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Govt. of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Room No. 361, 2nd Floor
Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, New Delhi
Dated 5th October, 2023

To

The Principal/ Head of Institutes (As per list attached)

Subject: Implementation of Top Class College Education Scheme for OBC, EBC, DNT during the year 2023-24 reg.
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment is implementing an umbrella scheme namely PM Young Achievers' Scholarship Award Scheme for a vibrant India (PM-YASASVI) for the welfare of OBC, EBC and DNT students. One of the components of this scheme is Top Class College Education for OBC and other students.

2. Under the scheme, the Department provides full tuition fee and non-refundable charges with a ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum per student along with living expenses, assistance for books and stationary and a latest computer/laptop. A copy of scheme guidelines is attached for your kind reference (Annexure-I).

3. During the current year 2023-24, our target is to provide assistance to 18150 students. In accordance with scheme guidelines, the Department has initially shortlisted 266 institutions for implementation of this scheme. The institution-wise number of slots is enclosed (Annexure-II). The institutions selected are already implementing this Department's similar scheme namely Top Class College for SC students. This scheme will also be implemented through the National Scholarship Portal and in the same manner.

4. In view of foregoing, it is requested to confirm the participation of your College/Institution in the above said Scheme for OBC, EBC and DNT students. It is also requested to appoint a nodal officer in your organization for verification of applications etc and intimate the detail of him/her with the Department at email addresses narendra.kumar83@nic.in and daya.nk@nic.in.

5. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

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Signed by
Daya Nand Kumar

Yours faithfully,

Date: 06-10-2023 11:41:00 (Dayanand Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel: 011- 2302 2504, 2302 2515

Encl: As above

Copy to: NSP along with list of institutions with request to take
necessary action in the matter.

List of the notified institutions under the scheme of Top Class Education for OBC and Others for 2023-24:

S.No.	Name of the Institute	Location	State	Course	Maximum Number of Slots
1. ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE [101]					
I - IITs [23]					
1	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi	Hauz Khas, new Delhi-110016	Delhi	Under Graduate	160
2	Indian Institute of Technology Chennai	PO IIT, Chennai-600036	Tamil Nadu	Under Graduate	140
3	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur	Kharagpur, India - 721302	West Bengal	Under Graduate	140
4	Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur	PO IIT, Kanpur-208076	Uttar Pradesh	Under Graduate	140
5	Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Powai, Mumbai-400 076	Maharashtra	Under Graduate	140
6	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati	Institute of Engineers Building, Pan Bazar, Guwahati- 781 039	Assam	Under Graduate	140
7	Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee	Roorkee - Haridwar Highway, Roorkee, Uttarakhand 247667	Uttarakhand	Under Graduate	160
8	Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University	Banaras Hindu University Campus, Uttar Pradesh 221005	Uttar Pradesh	Under Graduate	160
9	Indian Institute of Technology, (ISM)	Main Campus IIT (ISM), Dhanbad Jharkhand, INDIA, 826004	Jharkhand	Under Graduate	130
10	Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur	Old Residency Road, MBM Campus, Ratanada, Jodhpur-342 011	Rajasthan	Under Graduate	120
11	Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar	Samantapur, Bhubaneswar-751013, Odisha	Odisha	Under Graduate	130
12	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar	Vishwakarma Govt. Engineering College at Chandkhedka, Gandhinagar-382 424.	Gujarat	Under Graduate	130

252	National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)	East Coast Road, Muttukadu, Kovalam Post, Chennai-603112	Tamil Nadu	Under Graduate	20
253	Swami Vivekanand National Institute of the Rehabilitation Training and Research (SVNIRTAR)	Bairoi, Road, Olatpur, Cuttak, Odisha 754010	Odisha	Under Graduate	30
Total for DEPWD					120
10. MISCELLANEOUS[13]					
254	Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Deonar, Post Box No.8313, Mumbai-400 088	Maharashtra	Post Graduate	50
255	Film and Television Institute of India	Law College Road, Pune-411 004	Maharashtra	Post Graduate	10
256	Indian Institute of Mass Communication	Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU New Campus, New Delhi-110067	Delhi	Post Graduate	30
257	Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha	T Nagar, Chennai - 600017	Tamil Nadu	Post Graduate	30
258	Kalakshetra Foundation	Kalakshetra Rd, Thiruvannamipur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600041	Tamil Nadu	Under Graduate	30
259	Indian Statistical Institute	203 Barrackpore Trunk Road, Kolkata 700108,	West Bengal	Post Graduate	30
260	New Delhi International Arbitration Centre	Delhi High Court Campus Shershah Road New Delhi - 110503	Delhi	Under Graduate	30
261	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development	Secondary Gaye, Sri Ram Nagar, Sriperumbudur, Nemili, Tamil Nadu 602105	Tamil Nadu	Post Graduate	30
262	University of Allahabad	Senate House, University Road, Old Katra, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh, 211002	Uttar Pradesh	Under Graduate	30
263	Visva-Bharati University	Santiniketan West Bengal, India Pin 731235	West Bengal	Under Graduate	30
264	Rashtriya Raksha University	At. Lavad, Ta. Dehgam, Gandhinagar PO -382305,	Gujarat	Under Graduate	30
265	Nalanda University	Pilkhi, Bihar 803116	Bihar	Post Graduate	30

266	National Forensic Sciences University	Sector 9 Gandhi Nagar - 382007 Gujarat	Gujarat	Post Graduate	30
Total for Miscellaneous					390
Grand Total					17000

Criteria of Merit List for the Institutions as per the entranceExam

Sr.No.	Type of Institutions	Criteria for Merit list
Engineering		
1	IITs	Rank in JEE Advanced
2	NITs	Rank in JEE Mains
3	IIITs	Rank in JEE Mains
4	Other Central Govt. Institutions	Rank in JEE Mains
4(i)	Indian Maritime University,	Rank in IMU CET
4(ii)	Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST), Thiruvananthapuram	Rank in JEE Advanced
5	State Govt. Institute-IIITM-K	Entrance test of IIITM-K
6	Private Institutions- BITS	Rank in BITSAT
Management		
7	IIMs	Rank in CAT
8	Other Govt. Institutes	
8(i)	IRMA	Rank in CAT/XAT
8(ii)	Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	Rank in CAT/XAT
8(iii)	FMS	Rank in CAT
8(iv)	NITIE	Rank in CAT
8(v)	IIFT	Rank in IIFT ent exam
8(vi)	Symbiosis Institute of BusinessManagement	
Law		
9	NLU	Rank in CLAT
10	Private Institutes	
11	ILS Pune	Rank in MHCET
12	Symbiosis Law College	Rank in SLAT
Medical		
13	Central Govt. Institutions	Rank in NEET
14	Other Govt. Institutions	Rank in NEET
15	Non Govt. Institutions	Rank in NEET
16	Agricultural and Allied Sciences- Central Govt. Institutes	
16 (i)	Indian Veterinary Research Institute	ICMR Ent test
16(ii)	Indian Institute of Plantation Management	IIPM Ent Test
16(iii)	National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj	NIRDPR Ent Test
16(iv)	National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM)	JEE Mains rank
16(v)	IISERs	IISER Ent test
16(vi)	NIPERs	NICER JEE Ent Test
16(vii)	NICER	National Entrance Screening Test (NEST)
Fashion/Design		

17(i)	NIFTs	NIFT Ent test
17(ii)	NIDs	National Entrance Test (NET) conducted by NIDs
	Hospitality	
18(i)	IHMs	NCHMCT JEE Test
	National Institutes dealing with various disabilities	
19(i)	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Institute for the Physically Handicapped	Institute Ent Test
19(ii)	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped	Institute Ent Test
19(iii)	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped	Institute Ent Test
19(iv)	National Institute for empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities	Institute Ent Test
20	Miscellaneous	
20(i)	Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Institute Ent Test
20(ii)	Film and Television Institute of India	Joint Ent Test
20(iv)	Kalakshetra Foundation	Audition conducted by institute.
20(v)	Indian Statistical Institute	ISI Admission Test
20(vi)	Indian Institute of Mass Communication	Institute Ent Test
20(vii)	Central Universities	CUET
20(viii)	National Forensic Sciences University	NFAT
20(ix)	Nalanda University	CAT

(D) CENTRAL SECTOR SCHEME OF TOP CLASS EDUCATION IN COLLEGE FOR OBC, EBC AND DNT STUDENTS

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the scheme is to recognize and promote quality education amongst Students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT categories by providing full financial support. The Scheme will cover OBC/EBC/DNT students for pursuing studies beyond class XIIth.

2. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

- (i) The Scheme will operate in all the institutions notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for every financial year 2021-22 onwards.
- (ii) The scholarship, once awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of the student. The students are required to apply for scholarship every year even in case of renewal also.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) Those OBC/EBC/DNT students having total annual family income from all sources up to Rs. 2.50 lakh and having secured admission in a full-time prescribed course in any of the notified institutions according to the general selection criteria prescribed by the concerned institution, will be eligible for scholarship under the Scheme to the extent of the number of scholarships (slots) allocated to the institution for the course.
- (ii) In case the number of eligible students admitted exceeds the number of slots allotted to the institution, the scholarship will be restricted to the top students in the inter-se merit list based on the admission criteria for the course as mentioned in Annexure-II. However, if there is more than one student with equal marks for the last available slot in an institution, preference should be given to the student with the lower family income. The remaining students from OBC/EBC/DNT category admitted in the institution shall be eligible for the Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) administered by this Ministry through State Governments/UT Administrations, provided such students are otherwise eligible under the said scheme.
- (iii) In case the institution finds that the number of eligible candidates in the 1st year are less than the number of slots allotted to it, the balance slots may be offered to eligible students studying in 2nd, 3rd and 4th year, etc. on the basis of inter-se merit of previous year's result giving priority to those with higher number of years left to complete their respective course i.e. 2nd year students are to get priority over the 3rd year students and soon. ✓
- (iv) Thirty percent (30%) of slots allotted to the Institution shall be reserved for eligible girl ✓

students as per their inter-se merit. In the absence of sufficient number of girl students, the slots may be transferred to eligible boy students as per their inter-se merit.

(v) However, the 30% slots as mentioned above will not include those girl students who are selected on the basis of their performance in the overall merit list of OBC/EBC/DNT students, as applicable, of the Institution.

(vi) The benefit of the Scheme will not be provided to more than 2 siblings in a family. The students will submit an affidavit in the Institution to certify that he/she is not the third sibling of the family who is availing benefit under the scheme.

(vii) The scholarship will be terminated if the student fails to get promoted to the next semester/class.

(viii) As the fund is majorly earmarked for OBC, preference would be given to the OBC students while considering under the scheme.

4. 'TOP CLASS' INSTITUTIONS AND NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP SLOTS

(i) All the IIMs / IITs/ IIITs / AIIMs/ NITs/NIFTs/ NIDs/ Indian Institutes of Hotel Management, National Law Universities and other Central Government Institutions will be eligible to be included in the Scheme, subject to their applying for being included in the Scheme and recommendation by the Selection Committee under the scheme, or if the Selection Committee itself recommends the name of the institute for inclusion in the list of empanelled institutes of the scheme. If an institution is not in any of the above categories, it has to be included in the current list of i). National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) A++ and A+ Accredited Institutions or ii) Top 100 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Institutions or iii). Institutions of National Importance as per lists issued by Ministry of Education (GoI) from time to time.

(ii) For Commercial Pilot Training Course and Type Rating Courses all Government institutes approved by Director General of Civil Aviation shall be eligible for empanelment under the scheme.

(iii) The overall number of fresh scholarships would be capped as per budget earmarked of that financial year. The number of slots shall be distributed among types of institutions as per recommendation of the committee.

(iv) The list of the 'Top Class' Institutions to be covered under the Scheme along with number of scholarship slots will be notified by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. Any addition or deletion to the list shall be notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, as and when required, based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee set up under the scheme.

(v) Any institution not applying under the Scheme continuously for three years shall

beremoved from the list of notified institutions under theScheme.

5. FUNDING PATTERN & MODE OF PAYMENT

- (i) The OBC/EBC/DNT students, who secure admission in the notified institutions, will be awarded scholarship to meet the requirements for (a) full tuition fee and non-refundable charges (there will be a ceiling of Rs. 2.00 lakh per annum per student for private sector institutions and Rs. 3.72 lakhs per annum per student for the private sector flying clubs for Commercial Pilot Training and Type Rating Courses) (b) living expenses to the beneficiary @Rs.3000/-per month per student (c) books and stationery @ Rs. 5000/- per annum per student and (iv) a latest computer/laptop of reputed brand with accessories like UPS and printer limited to Rs. 45000/- per student as one time assistance during the course.
- (ii) The Scheme will be funded by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 100%basis.
- (iii) The scholarship will become payable immediately after a student has secured admission and has started attending theclasses.
- (iv) The payment of tuition fee and other non-refundable charges will be made directly to the institution by the Central Government through Direct Benefit Transfermode.
- (v) Similarly, the payment of living expenses, books & stationery and computer/laptop with accessories will be made directly to the student by the Central Government through Direct Benefit Transfermode.
- (vi) The implementation of the scheme would be in accordance with the provisions of GFR 2017. Submission of UC should be as per prescribed forms as per GFR, 2017. Further, as per provisions of rule 230(8) of GFR, 2017, all interest or other earnings against Grants-in- aid or advances released to any grantee institution should be mandatorily remitted to the Consolidated Fund of India immediately after finalization of accounts.

6. OTHER PROVISIONS

- (i) With a view to ensure access of the provisions of this Scheme to all eligible students, the institution will incorporate the salient features of the scheme in their prospectus, in addition to putting the same on the website of the institution.
- (ii) The students will submit their application on National Scholarship Portal (NSP). The institutes will verify the applications on NSP for submission to the Ministry. The institution will follow the limit of the slots assigned to it and will verify only as many applications as number of slots provided to it. The last date of verification of applications of the students by the institutions on NSP shall be 31st October.

- (iii) In the case of new entrants i.e. to the first year of the course, the institution will select eligible OBC/EBC/DNT students on the basis of merit as per the entrance examination merit list. The entrance exam of each course will be considered as per the list given at Annexure-I. The students are required to apply under the Scheme on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and upload their income certificate and caste certificate on the Portal along with details of their bank account, Admission Rank and Fee details to claim the scholarship. The institution shall verify all the details before forwarding the applications to the Ministry.
- (iv) In the case of application for renewal of scholarships by students joining second or subsequent years of the course, verification of an application by the institution would mean that the institution has promoted the student to the next class and the student has taken admission therein.
- (v) Normally, the student should purchase the computer/laptop including accessories in the first year he/she is awarded the scholarship. The student will submit the bill for purchase of the same while applying for the scholarship in the subsequent year to the institution. If the amount of purchase is less than the amount released to him/her under this head, the institution will accordingly adjust the difference against the admissible grant to the student being proposed on the NSP.
- (vi) The institution will furnish a Utilization Certificate in the prescribed format for the tuition fee and non-refundable charges released to it.
- (vii) The performance of the students covered under the Scheme shall be monitored regularly by the Head of the respective institution and the same shall be reported to the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at the end of each academic year.
- (viii) Any institution violating the provisions of the Scheme and/or instructions issued by the Government of India will be de-notified.
- (ix) In the event of de-notification/deletion of any institution, the scholarship will continue to be available to the students already admitted under the Scheme, if otherwise eligible, till the completion of the course. However, no fresh seats will be allotted and funds released to such de-notified institutions.
- (x) The general provisions of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, will apply *mutatis mutandis*, and the institutions shall be bound by the general principles laid therein.

7. REVIEW AND MONITORING

- (i) The progress of implementation of the Scheme will be reviewed by a Steering Committee consisting of the following—

- a) Secretary (SJ&E) -Chairperson
- b) Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (SJ&E) -Member
- c) Joint Secretary, BC Division, M/o SJ&E - Member
- d) Joint Secretary (TA), M/o Tribal Affairs - Member
- e) Joint Secretary, Deptt .of Higher Education -Member
- f) Joint Secretary, Deptt. of Medical Education, M/o H&FW –Member
- g) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation –Member
- h) Joint Secretary, Deptt. For EPWD, M/o SJE –Member
- i) A representative of the UGC –Member
- h) A representative of the NITI Aayog -Member
- i) Director/Dy. Secretary, BC Division, M/o SJ&E –Convener

The Committee may co-opt an expert as a special invitee, as and when it deems necessary.

(ii) The Committee may recommend to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment about addition or deletion of any institution based on their performance. For the purpose, the Committee may take into account the recommendations of the concerned bodies conducting the entrance examinations for admissions into such courses or having the administrative control over such institutions.

(iii) The Committee would equitably distribute the slots under the Scheme amongst the notified institutions.

(iv) The Committee may periodically review the performance of the selected institutions on the basis of the academic results and also recommend appropriate modifications in the Scheme, as and when considered necessary.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

(i) As the magnitude of data to be managed and processed would be very large, there would be a need to engage qualified skilled personnel – on contract or out- sourcing basis - right from the beginning to design, develop and operate the IT based systems as well as enter, process, analyses, monitor, retrieve and transfer data.

(ii) A provision not exceeding 1% of the total budget will be made to meet the administrative and allied costs of the Ministry for office equipment including computers and accessories, furniture, development of appropriate software, advertisements, engagement of personnel, etc.

(iii) The above provision will also be used for publicity, awareness generation, evaluation and monitoring of the Scheme, through outside institutions/agencies engaged by the Ministry of SJ&E, Government of India.

9. The modifications as considered appropriate in the provisions of the Scheme, from time to time, would be approved by the Administrative Minister, on the recommendations of the

Committee as given in para7 above.

Annexure-1

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8(i)	IRMA	Rank in CAT/XAT
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8(iii)	FMS	Rank in CAT
8(iv)	NITIE	Rank in CAT
8(v)	IIFT	Rank in IIFT ent exam
9	Non Govt Institute	
9(i)	Xavier Institute of Management	Rank in CAT
9(ii)	Symbiosis Institute of Business Management	Rank in SNAP
9(iii)	BharatiVidyapeeth	B-MAT
9(iv)	XLRI School of Business and Human Resources, Jamshedpur	Rank in XAT
10	NLU	Rank in CLAT
11	Private Institutes	
11(i)	ILS Pune	Rank in MHCET
11(ii)	Symbiosis Law College	Rank in SLAT
	Medical	
12	Central Govt. Institutions	Rank in NEET
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15(iv)	National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management(NIFTEM)	JEE Mains rank
15(v)	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Trivandrum	IISER Ent test
15(vi)	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Tirupati	IISER Ent test
15(vii)	Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Berhampur	IISER Ent test
16	Fashion- NIFT	NIFT Ent test
17	Hospitality	
17(i)	IHMs	NCHMCT JEE Test
17(ii)	Private Institutes (Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan)	BV Ent Test
18	Flying Clubs	
18(i)	CPL institutes	Institute Ent Test
18(ii)	ATOs	Institute Ent Test
18(iii)	Private ATOs	Institute Ent Test
19	National Institutes	
19(i)	Deen Dayal Upadhyay Institute for the Physically Handicapped	Institute Ent Test
19(ii)	Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped	Institute Ent Test
19(iii)	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped	Institute Ent Test
19(iv)	National Institute for empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities	Institute Ent Test
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