

Indian Institute of Public Administration

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Invitation for Engagement of Field Survey Agency (For Study on Senior Citizens under MWPSA Act, 2007)

1. Brief Summary of the Study

The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi, is undertaking a research study commissioned by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, to assess the implementation and effectiveness of the *Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 (MWPSA Act)*.

The study aims to examine the accessibility, awareness, and functioning of institutional mechanisms related to senior citizen welfare, including Maintenance Tribunals, police support systems, healthcare services, and the role of NGOs and care institutions. It will also assess gaps in service delivery and identify policy-level improvements required to strengthen elder protection systems.

The field study will be conducted in **Delhi and Vrindavan (Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh)**, covering approximately **300 senior citizen respondents**, along with institutional stakeholders.

2. Scope of Work for the Survey Agency

The selected agency will be responsible for conducting primary data collection under the supervision of the research team at IIPA. The key responsibilities include:

- Conducting structured surveys with senior citizens across identified locations (Delhi and Vrindavan)
- Facilitating Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) with officials, including:
 - Maintenance Tribunal authorities
 - Police officials dealing with senior citizen issues
 - NGO representatives and care institutions
- Coordinating field visits to old-age homes, hospitals, and community settings
- Ensuring accurate and timely data collection using digital platforms
- Managing field investigators and logistics for survey execution
- Ensuring data quality, validation, and completeness
- Submitting cleaned datasets in required formats within stipulated timelines

The agency will be required to adhere to ethical research practices, including informed consent, confidentiality, and non-disclosure of respondent information.

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3. Eligibility and Qualification Criteria

The agency must meet the following minimum eligibility criteria:

- Minimum **5 years of experience** in conducting field-based surveys, preferably in social sector research, public policy, or development studies
- Demonstrated experience in handling **large-scale primary data collection** assignments
- Proven capability in using digital data collection platforms such as:
 - SurveyCTO
 - KoboToolbox
 - CAPI-based systems
 - Google Forms or equivalent
- Availability of a trained field investigation team with prior experience in household surveys and institutional interviews
- Experience in working with government agencies, research institutions, or international organisations will be preferred
- Strong data management, quality control, and reporting capabilities

4. Duration

- The fieldwork is expected to be completed within a **short, defined timeline as per project requirements.**

5. Submission Details

Interested agencies may submit their **Expression of Interest (EOI)** along with:

- Organizational profile
- Relevant experience and past work
- Proposed methodology and work plan
- Team composition
- Financial quotation

Submissions should be sent to: rcunitipa@gmail.com on/by 23rd March 2026, 5.00 PM

6. Selection Process

The selection will be based on:

- Relevant experience and technical capability
- Understanding of the assignment
- Proposed methodology
- Cost effectiveness

IIPA reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason.

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Call for Engagement of Survey Agency

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)

Project: “The Socio-Economic Impact of Historical Stigma on De-notified Tribes: A Study of Identity, Social Exclusion, and Policy Response”

1. Brief Summary of the Project

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, has entrusted the Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Indian Institute of Public Administration a research study *“The Socio-Economic Impact of Historical Stigma on De-notified Tribes: A Study of Identity, Social Exclusion, and Policy Response”*

De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT/NT/SNTs) constitute one of the most historically marginalised communities in India, with their exclusion rooted in the colonial legacy of the Criminal Tribes Act, 1871, which labelled entire communities as “hereditarily criminal.” Although these communities were officially de-notified in 1952, the stigma continues to shape their interactions with state institutions, law enforcement, and society at large.

This field-based study, conducted under the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice at the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and commissioned by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, examines the socio-economic conditions, identity challenges, and policy responses concerning DNT communities. The project, with a sanctioned budget of Rs. 6,00,000, adopts a comparative approach across Maharashtra and Jammu & Kashmir, covering a sample of 150 respondents in each state.

Using a mixed-method research design combining household surveys with qualitative interviews, life histories, and focus group discussions, the study captures both structural

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patterns and lived experiences of marginalisation. The findings highlight persistent challenges such as lack of documentation, limited access to education, healthcare, housing, and livelihoods, along with fragmented policy implementation and continued administrative suspicion.

The findings highlight persistent barriers including lack of access to education, healthcare, housing, and secure livelihoods, along with issues of inadequate documentation and fragmented classification across states. Continued administrative suspicion and weak implementation of welfare schemes further deepen their marginalisation.

The study underscores the need for a more inclusive, rights-based policy framework and provides evidence-based recommendations to address structural exclusion, improve welfare delivery, and promote dignity, citizenship, and social justice for DNT communities.

2. Scope of Work for Survey Agency

The selected survey agency will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Conducting **field-based household surveys** across selected districts in Maharashtra and Jammu & Kashmir
- Ensuring **accurate data collection** from a total sample of 300 respondents (150 per state)
- Undertaking **Key Informant Interviews (KIIs)** and **Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)** as per research design
- Using **digital data collection platforms** (Survey CTO, KoBo Toolbox, CAPI, Google Forms, etc.)
- Managing **field logistics**, including mobilization of respondents and coordination with local stakeholders
- Ensuring **data quality, validation, and timely submission** of datasets
- Maintaining **ethical standards**, confidentiality, and informed consent during fieldwork
- Providing **cleaned datasets and basic tabulations** as per IIPA requirements
- Submitting **progress reports and final fieldwork report** within stipulated timelines

3. Eligibility Criteria / Qualification of Survey Agency

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The survey agency must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum **5 years of proven experience** in conducting socio-economic or field-based research studies
- Demonstrated experience in working with **marginalised and vulnerable communities**
- Proven expertise in **large-scale primary data collection and field survey management**
- Mandatory proficiency in **digital survey tools** such as Survey CTO, KoBo Toolbox, CAPI, Google Forms, etc.
- Availability of a **trained field team** with experience in both quantitative and qualitative data collection
- Strong capacity for **data quality control, monitoring, and validation**
- Prior experience of working with **government institutions / research organisations** will be preferred
- Ability to operate in **diverse and remote field locations**

4. Timeline

- The agency must submit a **cost-effective financial proposal** within the approved budget
- The assignment is expected to be completed within a **defined timeline as per project requirements**

5. Submission Details

Interested agencies are invited to submit:

- Technical Proposal (experience, methodology, team details)
- Financial Proposal (within the budget ceiling)
- Sample of previous work
- Team composition
- Financial quotation

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