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## SCSTE Invites Proposals for Short-Term Science Projects with Socio-Economic Impact

**Khliehriat, January 28, 2026:** The State Council of Science, Technology & Environment (SCSTE), Meghalaya has invited project proposals for the year 2025–26 under the programme “Science & Technology for Socio-Economic Benefit in Meghalaya.”

The initiative aims to support short-term (6-months) science-related projects or research in the form of applied or action research projects which offer practical, science-based solutions to address socio-economic challenges in the state and generate tangible benefits for local communities.



**State Council of Science, Technology & Environment (SCSTE), Meghalaya**

**CALL FOR PROPOSAL**

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFIT IN MEGHALAYA**

**Areas of Focus:**

1. Agriculture, Food & Life Sciences
2. Environmental Science & Engineering
3. Health, Hygiene & Biomedical Science
4. Technology & Digital Innovation
5. Engineering & Infrastructure
6. Traditional Knowledge & Scientific Validation
7. STEM-Driven Livelihood & Entrepreneurship
8. Open STEM / Life Science Innovation
9. Communication during Disaster Response
10. Rejuvenation of wetlands/Restoration of land mines

**Project Categories & Funding Assistance**

- a. School Student category: **Up to ₹20,000**
- b. College Student category: **Up to ₹1.5 lakh**
- c. Research Scholar Category: **Up to ₹2 lakh**
- d. Open Category: **Up to ₹1 lakh**

**Last Date of Submission**

**2026 MARCH 16**

(Dropouts, unemployed youths, Retd. Academician, Govt. employees, grassroot innovators, NGOs, registered societies or any citizen of Meghalaya with a demonstrated interest and a viable project proposal.)

**Submission Method:**

Proposals must be submitted either **ONLINE MODE** or **OFFLINE MODE**.

**ONLINE MODE:** PDF Format and submit through the provided link or by scanning the QR code

**OFFLINE MODE:** Sealed Envelope, submit directly to the SCSTE Office.

For more information on Guidelines, Submission proforma, Funding pattern etc.  
please visit SCSTE website <https://scste.org/> or contact 9774704392 | 84140 84010

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Proposals are invited from school students, college students (UG/PG), research scholars and individuals or groups under the open category including grassroots innovators and NGOs. Financial assistance of up to ₹20,000 for school students, ₹1.5 lakh for college students, ₹2 lakh for research scholars and ₹1 lakh for the open category will be provided.

The projects may focus on areas such as agriculture and life sciences, environment, health and hygiene, digital and technological innovation, engineering solutions, traditional knowledge validation, STEM-based livelihoods, disaster communication, and ecological restoration among others.

All proposals will be evaluated by an Expert Committee based on relevance, scientific merit, feasibility and potential socio-economic impact. Selected applicants will be required to make a presentation before final approval.

The last date for submission of proposals is on 16th March, 2026. Proposals may be submitted either offline at the office of SCSTE, Shillong or online through the official website <https://scste.org>

Detailed guidelines and the prescribed proposal formats are available on the SCSTE website. This was informed by the District Planning Officer, East Jaintia Hills District.