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ADVERTISEMENT FOR SMALL RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMME- 2026-2027

The Maharashtra Gene Bank Project under Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board invites research proposals from eligible masters, Ph. D researchers + Permanent Ground Forest Department Personnel, to aimed at documentation, conservation and assessment of Maharashtra's biological diversity, genetic resources under small grant programme:

Name of Programme	MGB Small Research Grant Programme 2026-27
Number of Grants	20 (can be changed as per requirement)
Grant Amount	Upto ₹ 3,00,000 per project
Eligible Applicants	Master's and Ph.D. researchers with relevant experience + Permanent Ground Forest Deptt. Personnel.
Thematic Areas	Lesser-known, threatened, endemic or neglected taxa; unexplored habitats; distributional and taxonomic gaps; threatened biological resources; and associated traditional knowledge of Maharashtra.
Nature of Research	Field-based and evidence-driven research focused on biodiversity documentation, ecological assessment, distribution, knowledge gaps, and conservation of biological resources.
Project Duration	12 Months.
Selection Process	Evaluation of research proposals based on scientific merit, conservation relevance, originality, feasibility and alignment with MGB objectives
Last Date	Till 30 November, 2026 (Office Hours)

How to Apply: Eligible candidates must submit their research proposal in the prescribed format, along with their CV, relevant research experience and supporting documents, in hard copy to the Director, Maharashtra Gene Bank Project (Special Cell), MSBB, Ravi Nagar, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440001, and email a copy to dir.mgb.smallgrants@gmail.com

For detailed guidelines and queries, visit mahaforest.gov.in or contact **92721 69446**. Proposals will be evaluated by the designated committee.

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