DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Himachal Pradesh, Shimla - 171001.

PRESS RELEASE

It is to bring to the kind notice of all concerned that Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwd) is implementing the three scholarships for students with Disabilities through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) https://scholarships.gov.in/ for the year 2021-22:- (a) Pre-matric scholarships for Class IX and X (b) Post-matric Scholarships for Class XI to Post-graduation and (c) Scholarship for Top Class Education for Graduate /Post Graduate Degree or Diploma in 241 notified institutions.

- 1. As you are aware the process of student's registration on National Scholarship Portal for availing scholarship benefits under schemes administered by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Government of India is in full swing. From AY 2021-22, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat have enabled the provision of Electronic Register on National Scholarship Portal to capture details of such applicants who apply without Aadhaar or EID.
- 2. As per the system in place, applicants applying for Scholarship benefits without Aadhaar are informed about the available Aadhaar enrolment centres and are given an opportunity to seek assistance in applying for Aadhaar enrolment, if Aadhaar Enrolment Centre is not available in their Block/Taluka. It is seen from the data available on Electronic Register of National Scholarship Portal that Students with Disabilities (SwD) of various States/UTs while applying for Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Top Class Education Scholarship (both under fresh and renewal category) have requested for assistance in Aadhaar enrolment. State/District-wide dates in respect of those students who have sought assistance for Aadhaar enrolment is available in the login-id of the Nodal Officers of respective State/UT.
- 3. Therefore, all Institution/District level authorities are hereby ensure to provide assistance to Students with Disabilities who have sought assistance for Aadhaar enrolment. It is also reiterated that the deadline for student's registration has been extended till 15-12-2021 and therefore, action needs to be expedited.

The details of these schemes are available on the website of this Department (www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in).

- Ensuring the Aadhaar Demographic Authentication of State /District Nodal Officers (SNOs/DNOs) and Institute Nodal Officers (INOs).
- All the Heads of Intuitions are directed to update the profile of INO and Head of the Institutes.
- The size of the uploaded document must be lies between 100 to 200 KB. If the size of the uploaded document lies below the 100 KB, the application form of the students will not be considered.
- After application verification, Institution must check the Institution login daily, so that defective application must be verified timely.
- The Institutions are fully responsible for entering and verifying fees alongwith uploading documents of the students, as per guidelines of respective schemes.
- Students are directed to check mobile SMS regularly so that, timely updates will be done; otherwise whole responsibility will be lying on the concerned students for not updating the application form.
- Copy of course affiliation notification must be submitted in this Directorate of Higher Education issued by the competent authority.
- Only online applications under the Schemes will be accepted and no request for offline applications will be entertained.
- For any queries/problems contact during office time from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm: on 0177-2656622 & 0120 6619540

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- 1. The Secretary (Edu.), to the Govt of Himachal Pradesh, HP Shimla-2 for kind information please.
- 2. The Deputy Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), 5th Floor, B Wing, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CG Gram Plean News and 18040 Delhi-110003 for kind information please.
- 3. The Director, Directorate for Empowerment of SCs, OBCs, Minorities & the Speciffy 2021 Abled, Block No.-33, SDA Complex Shimla-171009 for information please.
- 3. The Director, All India Radio Centre, Shimla, Doordarshan Centre, Shimla.
- 4. The Editor, The Tribune, The Indian Express Shimla, The Times of India, Hindustan Times, Amar Ujala, Dainik Jagran, Divya Himachal, Himachal Dastak Newspaper, Shimla.
- 5. The Director, Public Information and Public Relation Department, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla 171002, for publication please.
- 6. The Supdt., IT Cell, DHE HP, with direction to upload the above Press Release on the Departmental website.

Jt. Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh