

Invitation for Research Proposal

ICHR invites proposals for Research Project Grant under Institutional Funding Category to work on the life and contribution of **Santa Kabi Bhim Bhoi, a great Philosopher of Odisha and proponent of Mahima tradition.**

"Bhima Bhoi was a mystic Saint-poet from Odisha. He was born, according to legends, sometime between 1845 to 1855 and belonged to a tribal family of Khonds from western Odisha. At very early age he was initiated into Mahima cult of Mahima Gosain and preached its philosophy extensively in contemporary Odisha. The popularity of Mahima Dharma was largely owing to his efforts. He rejected the idol worship, caste system and priesthood of Brahmins and propounded egalitarianism. He believed in the radical transformation of social structure, which he held could happen only after acute crisis or apocalypse. He prophesized about the apocalypse through the medium of his poem registered in his work that also is the reflection of his metaphysical concept of *sunya* or void. In the theology preached by him God was *Alekh* or indescribable, is without form and attributes, compassionate, and can be apprehended through mystic intuition. His poetry reflects the tension of a mind that experienced, in equal measure, the ecstasy of a true saint and anguish over the inequality and suffering of men. He composed a number of devotional and philosophical works like Nirveda Sadhana, Brahmanirupana Gita, Stutichintamani, Chautisa Granthamala, Bhajanamala, Sritinishedha Gita, Ashtakavihari Gita, etc. Bhima Bhoi passed away in 1895 leaving a tradition behind him, which is being followed by many of his followers today but that still need academic attention to bring to light the social and philosophical contribution of this saint-point in order to give him due place among the pantheon of India social reformers."

- Institutions applying for the project must submit the following documents with their duly filled application form:
- PhD Degree certificate of the Project Director nominated by the Institution to undertake research (only one Project Director can be nominated).
- Bio-data of the Project Director
- List of publications of Project Director
- List of Publications of Research work produced by the Institution.
- Application for the Research Project Grant for above said subject complete in all details must reach ICHR, 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110001. The scanned copies of duly filled application form with all relevant documents can also be submitted at specialproject@ichr.ac.in.
- Justification of Candidate nominated by Institution.
- The maximum amount of the grant will be Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five Lakh only) for two years.



- The application form and Budget format can be downloaded from the website by clicking the link given here <http://ichr.ac.in/content/innerpage/downloads-ebooks.php>.
- The Proposal submitted with the application must be of 10,000/- words (approx.) and should follow the ICHR's style-sheet (please refer to point no.11 in application form).
- Scrutiny of the received applications will be conducted internally as per ICHR rules or mechanism decided for the purpose by the Competent Authority of ICHR.
- Project Director of shortlisted proposals will be invited for Presentation-cum-Interview (PPT presentation of 10 minutes is mandatory).
- ICHR reserves all the rights towards the selection of the Research proposal and no enquiry pertaining to above Research Project grant will be entertained.
- Terms and conditions for above said Research Project Grant will remain the same as for Research Project Grants of ICHR given under Institutional Funding Category. The applicant institution can access the details for Research Project Grant from ICHR's website www.ichr.ac.in.

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