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**Subject: Intimation on support under the PURSE Program of the DST and Request for submission of Proposal for further consideration.**

Dear **Professor P K Radhakrishnan**

Promotion of University Research and Scientific Excellence (PURSE) is an incentive award scheme with a focus of rejuvenation of research in our University sector. World experience has shown that investment into research in universities pays back. PURSE, although is not a high investment scheme, has had its own positive impact.

PURSE was launched in 2008 based on the independent evaluation of scientific publication emanating from university sector using the SCOPUS Database for the 10 years period. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of identification and Support under PURSE, 30 Universities were identified and supported during the period of 2011-2015. Your University was one among 30 Universities in 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of support

Department of Science and Technology (DST) has undertaken an independent study to analyze the performance of Universities through publications in SCOPUS Data base for another set of 10 years period i.e. 2002-2012 and h- index along with the publications in this 10 years period have been recorded in the Report. Based on the Report and the decision taken by the Programme Management Board (PMB) of the PURSE Programme, the minimum criteria of identification of universities to support under PURSE have been now revised. On the basis of revised h-index [minimum h- index: 45 and operating range of h-index: 45-70 or above (instead of 26 to 50 or above), 29 Universities have been identified to consider of varying quantum of support depending upon their h-index value. This includes 5 new Universities and dropping of 6 Universities supported earlier round due to their performance.

We congratulate you and your University for you improved R&D performance. Based on the revised criteria your University is awarded **Rs.7.25 Crores** under 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of the PURSE grant scheme. This award could be utilized in the period of next 4 (four) years.

I am enclosing a copy of the guidelines and proposal format for implementation of the scheme. I appreciate an early submission of a detailed proposal as how the university proposes to utilize the grant within the guidelines of the scheme along with the duly signed "Terms and Conditions" of PURSE (as per the FIST Website)(latest by 25 September 2016) along with the Project Completion Report of previous project and financial statements, refund of balance etc of the project supported earlier under PURSE.

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We are planning to hold the meeting of PMB in September End/Early October this year to finalize these proposals for considering their support under PURSE. I repeat, for the purpose of clarity, that these funds are not available for construction of building and other works/ services/ items. My colleague Dr. Pratishtha Pandey Scientist "E" DST (Email : [pratishtha.tp@nic.in](mailto:pratishtha.tp@nic.in)) would get in touch with you to provide further details.

DST congratulates your University and wishes further enhanced performance in Science and Technology areas.

Kind Regards

Yours Sincerely

  
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To

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