

KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD (KSBB)
Expression of Interest (EOI) for Documentation and Digitization of Traditional Knowledge towards Establishment of Kerala Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (KTKDL)

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Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB), as mandated under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023, proposes to establish a **Kerala Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (KTKDL)** for the documentation, digitization, preservation, and protection of Traditional Knowledge (TK) associated with biodiversity.

In this regard, KSBB invites **Expression of Interest (EOI)** from eligible institutions/organizations with expertise in biodiversity documentation, traditional knowledge systems, ethnobiology, IPR, and Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS).

1. Objectives

- Compilation and consolidation of Traditional Knowledge already documented by institutions in Kerala and its validation.
- Standardization of TK records through a uniform format to be provided by KSBB.
- Integration of institutional TK datasets into the Kerala Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (KTKDL).

2. Scope of Work

Participating institutions/organizations shall:

1. Provide TK data already collected/documented in their custody (published/unpublished), including manuscripts, reports, theses, institutional repositories, and databases.
2. Submit the data in the standardized format prescribed by KSBB.
3. Ensure appropriate source referencing, tagging with knowledge providers/BMCs, and compliance with ethical safeguards.
4. Collaborate with KSBB in validation, consolidation, and integration of data into KTKDL.

3. Eligibility

- Universities, research institutes, government departments, NGOs, and Academic/R&D organizations that have conducted studies/documentation on TK in Kerala.
- Institutions maintaining TK-related archives, manuscripts, databases, or repositories.

4. Submission of EOI

Interested institutions are requested to submit their EOI in the prescribed format attached

with this notification (<https://forms.gle/zz2MvkjdAVgFbw4o6>).

5. Important Dates

- Last date for submission of EOI: **15/02/2026**
- Mode of submission: Both hard copy and soft copy.
- Institutions shortlisted will be provided the standard data submission format for transferring their TK data to KSBB.

6. Contact

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