



Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Government of India

National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)

2nd Call for Demand Driven Action Research Proposals for 2017-18



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 focussing 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), MoEF&CC (www.moef.nic.in) and G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development - GBPNIHESD (www.gbpihed.gov.in).

For Year 2017-18, 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). **Research Proposals from North-East region would be given preference and the proposals addressing women-centric issues in the Mountain 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 upto three (3) 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>.

Submitting 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 NMHS 2017-18**” 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: 09th February, 2018.

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