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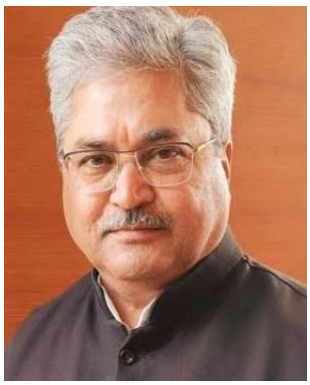

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Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santanu Kumar Swain calls on the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu on 26th September 2025 at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santanu Kumar Swain with his excellency the Governor of Sikkim Shri Om Prakash Mathur at Lok Bhavan, Gangtok on 13.03.2026

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1. From the Desk of the Vice-Chancellor

Sikkim University nestled amidst the tranquil atmosphere of Himalayan landscape, invites motivated and curious students from all over India to join a vibrant academic community dedicated to excellence, innovation, and nation-building. Established by an Act of parliament in 2007, it is a premier Central university fully funded by the University Grants Commission under the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

The University's administrative office is located at Samdur, 6th Mile, Tadong, with the permanent campus is being developed at Yangag, South Sikkim. Connectivity is convenient via Bagdogra Airport and New Jalpaiguri railway station.

Offering 33 departments across six Scholls of Studies including Life Sciences, Languages and Literature, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Professional Studies and Human Sciences along with a dedicated Centre for Bio-Informatics, the University fosters a multidisciplinary environment for innovative research and critical thinking.

Accredited by NAAC, now undergoing its second cycle of accreditation, Sikkim University is committed to maintaining high standards of education. It holds prestigious DST-FIST grants and features the Department of Geology as a DST-recognized Centre of Excellence. Over 34 extramural research projects funded by top national agencies underline the University's active research culture.

Aligned with the National Education Policy 2020, the University provides flexible undergraduate, postgraduate, and Ph.D programmes designed to prepare students for the future, emphasizing holistic education, academic flexibility and skill development.

Admission for UG and PG programmes are based on CUET scores; Ph.D admissions require NET qualification or an entrance test as per UGC norms. The Central Admission Committee ensures a transparent, merit-based & fair selection process.

Supported by over 164 full-time faculty and extensive library resources, including over 53,000 books and numerous e-resources, Sikkim University nurtures an inclusive and dynamic learning environment. It welcomes students from across India and abroad, fostering diversity alongside academic rigor.

If you aspire to learn, research and contribute meaningfully to society, your academic journey begins here. Shape your future at Sikkim University.

Please visit University website http://www.cus.ac.in for more information
Professor Santanu Kumar Swain
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 one of the world's richest bio-diversity hot spots and one of the twenty top tourist destinations in the country. The University is mandated to contribute to the nation-building process by mobilizing rich intellectual heritage of the State of Sikkim, by promoting creative talents of its youths and by developing itself as a premier national institution.

The nearest airport is at Pakyong, East Sikkim which is about 31 kilometers from Gangtok. Another airport is located at Bagdogra, Siliguri city, West Bengal at a distance of about 124 kms from the city. Taxis to Gangtok are available from both the airports on hire basis. 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 basis 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, Namchi District of Sikkim and located 56 kilometers from Gangtok. The first package of the construction has been completed and very soon we will be shifting to the University Campus at Yangang. 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 but the actual construction started from November, 2016.

The site of the campus is connected with Singtam town by a State Highway. On the northern fringe of the campus is a model tourist village with traditional houses, ultra-modern conferencing facilities, children's park etc. On its western front lies the upcoming Ropeway, skywalk project at a height of about 10,000 feet top 'Bhaledhunga' Cliff and will soon be a prime destination of adventure tourists and will be accessible from the campus through a trek route and ropeway.



University Campus at Yangang, South Sikkim

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 the 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).

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.
- **Incentive for Quality Publications:** University has created a best publication award in which quality publications by faculty members in national / international journals with high impact factor are given 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.

6. Important Contact Details

1.	**Dean Students' Welfare**: Prof. Nawal K. Paswan, Mob: +91 9593378884, E-mail: deansw@cus.ac.in
2.	**Dy. DSW (Gangtok Campus)**: Dr, Mohan P. Pradhan, Mob.: 8327235124; Email: mppradhan@cus.ac.in
3.	**Dy. DSW (Yangang Campus)**: Dr. Ash Bahadur Subba: Mob: 9434758445; Email: absubba@cus.ac.in
4.	**Provost (Gangtok campus):** Dr. Jigmie Wanchuk,Bhutia: Mob. 9862240590; E.mail: provost@cus.ac.in
5.	**Provost (Gangtok Campus):** Dr. Sumnima Rai: Mob. 8945978586: Email: srai01@cus.ac.in
6.	**Provost (Yangang Campus):** Dr. Balaram Pandey: Mob. 9434444737: Email: provost@cus.ac.in

Wardens of Hostels

Sl. No.	Names of Hostel	Names of Warden	Contact Number	Location of Hostel
1	Raapjyor-Cauvery Girls' Hostel	Dr. Anamika Gurung	9513273961	5th Mile, Gangtok
2	Rangeet Girls' Hostel	Dr. K. Renuka Devi	9083035394	6th Mile, Gangtok
3	Talung Girls' Hostel	Dr. Jasmine Yimchunger	8348586511	5th Mile, Gangtok
4	Pandim Girls' Hostel	Dr. Anamika Gurung	9513273961	5th Mile, Gangtok
5	Rangeet Boys' Hostel	Dr. E Ishwarjit Singh	7407829223	Near Entel, Gangtok, 6th Mile,
6	Teesta Boys' Hostel	Dr. Dinesh Shahu	7864878427	Adampool, Near Toyota Service Centre
7	Tendong Boys' Hostel	Dr. Sudeep Ghatani	9862240590	Lumsey, 5th Mile, Gangtok
8	Dzongri Boys' Hostel	Dr. Pradip Tripathi	6494913900	Lumsey, 5th Mile, Gangtok.
9	New Boys' Hostel	Dr. Anil Kumar Verma	9678883549	7th Mile, Tadong, Near Orange Village Resort,
10	New Girls Hostel	Dr. Veenu Pant	7014162168	6th Mile, Tadong
11	Girls' Hostel	Dr. Maheema Rai	9733387533	University Campus, Yangang
12	Boys' Hostel	Mr. Mingma Ongdup Lepcha	7602667232	University Campus, Yangang
13	Boys' Hostel Yangang	Mr. Mugip Hang Limboo	7797895654	University Campus, Yangang

➢ Help Desk for Admission Queries

General Queries: Mobile: 9749346032. E-mail: ksubba@cus.ac.in



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santanu Kumar Swain addressing the gathering on the occasion of a training programme on "GIS Application on Glacial Lake Outburst Flood (GLOF): Risk Mapping and Modelling" held on 15-19 December, 2025 at Ramada Hotel, Gangtok organized by the Department of Geology, Sikkim University in association with the National Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of India

7. School of Studies & Departments/Centre

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

Dean: Prof. Satyananda Panda
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Phone: +91 3592- 251337

Sl. No.	Department	Programmes Available
1	Anthropology	MA, Ph.D
2	Geography	MA/MSc, Ph.D
3	Psychology	FYUG, MA/MSc, Ph.D

School of Languages and Literature

Dean: Prof. Kabita Lama
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Sl. No	Department	Programmes Available
1	Bhutia	MA, Ph.D
2	Chinese	FYUG, MA, Ph.D
3	English	MA, Ph.D
4	Hindi	FYUG, MA, Ph.D
5	Lepcha	MA, Ph.D
6	Limbu	MA, Ph.D
7	Nepali	MA, Ph.D

School of Life Sciences

Dean: Prof. Niladri Bag
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Sl. 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

Dean: Prof. Anil Kumar Mishra
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Sl. No	Departments	Programmes Available
1	Chemistry	MSc, Ph.D
2	Computer Applications	MCA, Ph.D
3	Geology	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	FYUG, MPA, Ph.D
6	Tourism	MTTM, Ph.D
7	Library & Information Science	M.Lib.I.Sc

School of Social Sciences

Dean: Prof. Paveen Misra
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Phone: +91 3592-251441

Sl. No.	Departments	Programmes offered
1	Economics	MA, Ph.D
2	History	MA, Ph.D,
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

Centre for Buddhist Studies

Sl. No.	Centre	Programme offered
1.	Buddhist Studies	MA

8. Admission Calendar

Admission to Ph.D programme second cycle of the University for the academic session 2026-27 shall be as per the following schedule.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date
1	Publication of Admission Notice by the Registrar in Regional & Local Newspapers	23.11.2026
2	Uploading of the Prospectus	23.11.2026
3	Online Registration for Admission	25.11.2026 to 6.12.2026
4	Data arrangement by DSW office	7.12.2026
5	Scrutiny of online applications, documents verification & intimation to shortlisted eligible applicants for interview by the Departments.	8.12.2026
6	Interview of shortlisted candidates including NET score candidates	11.12.2026
7	Declaration of **Merit list** of provisionally selected candidates & uploading of names on website.	15.12.2026
8	Admission Fee payment by selected candidates (online)	16.12.2026
9	Physical Reporting & Document verification at DSW office	17.12.2026 to 18.12.2026
10	Commencement of classes (Gangtok/Yangang Campus)	1.12.2027

Note:

1. *UGC NET score certificate in all three categories vide UGC notice dated 27.03.2024 or equivalent examinations like CSIR-NET, CEED, GATE, ICMR-NET, DBT-NET, ICAR-NET etc. is required from applicants.*
2. *Any change in the calendar shall be notified. Physical reporting mentioned at Sl No. 9 in the above table is mandatory failing which admission will be denied.*
3. *Selected candidates will take admission within the scheduled date mentioned above failing which it will be presumed that the student is not interested and the seat will be offered to waitlisted candidates as per merit.*
4. ***Registration for admission Link: https://cusadmission.samarth.edu.in/***

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 **htpps://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 has been declared eligible in Category A/ Category B/ Category C in UGC-NET or equivalent examinations 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 (NC Central List), DA & EWS).

OR

A candidate who has been declared eligible in Category A/ Category B/ Category C in UGC-NET or equivalent examinations with 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 has been declared eligible in Category A/ Category B/ Category C in UGC-NET or equivalent examinations 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 A candidate with qualifications like CSIR -NET / GATE / CEED/ ICMR-NET / DBT-NET / ICAR-NET etc. will be treated at par with the UGC NET for admission. The validity of the required qualifying examination shall be considered from the date of deceleration of result up to the commencement date of admission registration. (i.e 25/11/2026).

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 Any 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 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/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, 2026 (WCA). The list of candidates shortlisted based on the NET Score and the marks / CGPA obtained in the qualifying examination / written entrance test 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 for admission 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/ ICAR-NET etc.

10.11 The final merit list shall be prepared by taking the marks/score obtained in NET score or equivalent examinations and the Interview.

10.12 Both written and interview will be conducted for candidates belonging to Non-NET subjects. The total marks allocated for Entrance Test will be 100 marks out of which 70 marks is allocated for the written entrance test and 30 marks for the Interview. Candidate must secure at least 50% marks in the written 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 qualify 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.

10.14 Interview shall focus upon research interest of the candidate and contribution to additional / new knowledge.

10.15 The list of selected Ph.D candidates after interview in terms of roster shall be uploaded on university website htpps://www.cus.ac.in. Candidates provisionally shortlisted for admission shall 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.

10.16 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.

10.17 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 provisions of admission or through ICCR. Candidates admitted under this provision are not eligible for UGC Non-Net Fellowship.

10.18 In case of international students in Ph.D programme, each eligible teacher of the University Departments 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.

10.19 The rules of Government of India regarding reservation of candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/DA/EWS or any other category as may be notified by the Government of India from time to time shall be adhered to strictly.

10.20 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 for supernumerary candidates.
vii) Passport and valid student visa for international candidates.
viii) Copy of the fitness certificate from a doctor of a Government Hospital.

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 ***5th FEBRUARY*** **2027** *failing which their admission shall stand cancelled.*

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

APPENDIX – A

Department/ Centre	Programme	Total Intake	Area of Specialization	Remarks
Anthropology	Ph.D.	**06 seats** UR-2 OBC- 1 SC-1 ST-1 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Physical/ Social-Cultural/ Biological/Archeological Anthropology	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Bhutia		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
Botany	Ph.D.	**03 seats** UR- 1 OBC-1 EWS- 1	**Broad Area of specialization**: Plant taxonomy/ Plant Ecology/Microbiology and plant Pathology	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Chemistry	Ph.D	**18 seats** UR-7 OBC-5 SC-3 ST-1 EWS-2	**Broad Area of specialization**: Porphyrin/ In-organic/ Organic/ Computational/ Physical/ Nano-Chemistry	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Chinese	Ph.D	**06 seats** UR-2 OBC-2 SC-1 ST- 1	**Broad Area of specialization**: Classical Chinese and Sinology, India-China Civilizational Interactions and Cultural Contact (Ancient, Medieval, Modern), Chinese, Japanese and Tibetan Buddhist Studies, Chinese Philosophy, Intellectual Thoughts and Movements, Chinese Social, Political, Cultural and Intellectual History, Chinese Literature, Silk Road Studies Chinese Language, Literature and Culture, Modern and Contemporary India-China Relations, Chinese Political Thought, Translation	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Commerce		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
Computer Applications	Ph.D	**06 seats** UR-1 OBC-2 SC-2 EWS-1	**Broad Area of specialization**: Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Swarm Intelligence, Digital Image Processing, Remote Sensing and GIS, Computational Algorithms	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.

Economics	Ph.D.	**05 seats** UR-2 OBC-1 SC-1 ST-1	**Broad Area of specialization**: Industrial Agricultural Marketing, Financial Economics, Agricultural credit, trade and development, Rural Development, and entrepreneurship Poverty and Inequality, Efficiency and productivity analysis applied to agriculture, tea, and service sector, and Economics and efficiency of education. Environmental Economics, Resource Economics, Mountain Development	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Education		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
English		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
Geography		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
Geology	Ph.D	**15 seats** UR-7 OBC-4 SC-2 ST-1 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Hydrology, landslides, Geophysics, environmental science, Natural hazards, climate change, and cryospheric studies	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Hindi	Ph.D	**04 seats** UR-1 OBC-1 SC-1 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Katha Sahitya, Lok Sahitya, Tulnatmak Sahitya, Purvottar ka Hindi Sahitya, Samkalin Hindi Kavita	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
History	Ph.D.	**06 seats** UR-2 OBC-2 SC-1 ST-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Any aspect of Ancient Indian History, Visual Studies, Memory Studies, Indigenous knowledge systems, Archaeology, Art & Architecture History of Indian Science, Traditional Knowledge Syatem, Culture. Freedom Struggle. Women History. Traditional knowledge system of North East India. Migration and settlement within Bharat and its cultural impact. Geo Cultural history of Bharat Ancient Indian History, Buddhism and Buddhist texts, Women's History, Environmental History and History of the Himalayas (Sikkim and Darjeeling) Historical perspective on Drug addiction and the role of Rehabilitation centres in Sikkim	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Horticulture	Ph.D.	**12 seats** UR-5 OBC-3 SC-2 ST-1 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization:** Vegetable Science / Fruit Science / Spices Plantation Medicinal and Aromatic Plants/ Floriculture & Landscaping.	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
International Relations	Ph.D.	**02 seats** UR-1 OBC-1	Security and Strategic Studies, Foreign Policy -Peace and Conflict studies, Gender	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department

Law		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No Vacancy**
Lepcha		**No vacancy**	**No Vacancy**	**No Vacancy**
L&ISc		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
Limbu		**No vacancy**	**No Vacancy**	**No Vacancy**
Management	Ph.D.	**06 Seats** UR-3 OBC-1 SC-1 EWS -1	**Broad area of specialization:** Marketing, Finance, HR, and General Management	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department
Mass Communication	Ph.D.	**03 Seats** UR-2 OBC-1	**Broad area of specialization** AI and News Media, Social Media and Data Ecology, Posthumanism, Health Communication	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department
Mathematics	Ph.D	**10 seats** UR-2 OBC-3 SC-2 ST-2 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization:** Applied Mathematics, Pure Mathematics,	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Microbiology	Ph.D.	**07 seats** UR-2 OBC-2 SC-1 EWS-2	**Broad area of specialization**: Environmental Microbiology, Industrial Microbiology, Agricultural Microbiology.	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Music	Ph.D	**05 seats** UR-1 OBC-2 SC-1 ST-1	**Broad Area of specialization**: Percussion Instrumental Music/Musicology Vocal Music/Musicology, Sitar/Musicology Flute/Musicology, Vocal Music/Musicology	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Nepali	Ph.D.	**01 seat** SC-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Gender studies, Literary theory and criticism, Children's Literature.	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
PCS& M	Ph.D.	**03 seats** UR-1 SC-1 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Border management and development strategies. Human security Conflict and developmental issues in Northeast India	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department
Physics	Ph.D.	**09 seats** UR-3 OBC-3 SC-1 ST-1 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Biosurfactants/ Laser Physics/ Molecular Cluster Physics, Molecular Electronics and Quantum Transport /Plasma Physics, Astrophysics	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Political Science		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
Psychology	Ph.D.	**04 seats** UR-3 OBC-1	**Broad area of specialization:** Clinical Psychology Cognitive, Environmental Psychology, Neuropsychology	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.

Sociology		**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**	**No vacancy**
Tourism	Ph.D	**04 seats** UR-1 OBC-2 ST-1	**Broad area of specialization** Heritage Tourism	NET Score and Interview to be conducted by the Department.
Zoology	Ph.D	**04 seats** OBC-2 SC- 1 EWS-1	**Broad area of specialization**: Parasitology/Bioinformatics/ Ecological Modelling	NET Score and Interview to be 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 2026-27 shall pay the fees specified in tables A, B and C below with a yearly non-cumulative increase of 2 percent.

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/Centre	Programme	Admission	Marksheet	Certificate	Examination	Library	Medical Insurance/care	Student Association	Identity Card	Alumni Fee	Registration*	Tuition fee for 1st Sem.	Total
Anthropology	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Bhutia	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Botany	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Chemistry	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Chinese	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**1280**	**15618**
Commerce	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Applications	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Economics	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**1280**	**15618**
Education	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
English	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Geography	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Geology	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Hindi	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**1280**	**15618**
History	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**1280**	**15618**
Horticulture	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
IR	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**1280**	**15618**

Law	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lepcha	**No vacancy**	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Library Sc	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limbu	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Mass Comm.	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Mathematics	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Microbiology	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Music	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Nepali	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**1280**	**15618**
PCS&M	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**1280**	**15618**
Physics	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Political Sc.	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Psychology	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Sociology	**No vacancy**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourism	**Ph.D**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**
Zoology	**Ph.D.**	**1890**	**252**	**378**	**10080**	**630**	**378**	**252**	**126**	**100**	**252**	**3780**	**18118**

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

A. 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/Centre	Programme	Tuition Fee (Rs.)
1	**Anthropology**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**
2	**Bhutia**	**No vacancy**	**-**
3	**Botany**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**
4	**Chemistry**	**Ph.D**	**3780**
5	**Chinese**	**Ph.D**	**1280**
6	**Commerce**	**No vacancy**	**-**
7	**Computer Applications**	**Ph.D**	**3780**
8	**Economics**	**Ph.D.**	**1280**
9	**Education**	**No vacancy**	**-**
10	**English**	**No vacancy**	**-**
11	**Geography**	**No vacancy**	**-**
12	**Geology**	**Ph.D**	**3780**
13	**Hindi**	**Ph.D**	**1280**
14	**History**	**Ph.D.**	**1280**
15	**Horticulture**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**
16	**International Relations**	**Ph.D.**	**1280**
17	**Law**	**No vacancy**	**-**

18	**Lepcha**	**No vacancy**	**-**
19	**Library & Information Science**	**No vacancy**	**-**
20	**Limbu**	**No vacancy**	**-**
21	**Management**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**
22	**Mass Communication**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**
23	**Mathematics**	**Ph.D**	**3780**
24	**Microbiology**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**
25	**Music**	**Ph.D**	**3780**
26	**Nepali**	**Ph.D.**	**1280**
27	**PCS&M**	**Ph.D.**	**1280**
28	**Physics**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**
29	**Political Science**	**No vacancy**	**-**
30	**Psychology**	**Ph.D**	**3780**
31	**Sociology**	**No vacancy**	**-**
32	**Tourism**	**Ph.D**	**3780**
33	**Zoology**	**Ph.D.**	**3780**

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 16th day onwards.

B. 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	**630**	**630**	**630**
2	Seat Rent	Commencement of every semester (1st Sem. fee shall be paid at the time of hostel admission)	**1150**	**763**	**632**
3	Hostel Caution Deposits (Refundable)	One time at the time of hostel admission. Refundable at the exit from the hostel.	**3000**	**3000**	**3000**
Total Fee to be paid			**4780**	**4393**	**4262**

C. Fees for International student:

Sl. No	Zone	One-time Admission Fee (INR)		Tuition fee (Sem-wise) (INR)	
		Non-professional	Professional	Non-professional	Professional
1	SAARC/Asia Pacific/Africa/South America	36236	36236	7560	7560
2	Europe / North America	72472	72472	15120	15120

(Vide CAC dated 16th April, 2024)

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.*



Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Santanu Kumar Swain with his excellency the Governor of Assam Sh. Lakshaman Prashad Acharya at Lok Bhavan, Assam.

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
Total	**100 %, 4 credits**

Note: students are advised to read the course work structure provided in the syllabus 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) 40<45 (PG)	4	P (Pass)
0<35 (UG) 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	53498
Print Journals	26
Electronic Books	9878
Electronic Journals	20,390+
Electronic Databases	12
Thesis and Dissertations	742

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:

- **ONOS –** 13,000+ Fulltext Journals as accessible from INFLIBNET Centre Ahmedabad (an IUC of Ministry of Education, Govt of India)
- **e-Shodh Sindhu Consortium** – e-Shodh Sindhu 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 thirteen hostels for girls and boys at Gangtok and Yangang campus taken together. University makes effort 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.	Student/Staff	Monthly fee
1	Student	Rs.150
2	Staff	Rs.300

18. Health Centre (CHARAK)

Sikkim University has established Health Centers both at Gangtok and Yangang campus. Four doctors (two in each campus), staff nurse, paramedics and clerical staff are engaged for providing best health care and related services. The University Health Centre provides services like outpatient clinics, Dispensary, Emergency facilities, Inpatient facilities referral service etc. to students, teachers, employees of the University and dependent of employees. 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 / CSIR-NET-JRF/ICAR Fellowship etc.

(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 all 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 format 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 3rd October, 2016 following the election held on 23rd September 2016. The election of SUSA is held every year. The official website of SUSA is *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)

As mandated 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.



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