



**Government of India
Department of Science & Technology
Centre for Human and Organisational Resource Development
(CHORD Division)**

Call for Proposals (2017–18)

The Scientific and Technological activities play a vital role in the economic, social and physical development of a country. Scientific and technological research needs huge investments and calls for a judicious utilization of scarce resources like investment, trained manpower, raw materials etc. A better planning of S&T resources has become very crucial for the government in directing and regulating Science and Technology. The growth of Science and Technology, its performance and impact on society and economy are indicators to assess the effectiveness of planning and policy formulation. For the development of Science and Technology, its effective utilization of available resources and for proper planning and for formulating S&T policies, it is necessary to build Science and Technology Information on a continuous basis. The National Science and Technology Management Information System (NSTMIS) Scheme under CHORD Division of Department of Science and Technology is entrusted with the task of collection, collation, analysis and dissemination of vital S&T information at a national level for evidence based policy planning for the S&T sector.

The Division sponsors research projects/studies to interested investigators/organizations under NSTMIS Scheme. The broader areas where studies could be taken up in the sponsored mode are S&T investment, S&T infrastructure, S&T output, S&T databases, S&T manpower, R&D productivity/efficiency, etc. Some of the areas in which the research proposal/studies could be submitted are given as below:

- Human Resources in S&T
- R&D Infrastructure/Resources
- S&T Studies in Higher Education Sector
- Mobility of S&T Professionals
- R&D and Innovation
- IPR Management
- Scientometric Studies in S&T

The pertinent themes/sub-areas to be addressed under these areas for submission of research proposals under the NSTMIS Scheme are listed at the website (www.nstmis-dst.org).

Who can apply: Scientists, Technologists, Statisticians, Economists, Sociologists, Development/ Planning/Policy Experts, Management Specialists, etc. from academic/research institutions, registered societies, and consultants may submit their proposals in a prescribed format.

Approval mechanism: Proposals are screened first by the Division and then referred to the Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) for technical evaluation before final approval.

Where to apply: The guidelines for formulating/submission of project proposals including prescribed format can be downloaded from the NSTMIS website www.nstmis-dst.org. Five (5) copies of research proposal in the prescribed format may be sent to **Dr H. B. Singh**, Scientist, Department of Science and Technology, Technology Bhawan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi 110 016 by Speed Post. A soft copy of the proposal may also be mailed at haribsingh@nic.in. The envelope may be superscribed with 'NSTMIS'.

Last date of proposal submission is **15 March 2017**.