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Ministry of Minority Affairs

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To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator  
All State Governments/UT Administrations  
(Implementing Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and  
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for Minorities)

**Subject: State/UT/Community-wise Physical Allocation of Scholarships, Timeline and other activities under the three Scholarship Schemes for minority communities for the year 2020-21-reg.**

Madam / Sir,

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarship Schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the Minorities as Central Sector Schemes with 100% central funding. Under these Schemes, scholarships are awarded to the economically weaker and meritorious students from the six centrally notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsis) pursuing studies in India in a Government or recognized private school/institute/college/university.

2. During 2020-21, the online implementation of the Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes shall be done through the **National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of the Government of India**, under URL [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in). A Mobile App- National Scholarships (NSP) has also been prepared for the same for use by applicants in the remote/hilly areas. A link to the site is also made available in the website of this Ministry i.e. [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in). **Only Online applications under the Schemes will be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained.** The detailed guidelines of the three Scholarship Schemes and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) with the timelines is available on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) as well as well the website of this Ministry at url- <http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/en/schemesperformance/scholarship-schemes>.

3. The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 for the three Scholarship Schemes for 2020-21 as detailed below:-

a.	Opening of NSP Portal for Submission of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application.	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020
b.	Last date for Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application.	31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2020

4. The State-wise/Community-wise physical allocation for Fresh Scholarships for the financial year 2020-21 in respect of Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes shall be 30 lakh, 5 lakh and 60,000 scholarships respectively. The State/UT-wise and Community-wise physical distribution of scholarships for above schemes is placed at Annex-I, II, III and IV. As far as renewal applications are concerned, there is no target for them and all renewal applications are eligible for scholarship.

5. The following changes have been made on NSP during 2020-21:

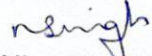
i. The option for filling fee details (Admission Fee, Tuition Fee and Miscellaneous Fee) will not be provided to students during 2020-21. Instead, it must be filled by the Institutes. NSP team is making a provision for Institutes to enter course-wise fee (Admission Fee, Tuition Fee and Miscellaneous Fee) details in Institutes' profile section. During verification at Institute level, the fee in student application form will be auto populated using the details entered by Institutes in their profile. The Institutes can further edit the fee details for individual applications, based on various waivers given for fee components to specific students.

ii. NSP team is making a new module of making payments through PFMS, wherein the Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) at Agency (State/UT) level will be applied at NSP, instead of PFMS. The detailed communication and User manual for this module shall be sent later.

6. It is, thus, incumbent upon this Ministry to initiate the process of inviting online applications through the State Government/UT Administration for the aforesaid Schemes, as per existing guidelines. The States/UTs should publicise the Schemes through advertisements in leading newspapers and other popular means in their respective State/UT to enable the minority students to avail the maximum benefits of these scholarship schemes. A copy of draft Advertisement for their use, as approved by MoMA during 2019-20, is at Annex- V. At the National level, Ministry of Minority Affairs will be issuing an advertisement.

7. To increase publicity of the aforesaid three scholarship schemes for minorities, efforts may also be made to place hoardings at District Collectorate Offices to promote the awareness for the minority students as well as Institution Registration on NSP portal, etc.
8. All State Governments/UT Administrations are requested to take necessary action as stipulated above along with the actions as mentioned in this Ministry's letters No.SS-18/6/2020-Scholarship-MoMA dated 09.07.2020 and 03.08.2020 for KYC registration of pending institutes and efforts to be made to increase the number of renewal applicants under Pre-Matric and Post Matric Scholarship Schemes and to ensure Aadhaar seeding/authentication of all online applications in their respective State/UT. The list of Institutes is also available in the State/UT login under the option "Institute Registration KYC Form Status" from where District-wise list of Institutes along with their KYC status can be readily downloaded.
9. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

  
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(All State Government/UT Administration)
3. Nodal Officer of States/UTs (Dealing with minority welfare Department).
4. Dy DG, NIC (NSP), NIC HQ, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
5. NIC Cell, MoMA for uploading in the website of the Ministry.