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PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN (PM-USP) YOJANA

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR THE STUDENTS OF UNION TERRITORIES OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH

Implemented by AICTE

OPPORTUNITY TO GRADUATE FROM THE BEST INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY

Objective

- To Facilitating access to quality education with an aim to equip the youth with knowledge, skills, experience and training for higher academic level/profession.
- To build capabilities of the youth of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh by educating, enabling, and empowering them to compete at the national level.
- To provide the youth of UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh an exposure to other states and union territories' culture, language, and livelihood and promote the understanding of **'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat.'**

About the Scheme

This initiative provides academic fees and maintenance allowances to support students from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh pursuing higher education outside the Union Territories.

Participating Education Institutions:

As per the Inter- Ministerial Committee, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India 26th Meeting held on 6th July, 2023, SSSJKL (Formerly known as PMSSS) scholarships will only be provided to the eligible J & K and Ladakh students who take admission (through choice filling on AICTE Portal/ on their own) in institutions who meets one of the following criteria:

1. Students should take admission in General, Professional or Medical Stream courses only in institutions having Accreditation by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) Grade 3.0.

or

2. Top 100 Institutions as per ranking provided by National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.

or

3. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutions having accreditation of 30% or more courses by National Board of Accreditation (NBA), New Delhi.

or

4. Institutions having more than 80% admission consecutively for last 5 Academic Years.

5. For Medical students, the existing process as specified by the National Medical Council shall continue.

6. All Government Institutions in addition to institutions fulfilling NAAC/ NIRF/ NBA criteria approved by 26th IMC for B. Sc. (Nursing), B. Pharmacy and Hotel Management and Catering Technology Courses.

7. Hostel facility criteria is to be relaxed for General Stream courses or any other quality institution located in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune and Hyderabad etc.

Course-Specific Requirements

- All Medical aspirants seeking admission in BDS/MBBS streams are required to appear in NEET examinations and get qualified for admission.
- After securing their admission to college through NEET counselling, they are required to upload their allotment letter along with NEET score card and joining report to become eligible subject to availability of scholarship.
- The Dental Council of India allows up to 5 seats per institution for medical degree courses under SSSJKL, based on merit. Visit the AICTE website for detailed information.
- It may be noted that admission under 'Management Quota' is not allowed as per the scheme guidelines.
- Aspirants seeking admission in Architecture Programme are required to qualify NATA and their admission to Architecture course through AICTE Portal would be confirmed after uploading their NATA result and admit card.
- Aspirants seeking admission in Integrated Law Course (B.A.LLB) are required to qualify CLAT and their admission to law course through AICTE Portal would be confirmed after uploading their CLAT result and admit card. Admission in the law course of National Law University (NLU) will only be considered for this scholarship.
- Aspirants desiring to take admission through JEE Mains/JEE Advance/CUET in IITs, NITs, IISc., IISER and Centrally Funded Institutions with National Importance may be considered, if student participates in online counselling by filling their JEE Mains/JEE Advance roll numbers with respective admit card and result and wherever SSS J&K and Ladakh quota is not available.

Reservation Policy

- The existing reservation policy of the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh is applicable.
- Students must ensure the accuracy of their caste category while filling out the registration form.

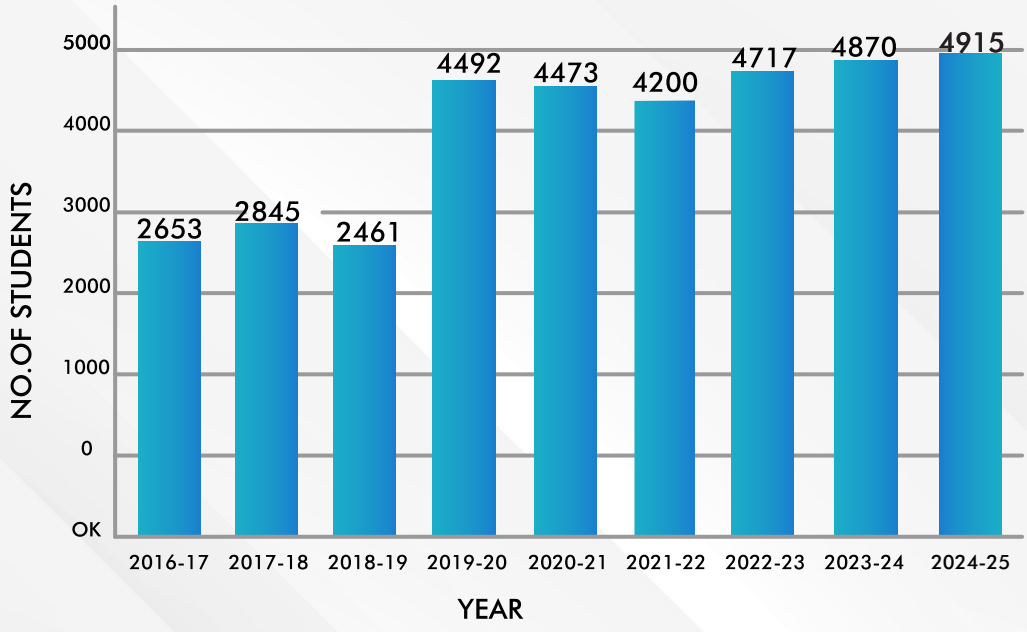
Important Note

An **active Aadhaar account** is essential for smooth **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** through the **Public Financial Management System (PFMS).**

A UNIQUE SCHOLARSHIP COMPRISING BOTH ACADEMIC & MAINTENANCE FEES

Stream	Academic Fee	Maintenance Allowance	Scholarships
General Degree	Upto Rs. 30,000/-	Uniformly Rs. 1.00 Lakh per annum disbursed over academic year	2070
Professional Degree Engg, HMCT, B. Arch (Sub to NATA) B. Pharmacy, B. Nursing (sub to NEET) BA LLB (through NLU) etc.	Upto Rs. 1,25,000/-		2830
Medical/BDS or equivalent Medical Streams (sub to NEET)	Upto Rs. 300,000/-		100
Total Scholarships			**5000**

Allotted Students



Implementation and Process Flow

Stage 1
Registration and Application Submission

Stage 2
Choice Filling and Merit List

Stage 3
Online Counselling, Seat Allocation & Confirmation

Sequence of Events

01 Notification in Newspaper & on AICTE website

02 OTR registration & application submission by the candidate

03 Verification of documents at the Facilitation cum Documents Verification Centre

04 Choice of filling from candidate's login

05 Announcement of Merit List on SSSJKL Portal

06 Online Counselling by AICTE (multiple rounds)

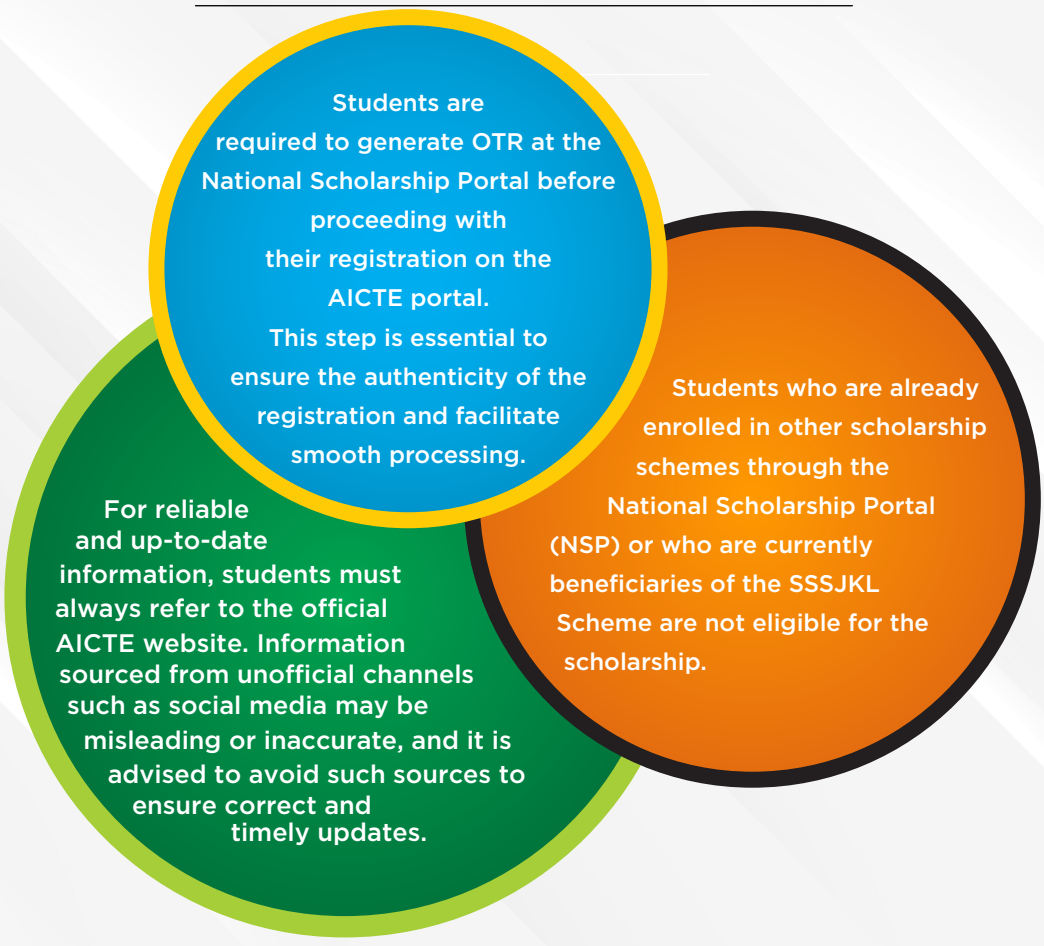
07 Grievance redressal through Centralized Support System

08 Reporting to the allotted Institution physically

09 Uploading of (auto-generated) joining report and pre-receipt by Institute

10 Disbursal of Scholarship to Candidate Starts

Special Attentions for Registration



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

MUST

- Be Domicile of Union Territories of J&K or Ladakh.
- Have Passed 10+2 exam from JK BOSE or CBSE affiliated schools located in Union Territories of J&K or Ladakh.
- Have Passed 10+3 Diploma from Union Territories of J&K or Ladakh Polytechnic for admission directly in second year. Registration/ Counselling will be conducted subject to the vacancy in previous academic year in prescribed list of Institutions only.
- Fulfil minimum age and other eligibility criteria as prescribed by the Institution/University.
- Have Family income not exceeding Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum.
- Have completed two processes: OTR registration and online registration on the SSJKL/NSP portal. Without OTR registration, students are not eligible for the SSSJKL Scheme.
- Be able to receive maintenance allowance directly to their Aadhaar seeded account by AICTE/NSP. The disbursal is spread over the academic year.

NON-ELIGIBILITY

- Not applied through online registration on AICTE portal.
- Course is offered by Open Universities.
- Availing benefits from other Govt./ Non-Govt. scheme including scholarships from National Scholarship Portal.
- Candidates admitted to the course through management quota.
- Candidates admitted in the institutions, not listed on AICTE Portal.
- Pursuing any Diploma/Post Graduate Programme.
- Admission is through Agents/ NGOs.
- Absent during the counsselling.
- Admission taken in the college other than allotted college.

SSSJKL MITRA:

Empowering Mentorship, Enabling Success

With a robust network of 35,000 alumni and 15,000 active students, SSSJKL is now introducing SSSJKL Mitra, a mentorship program where senior beneficiary students will guide newcomers in navigating academic systems and formalities. Participants in the SSSJKL Mitra program will undergo capacity-building training, earn a certificate, and gain recognition for their contributions, with ten exceptional mentors honoured annually for their inspiring volunteer efforts.

DISBURSAL OF MAINTENANCE & ACADEMIC FEE

SSSJKL Scholarship

- Maintenance Allowance in Candidate's Aadhar Seeded Bank Account
- Academic Fee in Institution's Bank Account

Mandatory Conditions for availing Scholarship:

- Register online within the prescribed date.
- Attend online counselling on the announced dates.
- Verification of documents in the nearest facilitation cum Documents Verification centres.
- Join the allotted institution and upload the joining report within the prescribed date.
- No change of college is allowed once allotted.

BE CAREFUL Parents/Students/Guardians Admission under the scheme is strictly conducted through the AICTE portal only and not facilitated through NGOs / Agents.

ADVISORY FOR THE STUDENTS

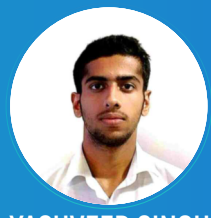
1. Ensure that your bank account is Aadhaar-seeded for seamless transactions.
2. Regularly visit the AICTE SSSJKL website for the latest updates and announcements.
3. Review mandatory college/course requirements, including those related to the Urdu language and medium of instruction.
4. Thoroughly understand the reservation policy of the J&K Government before selecting your caste category during the application process.
5. Verify the availability of hostel facilities, as some colleges do not offer hostel accommodation.
6. Male candidates are not eligible for admission to women's colleges.
7. Check the minimum age criteria set by the respective University/Regulatory Body of the Government of India.
8. It's advisable to connect with students from previous years for insights and advice.
9. Abide by all the rules and regulations set by the respective College/University. AICTE will not intervene in matters related to institutional policies.
10. Do not share your username and password with anyone to maintain the security of your account.
11. Any communication with AICTE should be conducted through your registered email, phone number, or candidate ID on the portal.
12. Students leaving the course/college in between will have to refund the scholarship amount otherwise they will be debarred for admission next year. This will be informed to National Scholarship Portal also.

BENEFICIARIES SPEAK

I am Tashi Angmo. SSSJKL helped me to study the course BA at Maitrei College, Delhi, and secure a position as HR in a top MNC company. The SSSJKL has been an invaluable source of support for me, significantly enhancing my studies, personal growth, and overall pursuit of my goals. Hailing from Ladakh, a region with limited educational resources, accessing higher education can be challenging. SSSJKL has been a true game-changer for students like me by easing financial burdens and making quality education attainable.

TASHI ANGMO
Maitrei College, Delhi

I am Yashveer Singh. With the support of PMSSS, I completed my B.Tech in Civil Engineering at C.V. Raman Global University, Odisha, and secured placement as an Assistant Manager at Adani Road Transport Limited. This journey not only helped me adapt to diverse cultures but also equipped me with valuable skills to achieve success in my professional life. I remain deeply grateful for this transformative opportunity.



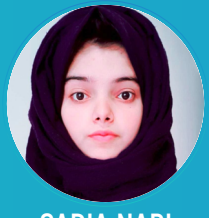
YASHVEER SINGH
C. V. Raman Global University
Odisha

I am Aryan. With the support of the PMSSS,I completed BE in Computer Science Engineering at Army Institute of Technology, Pune, and secured a position as Project Manager at Rolling Arrays. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity that has shaped my career and empowered me to contribute to my community.

ARYAN
Army Institute of Technology
Pune

I am Shriya Tickoo. With the support of PMSSS, I completed my degree in Electronics Communication and Engineering from Lakshmi Narain College of Technology, Bhopal, and secured a job at Accenture. As a first-generation college student, this scholarship has opened doors I once thought were beyond my reach, transforming my future in ways I had never imagined.

SHRIYA TICKOO
LNCT, Bhopal



I am Sadia Nabi. With the support of PMSSS, I completed my BCA from Hans Raj Mahila Maha Vidyalaya, Jalandhar. Currently, I am working as a Senior Executive IT in Chandigarh. It boosted my confidence, encouraged extracurricular involvement, and provided valuable opportunities for internships and networking, laying a strong foundation for my future career.

SADIA NABI
Hans Raj Mahila Maha
Vidyalaya, Jalandhar

I am Feroz Ahmad Lone, selected under PMSSS in 2019 to pursue BE Mechanical Engineering (Lateral Entry) at National Engineering College, Kovilpatti. After graduating, I qualified GATE and cleared a JK government exam in 2023, securing a Vocational Teacher position at GHS Gurwati, Ramban. Grateful to PMSSS and AICTE for this life-changing opportunity.

Er. Feroz Ahmad
National Engineering
College, Tamil Nadu

I am Sumeet Kour. PMSSS helped me pursue my course in Electrical and electronics Engineering at The Oxford College of Engineering, Bangalore, and I have now been placed at Playto Labs, a dynamic startup based in Bangalore. This placement marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in my life, and I am thrilled to step into the professional world with confidence and enthusiasm.

SUMEET KOUR
Oxford College of
Engineering, Bangalore

GLIMPSES OF INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

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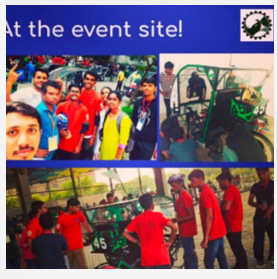

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An Expert Group was constituted by Prime Minister on 18th August, 2010 for enhancing employment opportunities among youth of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and create job opportunities in public and private sectors. Since then every year around 5000 fresh scholarships are given to the students to pursue under-graduate courses outside the UTs for enhancing their knowledge and skills.

OBJECTIVE OF SCHEME

Provide the students of UTs of J&K and Ladakh and exposure about the culture, language and livelihood of other states to promote national integration.

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SCHEME

Provides academic fee, maintenance allowance (to bear expenses on hostel, mess and books etc.) to students belonging to UTs of J&K and Ladakh, who, after passing class XII or equivalent examination, secure admission in Govt. Institutions and other selected institutions of repute having top 100 NIRF institutions, Institutions having 30% or more course(s) accredited by National Board of Accreditation(NBA), NAAC (3.0 or more) ranking and others Institutes of National Importance outside the UTs of J&K and Ladakh through online counselling process conducted by AICTE, New Delhi. For details please visit AICTE website.

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