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(PREVIOUSLY NAMED ICMR-REGIONAL MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTRE (RMRC) , BHUBANESWAR)

1st July, 2026

MPH ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT-2026

The ICMR-National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), Bhubaneswar, is one of the institutes under the aegis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) (Dept. of Health Research, MOHFW, Govt. of India). The Centre has focused its activities in the area of health research in human resource development programmes and establishing strong linkages with the State Health Department in finding solutions to the regional health problems, diagnosis, & epidemiology of communicable & non-communicable diseases. The Centre is also working in the areas of Public Health, Biostatistics, Microbiology, Virology, Food & Nutrition Sciences, Tribal Health, Health Economics, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and One Health. ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar, has been affiliated with different Universities of the country for pursuing Ph.D. degree in different branches of Sciences and Medicine. During the COVID-19 pandemic, this centre has played pivotal role in the diagnosis of this fatal disease and related research. The Master in Public Health (MPH) Course under Utkal University has been undertaken from the academic session (2018-19) with permission of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi and the Department of Health & FW, Govt. of Odisha.

Applications are invited for admission into the two-year full-time regular Master in Public Health (MPH) programme for the academic session (2026- 2028).

- a) Name of the Postgraduate Course: Master in Public Health (MPH)
- b) Duration: Two years' regular course, having 4 Semesters as per the University academic curriculum
- c) Application fee: Rs. 600/- (Rupees Six Hundred only) for the UR/OBC category of candidates
Rs. 300/- (Rupees Three Hundred only) for SC/ST category of candidates
- d) Fee structure:
 - I. Course fee: Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) for 2-years.
(Rs. 50, 000/- to be paid at the time of admission, and the next amount to be paid in the 2nd year of the session)
 - II. Caution money: A refundable amount of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only), one time to be paid at the time of admission

(The above payments are to be paid in two separate Demand Drafts drawn in any nationalised bank in favour of the “**DIRECTOR, RMRC**” payable at Bhubaneswar).

- e) Besides, the seminar fee of Rs. 500/- per annum is to be paid at the beginning of each academic session. Also, examination fees at the time of form fill-up for each semester, as per the programme, are to be paid.
- f) There is no provision for the refund of fees deposited by the candidate after admission into the course.
- g) Curriculum: As follows the University for the current academic session.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Bachelor degree holders of any institute/University recognised by the UGC having secured at least 50% of marks in aggregate for General/OBC & 45% marks in aggregate for SC/ST candidates in the following subjects, such as Medicine/ AYUSH/ Dental Sciences/ Allied Medical & Health Sciences/ Veterinary Sciences/ Microbiology/ Life Sciences/ Nursing/ Population Sciences/ Statistics/ Biostatistics/ Demography/ Public Health/ Food & Nutrition Sciences / Home Science/ Community Sciences/ Psychology/ Social Work/ Sociology/ Anthropology/ Economics / Physiotherapy and Virology.

- Medical/ Dental/ Veterinary/ Nursing/AYUSH graduates should have registered with their respective State Registration Councils.
- Students appearing in the final degree examination can make a provisional application, pending publication of results, subject to meeting minimum eligibility requirements at the time of interview. Internship, if required for the course, needs to be completed before the date of admission. Admission to the course is based on the combined result of the entrance score and performance in the personal interview.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION

- Proof of date of birth
- Attested copies of all certificates and mark sheets starting from Matriculation
- Caste certificate/ Certificate claiming reservation (if any) from the competent authority
- Completion of the internship certificate is mandatory if required for the course
- State Registration Council certificates for Medical/Dental/Veterinary/Nursing/AYUSH, etc.

ENTRANCE TEST

All eligible candidates will have to appear in an offline entrance test to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. There will be 100 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) for the written examination. Each question carries 1 mark, and 0.25 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer. The questions for the entrance examination will cover General Public Health & Scientific awareness, Reasoning, Quantitative aptitude, and General English, including Grammar/Common errors, etc.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- A selection committee constituted by the Director, ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar, will select the candidate based on the following:
 - a) Review of application form
 - b) Written examination
 - c) Personal interview
- Reservation/Relaxation will be followed as per norms being followed by the Government of Odisha / Utkal University.
- Mere possession of eligibility criteria will not entail selection for admission to the course. The decision of the Director, ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar, regarding eligibility, selection of candidates & number of students to be admitted in an academic year within the rules shall be final.
- The candidate will be informed by letter/E-mail regarding the date & venue of the written examination, interview, etc.

The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the applications or the entire selection process without assigning any reason thereof.

HOW TO APPLY

Prescribed application form may be downloaded from the link given on the institute's Website: www.rmrcbbsr.gov.in & www.icmr.nic.in. The prescribed application format on the Website should only be used as an application form. Any other form will not be considered.

Application is to be submitted along with the application fee of Rs. 600/- (Rupees Six Hundred only) for the UR/OBC category and Rs. 300/- (Rupees Three Hundred only) for the SC/ ST category of candidates by means of a demand draft drawn in any nationalised bank in favour of the “**DIRECTOR, RMRC**” payable at Bhubaneswar. Application without the application fee (demand draft in original) will not be considered.

Duly filled-in application form with necessary documents and original demand draft should be sent to “**The Director, ICMR-National Institute of Health Research, Chandrasekharapur, S. E. Rly. Project P.O., Bhubaneswar, Odisha, PIN-751023**”, superscribing “**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO MPH-2026**” on the top of the cover by Post/Speed Post only.

No application will be received by hand or offline mode.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Presently, there is no provision of hostel accommodation for this course.
- Availability of application form: **1st July, 2026**
- Last date for receipt of completed applications at ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar by post: **8th August, 2026**
- For admission-related queries, kindly contact us through
✉ mph.rmrc.bbsr@gmail.com

Sd./-
Nodal Officer, MPH
ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar
