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PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India has opened the National Scholarship Portal for Annual Year 2022-23 to implements the Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Schemes for the Minorities and the students can apply under these schemes through URL www.scholarship.gov.in or through the link available on www.minorityaffairs.gov.in or through Mobile App-National Scholarships (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 recognized Private University/Institute/College/School.

2. The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) for both fresh and renewal applications as per the following timelines.

For Post-Matric /Top Class/MCM Scholarship Schemes

a.	Opening of NSP Portal	20th July, 2022
b.	Last date for application submission	31st October, 2022
c.	Last date for INO Level Verification	15th November, 2022
d.	Last date for Second Level Verification	30th November, 2022

Only Online Application under the Schemes will be accepted and no request for offline applications will be entertained.

1. All renewal applications/ students, who have got scholarship during 2021-22, shall apply by giving their existing Application ID.

2. All Institutions/Schools, having valid AISHE/U-DISE/NCVT/SCVT codes, located in the State/UT should be advised to register themselves and their courses details on the NSP at the earliest so that their students can apply and they can verify such applications on the Portal within the timelines.

3. The timelines need to be adhered to strictly. Technical issue, if any arising during the process of online submission, generation of merit lists and payment lots may be resolved immediately in consultation with the NIC HQ or State NICs at the earliest.

4. It has been observed that after the last date (s) of verification, a large number of Fresh as well as Renewal applications are left pending for verification at LI level by Institute Nodal Officers. Also ensure that no application remains unverified after the last date (s) of verification during 2022-23.
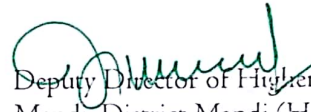
5. All Verification Authorities (INO/DNO/SNO) can mark an application fake if he/she is satisfied that the applicant is not a bonafide student in other circumstances, in case on non-fulfilment of eligibility criteria or inconsistency of records, the verifying authority may either reject the application or mark it defective and give the applicant another opportunity to correct their records.

6. It needs to be noted by all the INOs and DNOs that in case if any application is marked fake at L2 level by the DNO or the SNO then the entire bunch of applications from that School/Institute will go back to the respective INO login of that School/Institution for re-verification. Hence the DNOs/SNOs are advised to exercise caution while using the option of making an application fake.

7. To ensure Aadhaar based demographic authentication of Institute level. The option of rejecting a payment file on the basis of 'fake' applications has been restricted and therefore the SNOs may exercise utmost caution while rejecting payment file on NSP Portal. Aadhaar demographic based on applicant's detail i.e. name, gender and year of birth as given in Aadhaar, has been introduced on NSP Portal.

8. Aadhaar based demographic authentication of Institute (INOs) has been made mandatory prior to the verification of the application by them for which the INOs has to provide their Aadhaar number on NSP Portal. The facility of Aadhaar based authentication of L1 and L2 level officers has been made live on the NSP Portal and the OTP generated during the process will be sent to the mobile number registered with the Aadhaar of INO/DNO/SNO. NSP will be using the same mobile number for all communication and sending OTPs in future. The NSP login of the INO would be operational post completion of KYC at NSP using the Aadhaar number of the INO.
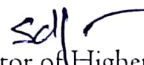
Therefore, all the Head(s) of GSSSs and GHSs & Private schools are directed to note of the above decision and initiate appropriate action accordingly so that applying and verifying process of scholarship aplications could be done in stipulated time period.

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