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7th March, 2026

To

All the Principals/Registrars,
Govt. College/Universities,
(As per list Annexure-II)

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शिमला-1

Subject: **Facilitation for Field Survey under Evaluation Study of PM-USP Scheme by DMEO, NITI Aayog.**

Sir,

It is brought to your kind notice that the Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog has undertaken an Evaluation Study of the **Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Scheme (PM-USP)** of the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

PM-USP is an umbrella scheme comprising the following four components:

1. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students (CSSS), 2008
2. Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (SSSJ&KL), 2011
3. Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS), 2009
4. Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme for Education Loans (CGFSEL), 2015

In this regard, Operations Research Group India (ORG India) has been onboarded for conducting the **primary field survey**, which will be undertaken during **February–March 2026** in the selected states.

During the data collection process in each selected state, **student beneficiaries as well as non-beneficiaries will be surveyed**, along with **Key Informant Interviews (KIIs)** with the **Heads of Institutions and State Nodal Officers**, as per the details provided in **Annexure-I** (copy enclosed).

You are therefore requested to **facilitate the field survey team** by providing them with access to the Higher Education Institutions/offices listed in **Annexure-II**, and by extending necessary support in interacting with **scheme beneficiaries, non-beneficiaries, and field functionaries** involved in the implementation of the scheme, as well as by providing the requisite information related to the scheme implementation.

The successful completion of the field survey is essential for completing the evaluation study within the stipulated timeline. Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Treated it as most urgent.

Encls. As Above.


+ Director Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

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7th March, 2026

Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The Deputy Director General, Govt. of India, NITI Aayog, Development Monitoring & Evaluation Office, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 w.r.t. DO No.I-19014/23/2025/4310 dated 17.02-2026.
2. TO, IT Cell, to upload the letter of Departmental website.


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Annexure I

Selected states:

1. Odisha
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Punjab
4. Himachal Pradesh
5. Karnataka
6. Maharashtra
7. Rajasthan

Table 1: List of stakeholders for KIIs/ Institution Survey

S. No.	Sector	Essential Stakeholders	Sample Size
1.	Government Officials	State/UT Education Departments or Officer nominated by the Heads	1
2.	Implementing Agencies	KIIs with the Registrar/Dean	15*
3.	Banking Institutions in selected states	Banking branch heads and nodal officers overlooking the scheme implementation	2
	Total		18

* Depending upon the total no. of institutes visited after accounting for overlaps of the schemes

Table 2: Quantitative Sample Size in each State

Sub Scheme	#HEI	# Fresh Students/HEI	# Renewal Students/HEI	# Dropouts/ Students/ HEI	#Graduate Students/ HEI	# Non beneficiaries	# Currently Enrolled Students/ HEI	# Students Defaulter
CSSS	5	5	5	5	5	20	-	-
SSSJK&L	5	5	5	5	5	20	-	-
CSIS	5	-	-	-	-	-	20	-
CGFSEL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

Annexure II

List of Higher Education Institutions in Himachal Pradesh:

1. GOVT. COLLEGE DHARMASHALA, DISTT KANGRA ✓
2. GOVT. COLLEGE SANJAULI, SHIMLA (CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE) ✓
3. G.P. PANT MEMORIAL GOVT. COLLEGE RAMPUR BHUSHAR, DISTT SHIMLA ✓
4. VALLABH GOVT. COLLEGE, MANDI ✓
5. GOVT. COLLEGE, BASA, DISTT MANDI (ID: C-11298) ✓
6. DR. YASHWANT SINGH PARMAR GOVERNMENT POST GRADUATE COLLEGE, NAHAN ✓
7. SWAMI VIVEKANAND GOVT. COLLEGE GHUMARWIN, DISTT BILASPUR ✓
8. UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ✓
9. Govt Nursing College, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Govt. Medical & Hospital ✓
10. Sister Nivedita Government Nursing College ✓
11. JAWAHARLAL NEHRU GOVERNMENT ENGINEERING COLLEGE ✓
12. Institute Of Hotel Management, Catering And Nutrition(NCHMCT) ✓
13. RAJIV GANDHI GOVT. ENGG. COLLEGE KANGRA AT NAGROTA KANGRA ✓
14. NIT HAMIRPUR ✓
15. CHANDIGARH UNIVERSITY ✕
16. CHITKARA UNIVERSITY ✓
17. ABHILASHI COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ✓
18. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HAMIRPUR ✓
19. JAYPEE UNIVERSITY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ✓

Banks in the Selected State

1. SBI,
2. Punjab National Bank