DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171001.

PRESS RELEASE

It is hereby brought to the kind notice of all concerned that the *National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) Scheme* is being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment as a Central Sector Scheme.

The Scheme provides financial assistance to low-income students belonging to:

- Scheduled Castes (SCs)
- De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs)
- Landless Agricultural Labourers
- Traditional Artisans communities

to pursue higher education (Master's and Ph.D. degrees) in Educational Institutions abroad ranked in the **Top 500 of QS World University Rankings**.

Every year, **125 fresh awards** are granted under this Scheme. From the selection year **2024–25 onwards**, a cap of **10% of the total slots per State/UT** has been introduced.

For the **Selection Year 2025–26 (Second Round)**:

- The NOS portal (**https://nosmsje.gov.in**) will open for receiving applications **from 15th September, 2025 to 24th October, 2025 (40 days)**.
- The portal will be open **from 26th October, 2025 to 29th October, 2025 (4 days)** only for candidates who have already submitted their applications, to make necessary corrections.

All concerned authorities at the **State, District, Block, and Educational Institution levels** are hereby requested to give **wide publicity** to this Scheme so that more eligible candidates from each State/UT may avail themselves of this opportunity and complete their applications within the stipulated timeline.

For relevant details, including FAQs, candidates may visit the NOS portal: **https://nosmsje.gov.in**

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1. The Secretary (Edu.), to the Govt of Himachal Pradesh, HP Shimla-2 for kind information please.
2. The Additional Secretary, to the Government of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Room No. 613, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110001 w.e.f. DO.No.K-11015/3/2025-SCD-V-(NOS) dated 12th Sept., 2025.
3. The Registrars of Universities located in Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Head of Institutions of Higher, Technical and Professional education in Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director, All India Radio Centre, Shimla, Doordarshan Centre, Shimla.
6. The Editor, The Tribune Newspaper, The Indian Express Newspaper Shimla, The Times of India Newspaper, Hindustan Times Newspaper, Shimla,, Amar Ujala, Divya Himachal, Punjab Kesari, Dainik Bhaskar, Dainik Jagran, Shimla to publish the Press Release on Newspaper.
7. The Director, Public Information and Public Relation Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla – 171002, for publication please.
8. The TO, IT Cell, DHE HP, with direction to upload the above Press Release on the Departmental website.
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