

**Call for Research  
Proposal for 2025-26  
[Working Papers]**

**A.K.Dasgupta Centre for Planning &  
Development  
Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**



**Nirala,  
33 Purbapally,  
Santiniketan, Birbhum,  
West Bengal, India**

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March, 2025**

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From

Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya  
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A.K.Dasgupta Centre for Planning & Development  
Visva-Bharati

Dear Friends,

You are aware that our Government takes several livelihood and developmental programmes for the empowerment of marginalized sections of the population. Without understanding and addressing the social constraints of development, human rights, economic benefits, upliftment in quality of life cannot be realized and the impact of different programmes will remain undermined. Again, by taking different developmental issues on board, the development actors can achieve better results and better value for money.

The Centre wishes to undertake research work on such ongoing livelihood and development programmes of interest for building some plan according to the need of the time and place. Moreover, the impact of the existing programmes is yet to be assessed effectively. Now the time has come to study the impact of the existing programmes and also to study the gaps and learning outcomes of the prevailing programmes. Due to several problems emerging out of difficult complex situations, it is also necessary to make a future plan of actions and appropriate interventions so that some corrective measures can be taken, if necessary, at an early stage of the programme.

Keeping an eye on all of the above ideas A.K.Dasgupta Centre for Planning and Development, Visva-Bharati is inviting research proposal to undertake research work in the areas mentioned below. The topics on which the research proposals to be submitted are:

1. Future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its possibilities in Development sector in Indian context.
2. Livelihood Opportunities and entrepreneurship development at grass-root level.
3. Innovative, Sustainable and Environment friendly agricultural practices for increasing farmers' income.
4. Water Conservation and management
5. District Level Planning of Agricultural Production
6. District Annual Plan
7. Skill and Capacity Development for a better livelihood.
8. Empirical study on Artisan of different traditional crafts.

The selection of research proposal will be done by the members who are experts in relevant areas and experts from the field of Economics, Social Science, Health Science, Statistics, and others.

The selected authors of the proposal will be offered to work in collaboration with A.K.Dasgupta Centre. Kindly note that no direct financial support will be given for the selected proposal. The research work needs to be completed within the stipulated time. The Centre reserves the right to reject a proposal without entertaining any question whatsoever. Kindly submit the full research proposal in soft copy [ms word] along with a summary of the proposal. **Last date of submitting**

**full research proposal: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

**Research proposal to be addressed at:**

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**Chair Professor,**

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\* Report of the project must be submitted to the Centre within four months of the initiation of the project.

\*For any information, please call @ Ph-9474644413