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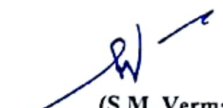
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Date: 02-03-2026

SANCTION ORDER

I have been directed by the competent authority to convey the approval of ICSSR for releasing the amount of Rs.1,98,500/- (rupees one lakh ninety-eight thousand five hundred only) towards the first instalment of fellowship and contingency grant in respect of the Postdoctoral Fellowship awarded to **Dr Zhoto Tunyi** vide award letter of even number dated 02.03.2026. The amount represents the Fellowship @ Rs.31,000/- per month and Rs.12,500/- towards the contingency grant of first six months. The sanctioned amount will be released on receipt of the Grant-in-Aid Bill (GIB). The fellowship shall be governed by the guidelines as mentioned in the Award Letter.


(S.M. Verma)
for Member Secretary

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1. **The Registrar,**
Nagaland University,
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2. **Dr Zhoto Tunyi,**
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3. **Finance Branch, ICSSR:** The expenditure involved will be debited to the Budget Head of Accounts: (C) Research Fellowships Postdoctoral Fellowships. Plan - (ST)) - O.H.-31.
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Subject: Award of ICSSR Postdoctoral Fellowship 2025-26.

Dear Dr Zhoto Tunyi,

On behalf of the ICSSR, I am pleased to inform that you have been selected for the award of ICSSR Postdoctoral Fellowship for the Financial Year 2025-26 for two years w.e.f. 04.02.2026 to work on research theme entitled "*Democracy and Elections in Nagaland: Vernacular Transitions and Gendered transformation in a tribal polity*" under the supervision of Prof. John Sema affiliated at Nagaland University, Lumami, Nagaland. The award of the ICSSR Postdoctoral Fellowship shall be governed by the following Guidelines:

1. The affiliating institution shall open/maintain a dedicated bank account for ICSSR grant (Scheme Code 0877) that is duly registered at PFMS portal for release of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant without any delay.
2. Sanction Order for the first year of your fellowship is being issued and subsequently the Fellowship Grant shall be transferred through PFMS to your affiliating institution which will transfer the fellowship amount to your bank account.
3. The sanctioned grant of Rs.3,97,000/- for the first year (fellowship @ Rs.31,000/- per month plus Rs.25,000/- per annum contingency) will be released in two equal instalments of Rs.1,98,500/- each:
 - (a) The first instalment of Rs.1,98,500/- will be released on the basis of the submitted 'Grant-in-aid Bill' duly signed across a revenue stamp of requisite denomination by the competent authority of your affiliating institution.
 - (b) The second instalment of Rs.1,98,500/- will be released only after completion of six months and on receipt of a detailed Six-Monthly Progress Report in the prescribed format duly forwarded by Supervisor clearly indicating the research work done during the period along with the research plan for the next six months. In addition, the Statement of Expenditure from the affiliating institution showing the expenditure incurred against the released amount of the first instalment, duly signed by its competent authority along-with the Grant-in-aid bill for the amount of second instalment.
4. The renewal of Fellowship for the subsequent year shall be processed after the receipt of the following documents:
 - (a) Satisfactory Annual Progress Report in the prescribed format duly forwarded by the Supervisor;
 - (b) Statement of Expenditure from the affiliating institution showing the expenditure incurred against the released amount of the first year duly signed by its competent authority;
 - (c) Grant-in-aid bill for the release of the first instalment of second year duly signed across a revenue stamp of requisite denomination by the competent authority of your affiliating institution.
5. Upon Extension of the fellowship for the Second Year the grant of Rs.3,97,000/- (fellowship @ Rs.31,000/- per month plus Rs.25,000/- per annum contingency) will be released in three instalments.
 - (a) The second-year fellowship and contingency grant will be released in three instalments. The first instalment of six-month fellowship will be released on receipt of the Grant-in-Aid Bill (GIB).
 - (b) The second instalment of 03 months fellowship will be released on receipt of a satisfactory Progress Report of next six months in the prescribed format along with the Statement of Account.
 - (c) The final instalment of remaining fellowship along with contingency will be released after receiving the final report and its acceptance by the ICSSR and Statement of Accounts with Utilization Certificate in GFR-12A Form duly signed by the competent authority of the affiliating institution. However, in case of non-public funded institution, the final instalment of fellowship will be released on receipt of the Audited Statement of Accounts with Utilization Certificate in GFR-12A Form signed by the Chartered Accountant and verification of the documents by the ICSSR.
6. If any discrepancy regarding the utilization of the grant is disclosed during the course of statutory audit it should immediately be brought to the notice of the ICSSR. The amount of grant sanctioned herein is to be utilized for the stipulated period of two years. Any unspent amount of the grant of this period is to be refunded to the ICSSR along with the audited statement of expenditure, within one year. The delay will attract the interest thereupon @10% p.a. from the date of sanction of the grant.
7. The contingency grant may be utilized for books, stationery, computer related costs, and the field work expenses related with the research work.
8. The ICSSR may ask for annual presentation/mid-term appraisal of the research work.
9. During the course of the fellowship, the fellow is required to publish at least two research papers in peer-reviewed research journals on the theme of the research undertaken.
10. The fellow must give due acknowledgement to ICSSR while getting their research papers published.

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11. The scholar is expected to submit the final report within three months after completion of the duration of the fellowship. However, extension for submission of final report may be granted on justified reasons without any additional financial commitment of the ICSSR.

12. On completion of the fellowship tenure, the scholar should submit the following:

- (a) A book-length final report along with a Summary of the report (3000-4000 words) and two research papers published in peer-reviewed journals on the theme of the research undertaken. The final report should contain self-declaration of the fellow, supervisor's certificate, and similarity index report (not more than 10 per cent). These documents are to be submitted in hard copy and in soft copy.
- (b) Statement of Accounts with Utilization Certificate in GFR-12A Form.

13. The final report submitted by the scholar will be considered satisfactory, only after its evaluation by the ICSSR.

14. The Copyright of the manuscript of final report will rest with the ICSSR. The ICSSR reserves all rights to publish the fellowship report funded by it, provided the work is recommended for publication by Expert/Experts. The scholars can get it published themselves only after seeking permission from ICSSR.

15. The scholar shall acknowledge ICSSR's support in all publications resulting from the research output of the fellowship.

16. The research proposal/final report of the fellowship cannot be submitted for the award of any University degree/diploma or funding by any other institution. The ICSSR, however, will have no objection if the scholar utilizes the research data for research purpose.

17. During the tenure of fellowship, the fellow will be governed by the rules of the affiliating institution in all matters including TA/DA, holidays/leave and contingency grant, etc. However, the duration and amount of fellowship will not exceed twenty-four months.

18. All fellowships are subject to income tax deductions as per the Government of India rules at the level of the affiliating/ administering institution.

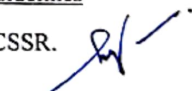
19. While accepting any fellowship from the ICSSR, a fellow should not accept any other fellowship or research project or regular assignment from any other institution.

20. The fellowship may be discontinued if research progress is found unsatisfactory or any ICSSR rule is violated and the fellow has to reimburse the total fellowship disbursed by the ICSSR till the date of termination of fellowship.

21. All matters, including discontinuation of fellowship, change of affiliating institution and supervisor, will be governed by the rules/guidelines in force in ICSSR at the given point of time.

22. It is mandatory for you to obtain ICSSR Library (NASSDOC) membership (Free) during the tenure of your fellowship. Registration details and guidelines are available at: <https://icssr.org/nassdoc/library-membership-form-guidelines>

23. The final authority related to the interpretation of the guidelines or any issue left is vested with the ICSSR.


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