

प्रेषक,

शिक्षा निदेशक, (उ०शि०)
डिग्री विकास अनुभाग
उत्तर प्रदेश, प्रयागराज ।



सेवा में,

- 1- क्षेत्रीय उच्च शिक्षा अधिकारी, उत्तर प्रदेश ।
- 2- कुलसचिव, समस्त राज्य / निजी विश्वविद्यालय, उत्तर प्रदेश ।
- 3- प्राचार्य/ प्राचार्या, राजकीय / अशासकीय सहायता प्राप्त / स्ववित्तपोषित महाविद्यालय, उत्तर प्रदेश ।

पत्रांक:- डिग्री विकास / 980

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विषय:- PM – USP सेन्ट्रल सेक्टर स्कीम आफ स्कालरशिप योजना के सम्बन्ध में छात्र/ छात्राओं को जागरूक किये जाने विषयक ।

महोदय,

उपर्युक्त विषयक कृपया अनुसचिव, स्कालरशिप डिविजन, शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली के पत्र संख्या- 1 -39/ 2018 एन०एस०-1 दिनांक- 10 जून, 2025 का संदर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें जिसके द्वारा PM – USP सेन्ट्रल सेक्टर स्कीम आफ स्कालरशिप योजना भारत सरकार द्वारा संचालित किया जा रहा है जिसमें माध्यमिक शिक्षा से उत्तीर्ण शीर्ष 20% (टॉप 20 परसेन्टाइल) छात्र अर्ह है जिनकी वार्षिक आय 4.5 लाख रुपये तक है, को छात्रवृत्ति प्रदान की जायेगी । जिसका प्रचार –प्रसार कर छात्रों को अवगत कराये जाने की अपेक्षा शिक्षा मंत्रालय भारत सरकार द्वारा की गयी है ।

उक्त के क्रम में अनुसचिव, स्कालरशिप डिविजन, शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली के पत्र संख्या- 1 -39/ 2018 एन०एस०-1 दिनांक- 10 जून, 2025 संलग्न कर इस आशय से प्रेषित है कि PM – USP सेन्ट्रल सेक्टर स्कीम आफ स्कालरशिप योजना को अपने स्तर से विश्वविद्यालय/ महाविद्यालय/ संस्था में अध्ययनरत छात्र/ छात्राओं को अवगत कराये साथ ही वेबसाइट पर अपलोड/ प्रदर्शित करने का कष्ट करें ।

संलग्नक-उक्तवत् ।

भवदीय,

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पृष्ठांकन संख्या डिग्री विकास/ 980 -89 / उसी तिथि को ।

प्रतिलिपि- निम्नलिखित को सूचनार्थ एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु प्रेषित:-

- 1- निजी सचिव, प्रमुख सचिव, उच्च शिक्षा विभाग उत्तर प्रदेश शासन लखनऊ ।
- 2- अनुसचिव, स्कारशिप डिविजन, उच्चतर शिक्षा विभाग, शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, वेस्ट ब्लॉक-1 विंग 6, आर०के०पुरम सेक्टर-1 नई दिल्ली 110066 ।

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Dated: 10th June, 2025

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A.A. To

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education, New Building, Uttar Pradesh Secretariat Hazratganj, Lucknow-22600, Uttar Pradesh (Email: pshed2022@gmail.com)
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Subject: Bringing awareness for PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students – regarding.

Sir,

As you may be aware, this Department implements the PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students across the nation.

2. The National Scholarships Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>) is now live for inviting applications from the students pursuing higher education. **The allocated quota for your state is 11460 and in the last Academic Year i.e. 2024-25, only 7994 Fresh applications were received.** Students who are in top 20th percentile in higher secondary from your state board and have annual income up to Rs. 4.5 lakhs are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Fewer applications will deprive the deserving students of your state from benefits of this Scheme.

3. In view of above, you are requested to spread awareness about the scheme by preparing information bulletin/pamphlets and share the same with the Principals of the schools/Institutions, Registrars of the Universities, publishing advertisement in the local newspapers, radio channels and uploading public notice regarding the scheme (copy enclosed) and User manual for the OTR and Scholarship Application Process (available on <https://scholarships.gov.in/studentFAQs>) on the official website of the respective Board/ Higher Education Department/Educational Institutions so that maximum number of students could avail the benefit of the scheme.

Enc: a/a

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Yours faithfully,

Sangeet Kumar

(Sangeet Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN (PM-USP) YOJANA
GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPONENT SCHEME –
CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (PM-USP CSSS)

(Applicable for academic year 2022-23 onwards)

1. Objective

To provide financial assistance to meritorious students from poor families to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies.

2. Scope

The scholarships are awarded by Ministry of Education, Government of India on the basis of results of Higher Secondary / Class XII Board Examination. A maximum of 82,000 fresh scholarships per annum are provided for pursuing graduate / postgraduate degree in colleges and universities and for professional courses, such as Medical, Engineering etc.

3. Allocation of Scholarship

The total number of scholarships are divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years, after segregating share of CBSE and ICSE on the basis of number of students passing out from various Boards in the country. 50% of the scholarships are earmarked for girls. Out of the total scholarship slots earmarked for UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, 3% slots shall be earmarked for the students from the UT of Ladakh. The number of scholarships allotted to a State Education Board is distributed amongst pass outs of the Humanities, Science and Commerce streams in the ratio of 3:3:1. In case of shortfall in the number of applications, the scholarship slots shall be interoperable among categories (Gen, OBC, SC & ST), gender (Female, Male) and State Quota to maximize use of slots for fresh scholarships with effect from academic year 2022-23, subject to the condition that guidelines of Ministry of Finance and NITI Aayog regarding SC/ST fund allocation of the schemes are adhered to.

4. Eligibility for Scholarship

- i. Students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from the respective Board of Examination in Class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent;

- ii. Pursuing regular ~~degree~~ courses and **not** correspondence or distance mode or pursuing Diploma courses;
- iii. Pursuing courses at colleges/institutions recognized by All India Council for Technical Education and respective Regulatory Bodies concerned;
- iv. Not availing benefit of any other scholarship schemes including State run scholarship schemes/ fee waiver & reimbursement scheme;
- v. Students with gross parental/family income upto **Rs. 4.5 lakh per annum** are eligible for scholarship under the scheme. Income certificate will be required only for the fresh applicants;
- vi. Student changing his/ her college/institute of study will be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship provided the course of study and the institution is having valid AISHE Code; The AISHE code can be checked in the portal <https://aishe.gov.in/aishe/aisheCode>
- vii. Students who missed to apply for renewal of application online on NSP will be allowed to apply for renewal of scholarship for subsequent year on NSP, if he/she fulfils eligibility condition for renewal;
- viii. For renewal of scholarship in each year of study, besides getting at least 50% marks in the Annual Examination, maintenance of adequate attendance of at least 75%, will also be the criteria. Complaints against the student regarding any in disciplined or criminal behaviour including any complaints of having indulged in ragging, will lead to forfeiture of scholarship;
- ix. Beneficiaries/ Applicants under the scheme must apply online in the National Scholarships Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) for the fresh/ renewal scholarships. Fresh/Renewal applications sent directly to the Ministry of Education shall not be accepted.

5. Reservation

Students belonging to reserved categories/weaker sections /minorities etc. are eligible to get benefit of reservation on the basis of merit, subject to Central Reservation Policy [i.e. 15% seats are earmarked for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27 % for OBCs and **5% horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities (Disability of 40% or more)** in all the categories]. The Central Reservation Policy will be applicable in filling the slots against each year's target. If slots under a specific group is not filled after considering all the States/UTs, the vacant slots will be allocated to other categories so that maximum number of eligible students can get the benefit, subject to overall ceiling of slots.

6. Procedure for Application

- i. The applications are received online only. Verification of credentials of the students like caste, educational qualifications etc. are done through DIGILOCKER facility of the MeITY, Govt. of India.
- ii. National Scholarships Portal (NSP) (www.scholarships.gov.in) will provide the timelines for opening & closing of the portal.
- iii. The Guidelines for application, verification, selection and disbursement of scholarship will be as per the NSP.
- iv. Selection list would be generated/displayed on NSP.
- v. Online applications will be verified at two levels i.e by the Institute, where the student is studying and thereafter by the concerned State Higher Education Department or any other Agency/ Official nominated by the State as State Nodal Agency (both for fresh and renewal applicants).
- vi. Latest guideline on Timelines will be made available on NSP.
- vii. Students will not be permanently debarred for scholarships due to delay to renew or verification. However, students will have to submit renewal applications within a cut-off date. Renewal for that year will not be allowed if an applicant misses this deadline.

7. Rate and Duration of Scholarship (from financial year 2022-23)

The rate of scholarship is Rs.12,000/-per annum at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.20,000/-per annum at Post-Graduation level. Students pursuing professional courses, in case, where the duration of course is five (5) years/Integrated course will get Rs. 20,000/-per annum in the 4th and 5th year. However, students pursuing technical courses such as B.Tech, B.Engg. will get scholarship up to graduation level only i.e. Rs. 12,000 p.a. for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year and Rs. 20,000 in the 4th year.

Note: The rate of scholarship is Rs.10,000/-per annum for first three years of fresh/renewal scholarships with respect to academic year 2021-22, even if the actual release happens in FY 2022-23.

8. Payment of Scholarship

Students are required to have the bank accounts opened, especially, in their name for availing the benefits under the scheme. The scholarship will be disbursed directly into the savings bank accounts of the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)

mode. The student can track their payment status from the template “Know Your Payment” in the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal [<https://pfms.nic.in/Users/LoginDetails/Login.aspx>] either by indicating Aadhaar number or bank account number or NSP Application ID.

9. For Colleges/Universities

College and Universities will apprise the students about the “PM-USP CSSS” during admission. Aadhaar based authentication of Institute Nodal Officer (INO)/ State Nodal Officer (SNO) is mandatory for every Institution/State before verification of the applications. INO/SNO should be a regular employee.

10. For State Government/State Boards

Adequate publicity of the scheme may be initiated through the Schools/ Colleges/ Institutions to create awareness and to facilitate/ assist the applicants in rural area to apply for scholarship online on NSP.

11. Grievance Redressal

In case of any grievances/complaint regarding the above scheme, the same may be registered to the following link:

<http://pgportal.gov.in/grievancenew.aspx>

other than to the Nodal Officer whose email is available on NSP portal (Services Tab).

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