

ADMISSION NOTICE FOR
M.A. SOCIAL WORK DISABILITY STUDIES & ACTION
(M.A. SWDS) A.Y. 2026-27



राष्ट्रीय मानसिक स्वास्थ्य पुनर्वास संस्थान - सीहोर

National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation, Sehore

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग, सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India

भोपाल-इंदौर हाइवे, शेरपुर, सीहोर, मध्यप्रदेश - 466001

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1. About the Institute

The **National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR)**, Sehore is an autonomous institute under the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India**. Established with the vision to advance the cause of mental health and rehabilitation, NIMHR serves as a national resource center for education, training, research, and policy development in the field of mental health and psychosocial rehabilitation.

Strategically located on the Bhopal-Indore highway in Sherpur, Sehore (Madhya Pradesh), the institute is committed to developing a multidisciplinary workforce and delivering need-based rehabilitation services to people with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, and other developmental conditions. It plays a pivotal role in integrating mental health within the broader framework of disability rehabilitation and inclusive development.

With a focus on excellence in academics, clinical services, and community outreach, NIMHR regularly collaborates with leading institutions such as NIMHANS Bengaluru, IHBAS New Delhi, CIP Ranchi, and AIIMS Bhopal. Its facilities include specialized service units, and a cross-disability early intervention center (CDEIC).

2. About the Course

The M.A. Social Work in Disability Studies and Action is a two-year, full-time postgraduate programme designed to develop professional knowledge, skills and perspectives for social work practice in the field of disability. The programme enables students to understand disability, persons with disabilities and their families within diverse social, cultural and environmental contexts, while critically examining the social realities and systemic and structural issues associated with disability.

The Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), an autonomous central organization under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, has mandated that all social workers who are working in the field of disability rehabilitation, undergo certification in Rehabilitation Social Work or acquire a credited degree in Disability Rehabilitation Social Work. RCI recognizes Rehabilitation Social Workers as professionals in the field of disability rehabilitation. Given this mandate, the M.A. Social Work in Disability Studies and Action is being offered to create a cadre of professional social workers, with competency in empowering people with disabilities and all other stakeholders with regard to this issue. The programme provides immense wide-ranging career opportunities for students with diverse interests including government institutions, non-government organizations, hospitals, and research-based organizations.

Graduates of this programme are equipped to work with persons with all types of disabilities in various settings such as hospitals, clinics, early identification and intervention centres, schools, institutions, communities, funding agencies, inclusive settings of all types and policy and research-based organisations at the government, non-government and international levels. This programme trains students to identify and work with persons with disabilities and

concerned stakeholders. It also provides them with a holistic understanding of disability management, care and rehabilitation at both individual and community levels.

Through in-class activities and their engagement with the field, students are trained to conduct awareness and sensitization programmes with different stakeholders such as students, teachers, parents, persons with disabilities in both rural and urban communities. They are also capable of working at the policy level as they have been trained about laws and policies at the national and international levels so as to engage in advocacy related activities.

3. Objectives of the Course

The M.A. Social Work in Disability Studies and Action aims to:

- To develop an understanding of disability, persons with disabilities and their families from diverse perspectives and within their varied social, cultural, environmental and contextual settings.
- To develop the ability to critically understand, analyse and respond to the complex social realities of disability, persons with disabilities and their families, including related issues within their systemic and structural contexts.
- To foster self-awareness, innovation and professional development towards an anti-oppressive, empowerment-based and partnership-oriented approach to social work practice with, through and for persons with disabilities and diverse stakeholders.

4. Course Structure

Duration: Two years (full-time, regular mode)

Program Language: English

Sl. No.	Category	Seats
1.	UR	08
2.	EWS (10%)	02
3.	SC (15%)	03
4.	ST (7.5%)	02
5.	OBC (27%)	05
6.	Total	20

Please note: One seat is reserved Horizontally for Person with Disabilities

Reservation of seats is applicable according to prevalent rules of Government of India. In case of non-availability of qualified candidates under these categories (Horizontal), the vacant seats shall be filled up with qualified candidates from the respective category (Vertical) in order of merit.

Syllabus: As per the RCI norms, for more information visit

<https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s34f4eeef3a8c90dfceadd5c6d64e4ebb/uploads/2025/07/2025071028676758.pdf>

Attendance:

- Course of training must continuously be pursued and complete all the course requirements within a stipulated period from the date of enrollment.

- A minimum attendance of 75% shall be necessary for appearing for qualifying examination.
- Students may be absent for not more than two field workdays per semester. All absences beyond 2 days of field work per semester will have to be made up in toto.

5. Eligibility Criteria

- Graduate in any discipline.

- Minimum 55% marks in aggregate (relaxation of 50% for SC/ST/OBC) from UGC recognized university

Please ensure eligibility before applying.

6. Admission Procedure

Apply via: <https://nimhr.nic.in/>

Applications are invited by eligible candidates through post/ email (admission.nimhr@gmail.com) **Admission Form attached below**, the subject must be labelled **“ADMISSION FOR M.A. SWDS 2026-27- Full Name of the Applicant”**

For post, the post must be labelled **“ADMISSION FORM M.A. SWDS 2026-27”** and addressed to the Director, National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR), Bhopal Indore Highway, Shergpur, Sehore, M.P. - 466001

Selection will be made based on the merit in the Entrance Test and reservation norms of Government of India. Admission will be confirmed upon document verification and full fee payment of Semester I. The decision of the Institute regarding admission and selection shall be final and binding on all applicants.

Entrance test will include questions from general awareness, reasoning, aptitude, English comprehension and relevant subject.

7. Fee Structure

S. No.	Fee Description	Quantity/ Times	Fee (in Rupees)
1.	Registration Fee	One time during the course	500.00
2.	Enrolment/ Eligibility Fee paid to Barkatullah University	One time during the course	500.00
3.	Tuition Fee	Per Semester	16,000.00
4.	Lab Fee	Per Semester	5,000.00
5.	Library Fee	Per Semester	1,500.00
6.	Exam Form Fee	Per Semester	1,500.00
		Total for 1 st Year (Semester 1+2)	49,000.00
		Total for 2 nd Year (Semester 3+4)	48,000.00

		Total for 2 Years	97,000.00
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Caution Money (Refundable): Rs. 10,000.00

Please Note:

1. **Application Fee** for GEN/OBC candidates Rs. 500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred Only), for SC/ST/EWS candidates is Rs. 300.00 (Rupees Three Hundred Only) payable to NIMHR Sehore, Name of Account: **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION**, Account Number: **048101004396**, IFSC: **ICIC0000481**, Branch Sehore. Application Fee is waived for Divyang candidates. Please ensure eligibility before applying. Fee once paid will not be refunded.



2. Selected candidates shall secure their seat by depositing full fees of Semester I in lump sum.
3. All the students and their parents who get selected in the course and having disability certificate as well as a valid UDID card or enrolled on the UDID portal will be exempted from payment of course fee as per Government of India norms. Able bodied students of parents with benchmark (40%) or higher disabilities will also be exempted from payment of course fee.
4. The candidate once admitted to the course will not be allowed to leave the course, or the paid fee and deposits will be forfeited. Students who could not appear for certifying exams at the culmination of the course due to insufficient attendance or other unjustified reasons also have no claims over refund of any fee or deposits.

8. Hostel Facility

On-campus hostel is available for both male and female students, hostel fees payable separately.

For Single Occupancy: Rs. 1500.00 per month

For Twin Sharing: Rs. 900.00 per month

Caution Money (refundable): Rs 5000.00

9. Facilities and Infrastructure

- Cross-Disability Early Intervention Centre
- Psychological assessment, Therapy rooms
- Library & AV Classrooms
- Opportunities for outreach, research, and fieldwork

10. Career Opportunities

Government Departments	Rehabilitation Officer, Case Worker, Social Welfare Officer
NGOs & International Organisations	Programme Coordinator, Advocacy Specialist, Project Manager
Hospitals & Mental Health Services	Medical Social Worker, Counsellor
Community-Based Programmes	CBR/IBR Practitioner, Disability Support Worker
Inclusive Education Settings	Resource Person, Inclusion Coordinator
Research & Academic Sector	Researcher, Assistant Faculty (as per qualifying norms)
Self-Employment/Entrepreneurship	NGO Setup, Consultancy, Training and Support Services

11. Examination

Exams are conducted as per the RCI Norms by Barkatullah University, Bhopal

12. Important Dates

Sl. No.	Description and Timeline	Prospective Dates*
1.	Commencement of Admission Process	20.08.2026
2.	Last date for Receiving the application	10.09.2026 by 5 PM
3.	Declaration of Eligibility List at Website	11.09.2026
4.	Entrance Exam Date	16.09.2026
5.	Declaration of merit list at Website	18.09.2026
6.	Document verification, fee deposit and admission confirmation of eligible candidates	22.09.2026
7.	Commencement of classes on regular basis	23.09.2026
*Any changes in dates will be notified on the website, no separate communication will be made.		

13. Contact Details

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**Sd/-
Director**