



CIRCULAR

The Directorate of Tribal Welfare implements the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi namely:

The Scheme of “Post Matric Scholarship” (Centrally Sponsored Scheme) to grant scholarship to eligible ST students for pursuing higher education starting from class XI to Post Graduation courses in India.

The objective of the scheme is to enable eligible Scheduled Tribes students to undertake quality education from Post Matric to Post Graduate level by providing them financial assistance.

Conditions of eligibility:

- The student should belong to Scheduled Tribe so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which he/she actually belongs (Domicile State).
- Student should have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education.
- The family income of student from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh per annum.
- The student should have a valid account in a Schedule Bank linked with Aadhar and Mobile number.
- The student should not be getting any other scholarship.
- The scholarships will be given for study of recognized post-matriculation/ postsecondary courses, recognized by the concerned approving authority, pursued in following category of Institutions/Universities/Colleges.

Value of scholarship will have two components, payment of compulsory non-refundable fees for the course pursued by the student and the monthly stipend. Fee component will depend on type of course pursued by the student. The courses have been divided in 4 categories. The student will be entitled to stipend as per rates listed below:

(Amount in Rs.)

Group	Courses	Hostellers		Day Scholar	
		Monthly	Annually	Monthly	Annually
Group I	Graduate and Post Graduate courses leading to Degree, PG Diploma, MPhil, PhD in professional courses in various streams	1200	12000	550	5500



Group II	All non-professional recognized courses leading to a Graduate, Post Graduate Degree not covered under Group I in Arts, Science and Commerce like BA/BSc/BCom or MA/MSc/MCom etc.	820	8200	530	5300
Group III	Vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year Diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.	570	5700	300	3000
Group IV	All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (class X), e.g. Senior Secondary Certificate (class XI and XII).	380	3800	230	2300

Note 1: The fee component will be decided by the State Level Fee Fixation Committee of the State. In case of students studying in private sector Institutes there will be a ceiling of Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum student for Engineering Courses and Rs.6.00 lakhs per annum for MBBS/MS/MD courses and Rs.1.00 lakhs per annum for other courses as far as support of Government of India is concerned. However, the concerned State Government/UT Administration is free to provide scholarship over and above the limit specified above to students studying in private sector Institutes. For accounting purpose, such additional amount, if any, would be accounted for separately in the State portal.

Note 2: Additional Disability Allowance:- in addition to stipend provided in Table-2 as mentioned in guideline, an additional stipend of Rs.800 per month (Rs.9600 annually) will be given to the Divyangjan student who is hosteller and Rs.600 (Rs.7200 annually) to Day Scholar. The disability as defined under the relevant 'Disabilities Act' has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt/UT. Administration.

The following documents are required to be uploaded on Portal for fresh students.

1. Income Certificate issued by competent authority for the year 2024-25.
2. Fee receipts of current academic year.
3. Scanned Copy of the Bank passbook clearly showing the account number and name of student.
4. Scheduled Tribes Certificate issued by competent authority.
5. Scanned Copy of marksheets/Result (Both Semester, if semester wise result) of last academic year.
6. Hostel Certificate (if, Hosteller).
7. Disability Certificate issued by the competent authority designated by the district medical officer/civil surgeon of Govt. Hospital (if, Disable).

The following documents are required to be uploaded on Portal for renewal students.

1. Fee receipts of current academic year.
2. Copy of marksheet/Result (Both Semester, if semester wise result) of last academic year or Bonafide Certificate from Institute of AY 2025-26.
3. Hostel Certificate (if, Hosteller).

All the above documents shall be scanned clearly & uploaded on the National Scholarship Portal (only PDF & JPEG file type with max size 200KB).

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mission has issued following directions for compliance:

- a. Aadhaar shall be made mandatory for all applicants.
- b. Aadhaar based Face Authentication and eKYC has been made mandatory.
- c. All scholarship payments shall be made using Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB) system to ensure that payments are made only to the rightful beneficiary. Students have to seed their Aadhaar to Bank so that they can receive the scholarship benefit in their bank account (Enable for DBT). Bank details will no longer be captured on the NSP portal.
- d. All students shall ensure that the Bank Seeding Status should be shown as "Active". Students can check Bank Seeding Status on National Scholarship Portal by OTR login or by using Aadhaar Seeding in Student corner. Also student can check on myAadhar site/link (myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in).
- e. Student can change/update their mobile number at the time of renewal of application. If required on National Scholarship Portal.
- f. Student shall update/change mobile number on Aadhaar Card if said mobile number is inactive/un operational.
- g. State Nodal Officer/District Nodal Officer/Head of Institute/Institute Nodal Officer has to perform eKYC Face-Authentication to verify applications from their NSP logins.
- h. Download and install AadhaarFaceRD and NSP Face Auth App available on Google Play Store to perform eKYC.
- i. Institute may refer FAQ's, User Manual for INO and HOI to perform Face Authentication and How to fill registration form for their reference which are available in Institute Corner on NSP Portal.
- j. All Institute Nodal Officer (INO) shall refer new Guidelines of Post Matric Scholarship (Centrally Sponsored Scheme) issued by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.
- k. All the students shall compulsory apply on National Scholarship Portal for Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students. (<https://scholarships.gov.in>).
- l. The mobile number provided in the application is correct, active and belongs to the applicant or the parent. The student should preferable continue the same mobile number linked with the bank account for entire period of course.

- m. The student/applicant should take timely action(s) on the SMS received from NSP/Directorate of Tribal Welfare (DTW).
- n. The applicant should follow up with Institutes for application verification before the deadlines.

The above conditions will be applicable for both fresh and renewal. In renewal also, student should submit their application after completing their OTP based eKYC. Applications will not be submitted without Aadhaar based eKYC.

The following points are conveyed for compliance on the National Scholarship Portal.

- The Portal is open for One Time Registration (OTR) for students.
- One Time Registration (OTR) is a unique number allotted to the student and is applicable for entire academic career on National Scholarship Portal.
- OTR is required to apply for the scholarships on National Scholarship Portal
- OTR can be generated using Aadhaar/Aadhaar Enrollment number (EID)
- The students who have applied on National Scholarship Portal will be allotted the OTR/Reference number through the portal and intimated through SMS.
- Face-authentication is mandatory for generation of OTR. NSP has launched the Mobile App for android devices. Student is required to follow below steps for face-authentication and generation of OTR:
- Download and install the Face RD App and NSP OTR App from Google Play Store.
- Complete the face-authentication using option “eKYC with FaceAuth” on NSP OTR Mobile App.
- NSP services are now available at Common Service Centres (CSCs). Students can avail the scholarship related services by visiting the nearby CSCs. The total charges for the entire activity per candidate (including generation of Reference number, biometric -authentication, generation of One-Time Registration (OTR) number, and filing of complete application form of the candidate) is fixed at Rs 30.00 (inclusive of all applicable taxes, etc.). the nearest CSC please visit the link: <https://locator.csccloud.in/>

National Scholarship Portal for AY 2025-26 will be open as mentioned below:

PROCESS	:	FRESH/ RENEWAL
Registration/Apply for Scholarship	:	10 th June to 31 st October, 2025
Completion of verification by Institutes	:	30 th November, 2025
Completion of verification by State	:	31 st December, 2025

Further, All the Head of Institutes are requested to submit the **Fee Structure** approved by competent authority for the courses implemented before **30th November, 2025** and additional details in given **Annexure “A”** before **15th August, 2025** by mail (dir-tw.goa@nic.in) and hard copy to Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Panaji – Goa/Dy. Director, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Margao - Goa for the academic year 2025-26.

The institute shall bring the content of this circular along with guidelines of the scheme to the notice of the ST student to avail the benefit of scheme.

Also, if any eligible ST student is left out from availing scholarship then the Head of Institute and the concerned Nodal officer will be held responsible for the same.

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Government and is available on the Notice Board as well on website: (www.tribalwelfare.goa.gov.in) of this office.



A blue ink handwritten signature of 'Dipak S. Desai'.

(Dipak S. Desai)
Director, Tribal Welfare
Panaji- Goa

Encl:

1. Guideline copy of "Post Matric Scholarship"
2. Annexure 'A'

To,
The Principal,

Copy to:-

1. OSD (VI) to Hon'ble Chief Minister/ Minister for Tribal Welfare, Mantralay, Porvorim – Goa.
2. PA to Secretary (Tribal Welfare), Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa.
3. PA to Secretary Education, Porvorim – Goa.
4. The Director, Directorate of Education, Porvorim-Goa.
5. The Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Porvorim – Goa.
6. The Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Porvorim – Goa.
7. The Director, Directorate of Skill & Development & Entrepreneurship, Panaji - Goa.
8. The Registrar, Goa University, Taleigao Plateau – Goa.
9. The Secretary/CEO, The Goa Commission for SC/ST, Panaji – Goa..... For information.
10. The Managing Director, The Goa State Schedule Tribes Finance Corporation Ltd....For information
11. The Dy. Director, Directorate of Tribal Welfare (North & South).

It is requested to issue necessary instruction to the institute under your control.