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Panbazar, Guwahati-781001, Assam, India
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**GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS FOR
ADMISSION INTO POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES-2026**

The minimum eligibility condition for admission into PG Programmes of Cotton University is a Bachelor's Degree and LLB Degree for LLM.

The link for registration and submission of applications shall be provided on the University Admission portal <https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in> on 12th June, 2026.

Admission process into the Open Category seats for M.Sc in MBBT programme offered through GAT-B-2026 scores shall commence within 7 working days of the declaration of GATB-2026 results by National Testing Agency (NTA) on their official website.

The registration process will be open till **11 PM of 21st June, 2026** and the registered candidates must submit their online forms complete with all particulars before **11 PM of 22nd June, 2026**.

Candidates are requested to carefully read the **Onscreen Instructions** and follow the procedure while filling up the online form.

SEATS FOR COTTON GRADUATES AND IN OPEN CATEGORY

(I) COTTON GRADUATES: 50% of the total seats in each programme of study shall be reserved for candidates graduating from Cotton University in 2026 or 2025 with the exception of MLISc, LLM and M.Com Programmes.

(II) OPEN CATEGORY:

a. The rest 50% of the total seats shall be open to all eligible candidates from any recognised University.

b. All Seats of MLISc, LLM and M.Com shall be filled up from the Open Category.

MODE OF ADMISSION

A) UNDER COTTON GRADUATES CATEGORY

Entrance Based (CPGEE-2026): Admission under Cotton Graduate category for multidisciplinary subjects shall be on the basis of CPGEE-2026 scores. The following subjects/programmes are in this category:

Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA), Environmental Biology & Wildlife Sciences (EBWS), Master of Computer Applications (MCA), and Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT).

The reservation policy of Govt. of Assam for OBC (NCL)/MOBC(NCL)/ST(P)/ST(H)/SC/EWS/PWD shall be applicable in this category.



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B) UNDER OPEN CATEGORY:

(i) Admission in all the mentioned subjects shall be on the basis of CPGEE-2026 scores except for **MBBT**.

(ii) Admission for 10 seats for M.Sc. in MBBT will be based on GAT-B-2026 scores to be notified separately.

(iii) The reservation policy of Govt. of Assam for OBC (NCL)/MOBC(NCL)/ST(P)/ST(H)/SC/EWS/PWD shall be applicable in this category except MBBT. The reservation policy of Govt. of India for OBC(NCL)/MOBC(NCL)/SC/ST/EWS/PWD shall be applicable for the 10 seats in MBBT, as per DBT Govt. of India Norms.

COTTON POST-GRADUATE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION (CPGEE- 2026)

The CPGEE-2026 will be an MCQ Test-Booklet and OMR Answer-Sheet type test. The examination is **tentatively scheduled** during first week of July, 2026. The final dates of CPGEE-2026 shall be notified accordingly, along with the date of issue of admit cards, subject-wise venue and time of examination by the concerned office.

Questions shall be based on Cotton University UG syllabi of the concerned subjects except for subjects not being taught as Honours/Core courses in this University. For those subjects not being taught as Honours/Core courses in Cotton University, the entrance examination shall be based on corresponding standard syllabi of reputed Universities of India under UGC. For every correct answer, 4 marks shall be awarded and for each wrong answer 1 mark shall be deducted (i.e. minus 1 mark for a wrong answer).

MERIT LISTS AND DATES OF ADMISSION

(i) Subject-wise merit list will be prepared for **CPGEE-2026** and **GAT-B 2026** (for MBBT) examinations. Merely being named in the merit list does not mean that a candidate is entitled for admission. The merit list may be published **tentatively** within 15 days of conclusion of the CPGEE-2026.

(ii) Admission into both Cotton Graduates and Open Category candidates will be announced soon after publication of the merit lists.

CPGEE-2026 BASED ADMISSION IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS UNDER COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY:

The candidates under COTTON GRADUATE CATEGORY seeking admission into the following P.G. Programmes shall be selected solely on the basis of CPGEE-2026 scores.

1. MA in Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA)
2. MSc in Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences (EBWS)
3. Master of Computer Applications (MCA)
4. Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT)



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GAP IN STUDY UNDER OPEN CATEGORY

Students passing the qualifying examination or other degree/diploma examination (under recognized institution) earlier than the current year will have to submit a self-declaration testifying his/her activities during the interim period. Candidates having **more than 3 (three) years of Study Gap (i.e. passed the qualifying examination before 2023)** shall not be eligible for admission, *except* for the LLM Programme in which there is no restriction on gap period.

All necessary information related to eligibility criteria and number of seats are given in the following pages. University will not issue any Prospectus or Application Form.

PROGRAMMES:

MA- Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA)

MSc- (i) Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences (EBWS), (ii) Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT)

MCA- (Master of Computer Application)

M.LISc- (Master of Library and Information Sciences)

LLM- (Master of Law)

M.Com- (Master of Commerce)

Note: MLISc and LLM are **Self-Financing Programmes** where students have to pay prescribed fee for each Semester.

NO. OF SEATS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR POST-GRADUATE COURSES 2026-27

Programme: Master of Arts (MA)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
1	Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology	10	10	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline



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Programme: Master of Science (MSc)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
2	Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences	10	10	Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, Environmental Management, Botany, Zoology, Forestry, Biotechnology, Geology, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Agriculture and allied disciplines
3	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	10	10 (under DBT)	Bachelor's Degree in Zoology, Botany, Biotechnology, Microbiology or similar discipline

Programme: Master of Computer Application (MCA)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats		Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
		Cotton Graduates	Open Category	
4	Computer Applications	20	20	Passed BCA/ Bachelor Degree in Computer Science Engineering or Equivalent Degree OR Passed B.Sc./ B.Com./ B.A. with Mathematics at 10+2 Level or at Graduation Level

Programme: Master of Library & Information Science (MLISc)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats (All Open Category)	Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
5	Library & Information Science	20	Bachelor's Degree in any discipline

Programme: Master of Law (LLM)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats (All Open Category)	Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
6	Law	20	LLB Degree



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Programme: Master of Commerce (M.Com)

Sl. No.	Course	Total No. of Seats (All Open Category)	Eligibility Criteria (Bachelor's Degree must be of a Minimum of 3 Years or 6 Semesters Duration)
7	Commerce	20	Bachelor's Degree in Commerce in a relevant subject

Note: If a candidate wants to keep options for applying for admission into more than one PG Subject or Programme (subject to having the required qualifications), then she/he has to complete the online application procedure in those subjects or programmes separately. However, there shall be no change of schedule of CPGEE-2026 if there happens to be a clash of date and time of the entrance examination for any candidate applying for multiple PG Programmes.

FEES PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION

The following are the fees payable during PG 1st Semester Admission: 2026-27: (*refer website for details as and when notified*)

Departments with Lab, with Field Work: (MBBT*, EBWS, Archaeology): INR 10,800.00

**Additional Laboratory Fee of INR 7,000.00 of one semester will be charged from the students of MBBT at the time of admission. The same continues for subsequent semesters as well.*

Departments with Lab, without Field Work: [CS&IT (for MCA)]: INR 9,800.00

Departments without Lab, with Field Work: (Commerce): INR 9,800.00

Self-Financing Programmes:

MLISc: INR 25,300.00

LLM: INR 24,300.00

There may be some minor changes in the fee structure. For some Skill Enhancement Courses, MOOCs/SWAYAM Courses etc, students may have to pay additional fees as applicable.

SCHEME OF WAIVER OF ADMISSION FEE/TUITION FEES etc. of Govt. of Assam:

The scheme of Waiver of Admission Fee/Tuition Fees etc. shall be offered as per Govt. of Assam directives to this effect.



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GENERAL RESERVATION RULE FOR ADMISSION INTO P.G. PROGRAMMES:

1. The reservation policy of the Govt. of Assam shall apply to both Cotton Graduates and Open Category separately, except for MBBT in the Open Category.
2. The following are the percentages of reserved seats as per Government of Assam rules which apply for candidates belonging to the state of Assam only.

OBC (NCL)/ MOBC (NCL)*	SC	ST (Plains)	ST (Hills)	EWS
27%	7%	10%	5%	10%

* NCL stands for Non Creamy Layer.

*Reservation of seats for the candidates belonging to Ahom, Chutia, Moran, Matak, Koch Rajbongshi and Tea Tribe community will be within 27% of OBC (NCL) reservation (*DHE-Ecf No 328482/8 dated: Kahilipara, 7th August, 2023*).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

(i)Caste/Tribe certificates **MUST BE** issued by the Competent Authority under Government of Assam.

(ii) **Caste/Tribe Certificates of other states will not be admissible and shall be deemed invalid.**

(iii) **EWS Income & Asset Certificate must be as per the Govt. of Assam directives.**

3. Reservation for Differently Abled (PWD):

There is a provision of 5% reserved seats for Differently Abled Candidates as per rules of Government of Assam. Candidates under this category have to appear physically before a Board of Medical Experts for examination on the date, time and place to be notified by the *Office of the Director of Students' Welfare*, Cotton University.

4. Reservation under EC Quota:

A few seats may be allotted as Extra and Co-Curricular (EC) activities quota in PG courses to students having outstanding achievements in the field of Sports, Cultural performance, NCC, NSS, Scouts & Guides, etc. as per the table given below.

Category	Number of Seats
Sports	1
Cultural	1
NCC	1
NSS	1
Scouts & Guides	1
Other Indian States	2
International	2
Children of Martyred Personnel of Indian Armed Forces, CAPF and Assam Police	1



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Important Notes for Admission under EC Quota:

(i) Candidates will be notified through Cotton University website to upload or email the relevant certificates/testimonials (scanned copy) in support of their claim along with soft copies (scanned copy) of the application forms generated through the PG Application Portal of Cotton University to a designated email ID after publication of the general merit lists. Certificates/testimonials, in case of EC quota **should not be more than three years old.**

(ii) A candidate selected under EC quota can be allotted in a programme only if her/his Standardized Mark (as per the merit list) is within 25% below the cut-off mark in UR category of that particular programme in the regular admission.

(iii) For an outstanding sportsperson or cultural performer who represented the country in a recognized international event, the condition of cut-off mark in (ii) above shall be relaxed. However, the maximum number of reserved seats in a particular field will not be increased for inclusion of such a candidate.

(iv) If a student admitted under EC quota refuses to participate in any sports/cultural event of her/his proficiency when officially selected to represent Cotton University, then her/his studentship may be terminated/forfeited. A written undertaking in this regard will have to be submitted by the student.

CANVASSING & RAGGING

1. Canvassing in any form for getting admission shall render a candidate disqualified.
2. **Ragging in any form is strictly banned in the University. In this regard, a signed undertaking of the guardian and/or evidence of UGC compliances must be furnished as per verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.** Non-compliance with this requirement may invite forfeiture of the seats with immediate effect.

HOSTEL ALLOTMENT

Hostel allotment and onward admission for the same may require a separate procedure at a later date (after P.G. Admission) and will be notified in an appropriate time.

*Due to huge volume of e-mail traffic, the University is not in a position to handle individual e-queries (except where it was suggested to correspond to a designated email id). All interested candidates are advised to **visit the University website** at regular intervals and carefully read the eligibility criteria and details of the admission process before applying. It is the sole responsibility of the student seeking admission to produce relevant documents on the day of admission. Any student who fails to appear on time, or comes without the mandatory documents would automatically forfeit his/her claim on the seat. Presenting documentary evidence of Final Year Pass Certificate and Mark-Sheets is non-negotiable. No ex-post facto ratification/request will be entertained in any case. The University reserves the right to modify the admission process as and when deemed necessary.*

This Notification has been issued with approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University and is subject to amendment as and when deemed appropriate.


Academic Registrar



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3. All Deans.
4. All Heads of Departments.
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7. Librarian.
8. Convener- P.G. Admission Committee-2026.
9. Joint Convener- P.G. Admission Committee-2026.
10. Finance Officer.
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