

PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF JAN-NAYAK TANTYA BHIL CHAIR

ON

TRIBAL CULTURE AND ECOLOGY

Chair hosting University & its Administration:

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences (BRAUSS) is the first university of social sciences in the country, set up by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, mandated to accelerate higher education, research, extension and training in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary subjects for social justice & emancipation, economic empowerment & development, educational excellence and socio-economic development, increasing participation of marginalized sections in decision making and nation building.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh has enacted Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University of Social Sciences Act, 2015 [Act No. 2 of 2016] which was published in Madhya Pradesh Gazette (Extraordinary) on 13th January 2016. Her Excellency the Governor of Madhya Pradesh Smt. Anandiben Patel is the Chancellor and chairperson of the Governing Body of the University. Prof. Asha Shukla is the Vice Chancellor of the University and she is also the Chairperson of the Executive Council and Academic Council of the University.

BRAUSS – Research University & its Programmes:

BRAUSS is basically a research university and its programmes focus on - imparting higher education, research, extension & training in all fields of knowledge and subjects for the betterment of the society; including- Constitution & Democracy - national integration, democratic decentralization & local self-governance; Social & Educational Empowerment- egalitarian social order, secularism, women empowerment & social emancipation, religious & social harmony, human dignity, family & child welfare, quality higher education; Economic & Financial Empowerment- among the weaker sections through capacity building & entrepreneurship development, welfare economics, and policy reforms; Law & Social Justice – equality of status & opportunities, liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith & worship, fraternity assuring dignity of individual & unity and integrity of nation, ensuring social justice, protecting civil & human rights; Environment & Agrarian Development-

conservation of water & natural resources, ecological harmony & interlinking of rivers, land holdings & agrarian development, agricultural technology & rural crafts; scientific approach towards nation building and International understanding & foreign policies.

BRAUSS follows an integrated module of education, research, extension and training for Production, Management and Application of knowledge in general and capacity building of marginalized sections in particular. University facilitates dissemination and confluence of science & technologies with social sciences to address local development as well as global issues in era of globalization, privatization, liberalization and to achieve the sustainable development goals [SDGs2030].

BRAUSS Campus is located in the western part of Madhya Pradesh, which is tribal dominated area and also the region where Jan-Nayak Tantya Bhil fought against British Raj and sacrificed his life for the freedom of struggle.

Importance and Justification of proposed Chair:

BRAUSS is strengthening its functioning by offering different types of academic courses and programmes relevant to contemporary society, in addition to the conventional Graduate and Post Graduate programmes. This is being done with the academic and infrastructural support of the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

The Academic Council of the University in its meeting held on 17th August 2020 has approved setting up of Tantya Bhil Chair in the Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, School of Social Sciences of the University. The major theme of activities under Jan-Nayak Tantya Bhil chair is "Tribal Culture and Ecology".

Aims & Objectives of Tantya Bhil Chair:

- 1 The main aim of Jan-Nayak Tantya Bhil Chair in Tribal Culture & Ecology emphasizes on promotion, conservation and sustainable development of specific tribal cultures and ecological tourism spots/centers in tribal areas of India in general and that of Madhya Pradesh in particular.
- 2 The Chair will focus the development of ecological and cultural sustainability, education interpretation and socio-cultural as well as economic benefits at the local tribal level.
- 3 The Chair will provide academic opportunities, courses, research, extension and training activities towards understanding of the theories

and in preserving as well as promoting the tribal culture and also developing ecological resources and eco-tourism effectively in Madhya Pradesh.

Relevance of the Tantya Bhil Chair in Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission:

The Jan-Nayak Tantya Bhil Chair will focus on the developments, practices as well as issues to deal with the conservation and management of ecological and eco-tourism resources at local level.

The Jan-Nayak Tantya Bhil Chair will also propose and conduct innovative academic courses and programmes on Tribal Culture and Ecological Studies in BRAUSS that will provide opportunities to enrich tribal culture and ecology in the western part of Madhya Pradesh.

The Jan-Nayak Tantya Bhil Chair will promote professional development in tribal culture and ecology in tribal areas, and facilitate opportunities in cultural and ecological sectors and will also raise the nation's call for 'Local, Vocal to Local and making Global'.