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To,  
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**Subject: - Sanction of ASPIRE Research Mentorship Grant**

**Dear Researcher,**

‘ASPIRE Research Mentorship Grant’ is an ambitious research funding scheme to identify young research talent in the university departments, colleges and institutions, affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University. The aim of providing the seed funding is to inculcate a research culture and to enable them to go forward for major financial assistance from national or international funding agencies.

The research talent is identified through rigorous screening / evaluation process by nationally and internationally renowned experts in the field, from amongst thousands of proposals received.

I am pleased to inform you that your project entitled **Spatial Soil Crops Site Suitability Assessment and Mapping for Sustainable Agriculture Practices in Drought Prone Areas: A Geoinformatics Approach** has been provisionally selected for research funding of **Rs.225,000.00** in the **ASPIRE Research Mentorship Scheme**.

As a young researcher receiving this grant, we expect you to carry out your proposed research, in the best possible manner and report to us, periodically, about the outcome, utility and impact of your work. Such a progress report is mandatory at the end of every six months, from the date of issue of this letter. The progress made in the first year will be evaluated by an expert panel, for guidance and evaluation. Needless to mention, that the progress during the first year shall form the basis for continuation of the project for the remaining year.

I specifically draw your attention to the rules and guidelines of the ASPIRE scheme, which are available at the following link -

[bcud.unipune.ac.in/BCUD\\_Research/Aspire\\_PDF/ASPIRE\\_Guidelines\\_Final\\_Draft.pdf](http://bcud.unipune.ac.in/BCUD_Research/Aspire_PDF/ASPIRE_Guidelines_Final_Draft.pdf)

Please accept our heartiest congratulations to you and the leadership of your institution on such a prestigious selection.

Best Wishes



**Dr. Sanjay Dhole**

Director,  
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

**Important:**

Please Note the following

1. The original Acceptance of project is required to be signed by the investigator and forwarded through the Head of the Department of the Campus or principle of the college or Director of institute, in the prescribed format.
2. You are requested to submit revised budget (50% for First Year & 50% for Second Year) as per the amount sanctioned within 7 days after notification, so that the funds can be released. The sanctioned budget needs to be utilized strictly according to ASPIRE guidelines and the ordinance 151 of the University.
3. If the expert panel is not satisfied with the progress in the first year, the university may proceed to recover the sanctioned amount with interest.
4. Principal Investigator expected to publish at least two paper in international refereed /UGC-recognized journals (Publications - Web of Science, Thomsan Reuters, UGC-CARE List, Patents - Indian, Foreign) with duly acknowledging ASPIRE research funding of SPPU.