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**Brief Description of Project**:

SimPPL’s project introduces a novel, AI-powered, Large Language Model (LLM) tipline designed to counter information interference during elections. The tipline delivers trusted and verified multilingual information based on fact-checks provided to a grounded chatbot. AI-based clustering of incoming tips allow fact-checkers in India to operationalize their work at marginal cost. We deliver culturally and linguistically tailored, verified election information to diverse communities. This innovative approach is based on novel prior work we have successfully engaged in, combining advanced, multilingual LLM technology with robust measures against misuse, aiming to set a new democratized standard in combating misinformation and supporting safe online environments through replicable community-based participatory research.

**Requested Funding Amount (USD)**: $15,000

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