

DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171001.

PRESS RELEASE

It is to bring to kind notice of all concerned that Department of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh has opened the **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)** <https://scholarships.gov.in/> for the Session **2022-2023** to **apply and submit** online application forms under the Centrally Sponsored “**Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students**”, “**Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students**”, “**PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme For Vibrant India For OBCS and Others [(PM -YASASVI) umbrella Scheme formulated for OBC, EBC and DNT Students]**”, “**Pre Matric Scholarships Scheme for Scheduled Castes & Others [Component:1]**”, “**Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for ST students**”, “**Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme for OBC students**” and State Sponsored “**Swami Vivekanand Utkrisht Charavriti Yojana**”, “**Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chatravriti Yojana for SC students**”, “**Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chatravriti Yojana for OBC students**”, “**Thakur Sen Negi Utkrisht Chatravriti Yojana**”, “**Maharishi Balmiki Chatravriti Yojana**”, **Mukhya Mantri Vidyarthi Kalyan Yojna**”, “**Kalpna Chawla Chatravriti Yojana**”, “**Indira Gandhi Utkrisht Chatravriti Yojana**” **Sainik School Sujampur Tihra Scholarship Schemes** alongwith “**Mukhya Mantri Protsahan Yojana**” **One Time Incentive Scheme**.

Therefore, all the Head(s) of Institution(s)/School(s)/College(s)/Universities/Deputy Directors of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh are requested to ensure submission of online application forms of eligible students on National Scholarship Portal under the State and Centre Sponsored Scholarship Schemes for the Session **2022-23** so that, students of the State studying in any Govt. / Govt.-Aided / Private Affiliated Institution, within or outside of the state may be encourage to improve their Merit / Performance in studies. The schedule for online opening, closing and verifications dates at **level 1 and 2** is as under:-

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| Opening dates for students Registration | 20 th July, 2022 |
| Closing dates for students Registration | 31 th October, 2022 |
| First Level verification [L1(Institutions)] Opening Dates | 20 th July, 2022 |
| First Level verification (L1) Closing Dates | 15 th November, 2022 |
| Second Level verification [L-2(State/District)] Opening Dates | 20 th July, 2022 |
| Second Level verification [L2] Closing Dates | 30 th November, 2022 |
| *IMPORTANT NOTICE:- The applicants and Institution Heads are required to follow prescribed timeline in strict sense: online submission of scholarship applications by students and verification at Level 1(L1) should be completed at the earliest. Don't wait for last dates for submission of scholarship application. The scholarship verification starts with the opening of scholarship portal. No scholarship application should remain undecided at Level 1 (L1). Institution Heads will be liable to pay scholarship to students for application(s) lying pending at their level even after the timeline has lapsed. | |

- All the Heads of Institution are directed to update the **profile of INO and Head of the Institutes**.
- NSP provides **no extension** in above said dates. It will be the sole responsibility of Head of the Institutions that all eligible students should apply within a **stipulated time period** as mentioned above.
- All Heads of the Institution must ensure that **funds** are **not** included in other **miscellaneous** fees.
- The size of the uploaded document must lie 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.
- After application verification, Institution must check the Institution login regularly, so that **defective** application must be verified timely.
- The **fees update** option will be available at Institution level and not at student level for the year 2022-23.
- The Institutions are fully **responsible** for entering and verifying **fees** alongwith **uploading documents** of the students, as per **guidelines** of respective schemes. No application form will be **accepted without uploading the documents**.
- Students are directed to enter the **Aadhaar linked mobile number** on application form and check **mobile SMS regularly** so that, timely **updates** will be done; otherwise whole **responsibility** will lie with the **concerned students** for not updating the application form.

- **Students are advised to check whether bank account number seeded with their Aadhaar Number is their own bank account.** They will be fully responsible for seeding their Aadhaar number with wrong Bank account number.
- In accordance with the provisions of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies) Act 2016, **Aadhaar number of the application shall be mandatorily collected and verified** before processing the applications for the **Post Matric Scholarship (SC) Scheme**, for applicants who are 18 years or older. For applicants below the age of 18 years, in case the beneficiary does not have their own Aadhaar, it will be mandatory to give their Parents Aadhaar Details.
- **Only Aadhaar based payments** will be allowed under the schemes hereinafter. Therefore, it must be intimated to all applicants to ensure that they have a **Bank account seeded with the Aadhaar Number** mentioned in the application. In case Aadhaar is not seeded with any bank Account applicants will get time to seed Bank Account with their Aadhaar. If applicant doesn't complete Aadhaar seeding in a given timeframe, his/her application should be automatically rejected.
- The **State would be responsible for data verification** on all parameters as specified by the Ministry. This includes (a) Aadhaar validation (b) check on NPCI mapper (c) deduplication, (d) unique mobile number and (e) validation of the fee/amount claimed. The States verification will be considered final if, and only if, they run these checks and also disburse their share of scholarships.
- The central share would be **disbursed of Aadhaar Based Payment System (ABPS) only**, after the State shares a Digitally signed (DSC) payment file through API to NSP in the given Format. On receiving the DSC signed payment file from the State, the Ministry will disburse the Central Share (60%); and the response received from PFMS will be shared with the States for necessary action.
- The processing of the central share will be **strictly as per the timelines** provided under the Scheme guidelines. The central share will be paid to those beneficiaries only to whom the state share is paid in the prescribed time lines.
- Copy of **notification of course affiliation** must be submitted to the Directorate of Higher Education issued by the **competent authority**.
- Only **online** applications under the Schemes will be accepted and **no request for offline** applications will be entertained.
- Institution Heads are mandatorily requested to **submit affidavits on prescribed proforma** after the process of **verification at Level 1(L1)** is completed.
- Please check the Announcement corner regularly for latest updates and information. For any technical queries, please contact Helpdesk at [helpdesk\[at\]nsp\[dot\]gov\[dot\]in](mailto:helpdesk[at]nsp[dot]gov[dot]in) or **0120 – 6619540** (from 8 AM to 8 PM on all days, excluding holidays)

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1. The Pr. Secretary (Edu.), to the Govt of Himachal Pradesh, HP Shimla-2 for kind information please.
2. The Director, Directorate for Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities & the Specially Abled, Block No.-33, SDA Complex Shimla-171009 for information please.
3. The Director, All India Radio Centre, Shimla, Doordarshan Centre, Shimla.
4. The Editor, The Tribune Newspaper, The Indian Express Newspaper Shimla, The Times of India Newspaper, Hindustan Times Newspaper, Shimla
5. The Director, Public Information and Public Relation Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171002, for publication please.
6. The TO, IT Cell, DHE HP, with direction to upload the above Press Release on the Departmental website.

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