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This is issued with the approval of the 'Competent Authority'.

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**Chief Minister's Elite Fellowship Scheme for Sports  
and Creative Economy**

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## 1. Introduction

- i. The vision of the **Meghalaya Youth Policy 2021** is, "to create pathways for Meghalaya's youth to achieve their fullest potential and for becoming engaged, skilled, creative, responsible and empowered citizens of the local and global community." In line with the aspirations laid out in the Meghalaya Youth Policy; the **Chief Minister's Elite Fellowship Scheme for Sports and Creative Economy** is envisioned to empower the brightest youth of Meghalaya by supporting their pursuit of excellence in premier academic, technical, cultural ventures, activities related to sports, environmental conservation, entrepreneurship etc. in India and abroad. Additionally, it supports the broader development agenda of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya to cultivate a youth-driven, knowledge-based, and globally competitive state.
- ii. This visionary scheme shall identify and invest in youth with proven potential to reach national and global excellence. Through the fellowship, Government of Meghalaya shall provide a substantial one-time financial grant to a select number of high-achieving youth who have demonstrated outstanding merit, innovation, commitment, and impact.
- iii. The support shall extend beyond financial aid. It shall also symbolically affirm the State's belief in the youth as drivers of positive change and societal transformation. It is a strategic investment in human capital who shall not only bring pride to the State through their performances but also inspire future generations to contribute to the broader ecosystem of the state as role-models, mentors, and change makers.

## 2. Rationale

- i. The Government of Meghalaya has consistently demonstrated its commitment to youth development through a variety of innovative schemes and programmes. Initiatives such as CM-Elevate, Sports Scholarship Scheme, Cash Awards Scheme, Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project, among others, have provided significant support to young achievers and creative individuals. These interventions have nurtured emerging talent, promoted sports and cultural activities, and given visibility to Meghalaya's dynamic youth ecosystem.
- ii. However, despite these efforts, there remains a pressing need to provide targeted, high-value, and flexible support to exceptional youth who have already demonstrated success and are poised to scale their impact. With restricted private sector investment and limited philanthropic funding in the State, the Government's proactive role becomes crucial to bridge the gap between potential and opportunity. Supporting such high-impact individuals and ventures ensures that Meghalaya

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continues to produce leaders and innovators who can compete nationally and internationally, while inspiring other young people in the State to aspire higher.

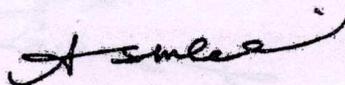
iii. The **Chief Minister's Elite Fellowship Scheme for Sports and Creative Economy** has therefore been conceptualised as a next-generation, high-impact intervention. Unlike routine scholarships or grants, this Fellowship is designed to function as a transformational support platform for individuals and projects that demonstrate exceptional promise and which have the potential to inspire.

iv. Key aspects of the Fellowship include:

- a. **Recognition of Excellence and Aspiration:** The Fellowship identifies youth who have already achieved success in their respective domains and demonstrates the State's commitment to their continued growth.
- b. **Substantial Financial Support for Novel Ideas:** This Fellowship shall enable selected fellows to scale their ventures, pursue cutting-edge opportunities, and create both tangible and intangible impact in their sectors.
- c. **Direct Engagement with Leadership:** Selected fellows shall have the opportunity to interact with leaders and dignitaries such as the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya and gain their insights, mentorship, and advice to strengthen and upscale their initiatives.
- d. **Branding and Media Outreach Support:** Government-led branding and communication efforts shall amplify the visibility of fellows and their projects, enabling them to attract further partnerships and recognition at the national and international levels.
- e. **Catalyst for Broader Impact:** By showcasing success stories of fellows, the scheme shall act as an inspiration for thousands of other young people across Meghalaya to innovate, excel, and pursue ambitious goals.

v. This Fellowship is thus not only a grant but also a platform to nurture change makers—youth who combine excellence with a commitment to creating social, economic, cultural, or environmental value. It is a strategic investment in human capital, aligned with the vision of the Meghalaya Youth Policy 2021 and the Hon'ble Chief Minister's broader development agenda to build a youth-driven, knowledge-based, and globally competitive State.

vi. By focusing on individuals with proven track records and novel ideas, the Fellowship ensures that public funds are deployed for maximum impact; helping to catalyse the next generation of leaders, creators, and entrepreneurs who shall shape Meghalaya's future.



### 3. Thrust Areas

The Fellowship shall focus on the following key thrust areas:

1. Sports
2. Higher Education
3. Cultural and Creative Activities
4. Entrepreneurship
5. Environmental Conservation Activities
6. Any other activity as deemed fit by the Screening Committee of the Fellowship

#### 3.1. Sports

- i. The Government of Meghalaya is committed to transforming the State into a leading sporting destination by harnessing the exceptional talent and potential of its youth. In recent years, Meghalaya has witnessed a surge in the participation and performance of its young sportspersons across a diverse range of disciplines. The formulation of the Meghalaya State Sports Action Plan 2025 has provided strategic direction to these efforts by prioritizing the creation of world-class sports infrastructure, the establishment of talent development pipelines, and the expansion of access to high-quality training facilities across rural and urban regions.
- ii. The Government of Meghalaya envisions the state to be among India's leading sporting states. Through this scheme the Government aims to recognize, reward, and support exceptionally talented sportspersons from Meghalaya who have demonstrated potential or have already achieved excellence at national or international levels.

##### 3.1.1. Eligibility Criteria

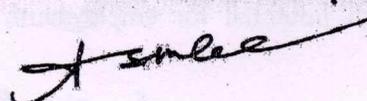
The applicant,

- a. Must have domicile of Meghalaya.
- b. Must be an active athlete who has continuously participated in international/national sports competitions in the respective game in the last two (02) preceding financial years.

##### 3.1.2. Scope of Assistance

The one-time grant shall cover the following (but not limited to):

- a. International/domestic coaching fees
- b. Competition exposure
- c. Boarding/lodging/travel/visa
- d. Sports equipment
- e. Insurance and rehabilitation



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### **3.2. Higher Education**

- i. The Government of Meghalaya recognizes education as a transformative tool for personal and societal growth. With youth forming over 59% of the state's population under 25 years of age, investing in their academic potential is critical to achieving the vision of the state. While interventions exist to improve access and quality of education, there remains a need to incentivize academic excellence and support meritorious students to pursue higher studies in premier institutions across India and abroad.
- ii. The Fellowship aims to provide substantial financial assistance to exceptionally meritorious and high-achieving students from Meghalaya to pursue higher education (undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral education), advanced research, or professional training in premier institutions in India and abroad, thereby fostering excellence and enhancing human capital development in the State.

#### **3.2.1. Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant,

- a. Must have domicile of Meghalaya.
- b. Must have demonstrated outstanding academic or professional excellence.
- c. Must have confirmed offer of admission or enrolment in a course/degree from a premier institute.

#### **3.2.2. Scope of Assistance**

The one-time grant shall cover the following (but not limited to):

- a. Tuition fees
- b. Boarding and lodging
- c. Travel and relocation expenses
- d. Learning materials and internet access
- e. Visa and insurance costs (if any)
- f. Settling-in and contingency allowances (if any)

### **3.3. Cultural and Creative Activities**

- i. Meghalaya is a land rich in artistic traditions, indigenous culture, storytelling, craftsmanship, and creative expression. Its youth have long been active contributors to the State's dynamic cultural identity—whether through music, theatre, dance, literature, filmmaking, fashion, or visual arts. In recent years, artists of Meghalaya have achieved national and international recognition, leveraging both traditional heritage and contemporary innovation. Further, the Meghalaya Youth Policy recognizes Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) as a sector with high potential for employment, social cohesion, and economic

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development. Hence, to encourage creative excellence, the Government of Meghalaya, through the Fellowship, aims to identify, support, and nurture exceptionally talented youth in various cultural and creative domains.

**3.3.1. Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant,

- a. Must have domicile of Meghalaya
- b. Eligible areas under this Thrust Area of Fellowship include (but not limited to):
  - i. Performing Arts (music, dance, theatre, storytelling)
  - ii. Culinary Activities
  - iii. Visual Arts (painting, sculpture, design)
  - iv. Literature, Journalism, and Scriptwriting
  - v. Film and Digital Media (cinematography, editing, direction, animation)
  - vi. Fashion and Textile Design (especially indigenous weaving)
  - vii. Crafts and Handicrafts (woodwork, pottery, metalwork, bamboo art)
  - viii. Graphic Designing, AR/VR and Digital Design

**3.3.2. Scope of Assistance**

The one-time grant shall cover the following (but not limited to):

- a. Production of creative work or performances
- b. Equipment and material procurement
- c. Licensing and IP registration
- d. Competition exposure or exhibition participation
- e. Mentorship and incubation support
- f. Tuition fees and academic fees (if any)

**3.4. Entrepreneurship**

- i. Meghalaya's economy is built upon the innovation, resilience, and enterprise of its people—particularly its youth. As highlighted in the Meghalaya Youth Policy, the State has committed itself to developing a thriving ecosystem that empowers young people to become job creators rather than job seekers. Recognizing the aspirations of its youth, the Government of Meghalaya identified entrepreneurship as a core pillar for the state's growth. In order to support such entrepreneurs, scale their ventures, access global exposure, and bring their ideas to life at a national or global level, this scheme shall extend avenues to high-performing or high-potential entrepreneurs.

**3.4.1. Eligibility Criteria**

The applicant,

- a. Must have domicile of Meghalaya

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b. Must be an Individual or Founder/Co-founder/Director of a registered enterprise/start-up in Meghalaya or with operations impacting Meghalaya; in fields such as agriculture, food processing, green technologies, ed-tech, health-tech, waste management, textiles and handicrafts, local e-commerce and logistics etc.

#### 3.4.2. Scope of Assistance

The one-time grant shall cover the following (but not limited to):

- a. Research and Development
- b. Branding and go-to-market strategies
- c. Infrastructure and equipment
- d. Legal, IP, regulatory and compliance fees (if any)
- e. Deployment, scale-up and impact measurement
- f. Workforce and human resource mobilisation and recruitment

#### 3.5. Environmental Conservation Activities

- i. Meghalaya is a land of extraordinary natural wealth—sacred groves, living root bridges, rich forests, pristine water bodies, and vibrant biodiversity form an essential part of the State's identity. Environmental consciousness is deeply embedded in the traditional practices of the communities of the State. This scheme seeks to identify and support young champions of environmental innovation, research, activism, and action. Through this scheme, the Government of Meghalaya aims to nurture a new generation of green leaders from Meghalaya who shall become custodians of the ecosystem of Meghalaya.

##### 3.5.1. Eligibility Criteria

The applicant,

- a. Must have domicile of Meghalaya
- b. Must have a proven track record in any domain of environmental conservation such as successful implementation of community-led environmental projects, application of indigenous knowledge or traditional ecological practices, development of conservation prototypes or similar activities.
- c. Eligible areas under this Thrust Area of Fellowship include (but not limited to):
  - i. Climate action
  - ii. Waste management
  - iii. Forest and biodiversity conservation
  - iv. River and watershed rejuvenation
  - v. Community-led natural resource management

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- vi. Renewable energy and energy efficiency
- vii. Nature-based tourism and eco-enterprises
- viii. Environmental education, media, and advocacy
- ix. Indigenous knowledge and traditional ecological practices

**3.5.2. Scope of Assistance**

The one-time grant shall cover the following (but not limited to):

- a. Setting up of environmental enterprises or community-led interventions
- b. Research and development, fieldwork
- c. Equipment, software, field gear (if any)
- d. Travel and participation in global green fellowships or summits
- e. Publication, community training, and outreach

**3.6. Any other Activity**

- i. The Screening Committee reserves the discretion to include additional activities or areas of support that may not be explicitly covered under the above-mentioned thrust areas but are considered relevant to the overall objectives of the scheme. Such activities may include emerging fields of youth development, innovative pursuits, or exceptional initiatives that demonstrate significant potential for impact at the state, national, or international level.

**4. Quantum of Assistance**

- i. Typically, 05 (five) applicants shall be granted the Fellowship in each financial year or as per budget provision.
- ii. Maximum grant up to Rs 1,00,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore only) shall be awarded per applicant each financial year.

**5. Application Process**

- i. Eligible candidates must share activity brief along with the required documents as outlined below:

S.N.	Thrust Area	Required Documents
1.	Sports	1. Proof of domicile and Identity 2. CV and Performance track record in last 02 financial years (e.g., medals, national/international rankings, certificates and all related supporting documentation to be provided) 3. Detailed Activity Brief outlining career and performance goals 4. Letter of recommendation (if any)

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S.N.	Thrust Area	Required Documents
2.	Higher Education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of domicile and identity</li> <li>2. CV and academic records/certificates (Matriculation and above)</li> <li>3. Work Experience Certificates (if any)</li> <li>4. Admission/offer letter</li> <li>5. Detailed Activity Brief outlining career and performance goals</li> <li>6. Letter of recommendation (if any)</li> </ol>
3.	Cultural and Creative Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of domicile of Meghalaya</li> <li>2. CV and portfolio of work</li> <li>3. Detailed Activity Brief outlining past achievements and performance goals</li> <li>4. Letters of recommendation (if any)</li> </ol>
4.	Entrepreneurship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of domicile of Meghalaya</li> <li>2. CV and portfolio of work</li> <li>3. Details of Venture - Name of Venture, Copy of Registration/ Incorporation</li> <li>4. Detailed Activity Brief outlining past achievements and performance goals</li> <li>5. Letters of recommendation (if any)</li> </ol>
5.	Environmental Conservation Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of domicile of Meghalaya</li> <li>2. CV and portfolio of work</li> <li>3. Detailed Activity Brief outlining past achievements and impact goals</li> <li>4. Letters of recommendation (if any)</li> </ol>
6.	Any Other	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proof of domicile of Meghalaya</li> <li>2. CV and portfolio of work</li> <li>3. Detailed Activity Brief outlining past achievements and impact goals</li> <li>4. Letters of recommendation (if any)</li> </ol>

- ii. Hard copy of application must be submitted to the Deputy Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya in a sealed envelope clearly demarcating **"Application for Chief Minister's Elite Fellowship Scheme for Sports and Creative Economy"** at Chief Minister's Office, Meghalaya Secretariat. Additionally, soft copy of the application is also to be mailed at [cmsectt@gmail.com](mailto:cmsectt@gmail.com).

## 6. Review of Applications

- i. A Screening Committee comprising of the following members shall be constituted for screening of the applications received under this scheme. The Screening Committee

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shall evaluate the applications and submits its recommendations to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya for final approval.

S. N.	Member	Designation
1.	Principal Secretary/Commissioner/ Secretary, Chief Minister's Secretariat	Chairperson
2.	Joint Secretary, Department of Planning	Member
3.	Deputy Secretary, Chief Minister's Secretariat	Convenor
4.	Director of the concerned Department related to concerned Application(s)	Member
5.	Any other member deemed fit by the Chairperson	Member

ii. The Chief Minister's Secretariat may recommend applications for additional funding from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and other relevant sources of funding based on the potential impact of the project.

**7. Other Terms and Conditions**

- i. Each individual can submit **only one** application against **only one** Thrust Area for evaluation under this scheme.
- ii. The beneficiary must possess an active bank account in any Scheduled Bank in India for receiving the Fellowship grant under this scheme (if selected).
- iii. Adequate effort must be made by the beneficiary to publicize and promote the scheme through social media and other mediums. Official handles of Government of Meghalaya must be tagged in all such social media posts.

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Application Form

1.	Full Name of Applicant	
2.	Name of Father/ Mother/Guardian	
3.	Permanent Address	
4.	Address of Communication	
5.	Contact Number	
6.	Alternate Contact Number	
7.	Email ID	
8.	Thrust Area of Application (Sports/ Higher Education/ Creative and cultural Activities/ Entrepreneurship / Environmental Conservation Activities/Any Other)  ONLY ONE Thrust Area is admissible.	(Attach programme/activity brief and other documents as per clause no. 5 of this scheme)
9.	Have you applied for financial assistance from Government of Meghalaya before (through any other scheme) for the same project?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		If Yes, Name of Scheme(s): _____ Date of Application: _____ Amount Requested (Rs): _____ Amount Received (Rs): _____ Name of Beneficiary: _____
10.	Bank Account Details of Applicant	
a.	Bank Name	
b.	Bank Address/ Branch	
c.	Account Name	
d.	Account Number	
e.	IFSC Code	

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<p>11.</p>	<p><b>Declaration of Non- Blacklisting and No ongoing litigation (if applicable)</b></p>	<p>Sir/Madam,</p> <p>This is to notify you that my/our venture, namely _____ &lt;name of venture&gt; has not been blacklisted by any Central / State Government Department / Public Sector Undertaking/Private Sector Organisation and that I/we have no ongoing or pending litigation in regard to any unlawful activity(s).</p> <p>Yours Sincerely,</p> <p>(Full Signature of the Authorized Person) Full Name: Designation: Name of the Entity: Date:</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><b>Declaration against Misrepresentation</b></p>	<p>I hereby declare that all the information and statements made/attached in this Application are true and to the best of my knowledge. I accept that any misinterpretation may lead to disqualification, or any other action as deemed fit by the competent authority.</p> <p>I understand you are not bound to accept any/all application(s) you receive.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely,</p> <p>(Full Signature) Name: Date:</p>

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