

“CM-INSPIRE” (Chief Minister’s - Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Intellectual Readiness & Empowerment) for UPSC CSE Aspirants in Meghalaya

Government of Meghalaya
Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute-All India Services Pre-Examination Training Centre
Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department



1. Introduction

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination is one of the most prestigious and competitive examinations in India. Clearing the Prelims and Mains stages of this examination opens the door to coveted administrative positions across the country. For the last several years, there have been only a handful of candidates who have cleared this exam from the state and the last one to get into the IAS was in the year 2013. Therefore, there has been no candidate from the state getting into IAS for the last 12 years.

Many Indian states have introduced financial incentive schemes to encourage youth to pursue civil services by providing monetary rewards to aspirants who clear various stages of the UPSC exam. States like Tamil Nadu and Manipur have successfully implemented such schemes to motivate aspirants and reduce the financial burden associated with preparation.

This scheme proposes a similar incentive program for the state of Meghalaya, aimed at encouraging meritorious candidates, especially from underrepresented and economically weaker sections, to participate and succeed in the UPSC Civil Services Examination.

2. Objectives

The key objectives of this scheme are:

- To motivate and support candidates from Meghalaya to prepare and qualify the UPSC Civil Services Examination.
- To reduce economic barriers and provide financial assistance at critical stages of the exam.
- To improve representation of Meghalaya's youth in All India Services.
- To promote a culture of excellence, merit, and dedication in public service preparation.
- To recognize and reward the hard work and success of UPSC CSE aspirants.

3. Scheme Details and Incentives

This scheme will provide financial incentives to candidates from Meghalaya who successfully clear the UPSC (Civil Service Exam) Preliminary and Mains Examinations to be held in the year 2026 and thereafter. The incentive structure will be as follows which will be borne from the HoA (08) AISPETC-36-Grants-in-aid General (Non-Salary) :

- Clearing UPSC CSE Prelims: INR 50,000/-
- Clearing UPSC CSE Mains: INR1,00,000/-

These incentive amounts are benchmarked against schemes implemented by states like Tamil Nadu and Manipur, which have demonstrated positive impacts on aspirant motivation and success rates.

4. Reference to Tamil Nadu and Manipur Schemes

The Tamil Nadu government provides financial incentives to candidates clearing UPSC Prelims and Mains. The scheme aims to support aspirants from economically weaker backgrounds by reducing their financial burden during preparation. Incentives are provided in a phased manner to encourage consistent progress. The detailed notification is attached as Annexure A.

Manipur has implemented a similar incentive program that grants monetary rewards to aspirants who clear the UPSC Prelims, Mains, and Interview stages. The state has reported increased motivation among aspirants, better preparation outcomes, and higher participation rates from marginalized communities. Below is the brief summary of the Manipur Incentive Scheme:

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The Manipur scheme, in an order dated July 2, 2012 (Enclosed), offers the following:

Examination Stage Cleared / Selection	Incentive Awarded (INR)
Passing UPSC CCSE Preliminary Examination	INR 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh)
Passing UPSC CCSE Mains Examination	INR 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh)
Final Selection for Indian Forest Service (IFS)	INR 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh)
Final Selection for National Defence Academy (NDA) / Combined Defence Service (CDS)	INR 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lakh)

Key Eligibility Criteria (Manipur):

- Candidates must be **bonafide domiciles of Manipur**.
- They must produce a **Permanent Residential Certificate** duly issued by the concerned District Magistrate.
- The award is given **only once** to each candidate.
- Candidates applying for the incentive must submit official documentation showing they have passed the relevant exam stage or received the appointment letter for final selection (for IFS/NDA/CDS).

5. Implementation, Eligibility, and Monitoring

Implementation:

The scheme will be implemented by the Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute-All India Service Pre Examination Training Centre (MATI-AISPETC) in collaboration with the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms. An online application portal will be established for candidates to submit their claims along with supporting documents.

Eligibility:

- Permanent resident of Meghalaya belonging to ST, SC, OST and EWS category.
- Candidates must provide proof of clearing UPSC Prelims, Mains, or Interview stages in the corresponding examination cycle.
- Valid caste/income certificates for availing category-based benefits.

Monitoring:

- A verification committee at MATI will scrutinize applications and validate documents against official UPSC results.
- Funds will be disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to ensure transparency.
- An annual review of the scheme will be conducted to assess impact, identify challenges, and make

necessary adjustments. The scheme will be further extended if recommended by the competent authority.

Procedure for application:

The application process for the **CM-INSPIRE (Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Intellectual Readiness & Empowerment) for UPSC CSE Aspirants in Meghalaya** involves submitting an application along with requisite documents to the **Director, Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute, Shillong**.

1. Application Format

The application must be submitted online along with filled up receipts/forms which will be made available on the official website of the Institute: www.mati.gov.in

2. Required Documents (to be attested by a Gazetted Officer)

Applicants must submit/attach the following documents **attested by a Gazetted Officer**:

Category	Required Document	Specific Details/Notes
All Applicants	Permanent Residential/ST/SC Certificate/Income Certificate (for EWS Category)	Duly issued by the concerned District Magistrate (DM) or ADM or above
	Bank Details (Annexure-I)	Must include Account number , name of branch , and IFSC Code . Must have core banking facility and be duly authenticated/verified by the concerned Bank branch . Other required details include the Name of the Account Holder, Bank branch, and MICR code and Photocopy of the bank passbook
	Pre-Stamped Receipt/Acquittance/Advance Receipt (APR/PSR) (Annexure-II)	For the amount to be received through electronic transfer.
	Photographs	
	Undertaking of Cash Incentive (Annexure-III)	Declaring that the applicant has not previously availed the award for the specific achievement.
UPSC CCSE Preliminary/Mains	Admit Card Photocopy	Indicating their name and roll number.
	Official intimation of passing	For the Preliminary and/or Mains Examination.

ONLINE APPLICATION FORMAT

Affix recent
photograph
attested by a
Gazetted
Officer

To,

The Director
Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute
Shillong

Subject: Application for CM-INSPIRE (Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Intellectual Readiness & Empowerment) for UPSC CSE Aspirants in Meghalaya for the year 2025-2026

1. Name of Applicant:
2. Father's Name:
3. Mother's name:
4. Permanent Residence:
5. Date of Birth :
6. Incentive applied for:
(name of exam)
7. Admit card No; Phone No.
8. Appointment letter No:
9. Undertaking : Yes/No.

I hereby certify that the details given above are true to the best of my knowledge and any wrong information, will lead to the cancellation of my application.

Signature of the Applicant

**Applicants should submit all the documents attested by a Gazetted Officer, the checklist and Annexure should be filled invariably.*

CHECKLIST FOR CM-INSPIRE (INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR PROMOTION OF INTELLECTUAL READINESS & EMPOWERMENT) FOR UPSC CSE ASPIRANTS IN MEGHALAYA

1. Name of the Applicant :
2. Incentive applied for:
(Name of exam)
3. R/P No. Date of Receipt:

Sl. No.	Item	Candidate (Yes/No)	Authorized Officer (Yes/No)
1.	Whether the application is admissible for Incentive under the State Government?		
2.	Admit Card Photocopy		
3.	Appointment Order		
4.	Domicile Certificate (to be issued by ADM or above only)		
5.	Bank Details (as per Annexure – I)		
6.	Photocopy of the bank passbook		
7.	Whether the Bank has core banking facility and has been verified by bank staff?		
8.	Pre-Stamped Receipt/APR (as per Annexure-II)		
9.	Photographs		
10.	Undertaking of Cash Incentive (As per Annexure – III)		
11.	Whether the phone number submitted by the applicant is working?		
12.	Whether all the documents are attested?		
	Signature:		

**BANK DETAILS TO BE SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS
(ONLY WITH CORE BANKING FACILITY)**

1. Name of the Account holder :.....
2. Name of the Bank :
3. Bank Branch :
4. Account number:
5. Bank IFSC code:
6. Bank MICR code:

Verified by :
Bank Seal:



**ACQUITTANCE/PRE-STAMPED RECEIPT (PSR)/
PRE-RECEIPT/ADVANCE RECEIPT**

(Form of Acquittance for amount to be received through electronic transfer)

Received a sum of (Rupees only)
electronically from (DDO) Director, Meghalaya Administrative Training Institute, Shillong on account of
the above amount sanctioned by the (Office /Department) under the **CM-
INSPIRE (Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Intellectual Readiness & Empowerment) for UPSC
CSE Aspirants in Meghalaya** for the year (2025-26) vide sanction order no. dated
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Place :

Signature :

Date :

Name of the applicant:

Address of the applicant:

**UNDERTAKING
(For UPSC-CCSE Preliminary Examination)**

I, (Name of Applicant) hereby declare that I have not availed of ₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) only as cash incentive for passing the Preliminary Examination of Combined Civil Service Examination (CCSE) conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

Further, I undertake that I will refund the cash incentive of ₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) only if the same amount was received earlier in connection with this scheme of the State Government.

Date:

(Signature & name of Candidate)

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**UNDERTAKING
(For UPSC-CCSE Mains Examination)**

I, (Name of Applicant) hereby declare that I have not availed of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) only as cash incentive for passing the Mains Examination of Combined Civil Service Examination (CCSE) conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

Further, I undertake that I will refund the cash incentive of ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) only if the same amount was received earlier in connection with this scheme of the State Government.

Date:

(Signature & name of Candidate)

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