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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability (DEPwD) is implementing the following three scholarships for students with disabilities through the National Scholarship Portal (NSP): (a) Pre-Matric scholarships for Class IX and X (b) Post-Matric scholarships for Class XI to Post-graduation (c) Scholarship for Top Class Education for Graduate /Post Graduate Degree or Diploma in 241 notified institutions on National Scholarship Portal under the Umbrella Scheme "Scholarships for Students with Disabilities".

The registration of students on the NSP has started from **15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**. The details of these schemes are available on the website of this Department ([www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in)).

Following are the timelines finalized for National Scholarship Portal:-

1	Opening of Portal for Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Top Class scheme.	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2019
2	Last date for registration and submission of Pre-Matric Scholarship application by the students.	15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
3	Last date for registration of Post-Matric & Top Class scholarship applications by the students.	31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2019
4	Last date for first level verification for Pre-Matric by the schools/Institute /College.	31 <sup>st</sup> October, 2019
5	Last date for first level verification for Post-Matric and Top class Scholarships by College/Institutes.	15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019
6	Last date for Second level verification for Pre-Matric by State Nodal Officers.	15 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019
7	Last date for Second level verification for Post-Matric and Top class scholarship by State Nodal Officers.	30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2019

After the applicant submits on-line application, the school/institute/college will verify the applications online. For verification each application, each institute/school/college re-registered on NSP and get the registration form authenticated by the District Nodal Officers (Operational manual for Institute/School/College is attached). The list of District Nodal Officers is available under Services tab on the NSP website. If the institute/school/college does not do so, they will be unable to verify the application online.

After verification from the first level i.e. the institute/school/college, the State Nodal Officer concerned is required to verify the applications on-line. The Applications of the scholarship schemes boarded on the NSP are received only on-line by the Department. The State Governments have a paramount role to play in this entire activity, especially timely re-registration of institute/schools under their jurisdiction.

The payment of the scholarship amount is made through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode to beneficiary's bank account. The number of scholarships allotted to each State/UT in Pre-matric, Post-Matric and Top Class Education is in accordance with the proportion of PwD population of that State/UT in proportion to the total PwD population of India. While the District/State Nodal Officer is expected to retain a copy of the duly authenticated online form received from college/school, the Institute Nodal Officer also requires hard copy of student's verified documents in their custody.

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