

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The concept notes/proposals should aim at STI Solutions benefitting a millet-based economy. As this Call is focused on millet, the organisations/institutes/PIs previously engaged** in millet-based research and product development are only eligible for financial support. However, any innovative idea in this direction could be considered for support.

- (a) Government Academic Institutions (Central and State Government),
- (b) Government S&T bodies, R&D Labs etc.
- (c) Private Academic Institutions (Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions and Government Aided Colleges recognised or regulated by UGC/AICTE/MCI/DCI/PCI etc.) would be considered as Non-Government Organizations (NGOs). They shall use the NGO/VO option to submit the proposal online.
- (d) S&T-based Voluntary Organizations (NGOs) with legal status or as a society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 or a Trust registered under the Indian Trusts Act 1920 or Charitable or Religious Act 1920 or under the corresponding State Act with at least three years of existence after registration as Society/Trust etc. Field-level experience in technology development, dissemination, delivery and management. Experience in handling projects focusing on S & T with support from Scientific Departments of the Government of India.

Any organisation blacklisted by any Central or State Government Department need not apply. In addition, Private Academic Institutions and NGOs will be requested to submit the following documents at the time of submitting the full proposal online on the DST e-PMS portal: <https://onlinedst.gov.in/>.

- Copy of valid registration certificate/Trust Deed
- Memorandum of Association,
- Rules and Byelaws of the Society.
- Audited Statement of Accounts
- Annual Activity Reports for the last three financial years.
- Unique ID of organisation in NGO Darpan Portal

The concept notes screened-in will be submitted as a full proposal for further consideration by DST through the Electronic Project Management System (e-PMS) www.onlinedst.gov.in. Proposal submitted by any other means (hard copies or through e-mails) will not be considered.

REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The concept notes/proposals submitted through email and subsequently through the online portal will be evaluated by an Expert Committee (EC) constituted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, based on merit and compliance with the eligibility conditions. All the EC members are bound by the DST's guidelines and conflict of interest policy. The panel would recommend the

proposals demonstrating the potential deliverables in processes or products, interdisciplinary research, and academia-industry-social interface. The recommendations of EC will be considered final and binding. DST reserves the right to modify the review process at any point in time. Applicants will be notified of any relevant modification to the procedure. The criteria to evaluate the received concept notes/proposal are as follows: However, the weightage of each criterion will depend on the anticipated output, outcome, impact and significance to the beneficiaries.

- i. Relevance of the proposal with the Call and mandate of the program
- ii. Relevance of the objectives with the proposal
- iii. Need for proposed interventions/research
- iv. Identification of problem-based gap analysis
- v. The improvement scope over existing alternatives
- vi. Methodology and the expected outputs and outcomes
- vii. Clear delineation of roles and responsibilities of collaborators
- viii. Credibility, Track Record and Commitment of Project Team/Institute in implementing S&T-based projects

***EOI are invited for Infrastructure Creation**

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is setting up a shared Community-based Technology Resource Centre, preferably but not restricted to One District One Product (ODOP) locations for millets. These centres will be accessible to Self Help Groups (SHGs) or Farmers' Producers Organizations (FPOs) to maintain the value chain and minimum quality of millets.

For State of Art food testing labs, the guidelines of the Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI) program of DST will be applicable.

****Previous engagement in millets should be reflected in published papers, patents and products for consideration.**

FORMAT OF APPLICATION
(Not exceeding 3-4 pages)

1. **Name of the PI:**
2. **Affiliation**
3. **Name & Address of the Organization:**
4. **Collaborator (s):**
5. **Area of Application:** Please tick appropriately

 Capturing Traditional Knowledge System
 Research & Development
 Infrastructure Creation
6. **Previous Engagement in Millet Research/Product Formulation**
(Give the list of Papers, Patents, Products, Technologies and Proof-of-Concept)

7. **Statement of the Problem:**

8. **Proposed S&T Intervention:**

9. **Methodology to be Adopted:**

10. **Timelines viz-a-viz Deliverables/Outcomes:**

11. **Proposed Budget**

12. **Stakeholders of the Outcome:**