

**Centre for Knowledge Ideas and Development Studies**  
**Annual Report**  
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The Secretary submitted the activities undertaken by the Centre during the year 2017-18 before the members. The submission has been as follows:

1. On request from DST a proposal was submitted for evaluation of DST funding for Infrastructure for S&T research in India. The fate of the proposal is still uncertain. It is expected that the project would be taken up by DST in the current financial year.

2. As reported in the last AGM, KnIDS had initiated a collaborative work with Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad. This was the result of close interaction through meetings and workshops in the areas of S&T and its implications on 'Make in India', and 'Start-up India' programmes. KnIDS then proposed a study on STI and Make in India: Promoting manufacturing at District level. KnIDS has proposed to study the S&T perspective of promoting manufacturing at District levels by revamping DICs towards making them 'technology commons'.

As part of the proposal, one-day workshops were held at Gangtok in collaboration with Sikkim State S&T Council on 18 April 2016; at Guwahati on 9 June 2016 in collaboration with Indian Institute of Advanced Studies in Science and Technology (IIASST); at Howrah district, West Bengal in collaboration with premier technical institution – Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (IEST), Shibpur on 22 February, 2017., and at Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 in collaboration with Uttarakhand State S&T Council. Subsequently, Dr Atasi N Goswami was requested to prepare a consolidated report based on the responses from the four workshops. The same has been prepared and Dr Goswami made presentation at ASCI. It was proposed that a book would be planned based on these reports. However the book proposal did not move further.

3. We have also received a grant for another project from DST. The project is on creating dashboard database of the NIS data. The project work has been entrusted to a professional outfit Live for Lives. The duration of the study is of six months. The work has started in February 2017. The work for the project has been successfully completed and submitted to DST. The utilisation Certificate (UC) for the same also has been submitted.

4. Dr Atasi N Goswami, Research Coordinator has initiated an international Seminar on Evolution of Tradition: Interrogating Transformations in Traditional Folk Performing Arts, in Collaboration with Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, (IEST), Shibpur, West Bengal to be held on 10-11 January 2019, Kolkata. As Convener, Dr Goswami has already received encouraging responses from national and international scholars working in this field.

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