

REMINDER

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Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
Scholarship Division

West Block -1, Wing 6, R.K. Puram, Sector -1

New Delhi-110066

Dated: 20th August, 2025

To,

The Secretary,
Board of School Education Uttarakhand,
Ram Nagar, Nainital – 244715
Uttarakhand

Subject: Bringing awareness for PM-USP Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students – regarding.

Sir,

In continuation to this department's earlier letter dated 10.06.2025 and 25.07.2025 (copy enclosed), it is hereby informed that for the current Academic Year 2025-26, National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>) is live for inviting the applications for the PM-USP- Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University students (CSSS) from the students in higher education. The Portal would be closed for the scheme on **31st October, 2025**.

2. It has been observed that the number of applications received under PM-USP CSSS is significantly low, which would lead to under-utilization of the State quota. The allocated quota for your State under PM-USP CSSS for AY 2025-26 is 616, whereas only **38 (6.17%)** fresh applications for AY 2025-26 have been received so far. Similarly, out of **1861** eligible renewal beneficiaries, only **123 (6.61%)** applicants have renewed their application.

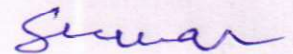
3. In view of above, you are requested to spread awareness about the scheme by preparing information bulletin/pamphlets and share the same with the Principals of the schools/Institutions, and Registrars of the Universities, and by publishing advertisement in the local newspapers, radio channels and uploading public notice regarding the scheme and User manual for the OTR and Scholarship Application Process (available on <https://scholarships.gov.in/studentFAQs>) on the official website of the respective Board/ Higher Education Department/Educational Institutions so that maximum number of students could avail the benefit of the scheme.

4. Further, you are requested to issue necessary instructions to Institute Nodal Officers (INOs) and State Nodal Officers (SNOs) to verify the applications well in time to avoid any last-minute rush.

5. This may kindly be accorded **Top Priority**.

Enc: Aa above

Yours faithfully,



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