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Indian government awards full scholarships to 41 Cambodians

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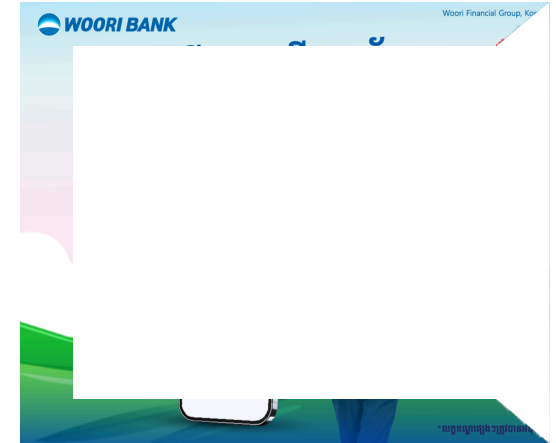
The Indian government has awarded 41 Cambodians full scholarships to pursue their higher education in India. Indian embassy

The Indian embassy in Phnom Penh hosted a July 16 event to award Scholarship Offers from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to 41 Cambodian recipients. They will embark on their studies in India in the near future. The embassy described the scholarships as a significant step in strengthening educational ties between the two nations.

Indian ambassador Vanlalvawna Bawitlung congratulated the recipients and encouraged them to study hard so they can make positive contributions to society and support the growth of relations between India and Cambodia.

According to the embassy, the ICCR offers scholarships to Cambodians pursuing higher education in India every year. The fully funded scholarships are one of India's flagship cultural diplomacy initiatives, and aim to enhance educational and cultural ties between the two nations.

The scholarships cover tuition fees, accommodation and living expenses under various schemes such as Quad STEM, Mekong Ganga Cooperation and the Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship scheme.



For the 2025-26 academic year, 41 scholarships were made available for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, including Master's and PhD programmes.

The students will attend some of the most famous Indian universities, including the University of Delhi and the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, where they will join their peers from around the world.

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport undersecretary of state Som Ratana congratulated the 41 scholars who were selected.

“These scholarships align with our Education Strategic Plan 2024–2028 and the seventh-mandate government’s Pentagonal Strategy, which focuses on quality education, digital learning and centres of excellence. Students — embrace this opportunity with dedication,” he said.

“You are future leaders, and your success will fuel Cambodia’s transformation. This partnership strengthens the enduring Cambodia–India friendship through shared growth, education and people-to-people ties,” he added.

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