



Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Government of India



**National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)
Demand-Driven Action Research Proposals for 2019–20- 1st Cycle**

Realizing the significance of the Himalaya, the Government of India in year 2015 launched the “National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)” a Central Sector (CS) Grant-in-Aid Scheme with a vision “to support the sustenance and enhancement of the ecological, natural, cultural and socio-economic capital assets and values of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR)”. The Mission has been revamped recently and focus sing on Demand-Driven Action Research on the Thematic Areas: (i) **Water Resource Management** (ii) **Livelihood Options and Employment Generation** (iii) **Biodiversity Conservation and Management** (iv) **Skill Development and Capacity Building** (v) **Infrastructure Development** (vi) **Physical Connectivity** and (vii) **Handling of Hazardous Substances**. The focus should be on how could be the financial variability of such projects be improved in the Himalayan Region. Details of the scheme are available on the web sites of the NMHS-PMU (www.nmhs.org.in).

For Year 2019–20, project proposals are invited under NMHS from reputed Government and Private Institution/ University/ Organization equipped with adequate resources and prior proven demand-driven, demonstrative research and development (R&D) experience in the context of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR). **Action Research Proposals having beneficiaries from SC/ST communities and focused on NE states would be given preference, and the proposals addressing women-centric issues in the Himalayan region would be encouraged.**

The project should address the Thematic Areas with respective indicative intervention areas given in **Table 1 of the project submission guidelines**. The selection of studies, pilots and interventions will be based on their potential of initiating demonstrable demand-driven action research with proven record/ working experience on aforementioned priority issues faced in the Himalayan region. Project proposals of similar research/ demonstrative nature or sharing the similar field areas can be combined/ clubbed together based on the discretion of the NMHS Competent Authority.

The project duration under NHMS scheme would be **two to three years** and the reputed Institution/ University/Organization equipped with adequate resources and demonstrative Research and Development (R&D) experience in the context of Himalaya and having prior proven experience in the ‘Himalayan Studies/ Demonstrations’ are eligible for submitting research proposals in their area(s) of expertise along with the Endorsement Certificate from the Head of the Institution along with detailed bio-data of the PI and Co-PIs.

The detailed guidelines for project submission and formats for preparing Project Proposal are available on the websites of the NMHS-PMU: <http://nmhs.org.in>; MoEF&CC: <http://envfor.nic.in>; and the Nodal Institute GBPNIHESD: <http://gbpihed.gov.in>.

Submission of the Proposal: Ten (10) copies of the research proposal prepared in the prescribed format in any of the aforementioned Thematic Areas should be sent by Speed Post super-scribing the envelop with “**Project Proposal under 1st Cycle of NMHS 2019–20**” to the NMHS-PMU Nodal Officer at the following address:

**Er. Kireet Kumar,
Nodal Officer, NMHS-PMU,
G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development
(GBPNIHESD), Kosi-Katarmal, Almora -263643 (Uttarakhand)**

In addition, a hard/soft copy of the proposal should also be e-mailed at: nmhspmu2016@gmail.com along with a copy to Dr. Subrata Bose, Director, Mountain Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi at subrata.bose@nic.in.

Last Date of submitting the Proposal under 1st Cycle: 30th June 2019.