

## **A Brief Report of Central and State Scholarship Schemes: 2020- 2022**

Both Central Government and State Government have been encouraging students across the country to avail scholarship benefits for schemes available in the National Scholarship Portal: NSP. The scholarship is provided to the students pursuing Under Graduate, Post Graduate and other Technical Courses.

In fact, number of Post Metric Scholarship Schemes are made available in the NSP portal and student has to get this benefit based on their academic performance and caste category, etc.

The Scholarship Schemes available are:

1. Ishan Udaya Scheme for NER (only for first semester students)
2. Minorities (CS)
3. ST, SC, OBC (both Centre & State)

Department of Social Justice and Family Welfare Department is the State Nodal Department for all Scholarship Schemes.

After the successful online registration, INO: Institute Nodal Officer (Scholarships) needs to do verification of applications and other relevant documents submitted by students.

Likewise, District Nodal Officer (DNO) and State Nodal Officer (SNO) would also do the necessary verifications in all aspects.

In the year 2020-2021, due to Covid 19 pandemic, online classes were encouraged for several months. Students who did online scholarship registration under Ishan Udaya Scholarship Scheme for NER were verified at INO level as per guidelines provided in the NSP and eight students were selected under the said scheme (IUS). The scholarship money also got credited into their accounts in the month of September, 2022.

Similarly, in the subsequent year, that is, 2021, two students namely Rajani Rai and Tshering Ongmu Bhutia got selected for Ishan Udaya Scheme from SGC, Namchi and got their scholarship money in September, 2022.

The renewal of their scholarship has also been done. Both of them are pursuing B.A economics honours from SGC, Namchi.

In the year 2021-22, large number of students applied for scholarship under various central and state scholarship schemes and they were benefitted by the schemes. The details of category wise scholarship statement is attached for reference.

Similarly, in the year 2022-23, students from all three streams : B.A, B. Com, & B. Sc applied for various scholarship schemes based on their eligibility. But, the selected list of both the central and state scholarship statement is due to be released from concerned department as the matter is pending with State Nodal Department and Ministry of Social Welfare, Govt. of India.

In addition to this, Sikkim State Government has made Free Education Policy across the State in the year 2014. This freeship policy has largely benefitted students from different walks of life to pursue under graduate courses from all Government affiliated colleges in Sikkim. The state Government's Freeship policy has been a remarkable achievement in the State education sector.

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