User Manual – Challenge Level Funding

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1. Introduction

Challenge Funding is an initiative of the Rashtriya Uchhtar Shiksha Abhiyaan launched in 2018. The aim, like RUSA, remains the same: To empower institutions across India. But this time around, in its edition 2.0, funding will be linked with how robust the institute’s core is, how many faculty have been appointed, how well equipped are the laboratories, the stock of journals and books in the libraries, all matter.

It will push universities and colleges to achieve more and aim higher on a challenge mode. All in all, it will translate to India building stronger and better institutes and for students a richer College / University experience.

2. Login Screen

- Following is the login screen:

- There are two levels of access control that we allow:

2.1. Institute Login

- As highlighted in the fig below, the institute needs to click on the sign up link on the login form.
- The Institute needs to fill up the following details:

- Once they submit the details and click on the signup button a verification email will be sent on the mentioned email id.
- The email contains a verification link once clicked on it the user gets verified and then he/she will be able to login successfully into the portal.
- As soon as they login a brief description on what Challenge Level Funding is all about and the purpose behind this portal is being indicated in the following screen.
- Then the user needs to click on the “Let’s Start” button.
- It is divided into following 3 steps:
2.1.1. Step#1 – Answering Master Questions

- The user needs to answer all the above mentioned questions and then click on the save button.
- Without answering the master questions the user will not be allowed to go on to the Step#2.
2.1.2.  Step#2 – Component Selection

- Colleges can apply for any one component from Comp# 1, 8 and 9.
- State Universities can apply for Comp#3.
- Viewing of the components is also based on the answers filled by the institute in Step#1 and whether those answers meet the eligibility criteria (As mentioned in the RUSA Guidelines)
- After which they can apply for any one component as per their choice.

2.1.3.  Step#3 – Component Submission

- Under this step the institute needs to answer questions which are specific to that component as well as they will be able to view the master questions which they answered in Step#1.
- User can perform following actions:
  - **Save**: It will allow the user to save as well as update their application till the time deadline is met.
  - **Apply**: It will allow the user to submit the application for that component. Once applied the system will not allow the user to update that particular application.
  - **Reset**: It allows the user to reset the complete application and apply for a fresh one. This will be allowed till the time deadline is met.
2.1.3.1. **Comp#1 - Creation of University by way of up gradation of existing Autonomous Colleges**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for **Comp#1**
2.1.3.2. **Comp#3 - Infrastructure Grants to Universities**

- This component will be visible to only the state universities. Other colleges won’t be able to view it.
- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for **Comp#3**.
2.1.3.3. **Comp#8 - Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select Autonomous Colleges**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for **Comp#8**
2.1.3.4.  Comp#9 - Infrastructure Grants to Colleges

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for Comp#9

![Challenge Level Funding](image)

2.2.  State Login

- In case of state the username and password will be sent directly on the registered email id. State representatives need not fill up the sign up form.
- For states it is a two-step process:
2.2.1. Step#1 – Component Selection

- States can apply for multiple components from Comp# 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

2.2.2. Step#2 – Component Submission

- For some components the state can directly apply and in some of the components the state needs to select the Institute/Aspirational district and then answer questions for them respectively.
- In cases where the state selects the particular institute there is a grayed out section which will mainly display the master questions that the Institute would have answered.
- State can view those master questions for reference purposes.
- User can perform following actions:
  - **Save**: It will allow the user to save as well as update their application till the time deadline is met.
  - **Apply**: It will allow the user to submit the application for that component. Once applied the system will not allow the user to update that particular application.
  - **Reset**: It allows the user to reset the complete application and apply for a fresh one. This will be allowed till the time deadline is met.
2.2.2.1. Comp#2: Creation of University by way of conversion of colleges in a cluster

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for Comp#2

![Create Cluster Interface](image)

- User needs to click on “Create Cluster” button and then select the head institute and answer the questions for that institute.

- After adding the head institute the user needs to add the subsidiary institute
- Once the institute gets selected the user needs to answer questions for that particular institute. The grayed out area will display the master questions answered by that institute.
The above fig. displays the complete listing of all the institutes in a cluster.
2.2.2.2.  **Comp#4: Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for **Comp#4**

- The state needs to select the State University and then answer questions for that particular university.
2.2.2.3. Comp#5: New Model Colleges

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for Comp#5

![Image of the application screen]

- The state needs to select the aspirational district and then answer the questions for that district.
2.2.2.4.  **Comp#6: Upgradation of existing degree colleges to Model Degree Colleges**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for Comp#6

![Image of Challenge Level Funding](image)

- The state needs to select the aspirational district and then select the registered institute under that district and then answer the questions for that district.

2.2.2.5.  **Comp#7: New Colleges (Professional)**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for Comp#7

![Image of Challenge Level Funding](image)
2.2.2.6. **Comp#10: Research, Innovation and Quality Improvement**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for **Comp#10**

- The state needs to select the State University and then answer questions for that particular university
2.2.2.7. **Comp#11: Equity Initiatives (State as a Unit)**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for **Comp#11**

![Challenge Level Funding](image)

2.2.2.8. **Comp#12: Faculty Recruitment Support (Posts)**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for **Comp#12**

![Challenge Level Funding](image)
2.2.2.9.  **Comp#13: Faculty Improvements**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for Comp#13

![Image of Challenge Level Funding for Comp#13]

2.2.2.10.  **Comp#14: Institutional Restructuring, Capacity Building and Reform**

- Following screen is displayed when we click on the “Apply” button for Comp#14

![Image of Challenge Level Funding for Comp#14]
3. State Verification Screen

- The application that the Institute would have submitted state will have to verify them.

4. Moderator Verification Screen

- The application that the State’s will apply and also the state verified applications of the institutes will be later verified by the RUSA moderators.
5. RUSA Committer Approval Screen

- Once all the applications have been verified by the RUSA moderators then the application gets finally approved by the RUSA Committee.

- The system allows the committee to approve or reject the application.
- Once the committee approves the application, it will be displayed on the public screen.
6. Public Dashboard Screen

- As seen in the fig, complete component listing is seen and when we click on get ranking button following screen is displayed:

- The screen displays the listing of the Institutes who has been approved for getting funds based on the merit.
- Also, it allows the user to perform a comparison between any of the 5 institutes.
Thank You!!!