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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(Scholarship Section)
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3rd Floor, Kartavya Bhavan-1
New Delhi - 110001
Date the 23rd June, 2026

To

The Dean/Director/Registrar
(as per 265 Top Class Institutes list)

Subject: Opening of National Scholarship Portal for A.Y. 2026–27 – Invitation for Fresh and Renewal Applications under the "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students" (Top Class Scheme) – in notified 265 Institutes-reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that your Institute is one of the notified institutions under the Scheme, namely the ***"National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students"***. Financial assistance under the Scholarship component of the Scheme is provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to eligible Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in accordance with the prescribed guidelines. Students desirous of availing the benefits of the Scholarship component (Top Class Education Scheme), excluding the Fellowship component, are required to submit their applications through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) within the prescribed timeline.

2. In this regard, it is intimated that the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) is open for inviting applications (Fresh and Renewal) under National Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students for the year 2026–27 on https://scholarships.gov.in/

Particular	Student Category	Date
Opening date of Application Registration by Students	Fresh and Renewal	01st June, 2026
Closing Date of Application Registration by Students	Fresh and Renewal	31st October, 2026
Closing Date for Institute Verification of Applications	Fresh and Renewal	15th November, 2026
Closing Date for Ministry Verification of Applications	Fresh and Renewal	30th November, 2026

3. Scheduled Tribe (ST) students whose annual family income is less than ₹6.00 lakh and who have secured admission on merit in any of the 265 notified premier institutions are eligible to apply for scholarship benefits under the Scheme, subject to fulfillment of the prescribed eligibility conditions.

4. **All institutes are requested to publish the notification for inviting applications from ST students for the year 2026–2027 on their Institute website and notice board.**

5. A Demo Session through Video Conference (VC) for Nodal Officers and other concerned officials dealing with scholarship matters pertaining to ST students will be organized shortly. Participation of the concerned officers is mandatory to ensure proper understanding of the application, verification, and implementation processes under the Scheme. The date, time, and meeting link will be communicated separately in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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