

# P.A. SANGMA FELLOWSHIP FOR LEGAL AND POLICY RESEARCH

A FELLOWSHIP FOR THE GRADUATES OF  
NATIONAL LAW SCHOOL OF INDIA UNIVERSITY  
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA



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# ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP



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The P. A. Sangma Fellowship for Legal and Policy Research is a fellowship by the Government of Meghalaya for the graduates of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru. The fellowship looks to expose students to the complex social and economic challenges of Meghalaya, a Sixth Schedule state, and generate interventions after analysing legal and policy frameworks in collaboration with senior policymakers of the government.

# SCOPE OF WORK

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THE BROAD SCOPE OF WORK FOR SELECTED FELLOWS WILL BE TO PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT FOR GOVERNANCE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

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- Undertake research for identifying gaps in policies and legal frameworks of the state and suggest interventions after assessing relevant stakeholders.
- Providing research support to officers in their day-to-day functioning for strengthening the policy structure of the state by identifying reforms in areas the areas of (but not limited to) Civil Laws and procedure, Banking and other Financial Laws, I.T and Cyber Laws, Property Laws, Labour Laws, Industrial and Commercial Laws, Environment Laws, Revenue Laws, Administration of Justice, Regulatory Compliances, Penal Provisions, etc.
- Any other advisory support as requested by Government of Meghalaya from time to time.
- Primary and/or secondary research for anticipated or on-going projects and policies of the state.





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## ELIGIBILITY

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The Fellowship is open to all graduates of NLSIU, hailing from B.A.LL.B (Hons.), L.L.M and the Masters in Public Policy (MPP).

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## TERM OF FELLOWSHIP

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The Fellowship will be for a period of one year, extendable based on assessment of work or requirement of projects.

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## LOCATION

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Selected fellows will be based in Meghalaya. They will be mentored jointly by nodal persons from the Government of Meghalaya and NLSIU.

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## STIPEND

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Each fellow will be eligible for a stipend of ₹60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand only) per month along with a House Rent Allowance of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) per month. Every fellow will also receive a certificate on successful completion of the fellowship.

# SELECTION PROCESS

## REQUIREMENTS AND DATES

For applying to the fellowship, candidates need to send the following to **recruitment@nls.ac.in** in a **single PDF document**:

- A statement of purpose (maximum 1000 words) indicating precisely why they are the best fit for the fellowship and how they will be able to contribute effectively using their skillsets.
- Updated CV of not more than two pages
- Two reference letters, either both academic or one academic and one professional. Students with work experience **must** submit a professional reference letter. Students without work experience may submit internship reference letters, if they consider to do so.

Shortlisted candidates will be asked to appear for an interview. Upon selection, the Government of Meghalaya will provide the terms of reference for the fellowship.

**The last date to receive applications is May 10, 2022.**



**WILL THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDE ME WITH ACCOMMODATION?**

As a part of the fellowship, a house rent allowance of ₹ 10,000/- will be provided. The government will not provide any accommodation. However, fellows will receive assistance for finding suitable accommodation.

**I AM AN MPP STUDENT. IS THE FELLOWSHIP LEGAL CENTRIC?**

The fellowship will target areas of both law and policy. Work will be given to ensure the fellows are able to use their respective education, training and skillsets, making it suitable for all graduates of NLSIU across disciplines.

**I HAVE GRADUATED IN 2019. AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

The fellowship is open to all graduates of NLSIU across disciplines irrespective of their year of graduation.

**WILL THE FELLOWSHIP INVOLVE FIELDWORK?**

The role will be based primarily in Shillong and may require minimal or no travel outside of Shillong. However, certain requirements may demand field visits for the fellow for which travel will be arranged by the government.

**IS WORK EXPERIENCE DESIRABLE?**

While having work experience will be an add-on, the fellowship is designed to provide exposure to fresh graduates as well. Therefore, not having work experience will not be a disadvantage.

**WHAT WILL MY WORK HOURS BE? WILL I HAVE HOLIDAYS?**

Work hours will be standard, as per the business hours of the Meghalaya government (9 am - 5 pm). However, if exceptional requirements arise, hours may extend on few occasions. Holidays for fellows will be as per the calendar of the government.

**CANDIDATES CAN CONTACT [RECRUITMENT@NLS.AC.IN](mailto:RECRUITMENT@NLS.AC.IN)  
FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS AND QUERIES**

# P.A. SANGMA (1947-2016)



Shri Purno Agitok Sangma was born in the Garo Hills District of Assam (present day West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya) in 1947. A celebrated statesman, a constitutional expert and a lawyer, he dedicated his life to the betterment of the people of the North Eastern region. In 1973, he became the Vice-President of the Pradesh Youth Congress in Meghalaya and became the General Secretary of the party in 1975. He served in that position from 1975 to 1980. In 1977, he was elected to the 6th Lok Sabha from Tura constituency in Meghalaya and represented the same constituency multiple times, from 1977-1988, 1991-2008, 2014-2016. The breaks in 1988 and 2008 were caused by his return to Meghalaya state politics, where he served as the Chief Minister from 1988-90. He became the Speaker of Lok Sabha in 1996 and till date remains the only speaker to have been elected to the coveted position from the opposition. He was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 2017 by the Government of India for his immense contribution to the field of public affairs, and he became the first person from Meghalaya to receive this honour.