

# Prabodhini Fellowship

A joint initiative of



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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. In 2020, RMP's Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) and Manipal Education and Medical Group (MEMG), launched the Udaan Fellowship Programme.
- 1.2. This fellowship provides fellows with distinctive opportunities to gain practical experience in the socio-political arena through extensive engagement with leaders, think tanks, and voluntary organizations.
- 1.3. Moving forward, this fellowship will be known as the 'Prabodhini Fellowship'.

## 2. Objectives of the Programme

- 2.1. The main objective of this Programme is to inculcate the discipline of research in the youth of Bharat. It underscores the importance of academic endeavour in any field of social-political activity.
- 2.2. The Programme is designed to provide hands-on work experience in leadership, management, politics, governance, democracy, and public policy domains, making it a practical learning experience.
- 2.3. It aims to enable fellows to participate actively in socio-political developments.
- 2.4. The Programme also aims to hone the fellows' soft skills, such as effective communication, writing, public speaking, etc., which will equip them to take on new challenges.
- 2.5. Additionally, the Programme aims to introduce the fellows to alternative career options in the socio-political sphere.

## 3. Eligibility

- 3.1. The applicant must be between 23 and 35 years of age.
- 3.2. The applicant must hold a Post-Graduate Degree with a minimum of 50% marks.

- 3.3. Applicants with a minimum of one year of experience in the socio-academic or political landscape will be preferred.
- 3.4. The applicant must demonstrate a keen interest in societal and political issues, with a desire to contribute to society.
- 3.5. The applicant should possess strong communication skills, both oral and written.

#### **4. Mode of Selection**

- 4.1. Applications for the fellowship will be invited annually in the month of July.
- 4.2. All received applications will undergo preliminary screening.
- 4.3. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.
- 4.4. The selection will be based on the performance during the interview.

#### **5. Terms of the Fellowship Programme**

- 5.1. The Fellowship will have a duration of 6 to 12 months, starting in August and concluding either in January or July of the following year, depending on the evaluation of the proposed research work.
- 5.2. Each year, 35 Fellowships will be awarded across three domain categories: Political, Socio-economic, and Policy/Governance, focusing on the most relevant and contemporary issues.
- 5.3. Fellows may choose any topic related to anyone of the three domains based on their area of interest.
- 5.4. The stipend for Fellows will be Rs. 22,000 per month.
- 5.5. The Fellowship may be discontinued if the Monthly Reports are not submitted or an objective assessment indicates the need for disciplinary action.
- 5.6. Selected Fellows must commit in writing that they will not undertake any other paid work during the Fellowship's duration.

#### **6. Mode of work**

- 6.1. Within each domain category (Political, Socio-economic, and Policy/Governance), candidates are required to select a Mentor.
- 6.2. If a fellow is unable to identify a Mentor, RMP- IIDL will assign one to guide them on a subject.
- 6.3. Fellows may choose to work autonomously as researchers or collaborate with relevant socio-political organizations.

#### **7. Mentorship**

- 7.1. Mentors will be in regular contact with the Fellows and provide guidance as needed.

7.2. Mentors will support Fellows in developing skills related to research, teamwork, and related activities and processes.

7.3. Mentors will be invited to participate in the boot camp and convocation ceremony.

## **8. Monitoring**

8.1. RMP-IIDL and Mentors jointly oversee the progress of the Fellows' work.

8.2. RMP-IIDL will organize monthly meetings (Online/Physical) for regular reporting and feedback.

8.3. Mentors will decide on the frequency and method of monitoring the Fellows' work.

## **9. Report Submission**

9.1. Fellows must submit their study report within the specified timeframe.

9.2. RMP-IIDL will decide the mode of evaluation for the reports.

9.3. The revised version of the report, incorporating inputs from mentors and RMP-IIDL, must be submitted before the conclusion of the Fellowship Programme.

9.4. A certificate of completion will be awarded to Fellows who successfully meet the Programme requirements.

## **10. Publication and IPR**

**10.1.** Fellows are encouraged to publish articles in print or digital media related to their area of work or research topic, acknowledging their affiliation as Prabodhini Fellows.

10.2. RMP-IIDL retains intellectual property rights over the final report submitted.

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