Sub: - Submission of On-line Scholarship applications under Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Post-Matric Scholarship to ST students" for the year 2025-26.

NOTICE

It is for the information of Scheduled Tribe (ST) Students belonging to Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory that Fresh/Renewal online applications are invited for the academic year 2025-26 through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) at www.scholarships.gov.in under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Post-Matric Scholarship to ST students". Applications will be entertained through the online portal for ST students who are studying in J&K or outside of J&K, pursuing various courses viz, XI, XII, Diploma, Graduation/Post Graduation Level Courses, B.Ed., M.Phil./Ph.D., Professional/Technical Degrees Courses, in Govt./Govt. aided/Govt. recognized Schools / Higher Secondary/Colleges/Universities including Medical/Technical Institutions having valid U-DISE/AISHE/NCVT codes only.

❖ **TIME-LINE FOR STUDENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF ON-LINE APPLICATIONS**

S. No.	Activities	Opening Date	Last Date
1.	The opening date for online submission of the applications on the NSP Portal for the students.	18th of August, 2025	17th of September, 2025
2.	Verification of Applications by Institution Nodal Officer (INO) on National Scholarship Portal.	18th of August, 2025	25th of September, 2024
3.	Verification of Applications by District Nodal Officers (DNO) on National Scholarship Portal	18th of August, 2025	30th of September, 2025

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

a) The student should belong to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) and must be a domicile of the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

b) Students should have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher Examination from a recognised University or Board of Secondary Education.

c) The family Income of the student from all sources should not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh per annum.

d) The student should have a valid account in a Scheduled Bank linked/seeded with Aadhaar & Mobile Number (Mandatory).

e) Aadhaar seeding with account is compulsory for One Time Registration (OTR) and Payment.

f) The student should not be getting any other scholarship from any Ministry of GOI/ Department of Govt. of J&K.

g) Further, students can visit the Ministry of Tribal Affairs website to check eligibility criteria using the link (https://dbttribal.gov.in/).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OF ONLINE APPLICATION:

The procedure for submission of online application form by the student on National Scholarship Portal through website/URL https:// **https://scholarships.gov.in** from any of the available internet access points. For further assistance, Students can download "Student User Manual" from NSP. from given link ((https://scholarships.gov.in/public/FAQ/NSP_User_Manual_v1.0.pdf)).

❖ Fresh Students:

➢ Before applying for online scholarship application form students need to download and install the NSP OTR App from Google Play Store. (link:https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=in.gov.scholarships.nspotr&pli=1)

➢ The students also need to download and install the **AadhaarFaceRD** app on their mobile phones for face authentication, as available on Google Play Store by using the given link(link:https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=in.gov.uidai.facerd) or visit the nearest **Common Service Centre (CSCs).**

➢ Students while applying for the above scholarship scheme should register themselves on NSP through the app "NSP OTR" and perform Face-authentication to generate **One Time Registration (OTR)** number which is **mandatory** for applying for scholarship for academic year 2024-25 onwards.

❖ Renewal Students:

➢ NSP earlier launched the face-authentication service in the year 2023-24 and it was an option for the students to do their face authentication.

➢ NSP has generated the **One Time Registration (OTR) number** for the students who have done the face-authentication in AY 2024-25 and the same has been sent to the applicant through SMS on their **Registered Mobile Numbers (RMN).**

➢ Students who have received the **OTR No.** can directly apply for the scholarship on the NSP.

➢ In case, the student has not received the OTR number through SMS, OTR Number can be retrieved using **"Know your OTR"** available on the National Scholarship Portal.

➢ **Aadhaar and Mobile Number (Linked with Aadhaar) are mandatory for generating OTR.**

➢ Provide the correct and authenticated E-mail ID, as all the communications and authentications related to portal activities will be sent to the E-mail ID provided by the applicant.

➢ Scholarship disbursement will be disbursed in the Aadhaar Seeded Account (i.e. Aadhar Based Payment).

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR AVAILING SCHOLARSHIP:

(Documents to be uploaded on Portal)

i. Scan copy of Original Domicile Certificate.

ii. Scan copy of Original Category Certificate (Schedule Tribe) issued by the competent authority.

iii. Scan copy of Original Income Certificate of **Parents/Guardians issued by the competent authority (Concerned Tehsildar).** In case of Parent/Guardian is Government/Private Employee, the **Income Certificate** shall be issued by Tehsildar along with **Salary Certificate** issued by the concerned **Drawing & Disbursing Officer.**

Note: - **(The income means gross income including income from all sources without any exemption and deduction available in the Income Tax Act.)**

(Note: -The uploaded scanned copy of the Income Certificate with malicious QR codes/edited/mutated will lead to the rejection of the application form.)

Note: -

iv. Bonafide Certificate duly attested by the Head of the Universities/Colleges/Schools.

v. Fee Receipt in original with the name of the candidate, date, and class/semester duly sealed & signed by competent authority.

vi. Scan copy of marks sheet/promotion certificate of the last qualified examination/semester.

vii. Scan copy of undertaking in the form of Affidavit as per the below format attested by Executive/Judicial Magistrate.

I_____ S/O _____ R/O_____ District_____ do hereby solemnly declare on oath that: -

i) I am not in receipt of any other Scholarship from any other institution/department for the year 2025-26

ii) I am not perusing any other course from any other institution for which I have applied for another Scholarship.

iii) I have paid an amount of Rs_____ to_____ institute/College for _____ course.

All details mentioned/filled on NSP and documents uploaded are true and correct & nothing has been concealed therein.

I understand that in case I am found guilty of any wrong information for misleading the government, the government is liable to take any necessary action against me under rules, including recovery of the Scholarship amount/being black listed/debarred from any Scholarship in the future.

Note: The uploaded documents should be in PDF/JPG/JPEG format, file size must be in between 150-200 kb only and should be readable/legible for scanning during the verification process otherwise it may lead to the rejection of the application form.

(Along with the above-mentioned documents the candidates are advise to submit the following additional documents to the concerned Head of Institution)

viii. Scan Copy of Promotion Certificate/ Marks sheet of last qualified class.

ix. Valid Hosteller Certificate, issued by the Institution duly sealed & signed by the competent authority.

x. Scan copy of the Bank Pass-Book indicating complete particulars i.e. Name of the Account Holder, Address, Active Bank Account Number, Bank Branch & IFSC Code, etc.

After successful submission of the online application on National Scholarship Portal, the applicant has to acquire a **hard copy** of the application form and submit the same along with the requisite documents as indicated above to the **Head of the concerned Institution/INO** within a **weeks' time.**

The **(INO) Institutional Nodal Officer** shall verify the uploaded documents of the students. through e-scanning/browsing, ensure the authenticity/genuineness of hard copies of the documents submitted by the students and **verify only eligible candidates on portal in light of the norms of**

Scheme & SOP of NSP. If any uploaded document(s) verified by the INO is/are found forged/false/fake/duplicate or tempered at any stage, the Head of institution and Institute Nodal Officer shall be responsible for **negligence** on this account.

Note: As per revised guidelines of the Scheme, before releasing/disbursing the Scholarship amount to the students the Department shall verify the registration, affiliation and accreditation. courses being offered and number of seats approved for each course in Schools/Institutes/Colleges/Universities.

THE GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIP IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS: -

- Mere filling of the online scholarship application form will not confer any right of the student that he/she will be granted a scholarship.
- Preference shall be given to the Government Institutions.
- Scholarship will be restricted to the availability of funds.
- Scholarship disbursement is Aadhaar based and will be disbursed in Aadhaar Seeded Account.

Help Desk: -

For further queries, the Students/Institution Nodal Officers can contact on the following numbers. given below (only during office hours):

1. Deputy Director Tribal Affairs Office Kashmir:
   0194-2500585 or 2500138, E-mail: directordeputy784@gmail.com
2. Deputy Director Tribal Affairs Office Jammu:
   0191-2479198 or 2476877, E-mail: dydirector.jmu@gmall.com
3. Directorate of Tribal Affairs Office on:
   0194-2500138 0191-2476877, E-mail: directorjk.tad@jk.gov.in

Note: Hard copy of scholarship form will not be accepted in the Directorate, as the delivery of service is entirely online. Applicants are advised to track their applications online regularly to ensure timely corrections, if required, within the stipulated timeline.

(Mohd Mamtaz Ali) JKAS 14|8|2025
Director Tribal Affairs,
14/08/25
J&K

No: DTA/PMS/2025-26/ 2742-2804   Dated: 14-08-2025
Copy to the: -
1. Principal, Resident Commissioner J&K Government, New Delhi/Mumbai for information and with the request to publicize the notification.
2. Principal Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary to Government Higher Education Department Civil Secretariat Srinagar for information and with the request to get it uploaded on the Official Website of Higher Education Department and circulate to all the Govt. Colleges and Universities of J&K.
3. Secretary to Government, School Education Department Civil Secretariat Srinagar/Jammu for information with the request to get the notification uploaded on the Official website and circulate to all the Schools/Institutions of Jammu & Kashmir.
4. Secretary to Government, Health and Medical Education Department. Civil Secretariat Srinagar/Jammu for information with the request to get the notification uploaded on the Official website and circulate to all the Medical Colleges/ Para Medical Institutions of Jammu & Kashmir.

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5. Secretary to Government, Tribal Affairs Department for information and with the request to direct the concerned for uploading the same on the Official Website.
6. All District Development commissioner of J&K for information and necessary action.
7. Director School Education Department, Jammu/Kashmir for information and with the request to direct the concerned Institutions/ Institute Nodal Officers to complete the online verification process on **NSP** within the stipulated period.
8. Director Colleges Jammu/Kashmir for information and with the request to direct the concerned Institutions/Nodal Officers to complete the online verification process on **NSP** within the stipulated period.
9. Director, Radio Kashmir Srinagar/Jammu, Bhaderwah, Kishtwar, Poonch & Rajouri with the request to broadcast the notification in NEWS Bulletins.
10. Director, Doordarshan Kendra Srinagar/Jammu with the request to give wide publicity to the notification repeatedly.
11. Joint Director, Information Srinagar/Jammu for information and with the request to kindly get the Notification Publicized in all leading dailies of the State having wide circulation in Jammu/Kashmir Divisions and outside the UT in two leading National Newspapers to ensure maximum publicity.
12. Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs Department J & K for the information of Hon'ble Minister.
13. Deputy Director Tribal Affairs Kashmir/Jammu for information and further necessary action.
14. Chief Education Officer (All) for information and necessary action.
15. District Social Welfare Officer (DTWO) Rajouri, Reasi, Poonch & Ganderbal for information and further necessary action.
16. Office file