



**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM  
GANGTOK SIKKIM**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform all candidates wishing to apply for financial assistance under Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme (NBBFS) that, as per Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2025: Top global universities (<https://www.topuniversities.com/world-university-rankings>), the following universities have been ranked as top-20 universities of the world **for the year 2025:**

Rank	University	Address	Overall Score
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	Cambridge, United States	100.0
2	Imperial College London	London, United Kingdom	98.5
3	University of Oxford	Oxford, United Kingdom	96.9
4	Harvard University	Cambridge, United States	96.8
5	University of Cambridge	Cambridge, United Kingdom	96.7
6	Stanford University	Stanford, United States	96.1
7	ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology	Zürich, Switzerland	93.9
8	National University of Singapore (NUS)	Singapore, Singapore	93.7
9	UCL	London, United Kingdom	91.6
10	California Institute of Technology (Caltech)	Pasadena, United States	90.9
11	University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia, United States	90.3
12	University of California, Berkeley (UCB)	Berkeley, United States	90.1
13	The University of Melbourne	Parkville, Australia	88.9
14	Peking University	Beijing, China (Mainland)	88.5
15	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU)	Singapore, Singapore	88.4



Rank	University	Address	Overall Score
16	Cornell University	Ithaca, United States	87.9
17	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR	87.6
18	The University of Sydney	Sydney, Australia	87.3
19	The University of New South Wales (UNSW Sydney)	Sydney, Australia	87.1
20	Tsinghua University	Beijing, China (Mainland)	86.5

Every year, 2 (two) meritorious students who secure **admission in Master's Course** in one of these universities will be provided financial assistance of up to Rs. 50 lakhs under NBBFS.


However, **candidates belonging to poor families will be given preference over candidates belonging to other families.** The following criteria will be used to determine candidates belonging to "other" families:

- Candidates whose either parent was a Group-A/Class-I State or Central Government officer before the age of 40 (forty) years, or
- Candidates whose both parents were Group-B/Class-II State or Central Government officers before the age of 40 (forty) years, or
- Candidates with parent or parents having a gross annual income of Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees eight lakhs), not including income from salary or income from agricultural land.

For this purpose, candidates belonging to poor families are required to submit documents attached with this public notice (at Annexure-I and Annexure-II).

*Candidates securing admission for courses such as Master in Business Administration (MBA), Languages and Management courses shall not be eligible.*

**Last date for submission of applications for the 2025-26 Academic Session is 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.**



Additional Secretary (Higher Education)  
Education Department  
File No. 213/DIR/HE/EDN



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Rs. 50/-

**BEFORE THE LD. OATH COMMISSIONER, GANGTOK DISTRICT, SIKKIM**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I \_\_\_\_\_, son/daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ (father's name) and \_\_\_\_\_ (mother's name), aged about \_\_\_\_\_ years, by faith \_\_\_\_\_, resident of \_\_\_\_\_, wish to apply for financial assistance under the **Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme**. In this regard, I solemnly affirm and state on oath as under:

1. That neither my father nor my mother was a Group-A/Level-I Central Government or State Government employee before the age of 40 (forty) years.
2. That both my parents were not Group-B/Level-II Central Government or State Government employees before the age of 40 (forty) years.
3. That the annual income of my parent/parents is less than Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees eight lakhs) – excluding income from salaries and agricultural activities.

**DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare that all the information provided by me in this affidavit is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I fully understand that any false statement or misrepresentation of facts in this affidavit or elsewhere will render me liable to return the financial assistance provided to me under the Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme, and shall also be liable for prosecution under relevant laws.

**VERIFICATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the deponent above named do hereby verify that the statements in this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and nothing material has been concealed therein.

And I sign this affidavit on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024, at Gangtok District, Sikkim.

IDENTIFIED BY

DEPONENT



*Letterhead of concerned Area-Councillor or Area-Panchayat*

**To whom it may concern**

This is to state that \_\_\_\_\_, son/daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ (father's name) and \_\_\_\_\_ (mother's name), aged about \_\_\_\_\_ years, resident of \_\_\_\_\_, wishes to apply for financial assistance under the **Nar Bahadur Bhandari Fellowship Scheme**. In this regard, I hereby certify the following:

1. That neither \_\_\_\_\_ (father's name) nor \_\_\_\_\_ (mother's name) was a Group-A/Level-I Central Government or State Government employee before the age of 40 (forty) years.
2. That both the parents were not Group-B/Level-II Central Government or State Government employees before the age of 40 (forty) years.
3. That the annual income of the parent/parents is less than Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees eight lakhs) – excluding income from salaries and agricultural activities.

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(Signature, name, date & official seal)

