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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(Scholarship Section)

Jeevan Tara Building
New Delhi - 110001
Dated the 13th June, 2025

To,
The Dean/Director/Registrar
(as per 265 Top Class Institutes list)

Subject: Opening of National Scholarship Portal for A.Y. 2025–26 – Invitation for Fresh and Renewal Applications under the "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students" (formerly Top-Class Scheme) in notified 265 Institutes-reg.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that your Institute is one of the notified institutes under the scheme of "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students" and financial assistance is provided by the Ministry to such ST students as per scheme norms. The students who would like to avail the benefits of National Scholarship Scheme (Top Class) (not Fellowship Scheme), are required to fill in the application form on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

2. In this regard, it is intimated that the National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) is open as per the dates mentioned below for inviting applications (Fresh and Renewal) under National Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students for the year **2025-26** on <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

S. No	Particular	Student Category	Date
1.	Opening date of Application Registration by Students	Fresh	02-06-2025
2.	Opening date of Application Registration by Students	Renewal	05-06-2025
2.	Closing Date of Application Registration by Students	Fresh & Renewal	31-10-2025
3.	Closing Date for Institute Verification of Applications	Fresh & Renewal	15-11-2025
4.	Closing Date for Ministry Verification of Applications	Fresh & Renewal	30-11-2025

3. All eligible students who have taken admission on merit in the 265 notified premier institutes, and whose applications are verified by the Institute and Ministry as per the norms of the scheme are eligible to receive scholarship. However, students admitted in Management quota in private Institutes are not eligible for this scholarship.
4. All institutes are requested to publish the notification for inviting applications from ST students for the year **2025-2026** on their Institute website and notice board.
5. A video conference will be held for all nodal officers/concerned officers dealing with scholarships for ST students very soon. Your participation is mandatory to understand the process. The link will be shared in due course.

Yours faithfully,



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