



**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 the 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 focusing 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 websites 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 the 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 up to 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 superscribing 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 263 643 (Uttarakhand).

In addition, a hard/soft copy of the proposal should also be e-mailed at: nmhsmpu2016@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: **9 February 2018**.

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