



# SIKKIM UNIVERSITY

*(A central university established by an Act of Parliament in 2007 and accredited by NAAC in 2015)*

# PROSPECTUS

## 2024-25 FOR Ph.D



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His Excellency the Governor of Sikkim Shri Laxuman Prasad Acharya being honoured by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Avinash Khare in a programme "Bharatiya Bhasa Sammelan" organized by Sikkim University on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Avinash Khare felicitating Padma Shri Prof. Eklabya Sharma with Khada and bouquet in a seminar on the theme "**Understanding the Biodiversity of Eastern Himalaya: Challenges and the Way Forward**". Prof. S.R.Joshi, NEHU, Shri S.D.Dhakal, Secretary to the CM, Govt. of Sikkim and Prof. Dhaniraj Chhetri, Head, Department of Botany are also present.



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## 1. From the Vice-Chancellor's Desk

Sikkim University is a central university established in 2007 by an Act of Parliament and is fully funded by the University Grants Commission, New Delhi. At present the University has 33 academic departments organized under 6 Schools of Studies and one research center, viz., Centre for Bio-Informatics funded by Department of Bio-Technology, Government of India. University has been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore in 2015 and accorded grade 'B' with CGPA 2.60 which was valid till June 2020 and the second cycle of accreditation is in process. The NIRF ranking of the University falls within 150-200 band in 2023. The ranking will improve significantly once the construction of University Campus is fully completed. University has prestigious DST-FIST Grants from the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The Department of Geology has been awarded Centre of Excellence by the Department of Science and Technology (DST).



Sikkim University has implemented National Educational Policy (NEP) 2020 from the academic session 2022-23 in UG & PG programmes and syllabi have been prepared accordingly. National Testing Agency (NTA) holds Entrance Test called CUET for UG and PG admission for Sikkim University.

The construction of the University campus is taking place in war footing. Three departments of the School of Languages and Literature have been already shifted to the University Campus at Yangang. Four other departments viz. Nepali, Political Science, International Relations and Geography are being shifted and the classes will be held at Yangang Campus from the Odd Semester 2024.

I am happy to share with you that one of our MSc (Mathematics) student **Mr. Royal Pradhan**, has achieved the distinction by securing All India Rank 1 in the 2022 GATE. He is currently pursuing PhD in Mathematics at TIFR Mumbai. Similarly, two of our Ph.D scholars namely **Mr. Nayan Sharma & Mr. Ranjit Kumar Singh** of the Department of Physics have been invited as guest scientist at Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Germany to work on a research project Opticlock 2 in QUEST FG2 lab for six months.

There are 178 regular faculty members, 5 faculty on contract, 35 guest faculty members and 11 adjunct faculty. Our Central Library has more than 53,498 books, 9878 e-books, 7390 e-journals, 26 printed journals, 14 e-database and 661 thesis/dissertations.

Annually, our teachers publish more than 306 research papers/books chapters and books. At present University has more than 34 extra-mural research projects funded by various national and international agencies.

University has a Central Admission Committee to decide on policy issues and monitor admission process so that the Government of India rules are not overlooked and no injustice is done to any candidate. Sikkim University is a national university and any Indian citizen from any part of the country can apply online for our academic programme.

For further information, kindly log on to our website <http://www.cus.ac.in>

**Professor Avinash Khare**  
Vice-Chancellor



## 2. About Sikkim University

Sikkim University is at present located in and around Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, which borders with Bhutan, China and Nepal on its east, north and west respectively. Sikkim is considered as one of the world's richest biodiversity hot spots and one of the twenty top tourist destinations.

The nearest airport is at Pakyong, East Sikkim which is about 31 kilometers from Gangtok. Another airport is located at Bagdogra, off Siliguri city of West Bengal. The distance between Bagdogra and Gangtok is about 124 km. Taxis to Gangtok at both airports are available on hire. A helicopter service is operated regularly between Bagdogra and Gangtok by the Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation. The nearest railway station is New Jalpaiguri Station (NJP), which is about 125 kms from Gangtok. All trains to and from Northeast India stop at this major junction. Gangtok is well-connected by road with Siliguri, Darjeeling and Kalimpong by the National Highway No.10. There are regular services of Sikkim Nationalized Transport buses between Gangtok and Siliguri. Private buses and light vehicles are also available on hire from Siliguri, New Jalpaiguri and Bagdogra for coming to Sikkim.

Sikkim University is building a world-class campus on a plot of land measuring 300 acres at Yangang in the South District of Sikkim and located 56 kilometers from Gangtok. The former President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, in his capacity as the Visitor of the University, laid the foundation stone of the campus on April 16, 2013.

The site of the University campus is connected with Singtam town by a State Highway. On the northern fringe of the University campus is a model tourist village with traditional houses, ultra-modern conferencing facilities, children's park, etc. On its western front lies the upcoming skywalk project at a height of about 10,000 feet atop 'Bhalehunga' Cliff. The construction work of the first package of the first phase of the University Project has been completed and the second package of the first phase has begun. Three Departments of the School of Languages and Literature have been shifted to the Campus and four more Departments are being shifted in May 2024. Efforts are being made to make the University Campus largely functional at Yangang by the end of this year.

## 3. Authorities of Sikkim University

The Sikkim University Act, 2006 (10 of 2007) provides for certain Statutory Authorities which are empowered to govern various functions of the University. Important Authorities of the University are the Court, Executive Council, Academic Council, Finance Committee, College Development Council etc.

## 4. Objectives, Vision, Mission, Motto & Flag

**Objectives:** The objectives of Sikkim University, as mandated by its Act and Statutes, are

- To disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit,
- To make provisions for integrated courses in humanities, natural and physical sciences, social





sciences, forestry and other allied disciplines in the educational programme of the University,

- To take appropriate measures for promoting innovations in teaching-learning process, inter-disciplinary studies and research,
- To educate and train manpower for the development of the State of Sikkim, and
- To pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of that State, their intellectual, academic and cultural development.

**Vision :** To achieve intellectual, academic and cultural development of the people of Eastern Himalayas

**Mission:** To provide quality higher education.

**Motto:** Quest Knowledge Wisdom

**Flag:** The background of the University Flag is golden with the University Logo at the center of the flag. Motto is written on the logo. The size of the flag is 3'x2'. The golden colour signifies success, achievement and triumph and is associated with abundance and prosperity, luxury and quality, prestige and sophistication, value and elegance.

## 5. Recognitions

- Sikkim University has been granted full membership of the Himalayan Universities Consortium funded by ICIMOD, Kathmandu.
- HP has granted Sikkim University a "green certificate" for contributing used cartridges for scientific recycling to save our earth.
- Sikkim University has been granted full membership of the Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI), a non-profitable society of Mountain States including Darjeeling.
- Sikkim University has been selected for research activities under National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS).
- Department of Geology has been recognized as Centre of Excellence by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) in 2019.

### Innovations and Best Practices

- **Micro-teaching:** University has started micro-teaching method to improve the quality of teaching in the University.
- **University Research Fund Award:** University has created a research fund for interdisciplinary and socially relevant research projects for the young faculty members of the University.
- **Incentives for Quality Publications:** University felicitates quality publications by faculty members with a cash prize and a certificate on the Foundation Day of the University.



- **Mentoring:** The mentoring of the last semester students by faculty members.
- **Students' Feedback:** Students' feedback is an important step taken by Sikkim University to improve the quality of teaching and learning environment. Students are encouraged to give their feedback online.



*University Campus at Yangang, South Sikkim*



## 6. Important Contact Details

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**Provost**: Shri. Balaram Pandey, +91 9434444737, E.mail: [provost@cus.ac.in](mailto:provost@cus.ac.in)

### Wardens of Hostels:

| Sl. No. | Names of Hostel                | Names of Warden        | Phone number | Location of Hostel  |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|---|
| 1       | Raapjyor-Cauvery Girls' Hostel | Dr. Rachana Rai        | 9002509897   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Gangtok                             |
| 2       | Rangeet Girls' Hostel          | Dr. K. Renuka Devi     | 9083035394   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Gangtok                             |
| 3       | Talung Girls' Hostel           | Dr. Jasmine Yimchunger | 8348586511   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Gangtok                             |
| 4       | Pandim Girls' Hostel           | Dr. Rachana Rai        | 9002509897   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Gangtok                             |
| 5       | Rangeet Boys' Hostel           | Dr. E Ishwarjit Singh  | 7407829223   | Near Entel, Gangtok 6 <sup>th</sup> Mile,                 |
| 6       | Teesta Boys' Hostel            | Dr. Dinesh Shahu       | 7864878427   | Near Palzor Stadium, Gangtok                              |
| 7       | Tendong Boys' Hostel           | Dr. Sudeep Ghatani     | 9862240590   | Lumsey, 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Gangtok                     |
| 8       | Dzongri Boys' Hostel           | Dr. Pradip Tripathi    | 8928110451   | Lumsey, 5 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Gangtok.                    |
| 9       | New Boys' Hostel               | Dr. Anil Kumar Verma   | 7678471506   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Tadong, Near Orange Village Resort, |
| 10      | New Girls Hostel               | Dr. Veenu Pant         | 7014162168   | 6 <sup>th</sup> Mile, Tadong                              |

- Help Desk for Admission Queries  
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Joint Registrar (Academic): Land line: 03592-251130. E-mail: [skgurung@cus.ac.in](mailto:skgurung@cus.ac.in)

## 7. Schools of Studies

Academic activities of Sikkim University are organized under six Schools of Studies. Each School having a number of departments under it and is headed by a Dean, who also chairs the School Board meetings. At the apex level, there is Deans' Committee with the Vice-Chancellor as the Chairperson.



**SCHOOL OF HUMAN SCIENCES**

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| SI. No. | Department   | Programmes Available   |
|---------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1       | Anthropology | MA, Ph.D               |
| 2       | Geography    | MA/MSc, Ph.D           |
| 3       | Psychology   | Bachelor, MA/MSc, Ph.D |

**SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE**

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| SI. No | Department | Programmes Available            |
|--------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1      | Bhutia     | MA, Ph.D                        |
| 2      | Chinese    | Certificate, Bachelor, MA, Ph.D |
| 3      | English    | MA, Ph.D                        |
| 4      | Hindi      | Bachelor, MA, Ph.D              |
| 5      | Lepcha     | MA, Ph.D                        |
| 6      | Limbu      | MA, Ph.D                        |
| 7      | Nepali     | MA, Ph.D                        |

**SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES**

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| SI. No. | Department   | Programmes Available | Centre                     |
|---------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1       | Botany       | MSc, Ph.D            | Centre for Bio-Informatics |
| 2       | Horticulture | MSc, Ph.D            |                            |
| 3       | Microbiology | MSc, Ph.D            |                            |
| 4       | Zoology      | MSc, Ph.D            |                            |



### SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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| Sl. No | Departments           | Programmes Available                            |
|--------|-----------------------|---|
| 1      | Chemistry             | MSc, Ph.D                                       |
| 2      | Computer Applications | B.Voc (IT), MCA, Ph.D                           |
| 3      | Geology               | BSc, MSc, Ph.D, and MSc (Environmental Science) |
| 4      | Mathematics           | MSc, Ph.D                                       |
| 5      | Physics               | MSc, Ph.D                                       |

### SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

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| Sl. No. | Departments                   | Programmes Available |
|---------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1       | Commerce                      | M.Com, Ph.D          |
| 2       | Education                     | MA, M.Ed, Ph.D       |
| 3       | Management                    | MBA, Ph.D            |
| 4       | Mass Communication            | MA, Ph.D             |
| 5       | Music                         | Bachelor, MPA, Ph.D  |
| 6       | Tourism                       | MTTM, Ph.D           |
| 7       | Library & Information Science | M.Lib.I.Sc           |

### SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

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| Sl. No. | Departments                           | Programmes offered             |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1       | Economics                             | MA, Ph.D                       |
| 2       | History                               | MA, Ph.D, MA in Buddhist Study |
| 3       | International Relations               | MA, Ph.D                       |
| 4       | Law                                   | LLM, Ph.D                      |
| 5       | Peace & Conflict Studies & Management | MA, Ph.D                       |
| 6       | Political Science                     | MA, Ph.D                       |
| 7       | Sociology                             | MA, Ph.D                       |



## 8. Admission Calendar

Admission to Ph.D programme of the University for the academic session 2024-25 shall be as per the following schedule.

| Sl. No. | Particulars  | Date  |
|---------|--|---|
| 1       | Publication of Admission Notice by the Registrar in National & Regional Newspapers   | 14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2024                       |
| 2       | Online Registration for Admission  | 10 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2024    |
| 3       | Data arrangement by DSW office   | 1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2024    |
| 4       | Scrutiny of applications submitted online for verification documents & Counseling  | 5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024    |
| 5       | Uploading of list of eligible Ph.D candidates  | 9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024                      |
| 6       | Interview of the qualified candidates for Ph.D including written & interview for candidates belonging to subjects in which UGC-NET is not conducted. | 19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024                     |
| 7       | Declaration of <b>1<sup>st</sup> list</b> of selected candidates & uploading of names on website including Hostel 1 <sup>st</sup> List               | 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2024                     |
| 8       | Admission Fee payment by selected candidates (1 <sup>st</sup> list) (online mode)  | 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2024  |
| 9       | Hostel Fee Payment (1 <sup>st</sup> List) (online mode)  | 25 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024                     |
| 10      | Declaration of <b>2<sup>nd</sup> list</b> of provisionally selected candidates & uploading on website including Hostel (2 <sup>nd</sup> List)        | 26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024                     |
| 11      | Fee payment by selected candidates ( <b>2<sup>nd</sup> list</b> ) (online mode)  | 27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024                     |
| 12      | Fee payment for Hostel (2 <sup>nd</sup> List) (online mode)  | 28 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024                     |
| 13      | Physical Reporting, Document verification & Hostel allotment (Separate date-sheet will be uploaded)  | 29 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> August, 2024 |
| 14      | Commencement of Odd Semester & closure of admission.   | 1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2024                   |

**Note:**

- Any change in the calendar shall be notified. Physical reporting mentioned at Sl No. 13 in the above table is mandatory failing which admission may be denied.
- Applicants selected shall take admission within the scheduled date mentioned above failing which it is presumed that the student is not interested and the seat shall be offered to waitlisted candidates as per merit.

## 9. Admission Notice

Admission notice containing names of programmes offered, last date for submission of online application, date of Entrance Test etc. will be uploaded on the University website and circulated through print media. All communications to the candidates including list of candidates shortlisted for entrance test and interview will be uploaded on the University website <https://www.cus.ac.in> and displayed in departmental notice boards. No personal communication to candidates will be made by post or telephone or e-mail or otherwise. No interim query regarding status of application shall be entertained.



## 10. Eligibility & Admission Procedure

10.1 A candidate who have been declared eligible in Category A/ Category B/ Category C in UGC-NET or equivalent examination with a two-year (4 Semester) Master's programme (after three/four-year Bachelor's programme) in relevant / allied subjects with at least 55% marks in aggregate (50% marks or equivalent grade for SC, ST, OBC (Central List), DA & EWS). **OR**

A candidate who has been declared eligible in Category A/ Category B/ Category C in UGC-NET or equivalent examination with a one-year (2 semester) Master's programme (after four-year Bachelor's programme under NEP-2020) in relevant / allied subjects with at least 55% marks in aggregate / equivalent grade (50% marks or equivalent grade for SC, ST, OBC (NC-Central List), DA & EWS) **OR**

A candidate who have been declared eligible in Category A/ Category B/ Category C in UGC-NET or equivalent examination with a four-year (8 Semesters) Bachelor's Degree with Research with a minimum CGPA of 7.5 (75 %) in a point scale.

10.2 Candidates with qualifications like CSIR-NET / GATE / CEED/ ICMR-NET / DBT-NET / CSIR-NET / ICAR-NET etc. shall be treated at par with the UGC NET.

10.3 A candidate with a two-year (4 Semester) Master's programme (after three / four years bachelor programme under NEP-2020) in the subjects in which UGC-NET is not conducted with at least 55% marks in aggregate / equivalent grade (50% marks or equivalent grade for SC, ST, OBC (NC-Central List), DA & EWS).

10.4 An international candidate holding a Master's Degree (under 3+2 scheme) with at least 55% marks in aggregate / equivalent grade in relevant subject from a foreign educational institution accredited by an approved Assessment and Accreditation Agency established or incorporated under a law in its home country.

10.5 Duration of the Ph.D programme shall be as may be notified by the UGC from time to time.

10.6 The cost of online application form is **Rs. 1000/-** for General, **Rs. 750** for OBC and EWSs candidates and **Rs. 500/-** for SC/ST/PWD/DA candidates to be paid through online payment gateway by Debit Card/Credit Card or any other forms of digital transaction.

10.7 All the applications received online within the prescribed date shall be scrutinized by a duly constituted Working Committee for Admission, 2024 (WCA). The list of candidates shortlisted based on the NET Score and the marks / CGPA obtained in the qualifying examination shall be uploaded on University website and shall be also displayed on departmental notice boards. No individual communication shall be made in this regard.

10.8 International students can use common university application form to apply and shall upload documents like Police Clearance Certificate, Health Certificate, a valid passport and visa for Ph.D programme.





- 10.9 A Candidate may apply for registration / counseling in maximum three Ph.D subjects / department provided that s/he fulfills minimum eligibility conditions. Such candidates may apply separately for each programme and pay application fee separately. The application fee once paid will not be refunded.
- 10.10 Interview is compulsory for admission to Ph.D programme. 30 % weightage is given for Interview and 70% weightage is given for UGC-NET score including CSIR -NET / GATE / CEED/ ICMR-NET / DBT-NET / CSIR-NET / ICAR-NET etc.
- 10.11 The final merit list shall be prepared by taking the marks / score obtained in NET or equivalent examinations e.g. CSIR-NET, CEED, GATE, ICMR-NET, DBT-NET, ICAR-NET etc. and the interview.
- 10.12 The total marks allocated for entrance test for the candidates belonging to subject in which UGC-NET is not conducted shall be 100 marks out of which the weightage for written test shall be 70 marks and 30 marks shall be allocated for the Interview. A candidate must secure at least 50% marks in the entrance test (45% for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy)/ DA/EWS or any other category as may be notified by the Government of India from time to time) in order to be eligible for the interview.
- 10.13 The concerned department may decide the number of eligible candidates to be called for the interview based on the merit list and number of Ph.D. seats available.

**SCHEDULES FOR WRITTEN TEST AND INTERVIEW FOR NON- NET & NET Subjects for Ph.D**

| Programme | Departments / Subjects                           | Date of Written test    | Date of Interview / Viva-voce |
|-----------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ph.D      | Non-NET subjects<br>(e.g. Bhutia, Lepcha, Limbu) | 19.08.2024<br>(Morning) | 19.08.2024<br>(Afternoon)     |
|           | NET subjects                                     | -                       | 19.08. 2024                   |

- 10.14 The written examination for Non-NET subjects shall be of two-hour duration from 10:00 AM onwards in respective Departments as per the schedule given in the table.
- 10.15 The syllabus of the written examination consists of 50 % research methodology and 50 % subject specific.
- 10.16 A list of qualified candidates in written examination for Non-NET subjects and NET subjects shall be prepared for the interview. Interview shall focus upon research interest of the candidate and contribution to additional / new knowledge.
- 10.17 The list of selected Ph.D candidates (both Non-NET and NET subjects) after interview in terms of roster shall be uploaded on university website <https://www.cus.ac.in>. Candidates provisionally shortlisted for admission may take admission within the date notified for the programme by paying requisite fee through online payment gateway by Debit Card / Credit Card or any other forms of digital transactions.
- 10.18 If the selected candidates for Ph.D programme fail to take admission within the prescribed date, the seat shall be considered as vacant seat and will be awarded to the next candidate on the panel as per



merit.

- 10.19 10 % seats shall be reserved for foreign candidates on supernumerary basis in Ph.D programme provided that the degree of qualifying examination is declared equivalent to the qualifications prescribed by the Equivalence Commission of AIU, submission of student's visa, and fitness certificate from the Medical Officer. Applicants belonging to countries like Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, Myanmar and Pakistan may be allowed provided it is specifically recommended by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Government of India under exchange programme. However, candidates from Nepal and Bhutan may be admitted under normal provision of admission or through ICCR. Candidates admitted under this provision are not eligible for UGC Non-Net Fellowship.
- 10.20 One supernumerary seat in Ph.D in each department shall be provided annually to NET qualified, except in Non-NET subjects, regular faculty members and staff of Sikkim University and regular faculty members of affiliated colleges, and such other institutions in Sikkim as approved by the University authority. Candidates fulfilling the criteria may apply online through the university website [www.cus.ac.in](http://www.cus.ac.in) and pay the fee through online payment gateway by Debit/Credit card or any other forms of digital transaction.
- 10.21 Candidates admitted under this provision mentioned at sl. no. 10.20 above must produce leave sanction order for the full period of coursework for non-lab subject and two years for laboratory subject except where the candidates are working in their own laboratories duly recognized by the University. Exception to this rule may be made for the University teachers and non-teaching staff only.
- 10.22 Supernumerary seats under serial no. 10.20 above shall be allotted under a Professor or an Associate Professor within the UGC norms applicable for Ph.D supervision.
- 10.23 In case of international students in Ph.D programme, each eligible teacher can guide up to two international scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D scholars for Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor respectively at any given time.
- 10.24 The rules of Government of India regarding reservation of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PWD/EWS or any other category as may be notified by the Government of India from time to time shall be adhered to strictly.
- 10.25 Documents necessary for verification at the time of admission are as follows;
- i) Original Mark-sheet (s) [all semester/all years] of the qualifying degree together with one self-attested photocopies (both sides) of each.
  - ii) Original certificate of proof of age and a self-attested copy of the same.
  - iii) Original SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS certificates together with one self-attested copy.
  - iv) Original UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/GATE or any other national level tests certificate.
  - v) Original Annual Income Certificate of the family for EWS candidates from the competent authority.
  - vi) Leave sanction order from the employer.

(Note: All original documents will be returned to the candidates immediately after verification. Students from other Universities/Institutes/colleges not affiliated to Sikkim University shall produce migration certificates in original by **October 30, 2024** failing which their admission shall stand cancelled and the fee paid shall be refunded as per the UGC notification.



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Avinash Khare (centre) with Prof. Yoshida Osamu, Hiroshima University, Japan, Prof. Pramod Kumar Institute for Development and Communication, Chandigarh and Prof. Durga P. Chhetri, Head, Department of Political Science, SU during the International Workshop held on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 on the theme “**Globalizing Life World and Sustainable Development in Indian States**”.



## 11. Programme Details, Intake and Specialization for Ph.D

### APPENDIX – A

| Department            | Programme | Total Intake  | Area of Specialization  | Remarks  |
|-----------------------|-----------|---|---|--|
| Anthropology          | Ph.D.     | <b>6 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC- 2<br>ST-1<br>SC-1<br>EWS-1 | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Physical Anthropology, Social-Cultural Anthropology, Archaeological Anthropology  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department                        |
| Bhutia                | Ph.D      | <b>1 seat</b><br>UR-1                                     | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Bhutia Culture, Tradition and Language  | Written entrance test followed by an interview conducted by the Department |
| Botany                | Ph.D.     | <b>2 seats</b><br>OBC-1<br>SC-1                           | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Plant Taxonomy, Plant Ecology   | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department                        |
| Chemistry             | Ph.D      | <b>14 seats</b><br>UR-6<br>OBC-4<br>SC-2<br>ST-1<br>EWS-1 | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Porphyrin Chemistry, Schiff base Metal Complexes, Physical, Theoretical, Computational, Nanomaterials, Quantum Dots, Organic Synthesis, MOF , Catalysis                           | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department                        |
| Chinese               | Ph.D      | <b>2 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>EWS-1                           | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Chinese literature, Culture, Sino-Indian Cultural Interactions, Social Cultural and Intellectual History, Chinese Philosophy, Chinese Intellectual Trends, Thoughts and Movements | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department                        |
| Commerce              | Ph.D      | <b>2 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-1                           | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Finance, Human Resources  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department                        |
| Computer Applications | Ph.D      | <b>4 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-1<br>SC-1<br>ST-1           | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Data Science, Machine Learning, Digital Image Processing, Deep Learning, Optimization Techniques,   | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department                        |



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| Economics | Ph.D. | <b>5 seats</b><br>UR-2<br>OBC-1<br>SC-1<br>EWS-1         | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Mountain Development, Applied Economics, Micro Economics, Poverty, Education Economics, Efficiency and Productivity.  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Education | Ph.D. | <b>3 seats</b><br>UR-2<br>OBC                            | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Environmental Education, Women's Education, Educational Psychology, Curriculum Studies and Pedagogy.  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| English   | Ph.D. | <b>3 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>SC-1<br>St-1                   | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Postmodern Literature, Popular Literature, Popular Culture.   | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Geography | Ph.D. | <b>9 seats</b><br>UR-4<br>OBC-3<br>SC-1<br>EWS-1         | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Urban Development, Social Geography, Migration, Livelihood, Urban Studies, Ecosystem dynamics, Natural hazards-risk including Climate Extremes, Remote Sensing & GIS, Economic Geography, Agricultural Geography, Geographies of Development, Extreme Rainfall Events & Associated Geo-hazards. | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Geology   | Ph.D. | <b>9 seats</b><br>UR-3<br>OBC-3<br>SC-1<br>ST-1<br>EWS-1 | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Hydrology, Engineering Geology, Environmental Sciences, Water Pollution, Geochemistry, Sedimentology  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Hindi     | Ph.D. | <b>4 seats</b><br>UR-2<br>OBC-1<br>SC-1                  | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Hindi Language, Literature,   | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| History   | Ph.D. | <b>2 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>EWS-1                          | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Tribes, Religion, Regional History, Ancient Indian History, Historical Texts and its importance in early history of India with reference to Gender, Society, Polity and Economy.  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |





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| Horticulture            | Ph.D. | <b>4 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-1<br>SC-1<br>ST-1  | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Vegetable Science, Fruit Science, MAP, Plantation Crops, Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic crops  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department  |
| International Relations | Ph.D. | No Vacancy                                       | No vacancy   | No vacancy   |
| Law                     | Ph.D. | <b>2 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-1                  | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Human Rights, Business Law   | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department  |
| Lepcha                  | Ph.D. | No Vacancy                                       | No Vacancy   | No Vacancy   |
| Limbu                   | Ph.D. | No Vacancy                                       | No Vacancy   | No Vacancy   |
| Management              | Ph.D. | No vacancy                                       | <b>No vacancy.</b>   | No vacancy   |
| Mass Communication      | Ph.D. | <b>7 seats</b><br>UR-3<br>EWS-2<br>SC-1<br>EWS-1 | <b>Broad Specialization:</b> Media & Religion, Media Anthropology, News Studies, Communication & Culture, Media & Minority, Cultural Communication, Rural Communication, Journalism Studies, Media Research in Eastern Himalayas, Gender & communication, Television Studies, Corporate Communication, Film Studies, Folk media & Culture, New Media Studies | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department. |
| Mathematics             | Ph.D. | <b>4 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-1<br>SC-1<br>ST-1  | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics, Algebraic Deformation Theory, Topology  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department  |
| Microbiology            | Ph.D. | <b>9 seats</b><br>UR-5<br>OBC-2<br>SC-1<br>EWS-1 | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Food Microbiology, Environmental Microbiology, Industrial Microbiology, Agricultural Microbiology  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department  |



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| Music                                     | Ph.D  | <b>6 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-2<br>SC-1<br>ST-1<br>EWS-1  | <b>Broad Area of specialization:</b><br>Tabla,, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Nepali                                    | Ph.D. | <b>2 seats</b><br>UR-2                                    | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Gender Studies, Bal Sahitya, Fiction & Poetry, Sociolinguistics, Literary Theory & Criticism.                  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Peace and Conflict Studies and Management | Ph.D. | <b>1 seat</b><br>OBC-1                                    | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Human Security, National Security, Human Rights  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Physics                                   | Ph.D. | <b>16 seats</b><br>UR-6<br>OBC-4<br>SC-3<br>ST-1<br>EWS-2 | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Theoretical Physics, Experimental Physics, Computational Physics   | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Political Science                         | Ph.D  | <b>3 seats</b><br>UR-2<br>OBC-1                           | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Governance, Localism, Gender & Indigenous studies, Indian State, Governmentality, Tribal & Subaltern Studies   | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Psychology                                | Ph.D. | <b>6 seats</b><br>UR-2<br>OBC-1<br>SC-1<br>ST-1<br>EWS-1  | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Neuro-Psychology  | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Sociology                                 | Ph.D  | <b>No vacancy</b>   | <b>No vacancy</b>  | <b>No vacancy</b>                                   |
| Tourism                                   | Ph.D  | <b>4 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-1<br>SC-1<br>EWS-1          | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Sustainable Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Cultural Tourism, Tourism Marketing                                    | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |
| Zoology                                   | Ph.D  | <b>5 seats</b><br>UR-1<br>OBC-2<br>SC-1<br>ST-1           | <b>Broad area of specialization:</b><br>Ecology, Conservation Biology, Ornithology, Herpetology, Parasitology, Molecular Biology, Ecological Modelling | NET Score and Interview conducted by the Department |



## 12. Fee Structure

Sikkim University collects moderate fee from its students as per OC-3 of the Sikkim University Ordinance. Students admitted to various programmes of study offered by the university for the Academic year 2024-25 shall pay the fees specified in tables A, B and C below with a yearly non-cumulative increase of 2 per cent.

### A. Fee to be paid at the time of admission

After the necessary verification of documents by the Working Committee on admission, students must pay the following fees to confirm their admission to various programmes. The fees listed below include tuition fees for the first semester only, and the tuition fees for the subsequent semesters shall fall due on the commencement of each semester.

**FEE STRUCTURE FOR Ph.D PROGRAMME**

| Department    | Programme  | Admission | Marksheet | Certificate | Examination | Library | Medical Insurance/care | Student Association | Identity Card | Alumni Fee | Registration* | Tuition fee for 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem. | Total |
|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Anthropology  | Ph.D.      | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Bhutia        | Ph.D       | 1800      | 240       | 360         | 9600        | 600     | 360                    | 240                 | 120           | 100        | 240           | 1040                                 | 14700 |
| Botany        | Ph.D.      | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Chemistry     | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Chinese       | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 1240                                 | 15126 |
| Commerce      | Ph.D.      | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Computer App. | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Economics     | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 1240                                 | 15126 |
| Education     | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| English       | Ph.D.      | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 1240                                 | 15126 |
| Geography     | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Geology       | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Hindi         | Ph.D       | 1830-     | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 1240                                 | 15126 |
| History       | Ph.D       | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 1240                                 | 15126 |
| Horticulture  | Ph.D.      | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| IR            | No vacancy | -         | -         | -           | -           | -       | -                      | -                   | -             | -          | -             | -                                    | -     |
| Law           | Ph.D.      | 1830      | 244       | 366         | 9760        | 610     | 366                    | 244                 | 122           | 100        | 244           | 3660                                 | 17546 |
| Lepcha        | No vacancy | -         | -         | -           | -           | -       | -                      | -                   | -             | -          | -             | -                                    | -     |



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|---------------|------------|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-------|
| Library Sc    | -          | -    | -   | -   | -    | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -     |
| Limbu         | No vacancy | -    | -   | -   | -    | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -     |
| Management    | No vacancy | -    | -   | -   | -    | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -     |
| Mass Comm.    | Ph.D       | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |
| Mathematics   | Ph.D       | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |
| Microbiology  | Ph.D.      | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |
| Music         | Ph.D       | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |
| Nepali        | Ph.D.      | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 1240 | 15126 |
| PCS&M         | Ph.D.      | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 1240 | 15126 |
| Physics       | Ph.D.      | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |
| Political Sc. | Ph.D       | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 1240 | 15126 |
| Psychology    | Ph.D       | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |
| Sociology     | No vacancy | -    | -   | -   | -    | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -     |
| Tourism       | Ph.D       | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |
| Zoology       | Ph.D.      | 1830 | 244 | 366 | 9760 | 610 | 366 | 244 | 122 | 100 | 244 | 3660 | 17546 |

\*Not applicable for students who are already registered with Sikkim University (e.g. students from afflicted colleges)

**B. Fees to be paid at the commencement of every semester (Second Semester onwards)**

The tuition fee for the first semester is paid along with the other one-time fees payable at the time of admission. Tuition fees for the second semester onward must be paid within 15 days of the commencement of the ODD / EVEN Semester.

| Sl. No | Department            | Programme | Tuition Fee (Rs.) |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1      | Anthropology          | Ph.D.     | 3660              |
| 2      | Bhutia                | Ph.D      | 1040              |
| 3      | Botany                | Ph.D.     | 3660              |
| 4      | Chemistry             | Ph.D      | 3660              |
| 5      | Chinese               | Ph.D      | 1240              |
| 6      | Commerce              | Ph.D      | 3660              |
| 7      | Computer Applications | Ph.D      | 3660              |
| 8      | Economics             | Ph.D.     | 1240              |
| 9      | Education             | Ph.D      | 3660              |
| 10     | English               | Ph.D.     | 1240              |
| 11     | Geography             | Ph.D      | 3660              |
| 12     | Geology               | Ph.D      | 3660              |
| 13     | Hindi                 | Ph.D      | 1240              |
| 14     | History               | Ph.D.     | 1240              |



|    |                               |            |      |
|----|-------------------------------|------------|------|
| 15 | Horticulture                  | Ph.D.      | 3660 |
| 16 | International Relations       | No vacancy | -    |
| 17 | Law                           | Ph.D.      | 3660 |
| 18 | Lepcha                        | No vacancy | -    |
| 19 | Library & Information Science | -          | -    |
| 19 | Limbu                         | No vacancy | -    |
| 20 | Management                    | No vacancy | -    |
| 21 | Mass Communication            | Ph.D       | 3660 |
| 22 | Mathematics                   | Ph.D       | 3660 |
| 23 | Microbiology                  | Ph.D.      | 3660 |
| 24 | Music                         | Ph.D       | 3660 |
| 25 | Nepali                        | Ph.D.      | 1240 |
| 26 | PCS&M                         | Ph.D.      | 1240 |
| 27 | Physics                       | Ph.D.      | 3660 |
| 28 | Political Science             | Ph.D       | 1240 |
| 29 | Psychology                    | Ph.D       | 3660 |
| 30 | Sociology                     | No vacancy | -    |
| 31 | Tourism                       | Ph.D       | 3660 |
| 32 | Zoology                       | Ph.D.      | 3660 |

Note: Students shall deposit tuition fee within 15 days from the date of commencement of every Semester. A late fee of Rs. 25 per day shall be paid after 16<sup>th</sup> day onwards.

### C. Fees for Hostel Accommodation

University collects the following fees / deposits with regard to hostel admission.

| Sl. No.                     | Particular                           | Payable at  | 1 or 2 bedded (Rs.) | 3 bedded (Rs.) | 4 or more bedded (Rs) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1                           | Hostel Admission                     | One-time during hostel admission  | 610                 | 610            | 610                   |
| 2                           | Seat Rent                            | Commencement of every semester (1 <sup>st</sup> Sem. fee shall be paid at the time of hostel admission) | 1110                | 739            | 557                   |
| 3                           | Hostel Caution Deposits (Refundable) | One time at the time of hostel admission. Refundable at the exit from the hostel.                       | 3000                | 3000           | 3000                  |
| <b>Total Fee to be paid</b> |                                      |   | <b>4720</b>         | <b>4349</b>    | <b>4167</b>           |





**D. Fees for International student:**

| Sl. No. | Zone                                    | One-time admission Fee (INR) |           |              | Tuition Fee (Sem- wise) (INR) |           |              |
|---------|---|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
|         |   | Non-lab                      | Lab based | Professional | Non-lab                       | Lab-based | Professional |
| 1       | SAARC/Asia Pacific/Africa/South America | 9,716/-                      | 14,352/-  | 25,112/-     | 2480/-                        | 7320/-    | 7320/-       |
| 2       | Europe / North America                  | 19,432/-                     | 28,704/-  | 50,224/-     | 4960/-                        | 14640/-   | 14640/-      |

**Note:**

1. The students will pay the mess fees at the rates agreed between the University & the caterer. Wherever the boarders are running the mess, the hostel mess committee of the respective hostel shall decide the mess fee to be collected.
2. All the fees shall be collected by the University through online mode only. Tuition fees for the second semester onward shall fall due with the commencement of the semester, and the payment can be made without the late fee within 15 days from the commencement date of the semester. Payment of fees beyond the specified period shall attract a late fee of Res. 25 per day.
3. Permission to appear in an examination shall be subject to clearance of all fees.
4. Tuition fee shall be relaxed by 50% for SU employees, wards of SU employees and Yangang villagers. The same shall be relaxed by 100% for the Differently Abled students, the people of Yangang who sold their lands to the State Government for the University campus, and those belonging to the "Primitive Tribe" of Sikkim.
5. If, after having paid the fees, a candidate desires to withdraw his candidature, a refund of fees and deposits shall be made as per the instruction of the UGC issued from time to time.
6. Hostel Seat Rent shall be relaxed by 100% for SC/ST students.

**13. Assessment and Evaluation**

Assessment and evaluation strategies are of vital importance in assessing the learning outcomes achieved by the students. Since its inception, Sikkim University is one of the pioneer institutions of higher learning in the region to have introduced the semester system. As of now, it has in place a continuous and comprehensive evaluation mechanism wherein its students are required to go through two formative Assessments and one Summative Assessment for Ph.D Course Work. Each Ph.D scholar has to do a Course Work of one or two Semester (s) of 12 credits or 20 credits as the case may be.

**Subject/Paper wise Assessment & Evaluation pattern for Course Work**

| Semester wise Evaluation Process. Each Semester paper has 4credits | Weightage                |
|--|--------------------------|
| Formative Assessment -1 (FA-I) (for Course work)                   | 25 %; 1 credit           |
| Formative Assessment-2 (FA-II) (for Course work)                   | 25 %; 1 credit           |
| Summative Assessment (SA) (for course work)                        | 50 %; 2 credit           |
| Attendance 75% minimum   | Mandatory                |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>100 % ; 4 credits</b> |

Note: students are advised to read the course work structure provided in the syllabus and uploaded on the University website <https://www.cus.ac.in>.

### 13.1 Credit and Grading

A credit is a unit by which the coursework is measured. It determines the number of hours of instruction required per week over the duration of a semester. The number of credit hours varies depending upon the mode of transaction. For example, a one credit in a lecture course in a semester means one hour of lecture in a week. In a semester of 15 weeks duration, a one credit lecture in a course is equivalent to 15 hours of lectures. Similarly, a one credit of tutorial work means one-hour engagement per week. In a semester of 15 weeks duration, a one credit tutorial in a course is equivalent to 15 hours of engagement. But, a one credit course in practicum or lab work, community engagement and services, and field work in a semester means two-hour engagement per week. In a semester of 15 weeks duration, a one credit practicum in a course is equivalent to 30 hours of engagement. The credit structure for each course mentioning credit weightage for lecture, tutorial and practical (L+T+P) are given in the curriculum.

The letter grades and the grade points for each course are given based on the following table.

| Marks in %               | Grade Points | Grade-Point       |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 95 and above             | 10           | O (Outstanding)   |
| 85<95                    | 9            | A+ (Excellent)    |
| 75<85                    | 8            | A (Very Good)     |
| 65<75                    | 7            | B+ (Good)         |
| 55<65                    | 6            | B (Above Average) |
| 45<55                    | 5            | C (Average)       |
| 35<45 (UG)<br>40<45 (PG) | 4            | P (Pass)          |
| 0<35 (UG)<br>0<40 (PG)   | 0            | F (Fail)          |
| Absent                   | 0            | Ab                |

## 14. Teesta-Indus Central Library

The Central Library, the heart of the University, is dedicated to provide materials to supplement teaching and learning. The Central Library is having a floor area of about 1000 sq. ft and capable of accommodating about 70,000/ books. University right from its inception has a priority to build up a good university library equipped with the adequate resources and services which takes care of any academic and research work. The central library has met the vision of the university and presently provide all the resources and services which are essential for any teaching, learning and research process. Currently the library has two divisions, the Teesta-Indus Central Library and Science Library.

### Library Automation and Infrastructure

The library is fully automated, modernized with latest IT Infrastructure such as Integrated Library Automation



System (KOHA), Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) for material management and movement, Institutional Repository for management of inhouse publication, theses and dissertations, Faculty Publication Profile (IRINS) for showcasing the research strength, Remote Access for accessing resources off campus, and Plagiarism Detection System. Library is comparable to any other old university library of the country so far as modernization and infrastructure facilities are concerned.

### Library Collection and Resources

The library is housed with a physical collection of over 53,000 books in all major subject areas of the university. The collection includes both print and electronic resources.

| Collection Types         | Volumes |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Print Books              | 53492   |
| Print Journals           | 26      |
| Electronic Books         | 9878    |
| Electronic Journals      | 7390    |
| Electronic Databases     | 14      |
| Thesis and Dissertations | 661     |

### Electronic Resources

Central Library is subscribing the electronic resources both through consortia as well as individual subscriptions. The library is member of following Consortia for the subscription of the Electronic Journals:

- **e-ShodhSindhu Consortium** – e-ShodhSindhu Consortia is management of INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad (an IUC of Ministry of Education, Govt of India). Central Library subscribed to over 5003 electronic journals from the publishers such as *American Chemical Society*, *American Institute of Physics*, *Annual Reviews*, *Economic and Political Review Weekly*, *JSTOR*, and *Springer Nature*. The library has also access to digital books from *World e-Book Library*, and *South Asia Archive*.
- **DelCON e-Library Consortium** – DelCON is a consortium initiated by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India to manage electronic subscription of biotechnology related resources. Central Library is member of DBT – DelCON e-Library Consortium for the subscription to biotechnology & biosciences related electronic Journals and have access to over 1000 e-journals from publishers such as *American Association for Cancer Research (AACR)*; *American Association of Immunologists (AAI)*; *American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMS)*; *American Society for Microbiology (ASM)*; *Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press Journals (CSHL)*; *Elsevier Science (ScienceDirect)*; *Microbiology Society (MBS)*; *Nature Publications (NPG)*; *Oxford University Press (OUP)*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*; *Springer Nature (Springer)*; *Taylor & Francis (T&F)*; *Wiley-Blackwell (Wiley)*.
- **Direct Subscription:** Over 1200 e-journals are subscribed by the library from all major publishers of India and globally such as *APS Physics*; *Emerald Insight*; *John Benjamins - Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman Area*; *American Psychological Association (APA)* – *PsycARTICLES*; *Royal Society of Chemistry*.



- **Electronic Databases & Indexes Subscription** – The library has access to following multidisciplinary and subject specific databases
  - ★ Web of Science – Bibliographic & Citation Database
  - ★ Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) Databases
  - ★ J-Gate (JCCC)
  - ★ SciFinder Scholar
  - ★ CMIE Economic Outlook
  - ★ CMIE Prowess dx
  - ★ China Knowledge Resource Integrated Database (CNKI)
  - ★ DELNET (Provides e-journals and Inter Library Loan of Books)
  - ★ EBSCO (Education, Tourism & Management Collection)
  - ★ IndiaSTAT Statistical Database
  - ★ Manupatra – Legal Database
  - ★ MathSciNet
  - ★ Sage Business Cases
  - ★ EPWRF Database

**Library Services:** The library is quite active in extending research support services through adopting web based services and system and interactive library website (<https://library.cus.ac.in>). To facilitate the easy access to books, journals, and other resources, the library has comprehensive service plan, which includes research support services, subject support services, remote access facility, online public access catalogue (<https://opac.cus.ac.in>) and user friendly mobile application – Central Library App. These facilities and services ensure the easy access to the entire library collection and services in user friendly manner. Library is having a dedicated team of professional and serving actively through Ask-a-Librarian service.

## 15. Hostels

Sikkim University has ten hostels – five each for girls and boys. The hostels are located in hired premises, and the infrastructure is modest. Further expansion of hostel facilities is not possible due to difficulty in finding appropriate space and availability of wardens. Demand for seats in these hostels is very high. While the University makes utmost efforts to accommodate as many applicants as possible but it cannot ensure 100% accommodation in its hostels. Admission to hostels will be provided for one semester subject to renewal on compliance of hostel rules and regulations of the University. Application for admission to hostel accommodation can be made online at the time of filling of online admission form. Hostel accommodation is based on merit, availability of seats, departments and the reservation policy of the Govt. of India. No applicant from areas in and around Gangtok is eligible for hostel accommodation.

## 16. Transport Facility

The University provides free uninterrupted bus service to its students. These buses are plied between its starting point and end point at fixed intervals as notified by the bus coordinators at the beginning of every semester and the same is displayed in all the departmental notice boards. Various pick-up points are identified between the starting point and end point from where one can board the buses.



## 17. Gymnasium

The University gym with state-of-the-art equipment is open for 6 days a week for its students and staff. Different shifts have been maintained for male and female users. Trained male and female instructors monitor and provide continuous supervision to the users. Interested candidate can join the university gym by filling up a membership form available at the gym hall and also uploaded on the University website. Beside membership form, one has to submit a fitness declaration certificate from the University Medical Officer. A nominal amount, as provided below, is charged from the students and staff in order to provide and maintain the best gym facility.

| Sl. No. | Student/Staff | Monthly fee |
|---------|---------------|-------------|
| 1       | Student       | Rs.150      |
| 2       | Staff         | Rs.300      |

## 18. Health Centre

The Health Centre is manned by two doctors, staff nurse, 2 paramedics and 2 clerical staff. The University Health Centre provides following facilities to students, teachers, employees of the University and dependent of employees.

**Outpatient Clinic:** Employees including their dependents, and students can avail Outpatient facility on weekdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Minor procedures are also done. Counselling by senior doctors is also provided as and when required.

**Dispensary:** The Health Center has essential drugs and surgical items (both oral and injectable) in store. Drugs are dispensed by the Pharmacist as per the prescription of the Senior Medical Officer / Chief Medical Officer.

**Emergency facilities:** The students are given emergency services via consultation at the Health Centre and telephonic consultation 24x7. Employees and their dependents are given similar facility at the health Centre. Ambulance facility can be availed 24x7.

**Inpatient facilities:** Employees, including their dependents, and students are provided with inpatient facilities in the clinic itself.

**Referral service:** The University has an agreement with the Central Referral Hospital, Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok under which patients referred to by the University Health Centre receive cashless treatment.

## 19. Scholarship / Fellowship

Students admitted to Sikkim University may avail UGC Scholarship / Fellowship of various types. Students seeking to apply for scholarship / fellowship may submit application online through designated UGC portal or National Scholarship Portal or different Ministry's portal. Names of some of the fellowships/ scholarship are as follows:



- i) National Fellowship for SC students (NFSC)
- ii) National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST students (NFST)
- iii) National Fellowship for OBC Students (NFOBC)
- iv) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students (MANF)
- v) Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Single Girl Child Fellowship (SJSGC)
- vi) UGC NET-JRF
- vii) CSIR-NET-JRF
- viii) ICAR Fellowship

*(NB: Candidates selected for above scholarship / fellowship shall contact Academic Section for linking or verification of application & uploading of relevant documents in UGC portal.)*

University also provides Non-NET Fellowship for a full time Ph.D students who are not availing fellowship from any other sources.

## 20. Placement cum Career Counseling

The Placement cum Career Counseling Cell of the University was established with the aim of providing employment opportunity to the students of Sikkim University. The Placement Cell organizes recruitment drives in collaboration with the many companies available within and without the state of Sikkim.

## 21. Counseling Cell (Samadhan)

Students constitute the most important section of any university. Student life is always cherished as the most exciting part of one's life. But not many realize that student life is full of pressure for performance and can be very stressful if not handled carefully. Samadhan is created to help the students solve their problems and live a healthy life. It also offers Counseling and Psychotherapy for the benefit of students, teachers and university staff. The office of Samadhan is located next to the Cauvery Girls' Hostel and looked after by dedicated teachers. The service is provided from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on all working days.

## 22. National Service Scheme (NSS)

University NSS Cell is registered with the Regional Centre located in the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim. The Programme Coordinator of the Cell is appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for a period of three years. The Cell has a formally constituted Advisory Committee headed by the Vice-Chancellor as its Chief Patron. The NSS organizes regular activities and programmes throughout the year in the form of orientation/personality development workshops, blood donation camps, plantation programmes, cleaning drives, health awareness campaigns etc.

Students can apply for NSS membership in a prescribed form available on the university website and submit to NSS Cell in the beginning of Even or Odd semester. The NSS volunteers are not required to wear uniform but wearing of NSS badge and cap during NSS programmes is mandatory. The Cell provides certificates to the participating students on completion of a minimum of 240 hours of regular activities and a special camp during





a period of two years.

### **23. Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)**

Sikkim University is committed to providing a congenial environment for work and study, free of sexual harassment, intimidation, discrimination or exploitation of any kind. It is expected of every student and employee of the University to treat others with courtesy and respect. It ensures maintenance of a congenial atmosphere in the campus. In pursuance of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 an eleven member Committee called "Internal Complaints Committee" has been constituted in May 2015 to act as Inquiry Authority on a complaint of sexual harassment. Any aggrieved woman may file a complaint of sexual harassment to the ICC.

### **24. Anti-ragging Policies**

Higher education institutions in Sikkim are generally free from the menace of ragging. Sikkim University and affiliated institutions have over a period developed a ragging-free environment in the campuses. The University gives utmost attention to maintain and strengthen this anti-ragging culture by keeping zero tolerance for ragging. University also creates awareness among the students on ragging and issues related with it through various means. Anyone found involved in any form of ragging as defined by Supreme Court and the Guidelines of Sikkim University or in any case of indiscipline shall be dealt with very seriously and severely.

### **25. Students' Association**

Sikkim University has elected students' body called Sikkim University Students' Association (SUSA). It was first constituted on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016 following the election held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. The election of SUSA is held every year. The official website of SUSA is [www.sikkimuniversitystudentsassociation.in](http://www.sikkimuniversitystudentsassociation.in). The Vice-Chancellor is the Patron of the Association. SUSA is formed with an idea to foster bonds of harmony and peace among students' community and addresses issues pertaining to students. It also organizes various academic and co-curricular activities round the year.

### **26. Disciplinary Committee**

During the period of study in the University, the students are required to maintain strict discipline in the classrooms, labs, library, hostels etc. The disciplinary committee looks into the case of breach of discipline by students. The University in such cases may take punitive action as it may deem fit.

### **27. Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC)**

Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) of the University addresses problems and concerns of students belonging to disadvantaged groups of the society including scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, other backward classes, women, minorities, and differently-abled (DA) people. It ensures effective implementation of policies and programmes designed by the MHRD and UGC for the welfare of the students mentioned above who are

pursuing higher studies. The Cell maintains and updates records of all the activities related to equal opportunity of the students and staff members belonging to various under-privileged groups. The Cell also extends necessary guidance to the University on reservation norms, affirmative action etc. from time to time.

## 28. Student Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC)

Under section 5 of the UGC (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023, a six-member Student Grievance Redressal Committee (SGRC) has been constituted in 2023. Similarly, under Section 6 of the UGC Regulations, 2023, Prof. Dr. Kanak Kanti Bagchi, former Professor of Economics, University of North Bengal, has been appointed as the Ombudsperson for redressal of grievances of students for a period of three years.

## 29. Right to Information (RTI) Cell

An RTI Cell is fully functional in the University with the Registrar as its Appellate Authority. One CPIO and an Assistant are attached to the Cell for timely clearance of applications.

## 30. Academic Calendar

| Sl. No. | Academic Activities               | Even Semester<br>(II, IV, VI, VIII, X etc.) | Odd Semester<br>(I, III, V, VII, IX etc.)                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| 1       | Commencement of semester          | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2024                  | 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2024                                 |
| 2       | First Sessional Test              | Second week of April                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of September                           |
| 3       | Second Sessional Test             | Second week of May                          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of October                             |
| 4       | Third Sessional Test / Practical* | Second week of June                         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Week of November                            |
| 5       | End of Classes                    | 28 <sup>th</sup> June                       | 28 <sup>th</sup> November                                   |
| 6       | Filling of Examination Form **    | 15 <sup>th</sup> June                       | 15 <sup>th</sup> November                                   |
| 7       | End Semester Examination begins   | 1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> July    | 1 <sup>st</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> December                |
| 8       | Central Evaluation begins         | 9 <sup>th</sup> July                        | 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                    |
| 9       | Winter Vacation / Summer Vacation | 16 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> July   | 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2024 to<br>31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2025 |
| 10      | Publication of Results            | Last week of August                         | Last week of January  |

\*Not applicable for colleges \*\* Not Applicable for University. \*\*\*Commencement of UG/PG First Semester classes for Odd Semester will be subject to publication of CUET results. However, Ph.D course work classes will begin as per the calendar.

**Note:** If the first day and examinations is a holiday, classes will start on the next working day.