

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.01.2026

TRIBAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES (TRIS) IN ANDHRA PRADESH

204. SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU:
SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:
SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed impact and effectiveness of Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in socio-economic development, cultural preservation and research initiatives, if so, the key findings of such assessments;
- (b) the funds allocated, released and utilized by each Tribal Research Institute (TRI) under Support to TRIs scheme during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise, especially for Andhra Pradesh including their location;
- (c) whether the Government has identified any gaps in research or infrastructure of TRIs and if so, the corrective measures taken to strengthen these Institutes;
- (d) the total number of research studies and training programmes conducted by TRIs during the last five years along with the details of projects undertaken in Andhra Pradesh for tribal welfare and cultural documentation; and
- (e) whether there are plans to expand or upgrade Tribal Research Institutes with improved data-driven governance models and language preservation initiatives particularly in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATES FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) Yes, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs periodically reviews the performance of Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) through meetings, monitoring of implementation of approved projects, utilisation certificates, progress reports, physical visits of TRIs, and evaluation of outputs. An extensive evaluation study was also conducted by the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog for which report was submitted in October 2025. This evaluation report highlighted that the scheme aligns strongly with constitutional

mandates for research and documentation on tribal matters. TRIs have played a pivotal role in preserving traditional knowledge and supporting policy formulation. However, their capacity varies widely across states. It was recommended to strengthen institutional capacity of TRIs through targeted resource allocation and standardization of research guidelines across states. Besides, it was advised collaborations with universities and international development agencies for co-funded research should be encouraged.

(b) Presently, Ministry of Tribal Affairs is funding 29 Tribal Research Institutes under the Scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)'. The core responsibility of TRIs is to function as a body of knowledge & research and as a think tank for tribal development and preservation of art and culture of tribal people with repository of information pertaining to tribal communities, their society and culture and critical areas of concern. Within the set of TRIs, there are tribal museum, library, training centre, research wing etc. TRIs have carried out various activities viz. research studies, evaluation studies, organization of training/seminar/workshop, organization of tribal fairs and festivals, baseline survey, publications, documentaries/ documentation, organization of exchange visits etc. over the years. The list of TRIs is at **Annexure-I**.

Tribal Research Institute(s) submit to the Ministry annual detailed action plan with budgetary requirement through respective State Tribal Welfare Department. Funds are sanctioned to the State Government on need basis and with the approval of Apex Committee chaired by the Secretary, Tribal Affairs. Details of funds released to TRIs including TRI, Andhra Pradesh under the Scheme of 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes' during the period from 2020-21 to 2024-25 is given at **Annexure-II**.

(c) Yes, this Ministry has identified gaps relating to research capacity, infrastructure, digitisation, and manpower in TRIs. Corrective measures include financial assistance for infrastructure upgradation, support for digitization of records and research outputs, strengthening of human resources and technical expertise, and Encouraging collaborations with academic and research institutions

(d) TRIs have conducted 399 research studies and 467 training programmes during the last five years. The details of research projects and training programmes conducted by TRI in Andhra Pradesh for tribal welfare and cultural documentation are given at **Annexure-III**.

(e) Yes, there are active plans to strengthen, upgrade, and support Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) across India, including Andhra Pradesh, through the centrally sponsored scheme "Support to Tribal Research Institutes". The focus is on enhancing infrastructural capacity, data-driven policy research, and language preservation. The following initiatives have been taken by the Government for the purpose:

The Tribal Cultural Research & Training Mission (TCR&TM) in Andhra Pradesh has developed a roadmap through the Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS) to enhance its activities. Database created for tribal artists, artisans and cultural artists. Tribal Artists & Artisans are sent to the state and national level tribal fairs and festivals to exhibit and for sale tribal arts and crafts. Further, to preserve tribal languages, primers are developed

in 6 tribal languages (Savara, Kuvi, Konda, Koya, Adivasi Oriya and Sugali). TRIs are actively involved in preserving indigenous tribal languages through the preparation of bilingual dictionaries and trilingual proficiency modules. Besides, data-driven approaches are integrated into tribal development planning, utilizing dashboards developed by the Centre of Excellence of Data Analytics (CEDA) for monitoring schemes.

List of Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)

Sl. No.	Address
1	Tribal Research Institute, Government of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Administration, Port Blair – 744 101
2	Tribal Research Institute, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Tribal Welfare Department, Kandhari Hotel Road, Revenue Colony, Vijayawada- 520 010
3	Tribal Research Institute, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment & Tribal Affairs, Behind Rajiv Gandhi Stadium, B-Sector. Naharlagun, Pin: 791110, Arunachal Pradesh.
4	Assam Institute of Research for Tribals & Scheduled Castes, Government of Assam, Jawahar Nagar, N.H. – 37, Guwahati-781022
5	Tribal Research & Training Institute Govt. of Chhattisgarh, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar, Sector-4, Raipur
6	Tribal Research & Training Institute, Gujarat Vidyapith, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad-380014, Gujarat
7	Institute of Tribal Studies Himachal Pradesh University, Summer Hills, Shimla- 171005, Himachal Pradesh
8	Tribal Welfare Research Institute Government of Jharkhand, Morabadi Road, Ranchi – 834008
9	Tribal Research Institute, Directorate of Tribal Affairs Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Civil Secretariat, Jammu - 180001
10	Karnataka State Tribal Research Institute, #CA-3 Treasury Layout, Kergally, Mysuru - 570026
11	Kerala Institute for Research Training & Development, Studies for SC / ST, Government of Kerala, Kozhikode – 673017
12	Tribal Research & Development Institute, Government of Madhya Pradesh, 35, Shyamla Hills, Bhopal – 462002

13	Tribal Research & Training Institute, Government of Maharashtra, 28, Queens Garden, Pune-411011
14	Tribal Research Institute, Government of Manipur, Chingmeirong, Imphal – 795001
15	SC / ST Research & Training Institute, Government of Odisha, Unit-VIII, CRP Square, Bhubaneswar – 751003
16	Tribal Research & Training Institute, Government of Rajasthan, Ashok Nagar, Post Box No. 86. Udaipur-313 001
17	Tribal Research Institute, Social Justice & Empowerment and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim, Samay Kalyan Bhavan, Room No. 402, 5th Mile, Lumsay, Tadong, Gangtok-737 101
18	Tribal Research Center, Government of Tamil Nadu, M.Palada (PO), Udthagamandalam, Nilgiri District, Tamil Nadu, Ooty-643 004
19	TCR & TI, Government of Telangana, DSS Bhawan, Masab Tank, Hyderabad- 500 028
20	Tribal Research & Cultural Institute, Government of Tripura, Lakechovemahui, Agartala, West Tripura-799001
21	Cultural Research Institute, Government of West Bengal, P6-1/4 CIT Scheme VII-M, VIP Road, Kankurgachi, Kolkata- 700054
22	SC / ST Research & Training Institute, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Bhagidari Bhawan, (Near Ambedkar Park), VipulKhand- Gomati Nagar, Lucknow-226010
23	Tribal Research Institute, Social Welfare Directorate, Chaltlang, Aizawl, Mizoram 796012
24	Tribal Research Institute, The Directorate of Social Welfare, Near Raj Bhavan, Kohima, Nagaland.
25	Tribal Research Institute, Social Welfare Department, Government of Uttarakhand, Subhash Road, Secretariat, Dehradun – 248 001
26	Tribal Research Institute, Babadam, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya
27	Tribal Research Institute, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, 5 th Floor, Shram Shakti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji, Goa

28.	Tribal Research Institute, Ladakh, Kargil Campus, University of Ladakh
29.	Bihar Scheduled Tribe Research and Training Institute (BSTRTI) 64/40 Officers Flat, Nehru Path, Patna- 800001

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 204 to be answered on 29.01.2026 regarding Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in Andhra Pradesh.

Details of funds released under the Scheme of ‘Support to Tribal Research Institutes’ during 2020-21 to 2024-25						
Sl. No.	State	Fund Released (Rs. in lakh)				
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Andaman and Nicobar	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	455.00	432.75	219.13	125.00	0.00
3	Arunachal Pradesh	184.15	0	0.00	48.63	150.00
4	Assam	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	270.00
5	Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.00
6	Chhattisgarh	0.00	189.04	113.43	250.00	1100.00
7	Goa	202.50	111.75	0.00	50.57	200.00
8	Gujarat	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	250.00
9	Himachal Pradesh	50.00	114.1	0	0.00	125.00
10	Jammu And Kashmir	206.51	200	170.84	770.85	100.00
11	Jharkhand	0.00	13.92	164.96	417.03	200.00
12	Karnataka	26.35	184.25	0.00	0.00	200.00
13	Kerala	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	300.00
14	Ladakh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.00
15	Madhya Pradesh	447.00	484.58	0.00	143.08	600.00
16	Maharashtra	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	250.00
17	Manipur	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	140.00
18	Meghalaya	0.00	66.224	0.00	0.00	100.00
19	Mizoram	1178.22	766.65	53.75	550.00	723.14
20	Nagaland	0.00	85	205.000	400.00	600.00
21	Odisha	503.00	644.76	313.15	600.00	600.00
22	Rajasthan	8.89	215.34216	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Sikkim	144.00	273.3	0.00	0.00	200.00
24	Tamil Nadu	0.00	135.09	0.00	25.00	300.00
25	Telangana	375.75	548.95	0.00	0.00	1300.00
26	Tripura	0.00	44.29384	0.00	25.00	300.00
27	Uttar Pradesh	35.15	89.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Uttarakhand	2183.48	1400.75	0.00	948.01	793.86
29	West Bengal	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	6000.00	6000.00	1240.26	4353.17	9000.00

Annexure-III

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 204 to be answered on 29.01.2026 regarding Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in Andhra Pradesh.

Details of research projects and training programmes conducted by TRI in Andhra Pradesh for tribal welfare and cultural documentation				
Sl. No.	Financial Year	Activity Name	Project Name	Project Amount (in Lakh)
1	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Organisation of one day State Level Tribal Painting competition and facilitation of eminent Tribal Artists	10
2	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Conduct of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas: Tribal Pride Day 2024 (15th November to 21st November)	0
3	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Organization of skill training to the tribal artisans, artists, Cultural performers, folk singers. and musicians to enhance their skills and Promote traditional art.	10
4	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Organisation Exhibition of a Three-Day Art Exhibition	10
5	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Capacity building to the field functionaries stakeholders on implementation RoFR in the state.	10
6	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Capacity Building Line Demands to the Field Functionaries of on STC / TSP Components.	5
7	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Capacity Building to Teachers on Result Orientation, Digital Tech etc.	5
8	2024-2025	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Organization of National-Level Archery among Tribal Students	25
9	2023-2024	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Capacity building to the field functionaries stakeholders on implementation RoFR in the state.	20
10	2023-2024	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/	Skill upgradation among the Tribal Artists and Artisans	50

		Conferences		
11	2023-2024	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Capacity building to ST PRI members on PESA and LTR through cascade model	20
12	2023-2024	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Interface Workshops with Line Departments for effective implementation of TW Department Activities by identifying gaps and lacunas to address them through comprehensive plans.	0
13	2022-2023	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Conduct of 4 Day National Craft Mela cum Sale to promote the Tribal crafts with an aim to vocal to local as well as local to Global. It also promote their livelihoods.	80
14	2021-2022	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Capacity building to ST PRI members through cascade model	5
15	2021-2022	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Capacity building on the RoFR	5
16	2021-2022	Training/ Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences	Creating data base and capacity Building to Tribal Artisans and Artists	5

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Activity Name	Sub Activity Name	Project Name	Project Amount (in Lakh)
1	2024-2025	Research & Documentation	Education	Skill gap Study among Scheduled Tribe Youth in Andhra Pradesh and identification of employable trades having local potentiality including self-employment	10
2	2024-2025	Research & Documentation	Education	Baseline Survey for checking on left out PVTGs for benefits of Aadhaar enrolment. issue of community certificates and Jandhan accounts - the three requirements for obtaining all benefits	10
3	2023-2024	Research & Documentation	Education	Action Research project of Deepening and scaling of Black Pepper farmers livelihoods in Andhra Pradesh	65.75
4	2023-	Research &	Education	Action research project on listing	70.3

	2024	Documentation		ethno-medical practitioners among tribal groups, documentation of traditional health care practices, medicinal values of plants and usage, and the rise of nurseries of medicinal plants in 8 ITDA areas of the state.	
5	2023-2024	Research & Documentation	Education	Study cum action research trails for promoting broom grass cultivation in long term fallow podu lands for improving livelihood of the Adivasis in ASR and Manyam district of Andhrapradesh	56
6	2022-2023	Research & Documentation	Baseline survey	Baseline Survey on Primitive Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in Andhra Pradesh	27.37
7	2022-2023	Research & Documentation	Baseline survey	Conducting baseline survey and preparation of integrated tribal village development plan for 312 tribal villages for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsa Yojana (Model Village)	54.6
8	2022-2023	Research & Documentation	Baseline survey	Development and TRI publications of Dictionaries among the Six Tribal Languages i.e. Savara, Konda, Kuvi, Adivasi Oriya, Koya and Sugali	30
9	2022-2023	Research & Documentation	Baseline survey	An Action Research of Skill Development on extraction of fiber from SISAL Leaves and Lantana plant to make alternative livelihoods for the 17 Tribal groups of the Paderu ITDA Agency Area.	40
10	2021-2022	Research & Documentation	None	Conducting baseline survey and preparation of integrated tribal village development plan for 250 tribal villages for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsa Yojana (Model Village)	43.75
11	2020-2021	Research & Documentation	Any Other	Polavaram Project - Relief AND Rehabilitation of PDF and PAF - Study and developing comprehensive village development Plan for few Tribal Villages in Polavaram Project Region	50
12	2020-2021	Research & Documentation	Livelihoods	Documentation and Compilation of Migrants in Andhra Pradesh - Future Plan of Action for	85

				Livelihood Security	
13	2020-2021	Research & Documentation	Education	An Empirical study on assessment of Ashram Schools Functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh	28
14	2020-2021	Research & Documentation	Any Other	Improving Black Pepper Farmers Incomes in Andhra Pradesh	100
15	2020-2021	Research & Documentation	Livelihoods	Promoting new varietal Broom grass on the hill slopes as a livelihood Enterprise Model including skill development.	55
16	2020-2021	Research & Documentation	Livelihoods	Skill development among tribes in processing for value addition of NTFP for sustainable livelihoods	19
