

DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171001.

PRESS RELEASE

In continuation of this Department Press Release even number dated 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 regarding applying and submitting of online application forms on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) <https://scholarships.gov.in/> for the Session 2020-2021 under the State, Central and Minority Scholarship Schemes.

Therefore, all the Head(s) of Institution(s)/School(s)/College(s)/Universities/Deputy Directors of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh are requested to ensure online apply and submission of application forms of eligible students on National Scholarship Portal under the State, Central and Minority Scholarship Schemes for the Session 2020-21 so that, the students of the State studying in any Govt. / Govt.-Aided / Private Affiliated Institution, within or outside the State will get the benefit of scholarships under various State, Central and Minority Scholarship Schemes and further to encourage the students to improve their Merit / Performance in studies. The schedule for online opening, closing and verifications dates at LI level and L2 level under State and Central Sponsored Scholarship Schemes is as under:-

a	Opening dates for students Registration	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020
b	Closing dates for students Registration	30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020
c	First Level verification (L-I) Opening dates	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020
d	First Level verification (L-I) Closing dates	15 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020
e	Second Level verification (L-2) Opening dates	18 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020
f	Second Level verification (L-2) Closing dates	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021

- The extension will not be provided for applying and submission of application forms on NSP Portal. Therefore, it will be the sole responsibility of Head(s) of the Institutions that all eligible students should apply within the stipulated time period and try to complete the entire task well in time.
- All Heads of the Institution are to ensure that funds are not to be included in other miscellaneous fees.
- The size of the uploaded document must be lies between 100 to 200 KB. If the size of the uploaded document lies below the 100 KB, the application form of the students will not be considered.
- Institutions are advised to check the defective application daily so that, application can be verified in time.
- The fees update option will be available at Institution level and not at student level for the year 2020-21,
- The Institutions are fully responsible for entering and verifying wrong fees alongwith uploading wrong documents of the students.

The schedule for Minority Scholarship Schemes is as under:-

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

The registration of fresh and renewal application forms is very slow whereas, the last date for registration is 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2020. Further, even with low rate of registration of application there is a large pendency at the Level -I verification by the Institute Nodal Officers (INO) and in fact the pendency is rising each day. A large number of Schools/Institutes have either not applied for the registration or there registration is pending for approval at the level of District Nodal Officers (DNO)/State Nodal Officers (SNO).

The last date for LI verification is 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. Therefore, all Head(s) of the Institutions(s) of Schools/Institutes are directed to complete the verification in time and send it to their respective DNO/SNO for verification at L2 level. Similarly, the last date for registration of applications by students is 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 and therefore, the Schools/Institutes which are yet to complete the KYC process need to be pursued vigorously by DNO/SNO to complete the process so that, no deserving eligible child is left out from the benefit of Scholarship Schemes.

- For any queries/problems contact during office time from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm: on 0177-2656622 & 0120 - 6619540

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