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Subject: Bringing awareness for PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students.

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The Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana is a Central Sector Scheme implemented by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India. The PM USP Yojana provides scholarships to college and university students across the nation. The National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarship.gov.in>) is now open for applications from students pursuing higher education.

In light of this, it is crucial for all college principals within the Union Territory to ensure that the scheme receives extensive publicity. This should be done through college websites, notice boards, and social media platforms. By doing so, we can maximize awareness and ensure that eligible students can benefit from this valuable opportunity.

The necessary guidelines for dissemination among stakeholders are enclosed herewith for necessary action.

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PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN (PM-USP) YOJANA

**GUIDELINES FOR THE COMPONENT SCHEME –
CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND
UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (PM-USP CSSS)**

(Applicable for academic year 2022-23 onwards)

1. Objective

To provide financial assistance to meritorious students from poor families to meet a part of their day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies

2. Scope

The scholarships are awarded by Ministry of Education, Government of India on the basis of results of Higher Secondary / Class XII Board Examination. A maximum of 82,000 fresh scholarships per annum are provided for pursuing graduate / postgraduate degree in colleges and universities and for professional courses, such as Medical, Engineering etc.

3. Allocation of Scholarship

The total number of scholarships are divided amongst the State Education Boards based on the State's population in the age group of 18-25 years, after segregating share of CBSE and ICSE on the basis of number of students passing out from various Boards in the country. 50% of the scholarships are earmarked for girls. Out of the total scholarship slots earmarked for UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, 3% slots shall be earmarked for the students from the UT of Ladakh. The number of scholarships allotted to a State Education Board is distributed amongst pass outs of the Humanities, Science and Commerce streams in the ratio of 3:3:1. In case of shortfall in the number of applications, the scholarship slots shall be interoperable among categories (Gen, OBC, SC & ST), gender (Female, Male) and State Quota to maximize use of slots for fresh scholarships with effect from academic year 2022-23, subject to the condition that guidelines of Ministry of Finance and NITI Aayog regarding SC/ST fund allocation of the schemes are adhered to

4. Eligibility for Scholarship

- i. Students who are above 80th percentile of successful candidates in the relevant stream from the respective Board of Examination in Class XII of 10+2 pattern or equivalent;

- ii. Pursuing regular degree courses and **not** correspondence or distance mode or pursuing Diploma courses;
- iii. Pursuing courses at colleges/institutions recognized by All India Council for Technical Education and respective Regulatory Bodies concerned;
- iv. Not availing benefit of any other scholarship schemes including State run scholarship schemes/ fee waiver & reimbursement scheme;
- v. Students with gross parental/family income upto **Rs. 4.5 lakh per annum** are eligible for scholarship under the scheme. Income certificate will be required only for the fresh applicants;
- vi. Student changing his/ her college/institute of study will be allowed to continue/renew the scholarship provided the course of study and the institution is having valid AISHE Code; The AISHE code can be checked in the portal <https://aishe.gov.in/aishe/aisheCode>
- vii. Students who missed to apply for renewal of application online on NSP will be allowed to apply for renewal of scholarship for subsequent year on NSP, if he/she fulfils eligibility condition for renewal;
- viii. For renewal of scholarship in each year of study, besides getting at least 50% marks in the Annual Examination, maintenance of adequate attendance of at least 75%, will also be the criteria. Complaints against the student regarding any in disciplined or criminal behaviour including any complaints of having indulged in ragging, will lead to forfeiture of scholarship;
- ix. Beneficiaries/ Applicants under the scheme must apply online in the National Scholarships Portal (www.scholarships.gov.in) for the fresh/ renewal scholarships. Fresh/Renewal applications sent directly to the Ministry of Education shall not be accepted

5. Reservation

Students belonging to reserved categories/weaker sections /minorities etc. are eligible to get benefit of reservation on the basis of merit, subject to Central Reservation Policy [i.e. 15% seats are earmarked for SCs, 7.5% for STs and 27 % for OBCs and **5% horizontal reservation for students with Benchmark Disabilities (Disability of 40% or more)** in all the categories]. The Central Reservation Policy will be applicable in filling the slots against each year's target. If slots under a specific group is not filled after considering all the States/UTs, the vacant slots will be allocated to other categories so that maximum number of eligible students can get the benefit, subject to overall ceiling of slots.