



MEMORANDAM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CENTRE FOR INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC SYSTEMS (CIPS)
AND
TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (TWD)
GOVT. OF ANDHRA PRADESH

Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (CIPS), was set up in 2010 with funding from Govt. of India at Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad in terms of the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission. The mandate of this Centre is to actively promote and disseminate various innovative/best practices which have enhanced service delivery, increased efficiency and ensured cost reduction among different States/UTs. The Centre is also functioning as Knowledge Hub for replication of Best Practices.

Tribal Welfare Department (TWD), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh formulates, directs, implements & monitors the progress of all tribal developmental programs in the state of Andhra Pradesh. The department is responsible for implementation of Constitutional safeguards the STs in general & the STs living in Scheduled areas in particular. The department also coordinates with other departments on implementation of Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) as nodal agent.

CIPS and TWD propose to develop co-operation and enter into collaboration to improve the governance in the scheduled areas by strengthening Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs), the existing enforcement mechanism of constitutional safeguards, grama sabhas under Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA). Further, this collaboration envisages improving the functioning of various institutions such as tribal welfare educational institutions, tribal welfare district/sub-district level offices, Tribal Cultural Research & Training Mission and also effective implementation of tribal sub-plan.

For this, both the parties would identify innovative/best practices across the country which would enhance service delivery in designing appropriate modules for capacity building of stakeholders and to promote an environment which is congenial for undertaking such collaboration and to begin with:

1. Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA):
 - a. CIPS shall design a Massive Open Online Course (MOOCs) for various functionaries who are a part of implementing the PESA.
 - b. CIPS in association with TWD shall organize a Sensitization Workshops on PESA: Sensitization of authorities as well as people's representatives at various levels such as state/district/mandal/village. Also, sensitization of community members at field level (Village/Habitation).
2. CIPS shall develop documentaries or interactive sessions for training the members of community on different policies or initiatives that are implemented by TWD.

