

Seed Money Grant for Faculty Research (SMGFR)

The Seed Money Grant for Faculty Research (SMGFR) is a distinctive initiative of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) aimed at fostering and strengthening a vibrant culture of research among its faculty members. The scheme provides minor research subvention of up to INR 1,00,000/- to support faculty members in undertaking innovative, exploratory, and experimental research that can be developed within a relatively short period of up to 12 months.

The SMGFR is designed to encourage faculty to explore emerging ideas, novel research questions, interdisciplinary perspectives, and practice-oriented forms of inquiry that may serve as a foundation for larger research projects or external funding. The scheme accommodates diverse forms of scholarly work, including clinical research, action research, field-based and exploratory studies, creative and practice-based research, and other innovative approaches appropriate to the applicant's discipline and research objectives. The SMGFR thus represents AUD's commitment to supporting research-led academic practice, intellectual experimentation, and diverse forms of knowledge production, while creating meaningful opportunities for faculty members to initiate and develop new areas of inquiry.

SMGRF- I Projects (Year 2017-18)

S. No.	Name	Name of Project
1	Dr. Sumana Datta	Making and Unmaking of Community Forest Governance: A Case Study of Redd+ in India
2	Dr. K. Valentina	Conflicting role of the State as A Custodian and Violator of Human Rights of Tribals: An Empirical Study of The Singareni Collieries Limited (SCCL) in Telangana State
3	Dr. Kanwal Anil	Digital Financial Inclusion in India: An Initiation Towards Responsible Finance
4	Dr. Nupur Samuel	Writing Pedagogy and Higher Education in India: A Caste Study
5	Dr. Dhiraj Kumar Nite	Construction Workers, Wages and the Wellbeing: An Indian Region (Maharashtra),1860-1869
6	Dr. Shelly Pandey	Locating Lives of Refugees Through Information Communication Technology: A Study of Afghan Sikh Refugees in Delhi City”
7	Dr. Ishita Dey	Standardizing Local Taste: Politics of Geographical Indication
8	Dr. Rachna Chaudhary	Contextualising Gender and Policing in Contemporary Delhi

9	Prof. Satyaketu Sankrit	हिन्दी उपन्यास (20वीं सदी के अंतिम दशक से 21वीं सदी तक) सदी के शुरुआती दशकों के विशेष संदर्भ में कैम्पस जीवन चित्रण
10	Dr. Bindu KC	Threatened Laughter? Modernity and Humour in The Nambudiri Jokes (Namboori Phalitangal) from Malabar, South India
11	Dr. Rinju Rasaily	Denial and Deprivation: Health Inequalities Among The Darjeeling Tea Plantation Labour
12	Dr. Dipa Sinha	Status of Infant and Young Child Feeding in Delhi Slums: An Exploratory Study
13	Dr. Priyanka Jha	Buddhist Thinkers of Modern India
14	Dr. Michael Lunminthang Haokip	Democracy and Conflicts in India's North east-The Manipur Phase
15	Dr. Shefalee Jain	Landscape and Fall
16	Dr. Kranti Kumar	Study on The Effects of Traffic Noise on Human Health
17	Dr. Partha Saha	A Study on Agricultural Mechanization & Production Relations in Rural Punjab
18	Dr. Bidhan Chandra Dash	Popular Religion as Social Movements: An Ethnographic Study of Mahima Alekh Dhama in Odisha and The Emancipation of Dalits
19	Dr. Pulak Das	Remote Sensing Based Study of Built-Up Area Dynamics as Measure of Urban Expansion in Delhi & NCR
20	Dr. Rajan Krishnan	Periyar, Caste and Indian Democracy
22	Dr. Shireen Mirza	Caste and Urban Infrastructure: Waste-Work and Meat Butchering on The Margins of Bombay City

SMGRF- II Projects (Year 2020-21)

S. No.	Name	Name of Project
1	Dr. Monal Dewle	An Exploratory Study on Teaching How Generate Inferences Using Self-Questioning Strategy in Expository Texts at Graduation Level
2	Prof. Babu P. Ramesh	Preparation of A Research Digest for Beginners in Social Sciences
3	Dr. Lovitoli Jimo	Institutionalized Patriarchy in Nagaland: Constitutionalism, Customary Law and Gender Justice
4	Dr. Sayandeb Chowdhary	Towards A Public History of Cartoons in Bengal
5	Dr. Deepita Chakravarty	Do Women Work Less in Eastern India? A Comparative Study of West Bengal & Tamil Nadu
6	Dr. Anirban Sengupta	Private University in India: Between Development of Education Entrepreneurship and Social Responsibility.
7	Dr. Deepan Sivaraman	Documenting The History of Scenic Design in Kerala Theatre
8	Dr. Anita Ghai	Re-Engaging Women, Disability, Policy and Care
9	Dr. Moggallan Bharti	Enquiring The Origins of Prejudice and Its Politics in India

SMGRF- III Projects (Year 2022-23)

S. No.	Name	Name of Project
1	Dr. Ramesh C Sharma	Designing 360 degree virtual Reality (VR) experience of Monuments in Lodhi Garden in Delhi.
2	Dr. Usha Mudiganti	Three Lives and Cultural Intermingling through Two Conduct Book.
3	Dr. Oinam Hemlata Devi	Mapping Household Food Waste: A Cross-Cultural study in Delhi.
4	Dr. Manish Jain	Education as a Discipline in North India: Histories and Trajectories.
5	Dr. Ivy Dhar	Household Water I Unauthorized Colonies of Delhi and Social Dimensions of Access.
6	Dr. Vatsala Saxena	Construction of Gender: An Analysis of Children's Pretend-Play.
8	Dr. Shubra Nagalia	India's Shifting Human Rights Diplomacy in Contemporary International

SMGRF- IV Projects (Year 2024-25)

S. No.	Name	Name of Project
1	Dr. Geeta Pandey	21 वीं सदी का बाल रंगमंच: नई संवेदना नए निकष
2	Dr. Mahendra Prajapati	मूक सिनेमा में भारतीय ज्ञान परम्परा
3	Dr. Nishant Kumar	Multispecies Urbanism: Exploring the Dynamics of Human-Macaque Coexistence at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi
4	Dr. Tanya Chaudhary	Understanding Handling of E-Waste in Delhi, India: Processes, Challenges and Implications
5	Dr. Shalini Awasthi	Memorialisation of Heritage: The Commemorative Postage Stamps of India (1947-2023)
6	Dr. Sima Yadav	Mapping the Lesser-Known Heritage of Delhi: With the Case Studies of Rural Heritage of Urban Villages of Delhi
7	Dr. Manisha Chaurasiya	Pandemics as a non-traditional threat to Security: Understanding the impact and challenges for developing states
8	Dr. Snigdha Vishnoi	Exploring the Legacy of Metal Industry, Moradabad: An Anthropological Study of Business and Labour Relationships
9	Dr. Priyasha Kaul	Kashmiriyat, Culture and Globalisation: The changing rhythms of Kashmiri popular music
10	Prof. Rukmini Sen	Youth in Delhi: New Living Arrangements and Friendships
11	Dr. Anita Cherian	‘Drawing as Pre-text, Prefiguring Performance: The Capture of Embodiment in Contemporary Popular- Public Cultural Art’

SMGFR- V Projects (Year 2026-27)

S. No.	Name	Name of Project
1	Dr. Amogh Talan	Feasibility and Economic Assessment of Thames and Han River Restoration Innovations for Yamuna Rejuvenation
2	Dr. Deep Singh	Construction of Security Algorithms to Protect Multi-media Data from Various Cyber Attacks
3	Dr. M.M. Anees	Human-Ecological Synergies in Urban Green Spaces: A Landscape- Ecological Mapping of Quality and Spatial Inequities in Delhi
4	Dr. Monimalika Day	Study of an Innovative Early Intervention Programme at AIIMS Delhi
5	Dr. Rajinder Kumar	Exploring the Necessary and Important Dimensions of Tourismscape and its Impact on Viksit Delhi
6	Dr. Rekha	Advancing Women-Led Micro-Enterprises through Flexible Micro-Learning: A Study of Mumpreneurs in Delhi & Haryana for Viksit Bharat@2047
7	Dr. Renu Ghosh	The Impact of Financial Literacy on Farmer's Financial Well-being: Moderation-Mediation Analysis