## DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001

## PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India is implementing three Scholarship Schemes viz Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the Minorities as Central Sector Schemes through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) of the Government of India and the students can apply under these schemes through URL <a href="www.scholarships.gov.in">www.scholarships.gov.in</a> or through the link available on <a href="www.minorityaffairs.gov.in">www.minorityaffairs.gov.in</a> or through Mobile App- National Scholarships Portal (NSP). Scholarships are awarded under these Schemes to the economically weaker and meritorious students from the six centrally notified minorities' viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh, and Zoroastrain (Parsis) pursuing studies in India in a Government or recognised Private University /Institute/College/School.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India has given relaxation in eligibility criteria of 50% marks, for fresh applications under Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for the Year 2021-22. Therefore all the students are informed to ensure online submission of application form under Minority Scholarship Scheme on National Scholarship Portal (NSP) within a stipulated time period. The timelines schedule for minority scholarship scheme is as under:-

Sr. No	Name of the Scheme	Scheme Closing Date	<b>Defective Verification</b>	Institute Verification
1.	Pre Matric Scholarships Scheme for Minorities	Open till 15-12-2021	Open till 31-12-2021	Open till 31-12-2021
2.	Post Matric Scholarships Scheme for Minorities	Open till 15-12-2021	Open till 31-12-2021	Open till 31-12-2021
3.	Merit Cum Means Scholarship For Professional and Technical Courses CS	Open till 15-12-2021	Open till 31-12-2021	Open till 31-12-2021

Therefore, all the Head(s) of Institution(s)/ School(s)/ College(s)/ Universities/ Deputy Directors of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh are requested to take note of the above decision and initiate appropriate action accordingly.

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- 1. The Secretary (Edu.), to the Govt. HP Shimla-2 for information please.
- The Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Minority Affairs, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110003.
- The Director, All India Radio Centre and Doordarshan Centre Shimla 171004.
- 4. The Editor, The Tribune, The Indian Express, The Times of India, Hindustan Times, Amar Ujala, Divya Himachal, Punjab Kesari, Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Jagran, Shimla to publish the Press Release on Newspaper.
- 5. The Director, Public Information and Public Relation Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla 171002, for publication please.

The TO, IT Cell, DHE HP, with direction to upload the above Press Release on the Departmental website.

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