

Expression of Interest
For the empanelment of Publisher
(Last date of Submission of Expression of Interest 26 April 2023)

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi is a leading public University with a multi campus, unitary structure with research, postgraduate and undergraduate programmes in the social sciences and the humanities.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi was established by the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi through an Act of Legislature in 2007 and was notified in July 2008. Mandated to focus on research and teaching in the social sciences and humanities and guided by Dr. Ambedkar's vision of bridging equality and social justice with excellence, AUD considers it to be its mission to create sustainable and effective linkages between access to and success in higher education. The University is committed to creating an institutional culture characterized by humanism, non-hierarchical and collegial environment, teamwork and nurturance of creativity. In this regard, the Centre for Research and Archiving in India and Indigenous Language & Knowledge System (CRA-IILKS) was established in the year 2021 under the School of Letters, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi. In Hindi this centre is called **Deshik Abhilekh-Anusandhan Kendra**. The primary objective of **CRA-IILKS** is to promote high quality research about the history and working of Indian Languages and indigenous knowledge systems in pre-colonial as well as colonial and postcolonial settings, and to introduce and prioritise decolonial discourses formulated in global academia in the last fifty years. It is hoped that in foreseeable future through these activities this project will make this University a vibrant hub of decolonial academic research.

To maintain and prosper its research qualities, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi is in the process to empanel publisher for its publication programme as proposed by its research centre-CRA-IILKS. At the moment this programme intends to publish a Hindi academic journal. Besides, self-contained scholarly books, anthologies, translated and transcribed works, occasional papers and other academic works in well designed, popular and attractive format will also be published. To cater this specific need, the CRA-IILKS will work closely with a competent, established and professional Hindi publisher. The selected publisher will take care of printing, publishing as well as distribution of the published works. Here, distribution means the taking care of publicity, sale and distribution of published journal, monographs, a

anthologies, occasional papers and other works on book stalls, book fairs, libraries & archives and to other e-commerce sites like Amazon, FlipKart, Snapdeal etc.

In view of the above, **Expression of Interest** is invited from the reputed and top-level Hindi publishers. As this service is not available at GEM, it may be necessary for the CRA-IILKS to have a preliminary meeting with a few interested publishers working in this field. Under the Expression of Interest, the publishers have to provide evidence of their capabilities and their achievements. For instance, they have to submit the specimen of their five best social science publications, and share their experience of working with other similar academic institutions with relevant details.

The publisher who will be selected/empanelled will have to publish in the following three categories: -

a. Works of CRA-IILKS's own academic fellows and related scholars, translators and transcribers. Copy right of these publications will lie with CRA-IILKS and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. Royalty will have to accrue to these institutions only and its amount will be decided in the contract/agreement.

b. Journal publication, the custodianship of which belongs to the CRA-IILKS and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. Hence, its copy right will remain with CRA-IILKS and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi. A substantial part (which will be decided in the contract/agreement) of the proceed of sale money will have to accrue to them only.

c. Self-contained books and anthologies authored or edited by scholars independently and then acquired by CRA-IILKS for publication under its banner. These publications will add to the reputation of CRA-IILKS as well as AUD, but the copy right and the resultant royalty will be accrued to the individual authors, translators, editors, etc. The publisher will have to sign the contractual agreement with these scholars.

After the completion of necessary formalities, a comprehensive contract will be signed between the concerned authority of University, CRA-IILKS and the selected publisher. It will contain mutually agreed upon terms and conditions for a stipulated time frame.

Interested reputed publishers having proven experience of minimum five years in the relevant field and fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria may submit their **Expression of Interest** and profile along with all supporting documents in sealed envelope which should be superscribed "Expression of Interest by Publisher for Printing, Publishing and Distribution". Sealed

envelopes should reach to the Director, CRA-IILKS, Room no. WS-4,, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Dehli, Lothian Road, Kashmere Gate, Delhi-110006 within two weeks of uploading of the this notice on the University Website. Any profile received after two weeks would not be entertained.

Eligibility Conditions:

The bidder should fulfil the following conditions: -

1. The bidder should have over the last three financial years an average annual turnover of not less than Rs. 100,00,000/- (Rs. 1 crore only) from Printing, Publishing and Distribution. A certificate to this effect is required to be submitted from a chartered accountant along with the copies of the balance sheet for the financial year 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2022-23.
2. The bidder must have at proven experience of at least 5 years in this field and must have worked in association with Universities or Government Ministries/Department. Copy of government work orders of at least Rs. 50,00,000 and a satisfactory performance from at least three of such University/Ministry/Department must be submitted.
3. The publisher should have at least one branch office (provide address) located in Delhi. It may have its registered office anywhere in India. An address proof will be required for that.
4. The publisher should have not been blacklisted in the last five years. An undertaking in this regard is to be submitted at the time of bidding.

The validity of the above said certificates of registration will be seen with reference to the last date of the bid submission schedule. During the period of bid evaluation or the operation of the contract, if any of the above said certificates of registrations becomes invalid, the contractor will get one month time to get the validity restored from the respective agencies, failing which will be treated as Contractors event of default.

The University reserves the right to reject the Publishers without assigning any reason thereof. The decision of the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi in this respect shall be final and binding.

The publisher may address their query (if any) to Dr. Syed Shahid Ashraf, Academic Fellow, CRA-IILKS on his email id. ssashraf@aud.ac.in