



**Department of Health Research
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India**

**Expression of Interest
for
Establishing Technical Resource Centres in
the North-Eastern States
2026**

Centre for Evidence based Guidelines

Background:

The Centre for Evidence based Guidelines, Department of Health Research, has established a network of 42 Technical Resource Centres (TRCs) across the country to support systematic evidence synthesis for the development of evidence-based guidelines.

However, there is currently limited representation of institutions from the North-Eastern States in the TRC network. To promote wider geographical representation and strengthen regional capacity for evidence synthesis, the Centre for Evidence based Guidelines invites Expressions of Interest from eligible institutions/researchers in the North-Eastern States for establishing additional Technical Resource Centres.

This dedicated call aims to strengthen the participation of institutions from the North-Eastern region in the national evidence synthesis network and contribute to the development of evidence-based guidelines in India.

Goal:

To expand and strengthen the national network of Technical Resource Centres by increasing representation from the North-Eastern States and building regional capacity for systematic evidence synthesis, thereby strengthening the development and implementation of evidence-based guidelines in India.

Objectives:

- To augment the existing pool of TRCs with institutions from the North-Eastern States.
- To strengthen regional capacity to conduct high-quality systematic reviews and meta-analyses using standardized methodologies, including the GRADE approach.
- To promote training, mentoring and knowledge dissemination in evidence synthesis methodologies.
- To ensure timely availability of high-quality evidence to support national guideline development processes.
- To promote wider geographical and institutional representation in the national evidence synthesis network.

Criteria for Establishment of Technical Resource Centres (TRCs)

Technical Resource Centres should demonstrate capability in evidence synthesis, including the ability to undertake systematic reviews within defined timelines and apply GRADE methodology. The Centres should have appropriate infrastructure, human resources and institutional commitment to contribute effectively to national guideline development efforts.

Only one TRC shall be established per department within an institution to ensure wider institutional representation and optimal distribution of resources. Preference may be given to applicants demonstrating relevant subject expertise, institutional commitment and potential to contribute to strengthening evidence synthesis capacity in the North-Eastern region.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The primary applicant should demonstrate experience in conducting systematic reviews and meta-analyses, with at least two (2) published systematic reviews/meta-analyses in indexed, peer-reviewed journals, serving as the first or/and corresponding author.
2. The primary applicant should have organized/conducted a minimum of two workshops on systematic reviews and/or GRADE methodology, demonstrating experience in evidence synthesis and application of GRADE.
3. The applicant/PI should be a regular/permanent faculty member/researcher/scientist of an eligible Medical Institute, Research Institute, University or College located in one of the North-Eastern States of India.

Further, the Competent Authority may relax any of the conditions of eligibility in deserving cases.

Application Process:

- Interested Researchers/ faculty/scientists having regular employment in Medical Institutes/ Research Institutes/ Universities/ Colleges with required capability, experience and resources (preferably database access) to undertake the assignment may submit through the link provided in the EoI.
- Applications will be evaluated based on predefined criteria through a structured scoring system by an expert committee constituted by competent authority.
- The selected participants will be notified of their selection via email and through the DHR website in October 2026.

Funding: Financial support up to Rs. 16.5 Lakhs per year will be provided per TRC (as per existing norms), subject to satisfactory performance and fulfilment of deliverables.

Deliverables:

The Technical Resource Centres established for evidence synthesis should ensure clarity and accountability; specific deliverables with stringent deadlines should be established:

- Detailed technical protocol for conducting systematic reviews and meta-analyses outlining the step-by-step procedures for conducting systematic reviews and meta-analyses. This document should provide a comprehensive guide for the entire process, from formulating research questions to synthesizing and interpreting the results.
- Provide grading of the evidence profiles, summarizing the key findings of the systematic reviews. Include ratings of the certainty of evidence for each outcome, incorporating GRADE's four levels: high, moderate, low, or very low.
- Completion of a specified number of systematic reviews and meta-analyses annually as per the request of the secretariat
- Conducting training sessions and workshops on evidence synthesis methodologies
- Regular publication of synthesized evidence in reputable peer-reviewed journals
- Annual progress reports and a comprehensive report are to be submitted
- Presentation of the review findings at the expert group meeting (and participation in any pre-meetings or online webinars).

For any queries related to the call, please contact

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Link to apply: <https://forms.gle/AikogNJJwv47Vghe9>

Tentative Timeline

Activities	Date
Release of Call	21 Aug-2026
Last date for submission of proposal	15-Sep-2026 (17:00hrs)
Review and selection	First week of October-2026