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CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Research Topics and Guidelines for Soliciting Research Proposals for Short-Term Studies

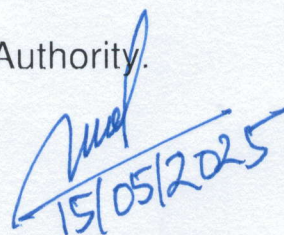
This is in reference to the document titled “**Research Topics and Guidelines for Soliciting Research Proposals for Short-Term Studies**”, uploaded on the BPR&D website on 29.04.2025 and 14.05.2025 (Copy enclosed).

2. It is hereby notified that the Competent Authority has approved for inclusion of an additional topic on the existing list of 13 research topics:

(xiv). - “Women in Policing”

3. Researchers and institutions are encouraged to consider this newly added topic while submitting their proposals to BPR&D. All other terms and conditions and guidelines, as specified in the earlier document remain unchanged unless otherwise notified. **The last date for submitting the research proposals is 25.05.2025.**

4. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.



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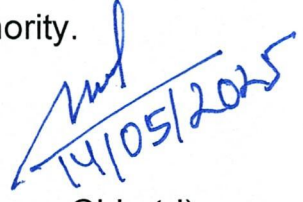
This is in continuation of this Bureau advertisement dated 29.04.2025, for Soliciting Research Proposals for undertaking Short-Term Studies (Copy enclosed as **Annexure-1**).

2. It is to inform that the last date of submission of the research proposals has been extended from 14.05.2025 to 25.05.2025.

3. The other terms and conditions for submitting the research proposals will remain the same as mentioned in the BPR&D advertisement dated 29.04.2025.

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Encl: As above.


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Soliciting Short-Term Study Proposals

BPR&D invites short-term study proposals on the subject related to Police, Prisons and Correctional Administration for undertaking short-term studies.

For more information regarding the research topics and guidelines, please visit the BPR&D website <https://bprd.nic.in/> or contact:

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Research topics and guidelines for soliciting research proposals for short-term studies

Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, a pivotal organization in the area of police, prison & correctional administration research and development in the country invites proposals from bonafide Universities/ Institutions/ Organizations/ Departments/ CAPFs/ CPOs for undertaking research studies on any of the following topics as given below.

2. The **objectives, universe, sample size, and reference period for data collection, duration for study, and budget (which should be up to ₹ 5 lakh each topic) for each research topic will be carefully defined and worked out by the researcher and included in the research proposal** to ensure that the study's objectives are effectively met. The study may encompass any other aspect that is relevant to the research topic:

- (i) An AI-Driven Analytical Study of Acquittal Judgments to Identify Investigation Shortcomings: A Framework for Improvement in Investigation.**
- (ii) Evolving Landscape of Cyber Crime in India: Challenges to LEAs in Detection, Investigation, and Prosecution.**
- (iii) Role of Geospatial Technologies and Satellite Imaging in Monitoring Border Infiltration.**
- (iv) Preventing the Misuse of Drones: Legal, Technological, and Policy-Based Approaches to Ensuring Public Safety.**
- (v) Investigation and Detection of Narcotic Substances: A Forensic and Legal Analysis of Current Methods and Challenges.**
- (vi) An Analytical Study on the Misuse of the Dark Web by Criminals: Emerging Threats and Investigative Challenges.**
- (vii) Technology-Driven Intelligence Gathering for LEAs.**

- (viii) Work-Life Balance and Mental Wellbeing in Policing: Challenges and Strategies for Sustainable Law Enforcement.**
- (ix) The Role of Forensic Science in Ensuring Speedy Investigations under New Criminal Laws (NCLs).**
- (x) The Role of Innovation and Emerging Technologies in Enhancing Road Safety.**
- (xi) Use of Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies for Effective Prison Management.**
- (xii) A study of Legal Provisions for Access to Justice, Rehabilitation, and Health Care for Women Prisoners in India.**
- (xiii) Understanding Social Backgrounds and the Rate of Recidivism among Juvenile Offenders in India.**

General Guidelines:

3. Eligibility:

3.1. Bonafide Universities, Institutions, CAPFs, CPOs, Organisations and Departments with well-established records of research expertise and necessary infrastructure will be eligible. The institutions are required to specify a Project Director for the project. Project Directors should have a proven track record of high-quality research or expertise in the concerned field.

3.2. The Project Directors must have demonstrated interest in the subject and related issues by way of previous work experience or research projects or published articles, papers and/or books etc.

3.3. The Project Director as well as the Research Team should be Indian Nationals only.

3.4. The Project Director will be entitled to take up only one research project funded by BPR&D concurrently.

3.5. Defaulters of any previous grant of BPR&D under any scheme will not be eligible.

3.6. Research proposal submitted for funding should not be under consideration for funding by any other agency until a final decision is taken by BPR&D.

4. Duration of the Research Project

4.1. The duration of the research project shall ordinarily vary from 6 months to 12 months, depending on the nature of the research project. The proposed time frame must have adequate justification.

4.2. The project shall be completed within the stipulated time. No extension shall be granted except in case of exceptional circumstances. Any extension, if granted, shall be without any additional financial implications for the project. All such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

4.3. Prior approval of the Director General, BPR&D shall be mandatory for extension of duration, failing which the project shall be deemed to have been cancelled, and the entire amount of research funding shall be liable to be refunded to BPR&D along with penal interest.

5. Procedure of Invitation of Proposals

5.2. BPR&D is inviting the Research Proposals through its website only.

5.3. All proposals accompanied with prescribed documents must be submitted in Soft Copy (in a single PDF file only including all documents) at email ID: **anupchhetri@bprd.nic.in**, within **May 14, 2025, by 1700 hrs.**

5.4. In case the Project Director is a serving officer/ personnel and the institution where the project is to be conducted is different from his parent department/ institution/ organisation, the application may be forwarded by the institution where the project is to be conducted along with NOC from the Head of Parent Department/ Institution/ Organisation of the officer/ personnel concerned.

5.5. The application should be duly forwarded in the prescribed format with signatures and seals of the Institution/ Organization/Department.

6. Responsibilities of the Organisation/Institution/Department granted the Research Project.

6.1. The Project Directors and Organisation/ Institution/ Department shall be responsible for completing the projects as per the terms and conditions laid down by the BPR&D. Funding for the project will be made available to the Project Directors through the concerned Organisation/ Institution/ Department, which shall agree to:

- (i) administer and manage the finances.
- (ii) provide accommodation and furniture required for the project.
- (iii) make available all its research facilities, such as library, laboratory and other equipment.
- (iv) provide all other support and assistance necessary for the project.
- (v) ensure compliance with the terms and conditions laid down by the BPR&D for the project.
- (vi) ensure the timely completion of the project and submission of the project report.
- (vii) ensure submission of the final report, Utilization Certificate, as per instructions/ guidelines issued by the BPR&D and audited statement of accounts; and
- (viii) ensure suitable arrangements for the preservation of data, such as, filled-in schedules, tabulation sheets, manuscripts, reports, etc., relating to the project. The BPR&D reserves the right to demand raw data, or such part of it, as may be specified, to be transferred to the BPR&D.

6.2. The Institution/ Organisation must ensure that **no part of the proposal or the report should be plagiarised**. In case the BPR&D finds that the proposal/ report has been plagiarised, the Bureau will reject it and recover the amount of funding with penal interest. The Project Director will also be blacklisted for applying to the BPR&D or any other Central or State government institutions for future funding under any scheme.

7. Conduct and Monitoring of Research Project

7.1. The BPR&D will issue a sanction letter along with the terms and conditions indicating the approved cost of the project. The institution/ organization/ department and Project Directors shall ensure compliance with the terms and conditions mentioned in the sanction letter. No change shall be made in any of the conditions laid down in the sanction letter without prior approval of the BPR&D.

7.2. The Head/ Registrar of the Organisation and the Project Director shall execute an undertaking after receipt of the sanction letter. The first instalment of funds for the project shall be released only after execution and receipt of the agreement by the BPR&D.

7.3. The Project Director is required to commence the research project within one month from the date of receipt of the first instalment of the grant, under intimation to the BPR&D.

7.4. Depending on the magnitude of the research project, the BPR&D may permit

the appointment of a Co-Researcher, if proposed by the concerned Organisation, where the research project is based, who will be of the same qualifications and experience as the Project Director. In unforeseen circumstances and other contingencies, the Co-Project Director will discharge all the responsibilities of the Project Director for the conduct of the research project.

7.5. A team of Research Assistants may also be engaged in the research project, depending on the requirement. The details of the support research team will have to be clearly spelt out in the research proposal. The names and qualifications of the Research Assistants engaged from time to time will be intimated to the BPR&D.

7.6. There will be a mid-term review of the research project by the BPR&D. The Project may be asked to make a presentation for this purpose, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the BPR&D.

7.7. Suggestions and inputs given on the progress report/ mid-term review and during the presentations shall be necessarily incorporated by the Project Director as long as these generally promote the objectives of the research projects.

7.8. Based on this mid-term review, the BPR&D will take the final decision whether to continue with the research project and to release the remaining grants, contingencies, etc., or to terminate the research project. If the progress is not found satisfactory, the research project may be terminated and the amount released to the Organisation/ Project Director shall be liable to be refunded along with penal interest, if he/she fails to fulfil the terms and conditions laid down for him. The BPR&D may also blacklist the Project Director for any future Research Project.

7.9. A consultative workshop/seminar may be held after the mid-term review, to validate the findings of the research and also to take the views of other practitioners and stakeholders. This will be done by the Project Director before completing the project and finalizing the recommendations of the research study. This will be organised within the sanctioned amount of the research project, in consultation with BPR&D.

7.10. The Project Director is required to submit a final report on the research project at the end of the time allotted. The grantee / Project Director shall submit 10 hard copies with one soft copy of the final report of the research project. The report must be detailed and should include information about the original objective(s) of the project and how far these objective(s) have been achieved. No extension shall be granted except in exceptional circumstances. Extension shall be without any additional financial implications for the project. All such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

7.11. In addition, the Project Director is also required to submit an Executive Summary of the report in about 2500 words.

7.12. The Project Directors are required to remain in regular touch with BPR&D for the smooth progress of the research project and also to facilitate close monitoring and supervision of the quality of the entire research work and to ensure its successful completion within the stipulated time.

8. Evaluation of Research Project

8.1. The final research study report will be evaluated by the BPR&D.

8.2. The Project Director will be required to incorporate the observations, comments and suggestions of the BPR&D in the final report of the research project.

8.3. If on evaluation, the final report is not found satisfactory, the BPR&D may not accept the research report, and the entire amount of funding shall be liable to be refunded by the Project Director/Organization concerned.

9. Funding/ Grant by the BPR&D

9.1. The cost of a project should not be more than ₹ 5 lakh. The proposals must clearly mention the expenditure likely to be incurred on various heads like salaries and wages of the project staff, consumables, travel, consultative workshops, seminars, printing and publications, books, contingencies and other overheads for the proposed duration of the project.

9.2. The funds will be released by the BPR&D in three instalments. The first instalment will be released only after due approval of the BPR&D regarding the research design & methodology and the undertaking signed by the Organisation/ Project Director.

9.3. The second instalment will be released after the submission of Utilization Certificate as per the instructions/ guidelines issued by the BPR&D and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the expenses related to the first instalment by the concerned Organisation/ Institute/University and after mid- term review of the research project.

9.4. The third instalment will be released only after the submission of the final report along with the Utilization Certificate as per instructions/ guidelines issued by the BPR&D and Audited Statement of Accounts for the full amount of grant by the Project

Director through the concerned Organisation/ Institute/ University and after acceptance of the final report by the BPR&D.

9.5. The Project Director is expected to submit the half-yearly progress report of the project to BPR&D. In addition, a certified statement of expenditure actually incurred and an anticipated expenditure for the next quarter/six months shall also be submitted. The release of the subsequent instalment is subject to satisfactory progress of the work.

9.6. Where the Project Director is a serving officer, he will not be entitled to any remuneration. He shall continue to get the pay and allowances from his/ her parent office/ department/ institution.

9.7. The Organisation, where the research project is based, shall be responsible for the disbursement and administration of the research grants and the maintenance of proper accounts.

9.8. Where the Project Director is a retired officer, pension, if any, shall not be deducted from the research grant.

9.9. Where the Project Director is a retired officer or an independent person who is not employed, the grant will be administered through the Organisation/ Institute/ University through which it has been submitted, which shall be responsible for the proper administration of the project.

10. Other Conditions governing the Research Project

10.1. The Project Director is expected to publish at least one research paper/article in a referred journal on the research project, duly acknowledging the funding of the project by the BPR&D.

10.2. In the event of the services of the Project Director not being available due to some unforeseen reasons during the currency of the project, a substitute Project Director shall be appointed by the institution/ organization concerned after prior approval of the DG, BPR&D.

10.3. The Organisation/ Project Director has to ensure that the personnel engaged in the project, as proposed for the study, are deployed for the indicated period only.

10.4. No disclosure shall be made to any person by the Organisation/ Project Director or any staff member as to the contents of the research work and the tentative

inferences drawn therefrom, without the prior approval of the DG, BPR&D.

10.5. No TA/DA shall be paid by the BPR&D for any presentation and discussion at BPR&D Headquarters to any staff member of the project, including the Project Director/Research Team. All these expenses shall be met from the sanctioned grant of the research project.

10.6. The project report will become the property of the BPR&D and will be used for any purpose as deemed fit by the Director General, BPR&D.

10.7. If, after having received the grant, the grantee is not in a position to execute or complete the assignment, he/ she would be required to refund forthwith to the Bureau the entire amount of grant received, so far, with interest as per rules. Further, the data collected and the report, if any, prepared on the basis thereof shall be handed over to the BPR&D.

10.8. No subsequent change in the research topic, the scope and methodology of the research project shall be permitted without the prior written approval of the DG, BPR&D. If this condition is violated, the research project is liable to be terminated.

10.9. The BPR&D reserves the right to terminate the research project and the grant at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or adequate progress is not being made.

10.10. The Project Director shall not entrust the implementation of the work for which the grant is sanctioned to another Researcher/ Institution and divert the grant to the latter. Transfer of any project from one person to another person will not be permitted without prior written approval of the BPR&D.

10.11. In case the Organisation/ Project Director abandons the project without any valid reasons or does not complete the project to the satisfaction of the BPR&D, the Organization administering the Research Project shall be liable to return the entire amount of the project paid with penal interest. In this case, the final decision shall rest with the DG, BPR&D.

10.12. Any publications based on the findings or contents of the research project shall be undertaken only with the prior approval of the BPR&D.

10.13. All legal action shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Delhi based Courts only.

The subject of the email should be captioned “Application for Short-term studies on the topic _____”. The research proposals should be submitted in Soft Copy ONLY at the email ID: anupchhetri@bprd.nic.in. The last date for submission of the research proposal is May 14, 2025, by 1700 hrs. The research proposals received after the last date & time will not be considered.

BUREAU OF POLICE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Application for short-term research project

1.	Name of Project Director (PD)	
2.	Designation	
3.	Name and Address of Affiliated Institution/ Organization	
4.	Telephone No and email ID of Institution/ Organization	
5.	Type of Institution where the project will be located and administered (Central Govt./ State Govt./ Private/ Any other)	
6.	Mobile No and email ID of PD	
7.	Educational Qualification and academic attainments of the Project Director (Please enclose a Brief CV if required)	
8.	Details of previous research projects completed in the field related to the proposed research topic for funding.	
9.	Details of publications in the field related to the proposed research topic for funding.	
10.	Topic of the project	
11.	Proposed duration for the project	
12.	Estimated cost for the project	
13.	Details of project (As per format enclosed as Appendix-A)	

Declaration

- (i) The above information and the additional particulars furnished are true to the best of my/our knowledge.
- (ii) I/We shall fulfil all the terms and conditions/requirements of the research project.
- (iii) If any of the information supplied by me/us is proved to be incorrect, the project will be cancelled, and the entire released amount is liable to be refunded to BPR&D along with penal interest.

Place: **Signature of the
Project Director**

**Signature of Registrar
or Head of Institution**

Date:

Name.....

Designation.....

Seal.....

Enclosures:

1. **Research Proposal**
2. **Brief CV of Project Director**
3. **NOC from Head of Department/Institution (if applicable)**

(All documents should be compiled into a single PDF file and submitted to BPR&D)

Appendix-A

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Topic for study	
2.	Name & Designation of Project Director	
3.	Name and Address of Affiliated Institution/ Organization	
4.	Objectives or Research Questions or Hypotheses proposed for the study	
5.	Methodology proposed for the study	
6.	Universe and Sample Size proposed for the study	
7.	The details of the respondents (including proposed numbers) to whom the data is to be collected for the study	
8.	Duration proposed for the study	
9.	Tentative Budget proposed for the study	
10.	How will the outcomes of the study benefit Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs)?	