GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

Industries, Commerce & Public Enterprise Department

Chief Minister’s Atmanirbhar Asom Abhijan (CMAAA) Society

RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF MINISTER’S FELLOWS

Under Chief Minister’s Atmanirbhar Asom Abhijan

1. Background and Programme

Assam aims to accelerate economic growth, expand employment opportunities in the non-farm sector by 2030 and become one of the country’s five best-performing states. Achieving this vision requires a diversified industrial base that draws on the State’s natural resources, human capital and strategic location, supported by stronger connectivity, competitiveness and resilience.

The Chief Minister’s Atmanirbhar Asom Abhijan (CMAAA) promotes entrepreneurship among the educated youth of Assam. Through training, financial assistance, guidance and access to markets, the programme supports unemployed youth in becoming self-reliant and developing projects suitable for financing by financial institutions. Approximately one lakh youth are covered under the programme.

The Government of Assam, under the leadership of Hon’ble Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, has introduced this fellowship to bring the energy and knowledge of self-driven young professionals to CMAAA. Fellows will mentor beneficiaries in developing their ideas into viable enterprises, work closely with the Government of Assam and its senior leadership, and gain practical experience in programme implementation and entrepreneurship development.

2. Number of Fellows

256 Fellows. This number may change according to the requirements of CMAAA Society.

3. Educational Qualifications and Eligibility

Applicants must hold an MBA, an MBA-equivalent qualification, or a Master’s degree in Social Sciences, Public Policy or Development Studies, with a meritorious academic record from a reputed university or institution.

A minimum of 60% marks or equivalent CGPA is required in the qualifying postgraduate degree or MBA-equivalent qualification only. This minimum percentage requirement does not apply separately to Class 10, Class 12 or graduation. Where CGPA is awarded, the equivalent percentage must be calculated using the awarding institution’s prescribed conversion formula.

Applicants should have a passion for public service and programme management. Candidates from premier institutions such as IIMs, IITs, IRMA, TISS and NIRD are preferred. Professionals with experience in multinational companies or international organisations who are interested in the social sector and wish to take a sabbatical are also welcome to apply, subject to the eligibility requirements above.

4. Language and Computer Skills

Applicants shall possess proficiency in the local languages of Assam, English and Hindi, along with strong oral and written communication skills. They shall also possess adequate knowledge of and proficiency in computer applications required for the effective and efficient discharge of their assigned duties and responsibilities.

5. Duration, Placement and Responsibilities

The fellowship will be for 24 months. Fellows will be placed across Assam and will work with the Office of the Chief Executive Officer, CMAAA Society, and District Industries and Commerce Centres. They will also collaborate closely with District Commissioners and other line departments, according to programme requirements.

Fellows will support CMAAA beneficiaries through mentoring and enterprise development, working with stakeholders including universities, research stations, NABARD, NEDFi, banks, progressive farmers, successful local entrepreneurs and start-ups.

Performance will be evaluated every six months against mutually agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Continuation of the fellowship will depend on the outcome of these evaluations.

6. Joining and Induction

Selected candidates are expected to join in December 2026. They will undergo an initial orientation programme, followed by exposure visits and on-the-job training in the field.

7. Remuneration

First year: Annual remuneration of ₹6,00,000, inclusive of ₹96,000 towards travelling expenses.

Second year: Annual remuneration of ₹6,60,000, inclusive of ₹1,08,000 towards travelling expenses.

8. Learning Opportunities and Certification

The fellowship offers opportunities to build professional networks, gain hands-on experience in nurturing enterprises and start-ups, and work with government departments, banks, universities and training institutions. Fellows will develop leadership, problem-solving and programme-management skills through practical engagement with enterprise development challenges.

On successful completion of the fellowship, Fellows will be awarded a CMAAA–CM Fellow citation and certificate personally signed by the Hon’ble Chief Minister.

9. Application and Selection Process

Applications must be submitted online through https://cmaaa.assam.gov.in. Shortlisted candidates will be called for a group discussion and interview. Selected candidates will undergo the orientation programme before commencing their assignments.

10. Application Window

Opening: 12:00 noon (IST) on 1 November 2026.

Closing: 11:59 p.m. (IST) on 14 November 2026.

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