No. DTW/6/Central Pre Matric/6/Circular/2025-26/ 1293   Date: 12/ 06/2025.

CIRCULAR

Sub: Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST Students in class IXth & Xth for the Academic year 2025-26.

The Directorate of Tribal Welfare is implementing the Scheme namely:

Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for needy Scheduled Tribe students studying in class IXth & Xth.

The objective of the scheme is to support Scheduled Tribes children studying in classes IXth and Xth so that the incidence of dropout, especially in transition from elementary to secondary stage is minimized, and ST students can have a better chance of progressing to the post matric stage of education.

Eligibility of the Scheme is as under:

1. Student should belong to Scheduled Tribe Community.
2. The family income of student from all sources should not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum.
3. The student should not be getting any other scholarship.
4. She/ he should be a regular, full time student studying in a Government School or in a school recognized by Govt. or a Central /State Board of secondary Education.
5. Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only one year. If a student has to repeat a class, she/he is not eligible to get scholarship for that class for a second (or subsequent) year.

The students of class **IXth & Xth** have to apply online on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) in order to avail the scholarship. All above documents shall be clearly scanned uploaded on the National Scholarship Portal. (Size of document less than 200KB in PDF/JPEG format)

VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP
The rates of scholarship and other grant will be as follows:

Amount in Rs.

Item	Day Scholars		Hostelers	
	Monthly	Annually	Monthly	Annually
Scholarship for 10 months	225	2250	525	5250
Books and adhoc Grant		750		1000

Additional Disability Allowance: -In addition to scholarship provided in Table above, an additional grant of Rs. 800/- monthly (Rs. 9600 annually) will be given to the Divyangjan student who is hosteler and Rs.600/- monthly (Rs 7200 annually) to a day scholar. The disability as defined under the Act has to be certified by a competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration.

The following documents are required to be uploaded on Portal.

For Fresh Students.
1. Income Certificate issued by competent authority for the year 2024-25.
2. Caste Certificate issued by competent authority.
3. Copy of Bank Pass Book seeded with Aadhar Card.
4. Student shall update/ change mobile number on Aadhar Card if said number is inactive/ un operational.
5. Copy of Marksheet (Previous Year).

For Renewal Students.
1. Copy of Marksheet (Previous Year).

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mission has issued following directions for compliance:

1.Aadhaar to be made mandatory for all applicants.

2.Aadhaar based face authentication and eKYC has been made mandatory.

3.All scholarship payments to be made using Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB) system to ensure that payments are made only to the rightful beneficiary. Students have to seed their bank account with their aadhaar number so that they can receive the scholarship benefit in their bank account. Bank details will no longer be captured on the NSP portal.

4.The account should be held in the name of the student and linked with Mobile number to ensure timely DBT payment.

5.The mobile number provided in the application is correct, active and belongs to the applicant or the parent. The student should preferably continue the same mobile number linked with the bank account for entire period of course.

6.The student/applicant should take timely action(s) on the SMS received from NSP/ Directorate of Tribal Welfare (DTW).

7.The applicant should follow up with Institutes for application verification before the deadlines.

8.All students shall ensure that the Bank Seeding Status should be shown as "Active". Students can check Bank Seeding Status on National Scholarship Portal by OTR login or by using Aadhaar Seeding in Student corner. Also student can check on my Aadhar site/link (myaadhar.uidai.gov.in)

9.Students can change /update their mobile number at the time of renewal of application (if required) on NSP Portal.

10.Student shall update/change mobile number on Aadhaar Card if said mobile number is inactive/un operational.

11.State Nodal Officer/District Nodal Officer/Head of Institute/Institute Nodal Officer has to perform eKYC (bio-metric /face-auth) to verify applications from their NSP logins.

12. Download and Install Aadhaar Face RD and NSP Face Auth App available on Google Play Store to perform eKYC.

13. Institute may refer FAQ's, User Manual for INO and HOI to perform Face Authentication and How to fill registration form for their reference which are available in Institute Corner on NSP portal

14. All Institute Nodal Officer (INO) shall refer New Guidelines of Pre Matric Scholarship (Centrally Sponsored Scheme) issued by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi.

15. All the students shall compulsory apply on National Scholarship Portal for Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre Matric Scholarship for ST Students studying in class IXth and Xth.(https://scholarships.gov.in).

The above conditions will be applicable for both fresh and renewal

In renewal also, student should submit their application after completing their OTP based eKYC. Applications will not be submitted without Aadhaar based eKYC.

The following points are conveyed for compliance on the National Scholarship Portal .

- The Portal is open for One Time Registration (OTR) for students.
- One Time Registration (OTR) is a unique number allotted to the student and is applicable for entire academic career on National Scholarship Portal.
- OTR is required to apply for the scholarships on National Scholarship Portal.
- OTR can be generated using Aadhaar/Aadhaar Enrollment number (EID)
- The students who have applied on National Scholarship Portal will be allotted the OTR/Reference number through the portal and intimated through SMS.
- Face authentication is mandatory for generation of OTR. NSP has launched the Mobile App for android devices. Student is required to follow below steps for face – authentication and generation of OTR.
  1) Download and install the Aadhar Face RD App and NSP OTR App from Google play store.
  2) Complete the face- authentication using option "eKYC with FaceAuth" on NSP OTR Mobile App.
  3) NSP Service are now available at Comman Service Centres (CSCs). Students can avail the scholarship related services by visiting the nearby CSCs. The total charges for the entire activity per candidate (including generation of reference number, biometric- authentication, generation of One-Time Registration (OTR) number and filing of complete application form of the candidate) is fixed at Rs. 30/- (inclusive of all applicable taxes etc). the nearest CSC please visit the link: **https:// Locator.csccloud.in/**

The details of opening and closing of Portal is as under:-

PROCESS	FRESH/ RENEWAL
Registration /Apply for students	10th June to 31st October, 2025
Completion of Verification by Institutes	30th November, 2025
Completion of Verification by State	31st December, 2025

Further, all the Heads of Institutes are requested to submit the additional details in given annexure "A" on or before 15th July 2025 by mail (dir-tw.goa@nic.in) and hard copy to the Director, Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Panaji- Goa **(for North Institutes)** and Dy. Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Margao- Goa **(for South Institutes)**

The Institute shall bring the content of this circular to the notice of the student along with new guidelines to avail the benefit of scheme. The institute shall convey the date of opening &closing of the Portal to the students so that the students can apply before the last date.

Also, if any eligible ST student is left out from availing scholarship then the Head of Institute and the concerned Nodal officer will be held responsible for the same.

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Government and is available on the Notice Board as well on website: **www.tribalwelfare.goa.gov.in** of this office.

(Dipak S. Desai)
Director of Tribal Welfare &
Ex-Officio Joint Secretary (TW)

Encl:
1. Guideline copy of "Pre-Matric Scholarship"for IXth & Xth.
2. Annexure 'A'

To,
The Headmaster/ Headmistress of the concerned School.

Copy to:
1. The OSD to Hon'ble Chief Minister/Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Welfare, Secretariat, Porvorim – Goa.
2. PA to Secretary (Tribal Welfare), Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
3. PA to Secretary Education, Porvorim-Goa.
4. The Director, Directorate of Education, Porvorim – Bardez –Goa.-To bring the content of the Circular to the notice of Schools/Institutions under your control.
5. The Chairman, The Goa Commission for SC/ST, Panaji- Goa
6. The Dy, Director, Directorate of Tribal Welfare (North & South)
7. Office copy.
8. Guard file

Physical Achievements(2024-25)

Sr. No	Name of the Institute	No of ST Students enrolled for class(AY 2024-25)		No of ST Students applied for Scholarship (AY 2024-25)		No of Students passed who had received scholarship(AY 2024-25)		No of ST Students dropped (AY 2024-25)		No of ST Students enrolled for class(AY 2025-26)	
		IX	X	IX	X	IX	X	IX	X	IX	X
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female

Signature of HOI
with seal

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