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Notification for Ph.D. Admissions 2025-26

Council for Social Development (CSD), Hyderabad invites applications for admission into the Ph.D. programme for the academic year 2025–26, offered in collaboration with Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU), Nalgonda. Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme in the below-listed subjects may submit their applications on or before the specified deadline. Eligible applicants must apply online in the prescribed format and upload all required documents.

Applications are accepted in the following ten subject areas.

1. Anthropology
2. Business Management
3. Commerce
4. Economics
5. Political Science
6. Public Administration
7. Social Work
8. Sociology
9. Statistics with emphasis on Econometrics
10. Tourism and Administration

The Ph.D. programme in any of the above-mentioned subjects must be pursued within the specialization of Development Studies. Accordingly, the degree will be awarded as ***Ph.D. in Development Studies with the respective discipline*** specified.

Important Dates

- Date of commencement for accepting applications: **27 November, 2025.**
- Deadline for accepting applications: **31st December, 2025**

Number of Seats

A total number of seats designated for the Ph.D. programme for the academic year 2025–26 is **Seven**. The allocation of seats across categories is presented in the table below.

Category	UR	BC		SC	ST	EWS	Total
		B	A or D				
General	2	1	1	1	1	1	7
Women	1	<i>One woman among BC</i>		<i>One woman among SC/ST</i>		-	1
Total number of seats							8

Eligibility Criteria

- (a) Candidates who have already been awarded Masters' Degree in the subject areas mentioned above from any UGC recognized University/Institute as per UGC guidelines.

and

- (b) Admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the UGC guidelines (UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(net)/140648, March 27, 2024/7): i.e.,

Category-1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-2: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-3: Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of the JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor. (*“The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.” as per UGC Notification No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/ 2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024).

For further details, please refer to Ph.D. Rules and Regulations available on the websites of CSD, Hyderabad (www.csdhyd.org) and MGU, Nalgonda (www.mguniversity.ac.in).

Fee Structure for Ph.D. programme

Application Fee	: Rs. 2500 (for UR) and Rs. 1500 (for SC/ST/PWD)
Tuition and Registration Fee	: Rs. 25000 for first year, Rs. 20000 (2 nd year onwards)
Examination Fee	: Rs. 2000
Thesis Submission Fee	: Rs. 25000

The fee may be subject to change as per the rules and regulations of MGU, Nalgonda.

Application Procedure

*Interested candidates may send the filled-in application form (**soft copy**), along with scanned copies of relevant certificates, to: **director.csdsr@gmail.com** on or before **16th January, 2026 by 5.30 pm.** Application may be downloaded from the website-www.csdhyd.org.*

The List of Scanned Documents to be Included Along with Application

1. Certificate of Master's Degree
2. Document of UGC-NET Qualification
3. SSC Pass Certificate
4. Caste Certificate, if applicable
5. Disability Certificate, if applicable
6. Application fee voucher (Account Holder: Council for Social Development; Account No: 125511011000157; IFSC Code: UBIN0812552; Bank: Union Bank of India, Rajendranagar Branch. Online transactions can also be made through UPI. Once paid please provide UTIR number)