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Government of India  
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions  
Department of Personnel and Training  
Training Division

Block-4, Old JNU Campus  
New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-67  
Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2015



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**TRAINING CIRCULAR**

**Sub: United Nations Human Space Technology Initiative Zero-Gravity Instrument Project-Applications for 2015.**

The undersigned is directed to state that The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) has announced the opportunity for the Zero-Gravity Instrument Project (ZGIP) as part of the Human Space Technology Initiative (HSTI) under framework of the United Nations Programme on Space Application for the year 2015. The duration of the project is of two years scheduled to begin from 01.09.2015.

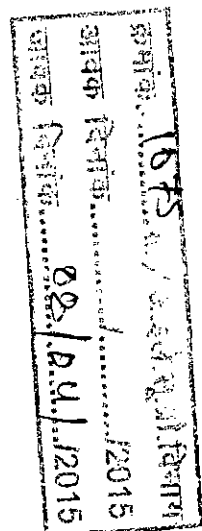
2. The project is aimed at contributing to promoting space education and research under microgravity conditions, particularly for enhancing capacity-building activities in developing countries and motivating research institutions to invest in activities in space and microgravity research as well as fostering a global network of participating institutions in this field.

3. The applying organizations are expected to select those nominees who are heads of research groups or university professors with scientific orientation or science teachers at schools having good command of spoken and written English. Applicants are required to provide in the attached Application Form his/her ideas on how he/she plans to utilize the distributed clinostat (one unit for each successful applicant; a total of 15 units are available for distribution around the world). The plans should clearly show the purpose of the project, which has to be in the following areas:

Conduct microgravity research in order to increase knowledge in certain fields, and/or  
Provide science education to students at school.

4. The details of the program may be accessed at <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/hsti/zgip.html>. Further information may be obtained at email: [hsti-zgip@unoosa.org](mailto:hsti-zgip@unoosa.org).

5. It is requested that the nomination of suitable candidates may please be forwarded (in duplicate) in the UN's prescribed proformas to this Department in accordance with the eligibility criteria. The applications should reach this Department through the



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Administrative Ministry/Department/State Government not later than 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2015. Nominations received after the prescribed date will not be considered. The details of the programme and the application form may be drawn from Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions website ([persmin.nic.in](http://persmin.nic.in)).

  
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- a) The Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi,
- b) The Secretary, Department of Space, 3rd Floor, Lok Nayak Bhavan, New Delhi,
- a) The Chief Secretaries to all the State Governments/Union Territories(with request to circulate the same amongst their related Departments/Organizations),
- b) NIC with request to post the circular along with the JICA's circular on this Department's website.

**The Chief Secretary  
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