

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest For conducting *Bigyan Chetana Jatra*

Government of Assam is conducting a programme titled, "Sanskar: Manuhe Manuhar Babe" through Assam Science Technology and Environment Council (ASTEC) to eradicate superstitious beliefs which are creating social problems and seriously effecting lives of many innocent people in recent times.

As part of the programme it is proposed to organise a "Bigyan Chetana Jatra" to cover the entire state through voluntary groups engaged in Science Communication/Anti-Superstition Campaigns for at least three years. There will be overall 6-8 *Jatra* to cover BTAD areas, Barak Valley, Hill areas, Northern Upper Assam, Southern Upper Assam, Middle Assam, Northern Lower Assam and Southern Lower Assam. For each *Jatra* one voluntary group will be given the responsibility of managing the activities. Each *Jatra* will be about 7-10 days duration.

Expression of Interest (EOI)s are invited from reputed registered voluntary organisations/ Institutions for conducting these scientific *Jatra*. Every *Jatra* group must contain trained volunteers for street play in local languages, popular talk, demonstration of science behind miracles, interaction with people, event management, science shows, etc. Eol should reflect these expertise and outlines for scripts for street play along with names of experts available for different activities. A detailed technical plan of activities should also be enclosed.

Eol should also contain budget showing cost for rehearsal, cost for volunteers (food, DA, night stay), local level event management, audio-visual facilities, materials for science behind miracles and other demonstrations, contingency, and cost for any other activities the organisation feels required for the *Jatra*.

This Council will provide a decorated bus to each of the selected groups for conducting the *Jatra*. All the volunteers must travel in the bus provided. Every day it is expected to cover minimum of two spots and cover the districts assigned by the Council.

After receipt of the Eol the voluntary organisation/institutions will be called for a presentation to select suitable groups for each *Jatra*.

Eols with credentials of the organisation, including registration certificates, MoA, Accounts details, experience in scientific awareness/anti-superstition programme must reach the undersign on or before **16th September, 2019**.


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