Explore howMSDI can enable data-driven innovation and entrepreneurship in sectors like marine tourism, biotechnology, and marine transportation, by providing access to spatial data (type of data that directly or indirectly references a specific geographical area

		<p>or location) for market analysis, infrastructure planning and investment decision-making)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Fisheries Management in EEZs <p>Green Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Building Technologies and Sustainable Design (e.g., passive solar design, green materials, energy-efficient HVAC systems) • Green Transportation and Mobility Solutions (e.g., electric vehicles, bike-sharing programs, pedestrian-friendly infrastructure) • Green Finance and Impact Investing (e.g., green bonds, social impact funds, green venture capital)
1.2.2.	India in Global Trade and Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Indian diaspora in global trade and finance, including their contributions to remittance flows, investment linkages, knowledge transfer, and cultural connections between India and its overseas communities • Sustainable Trade and Environmental Governance • Cross-Border E-commerce and Digital Trade • Trade Disputes and Investor-State Disputes with resolution framework.
1.2.3.	Industry 4.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of Industry 4.0 • Technologies in Indian Small Micro Enterprises (Investigate the barriers and facilitators to the adoption of Industry 4.0 technologies (e.g., IoT, AI, cloud computing) among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in India, considering technological readiness, organizational capabilities, and socio-economic factors influencing adoption decisions) • Ethical and Societal Implications of AI and Data Analytics • Technological Innovation and Resource Development (automation, remote sensing, and data analytics) in industries with large economies of scale. • AI for administration, elections, and local self-governments
1.2.4.	Sustainable Livelihood and Rural Transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Occupational and Livelihood Diversification Strategies • Changing Scenario in Employment • Digital Technologies and Rural Livelihoods, rural Tourism
2.	Human Resource, Holistic Growth and Development	
2.1.	Inclusive Social Development	
2.1.1.	Demographic Shift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing Family Structures: Trends and Effects; Employment Trends Among Different Age Groups: Opportunities and Challenges
2.1.2.	Nari Sashaktikaran: Women Empowerment and Entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues related to the gender gap in the workplace; • Gender empowerment; Strategies to glass ceiling (The phrase glass ceiling is an invisible barrier to the professional

		<p>advancement of women and minorities— barriers to high-paying careers, promotions, leadership positions, equal pay, and freedom from workplace discrimination) to eradicate gender discrimination;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for the eradication of gender-based violence; Eradicating Trafficking: A Holistic Approach Addressing Root Causes and Promoting Gender Equality
2.1.3.	Social Security and Ageing Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserving Dignity: Strengthening social security for aging citizens; Sustaining social welfare in aging societies: Ensuring security for all
2.1.4.	Equitable and Inclusive Society; Children, Divyangjan, Transgender, Senior Citizen and Vulnerable Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving No One Behind: Encouraging equality and inclusion for vulnerable populations
2.2.	Education and Skilling	
2.2.1	Employment Generation, Skills Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and Employment: Exploring gender disparities in labor markets, including differences in employment rates, occupational segregation, wage gaps, and barriers to women's participation in the workforce. This could involve research on gender-sensitive policies, childcare support, maternity leave provisions, and initiatives to promote women's entrepreneurship.
3.	Effective Governance	
3.1.	Vishwa Mitra Bharat	
3.1.1.	India in the Global Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Value Chains in terms of textiles, spices, pharmaceuticals etc. • Manufacturing potential "Make in India" strategy
3.1.2.	Innovative Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco-tech System • Clean Technology etc.
3.1.3.	National Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defense System surveillance technology • Cyber Securities • Counter-terrorism tactics
3.2.	Law and Governance	
3.2.1.	Constitutional, Legislative and Judicial Reforms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional Reforms and its Impact • Legislative and Judicial Reforms and its Impact • Election Reforms • Reform to the criminal justice system • Access to justice, • Legal pluralism etc.
3.2.2.	Upscaling Local Self Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-governance, inclusive governance, Gender-sensitive Government in villages, decentralization etc.

4.	Research, Innovation, and Development	
4.1.	Technology and Innovation	
4.1.1.	Innovations for Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community technology based on tourism initiatives • Exploring online using platforms for education
4.1.2.	Access to Clean and Affordable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing clean indoor cooking • Role of public-private partnerships in Energy access • Grid integration of renewable energy sources.
4.1.3.	Digital Transformation and Building Resilient Eco-Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecosystem restoration and conservation • Promote supportive ecosystems for digital entrepreneurs.
4.1.4.	Empowering Startups Ecosystem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing workshops, mentorship programs, and educational initiatives to equip aspiring entrepreneurs • Explore the dynamics of funding and support systems in empowering start-up ecosystem • Examine diversity and inclusivity
5	Any other contemporary relevant topics	

Guidelines for Applicants

The ICSSR- SRC in its endeavor to encourage and promote Social Science Research in the Southern Region on important issues of social sciences relevance in terms of Research Development and Policy, provides partial financial assistance to organize Regional/National Seminars.

1. General Guidelines

1.1 Objectives, Nature and Scope of Seminars Proposals

1.1.1. To provide partial financial assistance for organizing seminars on themes enlisted above from different disciplines of social science and interdisciplinary social science areas with regional or national participation and perspective.

1.1.2. The overall objective is to promote the seminars that facilitate exchange of views among research scholars and contribute to and enhance the quality of existing social science research.

1.1.3. The proposals on relevant social science themes should be focused, coherent and realistic in their coverage and scope. The academic background of the convener and paper presenters must be in conformity with the theme of the proposed seminar. The paper presenters and key speakers must be largely social science researchers and academicians.

2. Broad Disciplines

SRC provides partial financial assistance to academic institutions for organizing regional or national seminars in all social science subjects.

The broad disciplines of study, within the domain of social sciences, are:

- (i) Sociology and Social Anthropology;
- (ii) Political Science / Public Administration;
- (iii) Economics;
- (iv) International Studies;

- (v) Social Geography and Population Studies;
- (vi) Commerce and Management;
- (vii) Social Psychology;
- (viii) Education;
- (ix) Social Linguistics / Socio-Cultural Studies
- (x) Law / International Law
- (xi) National Security & Strategic Studies;
- (xii) Other allied Social Science disciplines (Library Science, Social Work, Media Studies, Gender Studies and Environmental Studies, Diaspora Studies, Area Studies, etc.) to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research.

2.2 Regional/National Seminar: The proposals should be well-conceived on themes of significant social science concerns inviting broad, interdisciplinary and national level participation. Such seminars should involve participation of scholars from within India. Preference will be given to the themes of current national and international importance with significant policy implications.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The organizing institution, to which the grant shall be released be from ICSSR Research Institutes, ICSSR Recognized Institutes, Institutes of National Importance as defined by the Ministry of Education (MoE), UGC Recognized Indian Universities/Deemed Universities/ Institutions/Colleges under (2)F / 12(B) etc in the Southern Region (Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Lakshadweep and Puducherry).

3.2 Regular faculty members having a Ph.D. degree can apply as Convener/Co-Convener of the seminar. Ph.D./PDF scholars are not eligible to apply as Convener/Co-Convener. However, they can be permitted to be part of the organizing committee.

3.3 An individual applicant who had been given grant to organize Regional/National Seminars can apply only after a gap of one financial year.

4. HOW TO APPLY

4.1 The last date for the submission of duly filled in application is **20th July, 2024**.

4.2 There should be atleast a gap of three (3) months between the actual seminar dates and last date for submission of the proposals i.e., 20th July, 2024.

4.3 After submitting online application, a hard copy of the same, along with all enclosures, must be sent to: **Honorary Director, ICSSR, Southern Regional Centre, 2nd Floor, New Building, OUCIS Premises, Adjacent Lane to Landscape Garden, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad - 500 007, Telangana**

4.4 The Concept Note should be submitted as per the format enclosed. (Download Format)

4.5 Seminar proposals and the final proceedings should be in English.

4.6 The ICSSR-SRC may send an Observer/Resource Person to the seminar to get an impression report about the event.

4.7 The applicant need enclose the following requisite documents:

1. The Forwarding Letter and Undertaking from the Registrar/Principal/Director/ Head of the Department of host University/Institution (Download Format)
2. Detailed Concept Note (1000 words) (Download Format).
3. The tentative programme sheet includes day wise number of technical sessions and themes of the sessions.
4. Detailed Budget Estimation for utilization of SRC Grant (Download Format)
5. A brief CV of the Convener/Director of the Seminar (in 3-4 pages).
6. A 'Caste Certificate', if applicable in case the seminar convener belongs to OBC/BC/SC/ST category
7. A 'Person with Disability Certificate', if applicable.

8. In case of Private Universities/College/Institution, it is mandatory to submit UGC 12B Certificate.
9. A Passport Size Photograph and Digital Signature in JPEG Format.

5. PROCEDURE FOR AWARD

- 5.1 Applications are initially scrutinized by the ICSSR-SRC Secretariat.
5.2 Thereafter the Programme Committee will select the meritorious proposals. The decision of the Programme Committee is final in all matters.
5.3 The recommendations of the Programme Committee are then placed before the Chairman, ICSSR-SRC for its final approval.

6. DURATION AND VALUE

- 6.1. Regional/National Seminar Duration: Maximum upto 2 Days
6.1. Regional/National Seminar Value: Maximum upto Rs.1 lakh
6.4 The actual sanctioned amount will, however, depend on the quality of the proposal, as decided by the Programme Committee.
6.5 Financial Allocation The seminar organizers should send budget estimates under the following permissible heads for utilization of SRC grants:

S. No.	Heads	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	Domestic Travel (15%)	
2.	Accommodation (15%)	
3.	Food Expenses (30%)	
4.	Honorarium to Key Paper Writers & Presenters/ lecture deliverer (25%)	
5.	Contingency Expenses (including Venue Bookings, Printing, Stationery, Xeroxing, Banner/ Poster, Certificates, Audit Charges) (15%)	
	Total (100%)	

7. RELEASE OF GRANT

The grant will be released in two instalments. The 1st Instalment of 80% will be released after the award of the proposal and receipt of the Grant-in-Aid Bill and Bank Details Form along with the Flyer/Brochure. The second and final installment of 20% or less, as the case may be, will be released after the conclusion of the seminar on receipt of the following documents:-

1. An audited statement of account for the expenditure incurred together with the utilization certificate in GFR 12-A Form (copy enclosed) and Income and Expenditure statement of sanctioned amount or original vouchers.
2. The Expenditure Statement and Utilization Certificate should be signed by 3 people
 - o Director of the Seminar,
 - o the Registrar/ Principal/ Finance Officer/ Director of the University/ College/ Institution and
 - o the Chartered Accountant.
3. The Programme Director / Institution are advised to pay the Honorarium, Travel, accommodation & food expenses related to the seminar through cheque / online transfer.
4. Final programme sheet of the Programme including the names of the paper presenters/ resource persons & topics covered (Soft Copy & Hard Copy).

5. Two complete sets of papers (Hard bound copy and Soft Copy) presented in the Programme.
6. Detailed report on the day wise proceedings of the Programme, highlighting the objectives and outcome (Soft Copy in word format & Hard Copy).
7. Abridged/short report on the Programme outlining the overall outcome of the Programme (Soft Copy in word format & Hard Copy).
8. Photographs taken during the Programme (Soft Copy in JPEG format & Hard Copy).
9. List of Participants present in the Programme (Soft Copy & Hard Copy)
10. Please share a copy of the published Programme proceedings/edited volume of the Programme after completion of the programme for keeping a copy of the same in ICSSR – SRC Library.

You are requested to settle the sanctioned grant within **15 days** after completion of the Programme.

8. MONITORING

8.1 The ICSSR-SRC may depute an Officer/Observer to oversee the quality of the seminar.

9. CONDITIONS

9.1 The organizer should exhibit an interest clearly that they intend to publish proceedings of the seminar in the form of a book/edited volume papers in journals with due acknowledgement to ICSSR-SRC.

9.2 The theme of the seminar must be within purview of social sciences as defined in 2.1 above and should be focused, coherent and realistic in their coverage and scope.

9.3 The academic background of the convener and paper presenters must be in conformity with the theme of the proposed seminar.

9.4 The names of the resource persons and the topics of the presentation to be made in the seminar should be clearly defined.

9.5 The seminar requests for financial assistance beyond Rs.1 Lakh should be sent to the ICSSR, New Delhi.

9.6 The applicant/institution should inform the SRC about any other financial assistance received for the seminar.

9.7 The grantee organization shall be liable to refund the entire grant amount together with the interest @ 10% from the date of encashment of the cheque in case the event did not take place within the stipulated period or the financial year for which the grant had been released.

9.8 The institute may appropriate expenditure from one sanctioned sub-head to another subject to a maximum of 10% in either cases at the time of submission of audited statement of accounts. Any re-appropriation beyond ten per cent shall require the prior approval of the ICSSR-SRC.

9.9 The SRC reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason. It is also not responsible for any postal delays/loss.

9.10 Incomplete applications in any respect shall not be considered.

9.11 The seminar coordinator who does not submit the statement of accounts and utilization certificate in the proper format along with the proceedings will be debarred from applying for the grant.

9.12 The final authority related to the interpretation of the guidelines or any issue left is vested with the ICSSR - SRC.

9.13 ICSSR-SRC follows Government of India Rules & Directives with regard to SC, ST and Persons with Benchmark Disability categories.

10. COMPLETION OF THE EVENT

On completion of the event, the scholar should submit the following:

10.1 Two hard bound copies of the seminar proceedings consisting of full papers and lectures.

10.2 Audited Statement of Accounts and Utilization Certificate in GFR 12 A form. In case of central universities, Utilization Certificate in GFR 12 A form signed by the finance officer is acceptable. For all other institutions/universities, the Utilization Certificate in GFR 12 A form should be countersigned by a chartered accountant.

10.3 The seminar Director will be responsible to collect and compile revised papers/transcription of speeches within one month of completion of the seminar and send it to ICSSR-SRC in publishable format along with group photographs, banner and certificate.

11. OBLIGATION OF THE AFFILIATING INSTITUTION

11.1 The forwarding institution, through which ICSSR-SRC grant will be administered, has to provide, an undertaking to administer and manage the grant, as per the ICSSR-SRC terms and conditions and provide logistical support for the execution of the grant under the format given in the approval/sanction letter.

11.2 The institution should ensure that the convener of the seminar submits a detailed report within thirty days after the Seminar.

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The Honorary Director

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[Online Application Form Link](#)

[Format of Forwarding Letter](#)

[Format of Concept Note](#)

[Format of Budget Estimation](#)