

NALANDA PARISAR PRABANDHAN SEWA SAMITI, RAIGARH

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Ref. No.: 2979 / Nal.Pari.Pra.B.S.Samiti.Ra. / 2026

Raigarh, Date: 29/9/26

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

For the Nalanda Parisar under construction at Ward No. 23, Beladula Road, near the BSNL Office, as per Proposal No. 04 of the General Body Meeting of the Nalanda Parisar Prabandhan Sewa Samiti, Raigarh, held on 17.08.2026, an Expression of Interest (EOI) is hereby invited from interested and eligible organizations/agencies for the preparation and implementation of activities related to the following facilities:

- AI/Digital Literacy Labs
- Career Counselling Centres
- STEM/Maker's Labs

and various other activities intended for the benefit and development of all sections of society. For this purpose, the Society has prepared an RFP (Request for Proposal), and applications are hereby invited through the Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

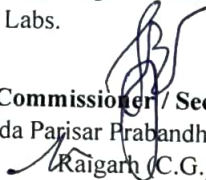
The above applications shall be accepted through only email at of Nalanda Prabandhan sewa samiti, Raigarh, (nalandaraigarh@gmail.com) up to 4:00 PM on 23.10.2026.

The rules, terms and conditions applicable to the above work can be obtained from the official websites of Municipal Corporation, Raigarh & District administration Raigarh

<https://nagarnigamraigarh.com>
<https://raigarh.gov.in/en>

Enclosures:

1. RFP Format
2. SOP – Selection of Implementing and Knowledge Partners – The Nalanda Project, Raigarh Career Counselling & Higher Education Access · AI Labs & Digital Literacy · STEM / Maker's Labs.

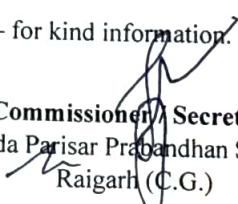

Commissioner/ Secretary
Nalanda Parisar Prabandhan Sewa Samiti
Raigarh (C.G.)

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Copy to:

1. Collector-cum-Chairman, Nalanda Parisar Prabandhan Sewa Samiti, Raigarh – for kind information.


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OFFICE OF NALANDA PRABANDHAN SEWA SAMITI
RAIGARH, CHHATTISGARH

Date: 29 September 2026

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Selection of Technical/Implementation Partners — The Nalanda Project, Raigarh

Career Counselling & Higher Education Access · AI Labs & Digital Literacy · STEM / Maker's Labs

Notice This Expression of Interest is issued by the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS), Raigarh, Chhattisgarh, for the identification and empanelment of eligible organisations as Technical/Implementation Partners with subject matter expertise, for the Nalanda Project. This document is not a Request for Proposal or a tender. Submission of a response does not confer any right to selection. The Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) reserves the right to accept, reject, or seek clarification on any submission without assigning reasons.

PART I — PROJECT BACKGROUND

1.1 The Nalanda Project

The Nalanda Project is the District Administration of Raigarh's flagship initiative to create a purpose-built Centre of Excellence at the heart of the city — a publicly accessible facility where students, youth, working professionals, and entrepreneurs can walk in and engage with structured learning, career, and innovation programmes. The Complex spans 1,00,000 sq. ft. across three floors and is approximately 90% complete. It is fully backed by the District administration and funded in part through CSR contributions from NTPC Lara under an agreement of Rs. 42.56 crore.

The facility includes a library, dedicated teaching and workshop spaces, seminar halls, an amphitheatre, sports facilities, and flexible programme spaces. It is designed as open-access public infrastructure — not a residential campus. There is no provision for overnight stay or residential accommodation within the Complex.

Raigarh district has 2,568 schools and 38 colleges across 7 administrative blocks, with a higher education enrolment exceeding 20,000 students. The district's industrial base — spanning over 60 sponge iron plants, NTPC, SECL, and Jindal Steel and Power — generates significant CSR resources. Despite this, the district lacks structured institutional support for career guidance, digital skills, and hands-on technical learning for its student population, the majority of whom are first-generation learners from ST, SC, and OBC communities.



1.2 Verticals Covered by this EoI

This EoI invites applications for the following three verticals. Organisations may apply for one or more verticals in a single submission.

Vertical	Purpose
Career Counselling & Higher Education Access	An outcome-linked pipeline connecting students from marginalised backgrounds to higher education, scholarships, and career pathways through structured outreach, coaching, and sustained mentoring
AI Labs & Digital Literacy	An accessible facility that equips students and community members with functional AI literacy and digital skills through structured programmes at the Nalanda hub and across district institutions
STEM / Maker's Labs	A hands-on fabrication and experimentation space where students learn foundational principles of engineering, electronics, and applied science through project-based activities

1.3 Target Beneficiaries

User Group	Primary Focus
Students, Classes 6–12	STEM exploration, AI literacy, career awareness and higher education guidance
ITI / Polytechnic / College Students	Technical skills, digital literacy, career counselling, and advanced pathway support
Working Professionals & Local Entrepreneurs	Skill upgradation, digital tools, and entrepreneurship-adjacent programming

PART II — PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

2.1 Nature of Engagement

Selected organisations will be onboarded as Official Technical/Implementation Partners, of the Nalanda Project through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Office of the District Magistrate, Raigarh. Partners will be accorded operational authority over their designated spaces within the Complex and are expected to function as programme owners — not contractors. Partners are expected to collaborate with knowledge and advisory partners as appointed by the office of the District Magistrate and team. This could include an advisory or steering committee, formed by the office of the District Magistrate.

The MoU will specify the scope of operations, allocated space, performance benchmarks, reporting obligations, financial arrangements (if any), and the duration of the partnership. The initial partnership term shall be three (3) years, renewable subject to a performance review.

2.2 What the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) Provides

- **Dedicated programme space** — within the Nalanda Complex, allocated on a right-to-use basis for the duration of the MoU — conferring no ownership, tenancy, or lease rights
- **Built infrastructure** — finished interior space with electrical fittings, water supply, sanitation, and connectivity conduits



- **Shared facility access** — use of the Complex's seminar halls, amphitheatre, library, teaching spaces, and sports facilities on a scheduled basis, shared with other partner verticals
- **Administrative facilitation** — formal endorsement letters for government school and college access; introductions to Block and District Education Officers; support for community mobilisation
- **Active CSR linkage opportunities** — active support in connecting partners with CSR funds from NTPC, SECL, Jindal Steel and Power, and other district industrial establishments
- **Institutional recognition** — official partner status under the Nalanda Project brand across all district communications, events, and outreach

2.3 Engagement Models

Applicant organisations may propose any of the following models or a combination thereof:

Model	Description
Technical Partner	MoU-based execution; organisation delivers programme using its own methodology, content, and staff; District provides space and institutional facilitation
Turnkey Implementation Partner	Organisation takes full operational responsibility for the vertical under collaboration with a CSR partner
CSR-Funded Partner	Organisation independently mobilises its own CSR or grant funding; District provides space at no cost
Hybrid Model	Any combination of the above, to be mutually agreed and documented in the MoU

PART III — VERTICAL-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Career Counselling & Higher Education Access Centre

What the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) Seeks

The Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) is looking for an organisation that can deliver a connected, outcome-oriented programme — not a one-time counselling service. The programme must carry students from a first point of awareness through structured preparation and into a verified next step: a university seat, a competitive examination, or a scholarship pathway. The centre must be active year-round and must reach students proactively across district schools, not only those who walk into the Complex.

The programme model expected by the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) comprises the following elements:

Programme Component	Description
District-Wide Awareness & Outreach	School and community-level sessions on higher-education pathways, entrance examinations, and scholarship and financial-aid schemes, with identification and follow-up of interested students from marginalised backgrounds
Orientation Bootcamps	Short-duration, intensive residential or day-attendance bootcamps at the Nalanda Complex; orientation to admission processes and scholarships; baseline assessment and screening for the Foundation Course

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Foundation Course	Structured academic preparation at the Nalanda Complex covering Mathematics, English, General Studies, entrance-exam orientation, digital literacy, and communication skills
Mentoring, Admission & Transition Support	Structured one-to-one or small-group mentoring; assistance with applications, scholarship and financial-aid forms, and relevant state and central welfare schemes; continued contact through the transition into the first year of higher education
Annual Education Fest	A multi-day, open student and family event at the Complex featuring institution stalls, career counselling desks, scholarship guidance, alumni interactions, and competitions; serves as a district-wide awareness and pipeline-building event
Symposium & Guest Lecture Series	A yearly knowledge convening on higher education access and equity; a monthly guest lecture or expert session series using the Complex's seminar facilities

Minimum Qualifying Criteria

- Registered in India for a minimum of 5 (five) years as on the date of this EoI
- Demonstrated experience working specifically with first-generation learners from marginalised communities (ST, SC, OBC, DNT, or equivalent) in at least one district-level or multi-district programme in the last 3 years
- Must have designed and delivered at least one structured residential or intensive non-residential academic preparation or career-readiness programme of minimum 6-week duration, serving a minimum cohort of 60 students, in the last 3 years
- Must demonstrate district-scale outreach capacity — structured school and community sessions across a minimum of 15 schools in a single district
- Must have a documented mentoring framework with student-level tracking and outcome records, and evidence of a minimum of 60 confirmed admissions or verified placements per annual programme cycle
- Must hold valid 12A and 80G certifications
- Demonstrated ability to mobilise CSR, device, or programme funding from corporate or government sources
- Must be registered, or willing to register, under Form CSR-1 with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Note Partners for this vertical are not expected to provide equipment beyond programme consumables, study materials, and curriculum resources. The Complex's teaching spaces, seminar halls, amphitheatre, library, and other facilities are available to the partner as in-kind infrastructure.

3.2 AI Labs & Digital Literacy

What the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) Seeks

The Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) seeks an organisation that can establish and operate an AI literacy and digital skills centre that is genuinely accessible to the district's student population and wider community — including those with no prior exposure to technology. The programme must function at scale: a hub at the Nalanda Complex, with active outreach to government schools and community institutions across the district's 7 blocks through a hub-and-spoke model. Delivery must not be contingent on reliable internet connectivity; offline-capable learning infrastructure is strongly preferred.




The programme model expected by the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) comprises the following elements:

Programme Component	Description
AI & Digital Literacy Curriculum	Structured learning programme covering AI literacy, digital tools, responsible use of technology, and career-linked digital skills, delivered through an LMS or equivalent platform with offline capability
Hub at Nalanda Complex	Full-service learning hub at the Nalanda Complex, operational a minimum of 6 days a week
Spoke Outreach to District Institutions	Active deployment to government schools and community institutions across district blocks, using pre-imaged or offline-enabled devices and trained facilitators or Lab Saathis
Teacher Training & Community Sessions	Training of school teachers and community facilitators to sustain the programme beyond direct partner presence; community talks, industry sessions, and awareness events
Placement & Progression Support	Structured pathway for learners into employment, apprenticeships, further study, or self-employment, with employer and institution partnerships

Minimum Qualifying Criteria

- Registered in India for a minimum of 3 (three) years as on the date of this EoI
- Must have delivered a structured digital literacy or AI literacy programme benefiting a minimum of 1,000 learners in the last 3 years
- Must bring or propose a technology platform, LMS, or equivalent system that is capable of offline or low-bandwidth delivery and can support district-level data tracking and outcome reporting
- Must demonstrate a hub-and-spoke or equivalent outreach model with documented deployment in government schools or community institutions
- Demonstrated ability to mobilise CSR, device, or programme funding from corporate or government sources

3.3 STEM / Maker's Labs

What the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) Seeks

The Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) seeks an organisation that can design, equip, and operate a hands-on STEM and maker facility where students learn by building — not by reading about building. The lab must accommodate a wide range of disciplines, from electronics and robotics to carpentry, textiles, and fabrication, and must have clear safety management protocols in place. The facility must generate regular, high footfall from schools and colleges across the district, not only from those located close to the Complex.

Programme Component	Description
Maker Lab Programming	Project-based, hands-on sessions in electronics, robotics, carpentry, sheet metal, textiles, cooking technology, wiring, and allied disciplines; structured curriculum with progressive skill development
School & College Outreach	Structured outreach to government schools and colleges to channel students to the Maker Lab on scheduled visit programmes; community engagement to drive sustained and diverse footfall
Safety and Equipment Management	Full equipment provisioning by the partner; documented safety protocols, tool maintenance schedules, and trained safety personnel stationed at the lab at all times




Minimum Qualifying Criteria

- Registered in India for a minimum of 3 (three) years as on the date of this EoI
- Must have set up and operated at least one STEM lab, maker space, tinkering lab, or equivalent hands-on learning facility in the last 3 years
- Must bring its own programme equipment, tools, machinery, STEM kits, and safety apparatus — the District provides only the built space and core electrical infrastructure
- Must demonstrate a school or community outreach model to ensure sustained and diverse learner footfall
- Demonstrated ability to mobilise CSR, device, or program funding from corporate or government sources

PART IV — GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The following criteria apply to all applicants regardless of the vertical applied for, in addition to the vertical-specific criteria in Part III.

4.1 Legal Registration

The applicant must be duly registered in India as one of the following:

- Section 8 Company under the Companies Act, 2013
- Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860
- Public Charitable Trust
- Private Limited Company or LLP with a demonstrable public interest or social impact mandate
- FCRA registration, if applicable to the programme's funding sources
- Organisation must not be blacklisted or debarred by any Central or State Government department

4.2 Financial Standing

- Must have been in active operation for a minimum of 3 (three) years as on the date of this EoI
- Must have filed Audited Financial Statements for the preceding 2 financial years (FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25)
- Must demonstrate financial capacity to sustain operations for a minimum of 6 months independently, if required during the MoU onboarding period

4.3 Governance

- Must have a constituted governing board or management committee with defined roles
- Must be compliant with DARPAN registration requirements (for government grant receipt), applicable GST obligations, and labour law requirements.

PART V — SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS



5.1 Documents to be Submitted

Interested organisations must compile all documents into a single PDF and submit via the mode described in Section 5.2.

Document	Remarks
Covering Letter on Organisation Letterhead	Signed by the authorised signatory; addressed to the Secretary Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti, Raigarh
Eol Response Form (Annexure A)	Duly completed and signed
Certificate of Registration / Incorporation	Self-attested copy
80G & 12A Certificate	Self-attested copy; if applicable
FCRA Registration Certificate	Self-attested copy; if applicable
Audited Financial Statements — FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25	
Annual Reports — Last 2 Years	
Relevant Case Studies / Programme Documentation	Maximum 3 case studies, up to 10 pages each
Proposed Programme Design for Nalanda	Maximum 4 pages; specific to the vertical(s) applied for
Organisation Profile	Maximum 5 pages
CVs of Proposed Key On-Site Staff	
Board / Governing Body Profile	Names, designations, and brief bios

5.2 Submission Mode and Address

Responses must be submitted by the deadline to be communicated separately by the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS).

Email Submission (Preferred):

Send compiled PDF to: nalandaraigarh@gmail.com

Subject line: Eol | Nalanda Project |

Submissions received after the notified deadline, or submissions that are materially incomplete, will not be considered. The Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) reserves the right to seek clarifications from any applicant at any stage of the process.

PART VI — EVALUATION AND SELECTION

6.1 Evaluation Criteria

Responses will be evaluated by an Empanelment Committee constituted under the chairmanship of the District Magistrate, Raigarh, on the following parameters:

Evaluation Parameter	Weightage
Domain expertise and alignment with the vertical applied for	25%



Quality and scale of past relevant experience (last 3 years)	20%
Proposed programme design and 12-month targets for Nalanda	20%
Staffing plan and on-site operational capacity	15%
External funding and CSR convergence potential	10%
Organisational credibility, governance, and registration	10%

6.2 Selection Process

1. Eligibility Screening — all submissions will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria in Parts III and IV; non-compliant submissions will not be advanced
2. Technical Evaluation — compliant submissions will be scored by the Empanelment Committee against the criteria in Section 6.1
3. Presentation Round — shortlisted organisations (up to 3 per vertical) may be called to present before the Empanelment Committee
4. Site Visit — the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) reserves the right to visit an applicant's existing operations prior to final selection
5. MoU Execution — selected organisations will be formally notified and the MoU will be executed upon completion of due diligence

PART VII — GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This EoI is issued solely to gauge interest and identify eligible organisations. It does not constitute a commitment by the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) to procure services or enter into an agreement.
2. The Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions, in whole or in part, without assigning any reason.
3. The Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) may modify, withdraw, cancel, or reissue this EoI at any time without prior notice.
4. No compensation will be payable to any applicant for costs incurred in preparing or submitting a response to this EoI.
5. All information submitted will be treated as confidential and used solely for evaluation purposes.
6. Applicants must disclose, at the time of submission, any conflict of interest involving the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) or its officials. Failure to disclose a material conflict will result in disqualification.
7. Canvassing by an applicant or on its behalf, in any form, will result in immediate disqualification.
8. The decision of the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) on all matters arising from this EoI is final and binding.
9. This EoI and all matters arising from it are subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts at Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.




PART VIII — CONTACT

For queries or clarifications relating to this EoI, applicants may write to the Nodal Officer designated by the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS). Contact details will be communicated alongside the notification of the submission deadline.

Nodal Officer — The Nalanda Project

Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation Raigarh

Email: nalandaraigarh@gmail.com

Phone: 9675975111

Working Hours: Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, excluding public holidays

Secretary, Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh
Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

Date: 28 September 2026

Place: Raigarh



ANNEXURE A

Expression of Interest — Response Form

The Nalanda Project · Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh

Instructions Complete all sections. Where a section is not applicable, state 'Not Applicable'. Attach supporting documents as listed in Section 5.1. Submit the completed form as part of a single compiled PDF addressed to the District Magistrate, Raigarh.

A. Organisation Details

Field	Response
Registered Name of Organisation	
Type of Legal Entity (Section 8 / Society / Trust / Pvt Ltd / LLP / Other)	
Registration / Incorporation Number	
Year of Registration / Incorporation	
Registered Office Address	
Operational Presence in Chhattisgarh	
Website	
DARPAN / NGO-DARPAN ID	
PAN of Organisation	
FCRA Registered? (Yes / No / Not Applicable)	
12A and 80G Certified? (Yes / No)	
CSR-1 Registered? (Yes / No / Willing to Register)	

B. Applicant / Point of Contact Details

Field	Response
Name of Authorised Signatory	
Designation	
Official Email Address	
Mobile / WhatsApp Number	
Alternate Contact Number	



Case Study 3 (if applicable)

F. Target Beneficiary Demographics

Tick all that apply.

- ☐ School Students — Classes 1 to 5
- ☐ School Students — Classes 6 to 8
- ☐ School Students — Classes 9 to 12
- ☐ College / University Students
- ☐ ITI / Polytechnic Students
- ☐ Women and Self-Help Groups
- ☐ Local Entrepreneurs and Grassroots Innovators
- ☐ Industrial Workforce and Local Professionals
- ☐ Other (specify below)

If 'Other', please specify:

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G. Geographic Outreach Model

Tick one.

- ☐ Facility-Only — operations exclusively within the Nalanda Complex
- ☐ Hub-and-Spoke — Nalanda as the central hub with structured outreach to district locations
- ☐ Other (describe below)

If 'Other', or if you are proposing a Hub-and-Spoke model, provide details of the outreach structure:

H. Key Measurable Targets — 12-Month Projection

State specific, quantified projections for the first year of operations at the Nalanda Complex.

Target	Projected Figure
Total unique beneficiaries served	
Total sessions or programmes conducted	
Total learner-hours delivered	
Admission / outcome / placement linkages facilitated	
Schools or institutions covered through outreach	
Community events or awareness programmes conducted	
Any other key metric specific to your programme	

I. Space and Infrastructure Requirements

Parameter	Your Requirement
Minimum functional carpet area required (sq. ft.)	
Optimal carpet area required (sq. ft.)	
Maximum simultaneous user capacity	
Specific room or zone requirements	

Equipment and infrastructure the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS) is requested to provide:



Equipment, fit-outs, and infrastructure your organisation will bring or provide:

J. Preferred Engagement Model

Tick one.

- ☐ Technical/Implementation Partner (MoU-based with operational grant support through CSR support)
- ☐ Turnkey Implementation Partner (CSR Partnership)
- ☐ CSR-Funded Partner (Organisation independently mobilises its own CSR or grant funding)
- ☐ Hybrid (describe below)

If 'Hybrid', describe the proposed model:

K. Staffing Plan

Parameter	Details
Total dedicated full-time staff proposed on-site at Nalanda	
Key roles and designations	
Number or percentage of Chhattisgarh-based staff	
Indicative monthly staffing cost	



Attach CVs of proposed key personnel as a separate document.

L. External Funding and CSR Convergence

Describe any existing or potential CSR, corporate, or grant partnerships that can be leveraged for operations at the Nalanda Complex:

M. Any Other Information

Any additional information the organisation wishes to place on record:

N. Declaration

I / We, the undersigned, hereby declare and confirm that:

1. All information furnished in this Response Form and the accompanying documents is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my / our knowledge and belief.
2. The organisation is not blacklisted or debarred by any Central or State Government department or authority.
3. I / We have read, understood, and agree to all terms and conditions stated in the EoI document.
4. I / We accept that the Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti Raigarh (NPSS)'s decision on all matters arising from this EoI is final and binding.

Name of Authorised Signatory

Designation



Date

Place

Organisation Seal and Signature

End of Response Form — Annexure A

Office of Nalanda Prabandhan Sewa Samiti,

District- Raigarh, State-Chhattisgarh

