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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that Gobinda Prasad Mahavidyalaya is a Grant-in-aid college affiliated to Bankura University under Bankura District. The college facilitates the students to avail various governmental scholarships viz. Swami Vivekananda Merit Cum Means, National Scholarships, OASIS Scholarships for SC, ST and OBC, Minorities Scholarships and Kanya Shree I and II respectively as per the rules laid down by the Government of West Bengal and the Government of India in connection to providing the scholarships.

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Block Development Officer
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GUIDELINES OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA MERIT CUM MEANS SCHOLARSHIP

With a view to assisting the meritorious students belonging to economically backward families in the State of West Bengal to pursue higher studies, the Government of West Bengal introduces this scheme of giving scholarships at different levels of higher studies, at educational institutions based in West Bengal. The Swami Vivekananda Merit Cum Means Scholarship Scheme has been thoroughly revamped in the year 2016 to cover more number of students as well as to enhance the scholarship amounts significantly..

Scope

- The scheme benefits students studying in regular mode of Class XI and XII, and at under Graduate level in Science/Arts/Commerce, Engineering, Medical and Technical / Professional courses. Post Graduate level students pursuing Science/Arts/Commerce & Technical/Management. These scholarships will be sanctioned to deserving students on merit-cum-means criteria.
- Students should pass in the year 2023 or 2022 or 2021 or 2020 or 2019 (unable to get admission in the year 2022 or 2021 or 2020 and 2019 due to unavoidable reason and taking admission in the year of advertisement) with at least (a) 60% (75% for 2020 or earlier passout candidates) marks in aggregate in the last qualifying examination from West Bengal Board of Secondary Education/West Bengal Council for Higher Secondary Education/Madrassa Education for Higher Secondary level or Under Graduate level Scholarship (b) 60% (75% for 2020 or earlier passout candidates) marks in aggregate in diploma course from Institutes approved by AICTE and affiliated to WBSCT&VE&SD for Under Graduate level Scholarship (in 2nd year Engineering/Technology/Pharmacy courses through Lateral Entry) or affiliated by State Medical Faculty for Under Graduate level Scholarship (in 2nd year Pharmacy course through Lateral Entry) (c) 53% marks in aggregate in Graduation (Honours Subject) from any State University for Post Graduate Level Scholarship (General Education) / 55% marks in Graduate Courses from any State University or AICTE approved Institute of West Bengal for Post Graduate Level Scholarship (Engineering/Technology/Pharmacy).
- Students pursuing M.Phil courses and Doctoral courses (NON-NET JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW and NET-LECTURERSHIP) from State-aided Institutions will come under the purview of this Scholarship Scheme.
- Girls Students pursuing Post Graduate courses in Science, Arts and Commerce stream from Universities of this State after obtaining Under Graduate Degree with 45% marks in aggregate from Institutions of this State will come under the aegis of this Scholarship Scheme as Kanyashree(K3) applicants.
- The upper ceiling for family income has been fixed at Rs.2,50,000/- per annum.

DIRECTORATE

COURSE

Eligibility Criteria

DPI	UG (ARTS)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualif
	UG(COMMERCE)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualif
	UG (SCIENCE)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualif
	UG (OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES, UGC APPROVED)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualif
	PG (ARTS)	At least 53% marks for SVMCM at Kanyashree(K3 applicants in Last Qu.
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DSE	NON NET M.PHIL/NON NET PH.D.	Date of Enrolment/Date of Registrati 01.04.2017
	HS	At least 60% marks in Last Qualif
	D.EEd	At least 60% marks in Last Qualifying E Qualification H.S)
DTE	UG (ENGG.), PG (ENGG.) AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL COURSES (AICTE APPROVED)	UG: 1. 60% 2. 60% in Diploma WBSCT&VE&SD for lateral entry sche Graduation from any State University// institute institute in West Bengal
DTE&T	POLYTECHNIC (DIPLOMA COURSES)	At least 60% marks in Last Qualif
DME	UG (MEDICAL-DEGREE) AND DIPLOMA COURSES	At least 60% marks in Last Qualif

As the payment will be made by direct beneficiary transfer only, furnishing of Bank details of the applicant, i.e. A/C No., Bank Name, IFS Code of Bank is mandatory.

- There will be no need to submit hard copy of the application.
- Candidates opting for these scholarships and found eligible, will not be allowed to enjoy any other governmental (central/state) scholarship or stipend for the same course/stage of study. However, one time grants or assistances received from any source, or free or partly-free studentship allowed by the host institutions will not debar the students from availing of the benefits of this scheme.

ALLOCATION AND RATE OF SCHOLARSHIP

The basic allocation and rates will be as under :

MEANS JUDGING CRITERIA

The total family income for the prospective scholars will be not more than Rs. 2,50,000/- per annum.

Any deliberate falsification in the Income documents discovered at any stage will be considered as a grievous offence and may invite serious disciplinary actions leading to (i) compulsory and immediate refund of the amount of scholarship already enjoyed by the scholar, (ii) complete forfeiture of his/her right to apply for any governmental scholarship in future and (iii) may also attract penal provisions of other relevant laws for the time being in force.

MERIT JUDGING CRITERIA

Candidates whose family income is not more than Rs. 2,50,000/- per annum will be judged according to their academic merit in the under noted manner.

For HS - level:

The minimum qualifying marks for being considered for award of scholarships will be 60% in aggregate, in Madhyamik Pariksha, and the total marks obtained in the Madhyamik Parkisha excluding pass marks in the additional subject, if any, will be the sole criterion for consideration. Candidates from outside the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education will not be eligible to apply for this scholarship.

For Diploma Courses (Polytechnic under DTE&T) - level:

Students who are enrolled after passing-out in Secondary (M.P.) Examination or its equivalent as stated above in 2022 for first year Diploma (Polytechnic) courses [H.S. Examination or its Equivalent for Diploma in 1) Pharmacy, 2) Modern Office Practice & Management and 3) 3-D Animations & Graphics of 2 year duration] and after passing-out H.S./ equivalent Examination or ITI 2 years for 2nd year Diploma (Polytechnic) courses on lateral entry basis, will be eligible to apply. Candidates must obtain at least 60% marks in aggregate in the qualifying examination [excluding the marks secured in the optional elective subject, if any].

The Diploma (Polytechnic) courses of the State have to be approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) / Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) / Council of Architecture (CoA) and affiliated to West Bengal State Council of Technical & Vocational Education & Skill Development (WBSCT&VE&SD), a Statutory Body under the Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development, Government of West Bengal.

For UG - level:

The minimum qualifying marks for being considered for award of scholarships will be 60% in aggregate, in the H.S. Examination conducted by the W.B. Council of H.S. Education/Madrasha Siksha Parishad. For the UG (Arts), UG (Commerce), UG (Science) separate merit lists will be prepared.

For PG - level:

Candidates should be graduates securing at least 53% marks in the Honours subject at the graduation level. The marks obtained in Honours subject will be the only deciding criterion academically for award of the PG-level scholarships. Kanyashree recipients (K-2) (married/unmarried) pursuing Post Graduate courses in Science, Arts and Commerce stream from Universities of this State after obtaining Under Graduate Degree with 45% marks in aggregate from Institutions of this State will come under the aegis of this Scholarship Scheme. There is no need to submit Income Certificate and Income

Affidavit in respect of Kanyashree students applying for K-3 scholarship under Swami Vivekananda Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme.

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For Research Level:

The financial assistance will be admissible to those non-NET candidates and NET-LS candidates registered as full time M.Phil. or Ph.D. research scholars as on 01/04/2017 or on a date thereafter, with effect from 01/04/2017 and (subject to the overall time limit of two years for M.Phil. and four years for Ph.D.) up till the day of submission of the Dissertation and no further. Further, NET-LS scholars shall stop receiving the assistance from the day they are appointed as teachers and it shall be their duty to inform the University authorities of the same. and the same shall be informed forthwith to this Department.

APPLICATION AND SANCTION PROCEDURES

Candidates for different categories will submit their applications online in the scholarship portal and applications i.r.o scholarship cases would be arranged in descending order (on the basis of marks obtained in the qualifying examination apart from income/means criteria), and scholarship would be sanctioned as per the availability of fund and strictly on the basis of the merit list. fund may be transferred to the beneficiaries account if the documents are in order.

For failed transaction of scholarship money, the last date of correction at respective Directorate end is 30th June of each year for the previous financial year failed transaction as per IFMS norms.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIP

For renewal of scholarship, application must be submitted online to the concerned scholarship sanctioning authority within one month from the date of his/her admission in the next higher class due to promotion by passing in the first attempt (In case of Semester mode-All Semester Examinations need to be cleared in the first attempt). Renewal cases (concentrated only at a particular level of study) will be sanctioned subject to good academic performance (Minimum 60% marks should be obtained from Higher Secondary Level to Undergraduate Level(combining both semester) at the promotional examination) and 50% marks (combining both semester) at Post Graduate Level.

DIRECTIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SVMCM SCHOLARSHIP OF GENERAL DEGREE/POST GRADUATE DEGREE STUDENTS UNDER DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS:

1st Renewal: Submission of SEM 1 and SEM 2 Marksheet required

2nd Renewal: Submission of SEM 3 and SEM 4 Marksheet required

DIRECTIONS FOR RENEWAL OF SVMCM SCHOLARSHIP OF MBBS STUDENTS

1st Renewal: With submission of 1st MBBS marksheet

2nd Renewal: 2nd Prof MBBS marksheet will need to be furnished for the 2nd renewal in the following year.

3rd And Final Renewal: 3rd Prof Part 1 MBBS marksheet will need to be furnished for the 3rd and final renewal in the following year.

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Vision

National Scholarships Portal is one-stop solution through which various services starting from student application, application receipt, processing, sanction and disbursement of various scholarships to Students are enabled.

This initiative aims at providing a Simplified, Mission-oriented, Accountable, Responsive & Transparent '**SMART**' System for faster & effective disposal of Scholarships applications and delivery of funds directly into beneficiaries account without any leakages.

Mission

The Mission Mode Project (MMP) of National Scholarships Portal under the National e-Governance Plan aims at providing common electronic portal for implementing various Scholarships schemes launched by Union Government, State Government and Union Territories across the country.

Objectives

- Ensure timely disbursement of Scholarships to students
- Provide a common portal for various Scholarships schemes of Central and State Governments
- Create a transparent database of scholars
- Avoid duplication in processing
- Harmonisation of different Scholarships schemes & norms
- Application of Direct Benefit Transfer

Benefits

Simplified process for the students:

- 1: All scholarships information available under one umbrella.
- 2: Single integrated application for all scholarships

Improved transparency :

- 1: System suggests the schemes for which a student is eligible.
- 2: Duplicates can be reduced to the maximum extent

Helps in standardisation :

- 1: Master data for Institutions and courses at all India level .
- 2: Scholarships processing

Serves as a decision support system (DSS) for Ministries and departments as up-to date information will be available on demand.

Comprehensive MIS System to facilitate monitoring every stage of Scholarships distribution i.e. from student registration to delivery of funds

No.K-11017/1/2022-SCD-V
Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
(SCD-V Section)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
Date: 20th November, 2023

To,
Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary/
Additional Secretary/Incharges/
Social Welfare Department/SC/OBC Welfare Department
All States/UTs as per list

Subject: Additional instructions w.r.t 'instructions regarding implementation of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (SC) Students and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students & Others for AY:2023-24, dated 5th Oct 2023'-reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter no. K-11017/1/2022-SCD-V dated 05th October 2023 (copy enclosed) vide which instructions were issued to all States/UTs for the implementation of Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (SC) Students and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students & Others for AY:2023-24.

2. In this context, it is informed that during the recently held regional cluster meetings/trainings/handholding programmes conducted by this department in different States/UTs to review the status of the implementation of Scheme for 2023-24, it has come to the notice that State Governments/UTs seek further clarification on the process flows regarding the various aspects and additional instructions issued vide letter dated 5th October, 2023 under both the scholarship schemes i.e., Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (SC) Students and Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC Students & Others. Also the clarification becomes important in the wake of bio-authorisations of the SNO/DNOs/HoIs/INOs to be done by the States/UTs.

3. Accordingly, the following are required to be incorporated by all States/UTs on their respective State portals as listed below:

A. Aadhaar based Biometric eKYC for all INOs/HoI/DNOs/SNOs

Referring to the point 1(f) of Revised Instructions letter issued to all States/UTs vide letter no. K-11017/1/2022-SCD-V dated 05th October 2023, starting from 2023-24, by which States/UTs were recommended to complete the Aadhaar based Bio-matric eKYC for all INOs, HoIs, DNOs & SNOs preferably from 2023-24. This step aims to bolster the authenticity and accuracy of identity verification processes.

However, if States/UTs are facing any difficulty while completing the Aadhaar based Bio-metric eKYC for all INOs, HoIs, DNO and SNOs, they may follow the existing procedure for verification of applications for the year 2023-24 to enable

timely disbursement of scholarship to the eligible beneficiaries. The said instruction will be optional while pushing the data to NSP for Central share disbursement for the year 2023-24.

Further, from 2024-25 onwards, it will be mandatory for all the States/UTs to do Biometric based Aadhaar eKYC for INOs, HoIs, DNO and SNOs.

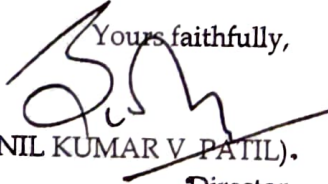
B. Aadhaar based eKYC for all Beneficiaries

States/UTs during the cluster meetings shared and informed that applications have been received on their State portals and starting the exercise at this crucial point may further delay the disbursement process. Referring to the point 2 (a) of Revised Instructions letter issued to all States/UTs vide letter no. K-11017/1/2022-SCD-V dated 05th October 2023, States/UTs were suggested to preferably start One Time Password (OTP) based Aadhaar eKYC of the students/applicants from 2023-24.

However, to smoothly implement the scheme for 2023-24, and to mitigate any hardship for applicants, States/UTs can continue with the existing process for the current year 2023-24. However, if the States/UTs wish to do the One Time Password (OTP) based Aadhaar eKYC of the students/applicants from 2023-24, they may do this as per their policy decision. The said instruction will be optional while pushing the data to NSP for Central share disbursement for the year 2023-24.

Further, from 2024-25 onwards it will be mandatory for all the States/UTs to implement Biometric-based eKYC for all beneficiaries. This decision has been made to ensure a higher level of authentication and to mitigate potential risks associated with identity verification.

4. For all the State Governments/UTs on-boarded on NSP, no relaxation of 3(A) and 3(B) above for AY 2023-24 shall be given. They are strictly required to comply with the additional instructions issued dated 5th October, 2023 and are required to undertake Aadhaar based Bio-metric eKYC for all INOs/HoI/DNOs/SNOs and OTP based Aadhaar eKYC for all the students/applicants as mentioned in the Instruction letter dated 5th October, 2023.

Yours faithfully,

(ANIL KUMAR V. PATIL),
Director

Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary, All States/UTs as per list; for information pls.
2. Shri Saurabh K Tiwari, Joint Secretary, DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. Shri Shashi Bhushan, HoG, NSP NIC, New Delhi.
4. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/Secretary/ Additional Secretary/Incharges of the Department of School Education, All States/UTs as per list; for necessary cooperation and directions to all concerned for taking action on related aspects at the earliest.
5. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/Secretary/ Additional Secretary/Incharges of the Department of Higher Education, All States/UTs as per list; for necessary cooperation and directions to all concerned for taking action on related aspects at the earliest.
6. Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/Secretary/ Additional Secretary/Incharges of the Department of Medical Education, All States/UTs as per list; for necessary cooperation and directions to all concerned for taking action on related aspects at the earliest.
7. Commissioner/Director, Department of School Education, All States/UTs as per list; for necessary follow up and action.
8. Commissioner/Director, Department of Higher Education, All States/UTs as per list; for necessary follow up and action.
9. Commissioner/Director, Department of Medical Education, All States/UTs as per list; for necessary follow up and action.
10. HoG, National Scholarship Portal (NSP), NIC HQ.

KANYASHREE PRAKALPA (K1 AND K2)

Kanyashree Prakalpa (KP), introduced by Government of West Bengal in 2012 is a unique Conditional Cash Transfer scheme which targets adolescent girls aged 13-19 years and offers a two-tier scholarship of an annual Rs 500 for continuing education (K1) and a one-time payment of Rs 25,000 on completion of 18, conditional upon the girl remaining unmarried AND continuing education till that age (K2). The aim of this scheme is two-fold – to promote secondary education among females and to stop marriage of girls before the official age of 18.

As there is strong scientific evidence that female education induces higher levels of income and growth, a number of policy interventions have been introduced in most developing countries including India, to augment enrolment and retention rates, while bridging the gender gap at the same time. However, these aim to improve enrolment and retention by offering incentives linked to issues like attendance. Since early marriage is one of the important reasons behind female drop out at the secondary level coupled with the fact that West Bengal has the highest share of under-age marriage in currently married women (DLHS 4 (2012-13) among 20 non-EAG states, this scheme is expected to have a significant impact on improving retention of girls in secondary education and preventing early marriage. However, an evidence-based study of this program is yet to be undertaken and hence the proposed study aims to fill this research gap in the coming years.

Policy relevance

The proposed research will provide an unbiased impact evaluation of the program and try to identify problems which constrict its outreach. The outcomes of this study would provide crucial insights to the State Government of West Bengal, India, and also would help other states to emulate the programme with appropriate modifications necessary for their own respective demography.

The study would include detailed FGDs with senior government officials at state and districts levels, contact persons at UNICEF country office and PRIs associated with local governance.

Study design

To evaluate the direct and indirect effects of this unique CCT, we propose to

1. Identify the possible effects of female dropout and early marriage on employment and empowerment of women in Indian setting (based on available secondary data sources).
2. Estimate the impact on female attendance rates, dropout rates and academic performance, sibling education etc using primary data collected under the proposed study.
3. Examine how the money received from this scheme was actually used
4. Examine whether the cash transfer to the adolescent girl is likely to change the bargaining power within the family

The primary survey in West Bengal, India will cover 1000 adolescent girls from 3 districts spread across geographical and demographic variations. The proposed sample would consist of a three tier sampling frame from three districts based on two indicators- proportion of women with secondary education and proportion of married women below 18. The three districts thus chosen are Jalpaiguri, South 24 Parganas and Murshidabad, the 3rd best, lying in the median range, and worst as per the indicators, respectively. In these each three districts, two blocks are to be chosen according to highest and lowest female literacy obtained from Census 2011. In the next tier, two villages are to be chosen depending upon geographical location (farthest and nearest to the block head quarter). Finally a random sample of 1000 will be taken from a complete list of adolescent girls living in these 12 villages. Detailed information about the girl's education status, attendance, academic performances along with her household's socio-economic status, parents' education, siblings and her marital status with her empowerment status and how the money received was used are to be collected through structured questionnaires.

Qualitative information would also be collected from key informants (KP coordinators in schools and madrasa, district and state level authorities) to get an idea about the governance of the project.