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Call for Expression of Interest

Sub: Inviting Expression of Interest (EoI) for Soft Component - Item No.9:Action Learning Online Platform- funded by PM-USHA - reg:-

1. Background & Context

Under the PM-USHA initiative, the University of Kerala proposes to establish an Action Learning Online Platform aimed at creating a sustainable digital ecosystem for knowledge sharing, collaborative learning, and capacity building. The initiative seeks to leverage digital technologies to disseminate knowledge, document experiences, share best practices, and promote wider access to learning resources among diverse stakeholders. The proposed platform shall serve as an integrated online repository for the dissemination of processes, practices, outcomes, and learning resources generated through academic, developmental, and community-engaged initiatives. In addition, the platform shall host an Online Certificate Course on Action Learning, designed to provide learners with conceptual understanding and practical insights into action-oriented approaches to knowledge generation, problem-solving, community engagement, and institutional innovation. The initiative is envisaged as a mechanism for extending the reach of knowledge beyond conventional institutional boundaries and promoting equitable access to educational resources. Through digital delivery, the platform will enable participation from faculty members, students, researchers, practitioners, community stakeholders, and lifelong learners irrespective of geographical constraints.

By fostering open access to knowledge resources, facilitating continuous learning, and supporting collaborative engagement, the programme seeks to contribute to the democratization of knowledge, strengthen digital learning ecosystems, and advance the objectives of PM-USHA and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

2. Core Objectives

The proposed initiative shall aim to:

- Develop and operationalize an online Action Learning Platform for knowledge dissemination, collaboration, and capacity building.
- Create a digital repository for documenting and disseminating processes, experiences, best practices, case studies, and learning resources.

- Design and deliver an Online Certificate Course on Action Learning for diverse learner groups.
- Promote wider access to quality educational resources through technology-enabled learning environments.
- Facilitate continuous engagement among faculty members, researchers, students, practitioners, and community stakeholders.
- Strengthen digital learning infrastructure and support lifelong learning opportunities.
- Encourage the sharing of innovative practices and evidence-based approaches across disciplines and sectors.
- Contribute to the democratization of knowledge by making learning resources accessible to a broader audience.
- Support the objectives of PM-USHA relating to inclusion, accessibility, innovation, and capacity building in higher education.

3. Platform Structure and Coverage

The proposed programme shall ordinarily comprise:

- Development of one (01) Action Learning Online Platform.
- Development and launch of one (01) Online Certificate Course.
- Hosting of digital learning resources, presentations, case studies, reports, multimedia content, and knowledge products.
- Provision for online registration, learning management, assessment, certification, and participant feedback.

A target outreach of at least 350 beneficiaries comprising faculty members, students, researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholders

4. Programme Size and Coverage

- Number of Platforms/Courses: **01**
- Target Beneficiaries: **350**
- Approved Budget: **₹5,00,000**
- Expected Outcome: **Democratization of Knowledge**

5. **Expected Outcomes**

The programme is expected to result in:

- **Development and deployment of an Action Learning Online Platform** for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and dissemination of educational resources.
- **Design and launch of an Online Certificate Course on Action Learning**, incorporating structured learning modules, assessments, and certification mechanisms.
- **Creation of a digital repository** containing learning materials, best practices, case studies, reports, presentations, multimedia resources, and other knowledge products.
- **Documentation and dissemination of processes, methodologies,**

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experiences, and findings emerging from action learning initiatives and related academic activities.

- **Establishment of a technology-enabled learning environment** that supports self-paced and guided learning for diverse categories of learners.
- **Generation of open and accessible educational resources** that can be utilized by faculty members, students, researchers, practitioners, and community stakeholders.
- **Development of a participant management and certification system** to facilitate enrolment, assessment, feedback collection, and course completion tracking.
- **Creation of a sustainable digital knowledge-sharing framework** capable of supporting future PM-USHA initiatives, outreach programmes, and capacity-building activities.

6. Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be permanent teaching faculty members of the Departments / Centres of the University of Kerala.
- Proposals involving collaborative / inter-departmental teams with a designated **Principal Investigator (PI)** and **Co-Investigator(s)** from different streams will be given preference.

7. Proposal Submission Guidelines

Interested faculty members are requested to submit their proposal in the prescribed format detailing:

- **Title of the Proposed Initiative**
- **Name of the Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-Investigator(s), if any**
- **Executive Summary** (Maximum 500 words)
- **Concept Note and Justification**
- **Platform Development Framework**

a. Proposed architecture and functionality of the platform
b. User accessibility and inclusivity features
c. Knowledge repository and dissemination strategy
d. Data management and content governance mechanisms

- **Online Certificate Course Design**

a. Course objectives and learning outcomes
b. Course structure and module-wise content outline
c. Teaching-learning methodology
d. Assessment and certification framework
e. Proposed duration and mode of delivery

- **Target Beneficiaries and Outreach Plan**
- **Content Development and Resource Plan**

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- **Technology and Implementation Plan**
- **Expected Outputs and Outcomes**
- **Timeline and Milestones**
- **Budget Estimate and Detailed Break-up**

a. Platform development costs
b. Content creation and instructional design costs
c. Software, hosting, and technical support requirements
d. Resource person honorarium, if applicable
e. Documentation and dissemination expenses
f. Any other admissible expenditure as per PM-USHA norms

8. General Conditions

The proposals will be subject to scrutiny and process in accordance with the approved DPR, recommendations of the PMU, applicable PM-USHA guidelines and the norms of the University. Hence the contents of the proposals and selection criteria shall be appropriate to the objectives of the programme, and the proposals if any for selection process shall be in a fair and transparent manner. On approval of workshop it shall be implemented within the sanctioned budget ceiling of ₹5,00,000/- . Any financial or administrative commitment beyond the scope of the approved proposal shall be subject to separate approval of the competent authority. The implementation of the programme and its outcomes will be placed before the Board of Governors (BoG), PM-USHA, as applicable.

9. Timeline & Submission Details

- **Last Date for Submission:** [14 working days from issuance]
- **Submission Mode:** Soft copy via email to planningd@keralauniversity.ac.in
- **One signed hard copy forwarded to**: Registrar, University of Kerala

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