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To

The Dean/Director/Registrar
(as per 265 Top Class Institutes list)

Subject: Re-activation of National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) for inviting Applications (fresh and renewal) under National Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students for the financial year 2024-25

Sir/Madam,

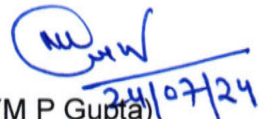
Your Institute is one of the notified institutes under the scheme of "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students" and financial assistance is provided by the Ministry to such ST students as per scheme norms. The students who would like to avail the benefits of National Scholarship Scheme (Top Class) (not Fellowship Scheme), are required to fill in the application form on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

1. In this regard, it is intimated that the National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) is open as per the dates mentioned below for inviting applications (Fresh and Renewal) under National Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students for the year **2024-25** on <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

S. No	Particular	Student Category	Date
1.	Opening date of Application Registration by Students	Fresh	30 Jun 2024
2.	Opening date of Application Registration by Students	Renewal	12 Jul 2024
3.	Closing Date of Application Registration by Students	Fresh and Renewal	31 Oct 2024
4.	Closing Date for Institute Verification of Applications	Fresh and Renewal	15 Nov 2024
5.	Closing Date for Ministry Verification of Applications	Fresh and Renewal	30 Nov 2024

2. All eligible students who have taken admission on merit in the 265 notified premier institutes, and whose applications are verified by the Institute and Ministry as per the norms of the scheme are eligible to receive scholarship. However, students admitted in Management quota in private Institutes are not eligible for this scholarship.
3. All institutes are requested to publish the notification for inviting applications from ST students for the year 2024-2025 on their Institute website and notice board.
4. A video conference will be held for all nodal officers/concerned officers dealing with scholarships for ST students very soon. Your participation is mandatory to understand the process. The link will be shared in due course.

Yours faithfully,



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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

**GUIDELINES
NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
OF
SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS
[CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME]**

2021-22 to 2025-26

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Introduction

- i. It is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs to grant scholarship to meritorious ST students for pursuing higher education in India.
- ii. This scheme has two sub-schemes. The first sub-scheme is National Fellowship Scheme for pursuing M.Phil or Ph.D after completion of Master degree. The second sub-scheme is National Scholarship Scheme, for pursuing Graduate/Post Graduate courses in the selected topclass Government and Non-Government Institutes in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc.
- iii. The above mentioned two sub schemes are continuing schemes and were merged into one scheme in the financial year 2017-18

PART –A (National Fellowship Scheme)

1. Objective

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to meritorious Scheduled Tribe students to enable them to pursue higher education after completing post-graduate degree.

2. Salient Features of the Scheme

Fellowship under the Scheme will be for pursuing MPhil, Ph.D by those ST students who have passed the Post-graduation/Master Degree examination.

Note: - In case, under the national education policy, there is any change in the type of course, the same will be incorporated in the guidelines. However, the scholars already covered under the scheme prior to 2021-22, will be allowed to complete the course as per the existing scheme.

2.1 Eligibility and Course Duration

Course	Duration	Eligibility
M. Phil	2 years or date of submission of dissertation, whichever is earlier	Post-Graduation and should have taken admission in the universities covered under the category, as mentioned at 2.4 below. (ii). The candidates should have minimum 55% marks at the final examination/grading at PG level.
M. Phil + Ph D	2+3 =5 years or date of submission of dissertation, whichever is earlier	
Ph. D	5 years or date of submission of dissertation, whichever is earlier	

2.2 Income Criteria:

There is no income criteria for eligibility in respect of this scholarship.

2.3 Age limit:

Maximum 36 years, as on first day of July of the relevant year of the award of scholarship.

2.4 Universities/Institutions covered under the scheme

Eligible students can take admission for regular and full time M. Phil/Ph.D courses in the following categories of University / Academic Institutes: -

- i. Universities/Institutes/Colleges included under section 2(f)/12(B) or 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act.
- ii. Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grant-in-aid from UGC.
- iii. Universities/ Institutes/ Colleges receiving grants by Central/ State Government
- iv. Institutes of National Importance, as notified by Ministry of Higher Education, Government of India.

2.5 Number of Fellowship

The total number of fresh fellowships for M.Phil/M.Phil +PhD/Ph.D every year will be 750. In case of non-availability of adequate number of Scheduled Tribe applicants,

the number of fellowships not availed during that year will be carried forward to the next academic year. There is no State/University wise ceiling on the number of slots.

(i). In case the number of applicants exceeds the number of available slots for awards, selection will be made on the basis of marks obtained in post-graduation exam.

(ii). Slots will be provided to sub-categories subject to the following priority:

Priority	Category	Slots
1	Divyangjan [5% of 750]	38
2	PVTG (List at Annexure-VIII)	25
3	Female [30% of 750]	225
4	ST Others	462
	Total	750

Note-1:-Eligible students who have got offer of admission in IITs/AIIMS/IIMs/IISER will be given priority and slots meant for ST-Others category(Sr.No.4 above) will be reduced proportionately.

Note-2: -The students applying as Divyangjan should produce the Disability Certificate, certifying minimum 40% disability, issued by the competent authority designated by respective State/UT.

(iii). In case adequate number of applications is not received for the above sub-categories, then the unfilled slots will be allotted to eligible ST research applicants not covered under any of the three categories mentioned above, on the basis of inter-se merit based on post- graduation examination.

(iv). Procedure for determining slot distribution for sub category:

Category 1 [Divyangjan]: 38 slots will be reserved for Divyangjan Research scholars, and their selection will be on the basis of merit. In case of more than 38 applications received in this category, top 38 applicants, in the order of merit, will be selected, and the remaining applications will be treated under normal ST category. However, if the number of applications received is less than 38, remaining vacant slots will be filled by the next priority category i.e PVTG.

Category 2 [PVTG]: **25 slots** will be reserved for PVTG applicants, and their selection will be on the basis of merit. In case, more than 25 applications are received in this category, **top 25** applicants, in the order of merit, will be selected

against the allotted slots, and the remaining applications will be treated under normal ST category. However, if the number of applications received is less than **25**, remaining vacant slots will be filled by the next priority category i.e Female.

Category 3 [Female]: Out of total 750, 225 slots will be reserved for female applicants [including Divyangjan and PVTG]. In case more than 225 applications [including Divyangjan and PVTG] from female candidates are received in this category, top 225 applicants, in the order of merit, will be selected against the available slots. The remaining applications will be treated under ST open category. In case the number of applications of female candidates is less than 225, the remaining vacant slots will be adjusted with ST others category.

(iv). The guidelines provide that the student is eligible for scholarship for regular and full time M. Phil/Ph.D in the University/Academic Institute as mentioned in para 2.4. However, for pursuing Ph.D courses in AIIMS/IIMs/IITs/IISERs, where the pre-requisite may be that the students should have financial security in hand before he/she can take admission, preference will be given to those students who have secured offer of admission from AIIMS/IITs/IIMs/IISERs. Therefore, the student should mention, in the application form, that he/she has got offer of admission and should also upload the offer letter issued.

2.6 Value of fellowship

The applicant selected for scholarship will be entitled to the stipend as stipulated in the following table subject to fulfilment of conditions laid down in the scheme.

Course	Stream	Scholarship Monthly	Contingency Annually
M.Phil	Humanities& Social Sciences	Rs.31000/-	Rs.10,000/-
	Science/Engineering Technology		Rs.12,000/-
Ph.D	Humanities& Social Sciences	Rs.31000/- for first two years and Rs.35000/- for remaining 3 years	Rs.20,500/-
	Science/Engineering Technology		Rs.25,000/-
HRA for all the courses (monthly): Equal to UGC rates [8% or 16% or 24% based on city]			
Escort Allowance for Divyanjan (monthly): Rs.2000/- (at par with UGC rates)			

The above rates are equal to UGC rates, which may be revised as and when revised by UGC.

2.6.1 HRA

- i. In case a student is provided hostel accommodation by the university, he/she would not be eligible to claim HRA, but will be eligible to draw only hostel fees charged by the University. The scholar will not be entitled to claim mess, electricity, water charges, etc. A certificate to this effect is to be furnished through the Registrar/Director/Principal.
- ii. If the student makes his/her own arrangements of accommodation, he/she may be entitled to draw HRA as per categorization of cities by Govt. of India.

Note 1: The research scholars considered eligible for the fellowship under the scheme shall not be eligible for any other fellowship/scholarship of the Union or State Government for the same study.

Note 2: Release of fellowship will be subject to fulfilment of various requirements stated in subsequent paras.

3. Selection Process:

3.1 On-line Application through Portal

The applications for research scholarship are invited through online mode once a year through online portal <https://fellowship.tribal.gov.in> developed by the Ministry. The date of opening and closing of portal will be given due publicity through print and electronic media and through Universities/Institutes. The portal will usually open on July 1 and close on September 30 in the academic year. These dates may change, depending on the prevailing circumstances, which will be notified through the portal of Ministry. Applicants are advised to watch the portal for opening of application form. Applicants are advised to go through the Instruction Manual before applying online on the portal, and for any query, may refer to the help desk module given on the portal. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Candidates have to apply strictly as per the instructions given in online application portal.

3.2 Registration process

Before filling application form online, Research scholars are required to register themselves on the online fellowship portal as well as on Digi Locker since it is mandatory to upload documents through Digi Locker, for which Aadhaar is mandatory as notified by the Ministry.

Note 1: Notification of Ministry of Tribal Affairs under section 7 of Aadhaar Act 2016 published in Gazette of India on 30.5.2017 and circulated to all States vide letter no. 19012/01/2017-Edu-sch dated 9.6.2017 should be complied. The notification

provides that an individual desirous of availing the benefit of National Fellowship and Scholarship scheme is required to furnish proof of possession of Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication.

3.3 Documents required for filling application form

Applicant will be required to upload the following documents on the portal for registration:

- Latest coloured passport size photograph
- ST/PVTG certificate issued by the competent authority
- 10th /Matriculation/equivalent certificate in support of date of birth
- Divyangjan certificate issued by the competent authority
- Post-Graduation mark sheet [Aggregate marks in %] /equivalent % marks in case of CGPA (Conversion formula from CGPA to percentage which was issued by Institute/University to be produced.)
- Admission/Joining certificate of M.Phil/Ph.D / Integrated M.Phil+Ph.D from the University concerned.
- Offer of admission in respect of students admitted to IITs/AIIMS/IIMs/IISERs.

After filing of application, the form along with the documents will be available online to the concerned university/Institute for verification:

3.4 Verification Process by University/Institute

- The portal has provision of online verification by the Universities where the applicant has taken admission. Nodal Officer from the University and verifying officer who is dealing with Scholarship is required to register on the online portal. The officials may go through the Instruction manual for details given in the portal.[<https://fellowship.tribal.gov.in>]
- Nodal Officer from University will verify physical documents of the research scholars uploaded by him/her on the portal. It would be the responsibility of the concerned University to ensure that the information uploaded by the research scholar is correct and is matching with the physical documents of the research scholars furnished at the time of verification.
- After receiving student details duly verified by the Institute, online verification of application will be done by the Ministry. In case of any discrepancies found in the application, Ministry will mark application as defective and the defective application will be visible to the student. The student is advised to make correction in the defective application and required to resubmit once again on

the portal at Institute level. Institute will verify the corrected application and submit it to the Ministry through portal for final verification and submission before the last date.

3.5 Selection Procedure for fellowship [MPhil/Ph.D]

A merit list will be prepared in respect of the remaining eligible research scholars based on the marks obtained by them in the post-graduation examination and as per selection criteria adopted by the selection committee. Allotment of slots in respect of various streams will be based on methodology adopted by the committee.

3.6 Selection Committee for MPhil/PhD:

Selection of the research scholars will be done by Selection committee of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, consisting of following members.

(a)	Secretary (M/o TA)	Chairperson
(b)	Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (M/o TA)	Member
(c)	Joint Secretary, Scholarship Division	Member
(d)	Director/Deputy Secretary, Scholarship Division, M/oTA	Member
e)	Representative from Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment	Member
f)	Representative from UGC	Member

Note:- The Committee may invite an expert as a special invitee, as and when it deems necessary.

3.7 Publishing of Merit list

The list of research scholars provisionally selected for the award of fellowship will be published on website of Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Decision of the Ministry for awarding the Fellowship shall be final. The Ministry reserves the right to withdraw/cancel the award without assigning any reason.

3.8 Completion of formalities by scholar and Institute (Ph.D/M.Phil)

The provisionally selected research scholar is required to take admission in the university/Institute concerned and submit the joining report to the Ministry **within 1**

month from the date of issue of provisional award letter. If any research scholar doesn't join within this stipulated time period, his/her award will be liable to be cancelled, and research scholar(s) from the waiting list may be given opportunity to be considered.

The research scholar and university will be required to complete the following formalities within one month of award of scholarship.

The candidate will give the Joining report to the University/Institute

- I. In case candidate has already been availing scholarship from the University/any other agency, he/she is required to refund the said amount and submit a certificate to that effect from the date of selection of fellowship.
- II. Up-dation of documents at fellowship portal:
 - a. Refund receipt to be submitted online (For those research scholars who availed fellowship/scholarship from other sources)
 - b. Check list as mentioned in provisionally award letter duly signed by the University will be uploaded on portal by research scholar.
- III. The research scholar will obtain No Objection Certificate from University/Institute regarding non-availing of fellowship/scholarship by the research scholar from any other source and will upload on the portal. Up-dation of documents on designated bank portal/Agency
 - a. Joining report of the research scholar will be uploaded by the University
 - b. The Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions will submit the master data of the eligible beneficiaries on the portal with a unique user's profile (user name and password). The bank account numbers of the beneficiaries will be validated through PFMS for creation of beneficiary ID.
 - c. The following check-list will be followed.

Step	Formalities
I	Linking of research scholar ID with designated bank Portal to be done by University/Institute and submitted to Ministry online for approval.
II	Quarterly uploading of continuation certificate in the prescribed proforma, at the end of every quarter. 1 st quarter April-June (10 July) 2 nd quarter July-September (10 th October) 3 rd quarter October-December (10 th January) 4 th quarter January – March (10 th of April)
III	Marking for monthly HRA entitlement of the scholar by the university after approval of continuation by the Ministry, as uploaded by the University in step II above.
IV	After completion of one-year duration of fellowship, the concerned fellow/awardee shall submit the Progress report at the University/upload at the tribal repository portal.

4. Release of Fellowship:

4.1 Release through PFMS system:

Scholarship will be released through PFMS by designated bank/Agency through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in active bank accounts linked with Aadhaar and Mobile number.

- i. The designated bank will ensure that all formalities required by PFMS are completed and the scholarship is released to the scholar in his/her Aadhaar linked bank account and message is delivered to account linked mobile number.
- ii. Mobile number given in the Aadhaar and bank account should be same. In order to avoid inconvenience, research scholars should keep the same mobile number and email id till completion of the course. In case of any change, they must notify on the portal.
- iii. Payment of Fellowship to the selected research scholars will be made on quarterly basis, through PFMS to the accredited bank in DBT mode upon uploading the documents at the designated Bank portal by the universities and approved by the Ministry. This will also help Ministry to monitor through Public Financial Management System (PFMS).

4.2 Procedure for release and continuation of fellowship

The fellowship amount stated in para 2.6 will be released to the account of the research scholar on quarterly basis. For this following process will be required to be completed by the University and research scholar.

- i. The fellowship will be effective from the selection year in which the research scholar has been selected by the Ministry irrespective of Admission/Joining/Registration in the University/College.
- ii. The duration of the course will be counted from the admission year/joining year/registration year in the University/ College whichever is earlier. However, the fellowship amount for the earlier years [before selection by the Ministry] will not be admissible.
- iii. The research scholar, who is awarded the Fellowship under the scheme, will be required to continue the course in the respective University/Institute on full time basis.

4.3 Procedure at the time of completion of course

- i. The research scholar is required to submit his/her M.Phil/Ph.D certificate and course completion certificate to the Ministry.
- ii. In order to have repository of research done by the research scholars, scholars are required to upload their thesis on the repository portal [repository.tribal.gov.in]. The fellowship amount of the last quarter will be released to research scholars only when they upload the thesis on the repository portal along with relevant metadata.

5. Other Issues

5.1 Procedure to change the University

The research scholar will be permitted to transfer the fellowship from one Universities/Institutes/Colleges to another Universities/Institutes/Colleges. This would require prior approval of the Universities/Institutes/Colleges where the fellow was pursuing the course and the new University where he intends to take transfer. The old university will initiate online transfer of the scholar at designated Bank portal and new university will accept the transfer request. Both old and new universities will also upload NOC [No objection certificate] for transfer at the same portal. After receiving online transfer request from both the universities, Ministry will approve the same.

5.2 Procedure to change the subject/course:

The research scholar will be permitted to change the subject with the prior approval of the Universities/Institutes/Colleges where the fellow is pursuing the course. The student will update necessary details on portal. However, duration of course will be 2 years in case of MPhil and 5 years in case of M.Phil+Ph.D or Ph.D.

5.3 Discontinuation of the course

In case of discontinuation of course, the research scholar will submit the undertaking with reason for such discontinuation. University is required to mark as discontinued on the designated bank's portal to stop the further payment.

5.4 Tenure of Fellowship

The tenure of scholarship would be 2 years for M.Phil students and 5 years for M.Phil+Ph.D or Ph.D students.

5.4.1 Date from which the tenure of scholarship will be counted.

In case a student has taken admission for MPhil/PhD course in the previous year but could not apply or was not selected for the fellowship in that year, he can apply for the fellowship in subsequent year. In case a student is selected for fellowship in 2nd or subsequent year, he will be eligible for the remaining period of the course duration. For instance, if a student has taken admission for a course in 2020-21 but could not apply/be selected in 2020-21, and if he is selected for fellowship during 2021-22, then he will receive the fellowship for the remaining 4 years duration of the course.

5.4.2 In case of an M.Phil scholar willing to avail fellowship for Ph.D, he/she would be considered as an ongoing candidate and is not required to apply afresh. However, the fellowship will be available for a maximum of 5 years including M.Phil period of 1 year/2 years, as the case may be.

5.4.3 In case there is any change of course, total duration of fellowship support will be limited to maximum 5 years

5.5 Leave benefit for fellowship (as applicable to UGC research scholars)

- i. The research scholars are entitled for a maximum period of 30 days of leave in a year, in addition to public holidays, with approval of the Head of the Department.
- ii. Research scholars are eligible for maternity/paternity leave as per Govt. of India norms issued from time to time. No fellowship is admissible during such maternity/paternity leave. However, the fellowship will be extended for the period for which the leave was availed. For example, if a scholar is selected for Ph.D on 1st April 2022, he is eligible to receive fellowship till 31st March 2027. In case a female research scholar avails maternity leave of 6 months from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024, then fellowship is not admissible during this period. However, her fellowship can be extended by 6 months i.e. up to 30th September 2027. During this extended period of 6 months she is eligible for fellowship.
- iii. Beside this, an “Intermittent Break” for a maximum period of 1 year may also be permissible to women research scholars. The leave can be availed 3 times during the entire period of fellowship. Admissibility of fellowship during such Intermittent Break will be the same as given in above para 5.5(ii).
- iv. Academic Leave: Academic leave without fellowship shall be permissible only for one year throughout the tenure (for any kind of academic

assignment/teaching/foreign visit in connection with research work). Admissibility of fellowship during such Academic leave will be the same as given in above para 5.5(ii). Expenditure on foreign or domestic visit in connection with research work is not covered under the scheme.

Note: Prior approval of the University/Institute/College is mandatory for all types of leaves.

6. Cancellation of Award

The fellowship of research scholar(s) is liable to be cancelled, in case of proven misconduct as communicated/certified by university authorities or found ineligible subsequently.

7. Grievance Module

Students/Institutes can register any query on MoTA's dedicated grievance portal (www.tribal.nic.in/grievance).

8. Applicability of Guidelines

These guidelines will be applicable from the selection year 2021-22 and onwards. However, the rates of fellowship will be effective from 1st April 2022. No arrears shall be paid for the period prior to 1st April 2022.

9. Change in the provisions of the scheme

The provisions of this Scheme may be modified from time to time by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, with approval of the competent authority, by issuing circulars, addendum, memorandum etc. which will become part of the guidelines.

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PART-B (Scholarship)

B. National Scholarship Scheme

1. Objective

National Scholarship Scheme is intended to encourage meritorious ST students to pursue courses at Graduate and Post Graduate level in premier institutes identified by the Ministry in professional fields such as Management, Medicine/Science, Engineering and Technology, Humanities, Law and Social Science etc.

2. Salient Features of the Scheme

This is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and provides 100% funding to ST students in courses and institutes approved and notified by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The scholarship once awarded will continue till completion of the course tenure, subject to satisfactory performance of the student, as assessed by the institute.

2.1 Eligibility and course duration

Course	Duration	Eligibility
Graduate level	Course duration is fixed by the Institutes.	ST students who have secured admission in the notified Institutions and courses approved by the Ministry will be eligible for the scholarship under the scheme.
Post Graduate level		

Note 1: Students availing this scholarship are not eligible to claim benefit of any other scholarship scheme of the Centre/ State Govt. for the same study.

Note 2: The duration of the course varies as per the course selected by the candidate. The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance as certified by the Institute.

2.2 Income Criteria: The total family income of the student to be eligible for this scholarship from all sources should not exceed Rs.6.0 lakh per annum. The family income shall be computed in the following manner: -

- i. In case where both father and mother are working, the combined income of both of them from all sources shall be taken into account in computing total family income.

- ii. In case any other member of the family, other than father and mother is an earning member, his or her income shall not be included in computing total family income.
- iii. In case only one parent is alive, the income of that parent shall be taken into account for considering total parental income. If other sibling or family member is an earning member, their income shall not be included in computing total family income.
- iv. In the case of an orphan, supported by a guardian, income criteria shall not apply.
- v. In case of married candidates, the spousal income will also be added to compute total family income.

Note 1: Definition of Income - Income means gross income including income from all sources e.g. Salary, Interest Income, Income from House property, Income from Business, Agricultural income, and Income from any other Sources etc. It is clarified that Income for the purpose of scholarship is not the taxable Income as defined in Income Tax Act. The deductions and exemption available in the Income Tax Act u/s 10, Section 80 or any other section will not be available in computing gross Income under the scheme.

Note 2: Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year. Income certificate should be for the financial year immediately preceding the selection year. For example, for the selection year 2022-23, income certificate for the financial year 2021-22(Assessment year 2022-23) is admissible. In case of salaried employees Form-16 is accepted. In case of income from other sources, income certificate issued by the designated authority of the respective State/UT is accepted.

2.3 Universities/Institutions covered under the scheme: The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is authorized to select and notify the list of reputed premier Institutions. The present list of 252 notified Institution is given at Annexure- I. Students who have taken admission in these notified institutions are not eligible to apply under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme of this Ministry, in order to avoid duplication.

2.4 Slots of Scholarship:

All eligible students who have taken admission on merit to the identified premier institutes, and are verified by Institute and Ministry as per the norms of the scheme are eligible to receive scholarship. There is no Institute- wise/ State wise/ stream wise ceiling of number of slots. However, students admitted in Management quota in a private Institute will not be entitled to scholarship.

2.5 Value of Scholarship:

The selected student will be eligible for financial assistance as stipulated in the following table, subject to fulfilment of conditions laid down in scheme:

Sr. No.	Component	Details	Remarks
1.	Tuition Fees and Admission fee	Full Admission fee, tuition fee and other non-refundable charges in respect of Government Institutes.	There will be a ceiling of Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum per student for private sector of Institutes.
2.	Books & Stationery	@ Rs.5000/- per annum	per annum per student without bills/vouchers.
3.	Stipend	@ Rs.3000/-per month	-
4.	Computer Accessories	& Rs.45000/- (One-time assistance during the course tenure)	Computer & accessories may be Desktop/Laptop etc. (Without bills/vouchers)

3. Selection Process:

3.1 Online Application through Portal:

Applications are invited, processed, approved and scholarship is disbursed through National Scholarship Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in/) developed by (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology). Students after taking admission for various courses in the notified Universities/Institutes will submit the application online in the above-mentioned portal for the scholarship. The date of opening and closing of portal will be given due publicity through print and electronic media and through Institutes and States. The tentative dates of opening and closing of portal will be advertised in the National Scholarship Portal every year (as decided by DBT Mission). Students are advised to keep watch on the portal for opening of application process. The applications submitted after the cut-off date and time shall not be entertained/ considered.

3.2 Registration Process: Before filling online application form, Candidates are required to register themselves on the online portal. Students are advised to carefully

go through the “Guidelines for Registration on National Scholarship Portal” before initiating registration process.

3.3 Documents Required: Following documents are required to be uploaded on the portal while filling the application online on NSP:

S. No.	Graduate level /Post Graduate level courses	Fresh Candidate	Renewal Candidate	Remarks
1	ST Certificate/ PVTG Certificate	Yes	No	Caste Certificate is required to be signed and stamped by competent authority.
2	Income Certificate	Yes	No	<u>For fresh candidate:</u> Income Certificate for the F.Y preceding the year of selection issued by designated authority by the respective state/UT.
3	Fee Receipt	Yes	Yes	
4	Scanned copy of the bank passbook	Yes	Yes	Student name on the passbook should match with the name as mentioned in the application form
5	Mark sheet/Certificate of qualifying examination	Yes	Yes	<u>For fresh Candidate:</u> Graduate level course: 12 th standard Post graduate level course: Graduation <u>For renewal Candidate:</u> Last passing [semester] marksheet
6	Bona fide Certificate issued from the Institute	Yes	Yes	

3.4 Verification Process by University/Institute:

- i. The portal has provision of online verification by the Institutes where the applicant has taken admission. Nodal Officers from the Institutes, dealing with Scholarship is required to register themselves on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). For further details in this regard, the Institute

officials may go through the “Institute Operational Manual” available on NSP Portal.

- ii. Nodal Officer from the Institutes will verify the physical documents of the applicant uploaded by him/her on the portal and ensure that the credentials uploaded in the portal are correct. It would be the responsibility of the Institute to ensure that information and documents uploaded by the applicant on the portal is correct and match with the physical documents submitted by the candidates for verification.
- iii. Institute will be responsible for verifying genuineness of the requisite certificates furnished by the candidates so as to eliminate the possibility of students availing the Scholarship on fake certificates.
- iv. All applications submitted at Institute level by the students within the stipulated date and time shall be processed.
- v. The Institute will not charge any fee for verification of applications.

3.4.1 Verification Process by the Ministry:

After receiving student details duly verified by the Institute at NSP portal, online verification of application will be done by the Ministry. In case of any discrepancies found in the application, Ministry will mark application as defective and the defective application will be visible to the student. Student is advised to make correction in the defective application and required to resubmit once again on the portal at Institute level. Institute will verify the corrected application and submit it to the Ministry through portal for final verification and submit before the last date.

3.5 Publishing of the selection list:

The list of candidates selected for the grant of scholarship will be published on website of Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

- i. Decision of the Ministry for granting scholarship shall be final.
- ii. Ministry reserves the right to withdraw/cancel the scholarship without assigning any reasons.

4. Release of payment:

Payment of Scholarship to the selected students will be made once in a year through PFMS to the accredited bank through DBT mode in to the account of the student.

The selected candidates would be required to have bank accounts in the banks having Core Banking Solutions. In case the students are not having Aadhaar

numbers, they are required to apply for Aadhaar Card, within a month of their registration/admission in the courses under the Scholarship.

4.1 Payment process:

Payment of the Scholarship amount to ST students would be made in the following manner:

Component I: The Scholarship amount payable for Computer & accessories, Books and Stationery, stipend and non-refundable fee etc. will be released to students through PFMS-Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode into their Aadhaar seeded bank account.

Component II: The Scholarship amount payable towards tuition fee and Admission fee will be released to the Institute through PFMS. In case the student has already paid the tuition fee and admission fee at the time of admission, it will be reimbursed to the student's Aadhaar seeded bank account on submission of receipt/vouchers.

4.2 Utilization Certificate from the Institute:

Institute is required to submit Utilization Certificate in the GFR-12A format online after receiving the Scholarship amount (tuition fee and admission fee) from the Ministry along with the list of students for whom the scholarship amount is received. Institute will refund the unspent balance, with accrued interest, if any, to the Ministry through DD payable at Sr. AO, PAO, M/O Tribal Affairs, New Delhi, Payable at Delhi SBI Shastri Bhawan along with the reasons of refund.

4.3 Up-dation of Expenditure at PFMS:

The Institute is required to onboard and update online expenditure along with unspent balance at PFMS portal. The Institute may ensure that the PFMS expenditure should match with the details given in Utilization Certificate (UC) submitted to the Ministry. After updating the expenditure details on PFMS, Institute may refer EAT-02 report of PFMS. Based on the UC and EAT-02 report, scholarship will be released for the subsequent year.

Note: In order to ensure timely release of scholarship to students, Institutes must ensure that they are onboarded and updated online expenditure along with unspent balance on PFMS. The Institute will not ask for the tuition fee from the students in case there is delay in release of amount by the Ministry to the Institute.

5. Others:

5.1 Updation of the completion of course at Ministry's portal:

The completion of the Graduation/post-graduation course of the student is required to be updated by the University/Institute on the Ministry's portal.

5.2 Grievance Module: Students/Institutes can register any query on MoTA's dedicated grievance portal (www.tribal.nic.in/grievance)

6. Applicability of Guidelines:

These guidelines will be applicable from the selection year 2021-22 and onwards. However, the rates of scholarship will be effective from 1st April 2022. No arrears shall be paid for the period prior to 1st April 2022.

7. Change in the provisions of the scheme

The provisions of this Scheme may be modified from time to time by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, with approval of the competent authority, by issuing circulars, addendum, memorandum etc. which will become part of the guidelines.

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S.No.	Name of the Institute	Location	State	Course
1	Indian Institute of Technology Delhi	Hauz Khas, New Delhi 110016	Delhi	All Engineering Courses
2	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur	Kharagpur-721302	West Bengal	All Engineering Courses
3	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	Kalyanpur, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 208016	Uttar Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
4	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Powai, Mumbai-400076	Maharashtra	All Engineering Courses
5	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	Guwahati-781039	Assam	All Engineering Courses
6	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Roorkee - Haridwar Highway, Roorkee, Uttarakhnad 247667	Uttarakhand	All Engineering Courses including Architecture
7	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	Chennai-600036	Tamil Nadu	All Engineering Courses
8	Indian Institute of Technology Ropar	Rupnagar-140001	Punjab	All Engineering Courses
9	Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Bhubaneswar-751013	Odisha	All Engineering Courses
10	Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur	Old Residency Road, Ratanada, Jodhpur 342011	Rajasthan	All Engineering Courses
11	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar	VGEC Complex, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad-382424	Gujarat	All Engineering Courses
12	Indian Institute of Technology Patna	Bihta, Patna, Bihar 801103	Bihar	All Engineering Courses
13	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad	Ordinance Factory Estate, Yeddumailaram-502205	Telangana	All Engineering Courses
14	Indian Institute of Technology Mandi	Kamand Campus, VPO Kamand, Distt. Mandi-175005	Himachal Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
15	Indian Institute of Technology, Indore	IET DAVV Campus, M Block, Khandwa Road, Indore- 452017	Madhya Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
16	Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University) Varanasi	Varanasi-221005	Uttar Pradesh	All Engineering Courses including dual degree and integrated courses
17	Indian Institute of Technology , Jammu	Paloura campus, Jammu Akhnor Highway, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu	All Engineering Courses
18	Indian Institute of Technology , Palakkad	Ahalia Integrated Campus, Palakkad Dist., Kozhippara, Kerala 678557	Kerala	All Engineering Courses
19	Indian Institute of Technology , Tirupati	Tirupati – Renigunta Road, Settipalli Post, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh 517506	Andhra Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
20	Indian Institute of Technology , Goa	Near ITI College, Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa 403401	Goa	All Engineering Courses
21	Indian Institute of Technology , Bhilai	Old Dhamtari Rd, Datrenga, Chhattisgarh 492015	Chhattisgarh	All Engineering Courses

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S.No.	Name of the Institute	Location	State	Course
22	Indian Institute of Technology , Dharwad	WALMI Campus, Belur Industrial Area, Near High Court, PB Road, Karnataka 580011	Karnataka	All Engineering Courses
23	National Institute of Technology Warangal	Warangal-506004	Telangana	All Engineering Courses
24	National Institute of Technology Silchar	Silchar- 788010	Assam	All Engineering Courses
25	National Institute of Technology Patna	Patna-800005	Bihar	All Engineering Courses
26	Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology Surat	Surat-395607	Gujarat	All Engineering Courses
27	National Institute of Technology Jamshedpur	Adityapur, Jamshedpur-831014	Jharkhand	All Engineering Courses
28	National Institute of Technology Surathkal	Surathkal- 574157	Karnataka	All Engineering Courses
29	National Institute of Technology Calicut	NIT Campus P.O. Calicut- 673601	Kerala	All Engineering Courses
30	Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology Nagpur	South Ambazari Road, Nagpur-440010	Maharashtra	All Engineering Courses
31	National Institute of Technology Rourkela	Rourkela-769008	Odisha	All Engineering Courses including dual degree and integrated courses
32	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar	G.T. Road Bye Pass, Jalandhar, Punjab, 144011	Punjab	All Engineering Courses
33	National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra	Kurukshetra-132119	Haryana	All Engineering Courses
34	National Institute of Technology Hamirpur	Hamirpur-177001	Himachal Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
35	National Institute of Technology Hazratbal	Hazratbal, Srinagar-190006	Jammu and Kashmir	All Engineering Courses
36	Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology Bhopal	Bhopal-462007	Madhya Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
37	Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur	Jaipur- 302017	Rajasthan	All Engineering Courses
38	National Institute of Technology Durgapur	Durgapur-713209	West Bengal	All Engineering Courses
39	National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli	Tiruchirappalli-620015	Tamil Nadu	All Engineering Courses
40	Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad	Allahabad- 211004	Uttar Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
41	National Institute of Technology Agartala	Barjala, Jirania, Agartala- 799055	Tripura	All Engineering Courses
42	National Institute of Technology Raipur	G.E. Road, Raipur-492010	Chhattisgarh	All Engineering Courses
43	National Institute of Technology Manipur	Takvelpat, Imphal-795001	Manipur	All Engineering Courses
44	National Institute of Technology Sikkim	Barfung Block Ravangla Sub- Division South Sikkim-737	Sikkim	All Engineering Courses
45	National Institute of Technology Arunachal Pradesh	Yupia, District Papum Pare- 791112	Arunachal Pradesh	All Engineering Courses

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46	National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand	Temporary Campus, Government Polytechnic, Srinagar (Garhwal)-246174 Aizawl	Uttarakhand	All Engineering Courses
47	National Institute of Technology Mizoram	Aizawl, Mizoram, 796012,	Mizoram	All Engineering Courses
48	National Institute of Technology Nagaland	Chumukedima, Dimapur-797103	Nagaland	All Engineering Courses including material sciences
49	National Institute of Technology Meghalaya	Bijni Complex, Laitumkhrach, Shillong-793003	Meghalaya	All Engineering Courses
50	National Institute of Technology Goa	Farmagudi, Ponda, Goa-403401	Goa	All Engineering Courses
51	National Institute of Technology Puducherry	Karaikal-609605	Puducherry	All Engineering Courses
52	National Institute of Technology Delhi	Institute of Applied Manpower	Delhi	All Engineering Courses
53	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad	Devghat, Jhalwa, Allahabad- 211012	Uttar Pradesh	Information Technology
54	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sri City, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh	630 Gnan Marg, Sri City, Andhra Pradesh 517646	Andhra Pradesh	Information Technology
55	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Vadodara, Gujarat	C/o Block No.9 (IC Department), Government Engineering College, Sector 28, Gandhinagar, Gujarat 382028	Gujarat	Information Technology
56	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Sonapat, Haryana	Village- Killrod, Haryana(India) C/O Director, NIT Kurukshetra-136119	Haryana	Information Technology
57	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Una, Himachal Pradesh	Himachal Pradesh Pin No. 177 005	Himachal Pradesh	Information Technology
58	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Ranchi, Jharkhand	Ranchi, Jharkhand,	Bihar	Information Technology
59	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Dharwad, karnataka	3rd floor, IT park,, Hubli - Dharwad Hwy, Deshpande Nagar, Hubli-Dharwad, Karnataka 580029	Karnataka	Information Technology
60	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kottayam, Kerala	Valavoor - Chakkampuzha Rd, Valavoor, Kerala 686635	Kerala	Information Technology
61	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur, Maharashtra	8/C/180/C, CPWD Colony, Seminary Hills, Nagpur, Maharashtra 440006	Maharashtra	Information Technology
62	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Pune, Maharashtra	Talegaon-Chakan Road, Sudumbre, Maharashtra 412109	Maharashtra	Information Technology
63	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Senapati, Manipur	National Highway 39, Mantripukhri, Heingang, Manipur 795002	Manipur	Information Technology
64	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kota, Rajasthan	2nd Floor, Prabha Bhawan, MNIT Campus,, JLN Marg, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302017	Rajasthan	Information Technology

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S.No.	Name of the Institute	Location	State	Course
65	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu	NIT Campus, Tanjore Main Road, Near BHEL, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu 620015	Tamil Nadu	Information Technology
66	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India	Uttar Pradesh	Information Technology
67	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani, West Bengal	Near Webel, IT-Park, Kalyani, West Bengal 741235	West Bengal	Information Technology
68	Indian Institute of Information Tehnology, Guwahati	GNB Road, Assam Textile Institute Campus, Ambari, Guwahati, Assam 781001	Assam	Information Technology
69	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	RGPV Campus, Airport Road, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh 462033	Madhya Pradesh	Information Technology
70	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Agartala, Tripura	R. K. Nagar (opposite to NEEPCO), P.S. Bodjhung Nagar, pin, Khayerpur, Agartala, Tripura 799008	Tripura	Information Technology
71	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	630 Gnan Marg, Sri City, Andhra Pradesh 517646	Andhra Pradesh	Information Technology
72	Indian Institute of Information Surat Gujarat	Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India	Gujarat	Information Technology
73	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management Gwalior	Morena Link Road Gwalior 474015	Madhya Pradesh	Information Technology including integrated courses
74	Pandit Dwarka Prasad Mishra Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing Jabalpur	Dumna Airport Road, P.O.: Khamaria, Jabalpur-482005	Madhya Pradesh	All full time courses
75	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing Kanchipuram	Melakottaiyur Village, Off Vandalur-Kelambakkam Road, Nellikuppam Road, Chennai-600127	Tamil Nadu	All full time courses including dual degree and integrated courses
76	Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design & Manufacturing, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, India	Andhra Pradesh	Information Technology
77	School of Planning & Architecture, Delhi	4-Block-B, Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi-110002	Delhi	All full time courses
78	School of Planning & Architecture, Bhopal	Neelbad Road, Bhauri, Bhopal -462030	Madhya Pradesh	All full time courses
79	School of Planning & Architecture, Vijaywada	Sy. No. 71/1, NH-5, Nidamanuru, Vijaywada-521104	Andhra Pradesh	All full time courses
80	National Institute of Foundry & Forge Technology Ranchi	Hatia, Ranchi-834003	Jharkhand	All full time courses
81	National Institute of Industrial Engineering, Mumbai	Vihar Lake, Mumbai-400087	Maharashtra	All full time courses

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S.No.	Name of the Institute	Location	State	Course
82	Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad	Dhanbad- 826004	Jharkhand	All full time courses in Engineering and Sciences including dual degree and integrated courses
83	North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST)	Nirjuli, Itanagar-791109	Arunachal Pradesh	All Engineering and Science courses including Forestry.
84	Delhi Technological University	Shahbad Daulatpur, Main Bawana Road, New Delhi, Delhi 110042	Delhi	All full time Engineering Courses including dual degree courses
85	Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Petroleum Technology	Ratapur Chowk, Rae Bareilly- 229316	Uttar Pradesh	All Engineering Courses
86	International Maritime Academy (IMA), Chennai	Administrative Office: 41, Giri Road, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600017; Academy Campus :No. 41, Jamin Korattur, Puthuchatram, (From Poonamallee to Tirupathi Highway Road)	Tamil Nadu	All full time Naval Architecture, Ship Building Courses including dual degree and integrated courses
87	Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST)	Valiamala, P.O., Thiruvananthapuram-695547	Kerala	All Engineering Courses including dual degree and integrated courses
88	BITS Pilani	Pilani Campus, Vidya Vihar, Pilani, Rajasthan 333031	Rajasthan	All Science and Engineering Courses
89	BITS Pilani KK Birla Goa Campus	NH 17B Bypass Road, Zuarinagar, Sancoale, Goa 403726	Goa	All Science and Engineering Courses
90	Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra	Mesra, Ranchi, Jharkhand 835215	Jharkhand	All Science and Engineering Courses including integrated courses
91	BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus	Jawahar Nagar, Shameerpet Mandal, Hyderabad, Telangana 500078	Telangana	All Science and Engineering Courses
92	Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology (NSIT)	Azad Hind Fauz Marg, Sector 3, Dwarka, New Delhi, Delhi 110078	Delhi	All Engineering Courses
93	Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad	Vastrapur, Ahmedabad- 380015	Gujarat	All full time Management Courses
94	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore	Bennerghat Road, Bangalore- 560076 Joka, Post Box No. 16757,	Karnataka	All full time Management Courses
95	Indian Institute of Management Kolkata	Alipara PO, Kolkata-700027	West Bengal	All full time Management Courses
96	Indian Institute of Management Lucknow	Post Box No. 2, Aliganj Extension, Part-II, Lucknow- 226020	Uttar Pradesh	All full time Management Courses
97	Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode	IIMK Campus, PO, Kozhikode-673570	Kerala	All full time Management Courses
98	Indian Institute of Management Indore	Prabandh Shikhar, Rau- Pithampur Road Indore- 453556	Madhya Pradesh	All full time Management Courses

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