GUIDELINES

for

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

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INTRODUCTION

Ten thousand (10000) National Scholarships or as may be decided by the Commission, at the rate of Rs.15,000/- per month for 10 months in a year, are available for Indian students for two years to pursue higher studies, within India, leading to award of Postgraduate Degree under the scheme 'National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies'.

The slots shall be allocated as per Govt. of India reservation policy. However 30% slots will be reserved for the women candidates.

Note: The slots reserved for women students, will be filled first by 'Single/twin/fraternal Girl Child', without considering their marks in UG examination. The remaining slots will be filled up by merit.

The selection under the schemes is done purely on all- India merit basis (except those mentioned in the 'Note' above) from among the candidates who have applied for the scholarship under the scheme, through online mode only on the designated portal, i.e., National Scholarship Portal of Government of India.

The scholarship is open to those students who have acquired a recognized Undergraduate Degree from an Institution which is recognized under Section 2(f) or Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956 or is authorized to award specified degrees as per section 22(1) of the UGC Act.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

(i) ELIGIBILITY:

- 1. The scholarship is available to the students for the first PG Degree programme only. Students, who have already acquired any postgraduate degree, are not eligible to apply.
- 2. Only the students, who are already admitted in the first year of PG degree programme in an eligible university/college/institution, (hereinafter referred to as the 'Institution'), are eligible to apply.
- 3. In case of integrated programmes, the scholarship shall be given for PG component only.
- 4. Only students who are below the age of 30 years of age as on the date of admission in the first semester/year of a PG programme are eligible to apply under these schemes.
- 5. The scholarship is available only for students who are admitted to PG degree programme through 'Regular/Full Time' mode. The students, who are pursuing any

PG programme through open/distance/correspondence mode, private or part-time mode, are not eligible to apply.

- 6. The scholarship is available only for students who are pursuing recognized PG degree programmes leading to specified PG degrees notified by UGC from time to time i.e. the nomenclature and duration of course should be as per UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014, as amended from time to time.
- **(ii) TYPES OF INSTITUTION:** The scholarships under these schemes shall be available for pursuing PG degree programme in the following types of institutions only:
 - 1. Universities/Colleges/Institutions included under Section 2(f) of UGC Act, 1956 and having valid accreditation from NAAC.
 - 2. Deemed to be Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956 and having valid accreditation from NAAC.
 - 3. Institutions fully funded by Central or State Governments and empowered to award Degrees.
 - 4. Institutions of National Importance.

Note: It is mandatory for the University/College/Institute to have a valid AISHE code for accessing the National Scholarship Portal (NSP). The institution with AISHE code can get themselves registered/re-registered on NSP portal through District/State nodal officers for NSP.

(iii) ONLY ONE BENEFIT:

- (i) A student is eligible to receive only one scholarship at a time. The student is required to declare that he/she shall not accept/ receive any other monetary benefit/scholarship/fellowship from any other source. In other words, a student who receives scholarship under this scheme, shall not accept any other scholarship or hold any appointment, paid or otherwise, or receive any emoluments, salary, stipend, etc. from any other source during the tenure of the scholarship.
- (ii) If a student, selected under the scheme, wishes to avail of/ apply for any other scholarship/financial assistance/paid assignment/examination during the tenure of the fellowship, he/she is not required to obtain NOC from UGC, however, in case of selection, he/she would be required to tender his/her resignation from the UGC scholarship.
- (iii) In case a student is already in receipt of any scholarship/fellowship, he/she is still eligible to apply under the scheme subject to the condition that it is declared in

his/her application. If the student is selected under this scheme, he/she shall have to relinquish either the previous scholarship/fellowship/any other monetary benefit or to cancel the selection under these schemes.

- (iv) AADHAAR SEEDING: The scholarship is directly paid to the students into their bank accounts. For this their bank account numbers are required to be Aadhaar linked and verified. As per the instructions of Government of India, the Aadhaar has been made mandatory for disbursement all Government subsidies/Scholarships/Fellowships which are disbursed directly beneficiary's account. Accordingly, Aadhaar shall be used as an Identifier for release of grant under the scheme.
- **(v) SELECTION PROCEDURE:** The selection shall be made strictly as per the merit of candidates except in case of 'Single/Twin/Fraternal Girl Child'. The slots shall be allocated as per Govt. of India reservation policy. However 30% slots will be reserved for the women candidates.

Further, 50% of slots under each category are earmarked for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Management and other 50% are earmarked for Science, Engineering & Technology, medical, technical, agriculture, forestry programmes.

In case of tie/more than one candidate having similar marks in their UG examination, at the lowest level of merit list, the list shall be further short listed/segregated on the basis of marks obtained by them in Under-graduation (UG). In case, there are still more candidates in the merit list as compared to the desired/declared slots, further short listing shall be done on the basis of marks obtained by candidates in XII class.

The result shall be declared normally in the month of November/December of the same year by NSP. The candidates shall be able to check their result on the National Scholarship Portal by using their User ID and Password generated at the time of filing online application. The results shall also be uploaded on UGC website at www.ugc.ac.in/notices.

3. PROCEDURE FOR AVAILING THE SCHOLARSHIP

- (I) Applications will be invited once in a year on the National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India. Short notification will also be uploaded on the UGC website.
- (II) Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. Only verified online applications will be considered for award of scholarship.
- (III) Students are not required to upload any certificate/affidavit on NSP while submitting their online applications. However, as per requirement of scheme they have to submit necessary documents to their institutions to enable them to verify their online applications.

- In case, a student does not have a separate KYC compliant bank account in their name, he/she should open a KYC compliant bank account in his/her name and give its correct information in the online application. Even if a student is selected for scholarship, the payment of scholarship may not be generated due to mis-match of name of student, bank account number, IFSC code etc.
- (v) Students are advised to fill the online application on NSP very carefully. The application may be rejected or payment may be stopped due to the wrong information in the online application No correspondence will be entertained in this regard after the application is verified by their institution.
- (VI) The institutions are also advised to check whether the student has given correct information in their online application.
- (VII) The Institution shall verify the eligibility of its students on the basis of documents submitted by students. The Institution may ask for Certificates, Affidavits from students to ensure the eligibility and verify the information given by the students in their online application. These include Certificate issued by the competent authorities for Caste and or Category, under which student has applied.
- (VIII) The institution shall retain all documents of its students for record purpose during the period of scholarship plus two years after the end of scholarship. UGC reserves the right to call for the documents of any student, any time.
- (IX) After verifying the eligibility of its students for scholarship under the scheme, the institution shall verify the online application on NSP within the stipulated time. While verifying the online application, the institutions shall upload a scanned copy of certificate on the Portal. A format of the Certificate for verifying 'Fresh' applications is attached below. Original copy of Certificate shall be retained by institution with other record of student.

4. RENEWALS

- (I) Scholarship granted under the scheme will be kept renewed during the period of first degree course, subject to good conduct and maintenance of prescribed attendance.
- (II) The scholarship will be renewed for the next year of study on successful completion of first year of study.
- (III) During the next year of study, students are required to apply for 'Renewal' of their scholarship on the National e-Scholarship Portal of the Government of India. Short notification will also be uploaded on the UGC website.
- (IV) Students failing to get promoted to the next class/ level would forfeit the scholarship.

- (v) Change in 'course of study' and 'institution' is not permitted. If the student changes the course of study or change the institution, the scholarship will stand forfeited from the date of such a change.
- (VI) Normally the NSP is opened for 'Fresh' and 'Renewal' applications, at the same time. Only those applications are accepted, which are verified by the Institutions within the given time frame. Therefore, institutions are advised to verify the 'Renewal' applications of its students on NSP along with fresh applications. For verifying 'Renewal' applications, the institutions are required to upload a scanned copy of Certificate on NSP. A format of Certificate for 'Renewal' applications is attached below.

5. PROCEDURE FOR DISBURSEMENT

Scholarship to the identified students (as certified, verified by the institutions under this scheme) will be disbursed by UGC through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) Mode and will be transferred to the Bank account of student. This procedure will be completed through PFMS.

6. FORMATS:

- (I) Format of Certificate for Institutions, to be uploaded at the time of verification of '**Fresh**' applications (attached below).
- (II) Format of Certificate for Institutions to be uploaded at the time of verification of 'Renewal' applications (attached below).

7. INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTITUTIONS:

The institutions are also required to strictly follow the following procedure:

- (I) Read the guidelines of scheme before going for verification of online applications. Only those Applications shall be verified by Institution which conform to the guidelines of the scheme. Only the applications of its bonafide students, who are admitted for regular/full time courses, need to be verified.
- (II) Ensure that their institution is also eligible under the scheme. Only the institutions mentioned in these guidelines are eligible to verify applications of its students.
- (III) Ensure that the 'nomenclature' and 'duration of course' of its students are strictly as per the UGC Notification on Specification of Degrees, 2014 (as amended from time to time).
- (IV) Verify and ensure the eligibility of candidate for the scholarship under the scheme.
- (v) Verify and ensure the authenticity and correctness of documents regarding Caste and or Category under which student has applied, are as per the requirement of scheme.

- (VI) Verify/authenticate the educational qualifications and marks obtained by student.
- (VII) Keep all the hard copies of documents related to students in its safe custody during the tenure of scholarship and at least two years after declaration of result of degree examination of student concerned.
- (VIII) Encourage and guide its eligible students to apply well in time on NSP when portal is open for online applications. Verify applications of its eligible students on NSP within stipulated time frame.

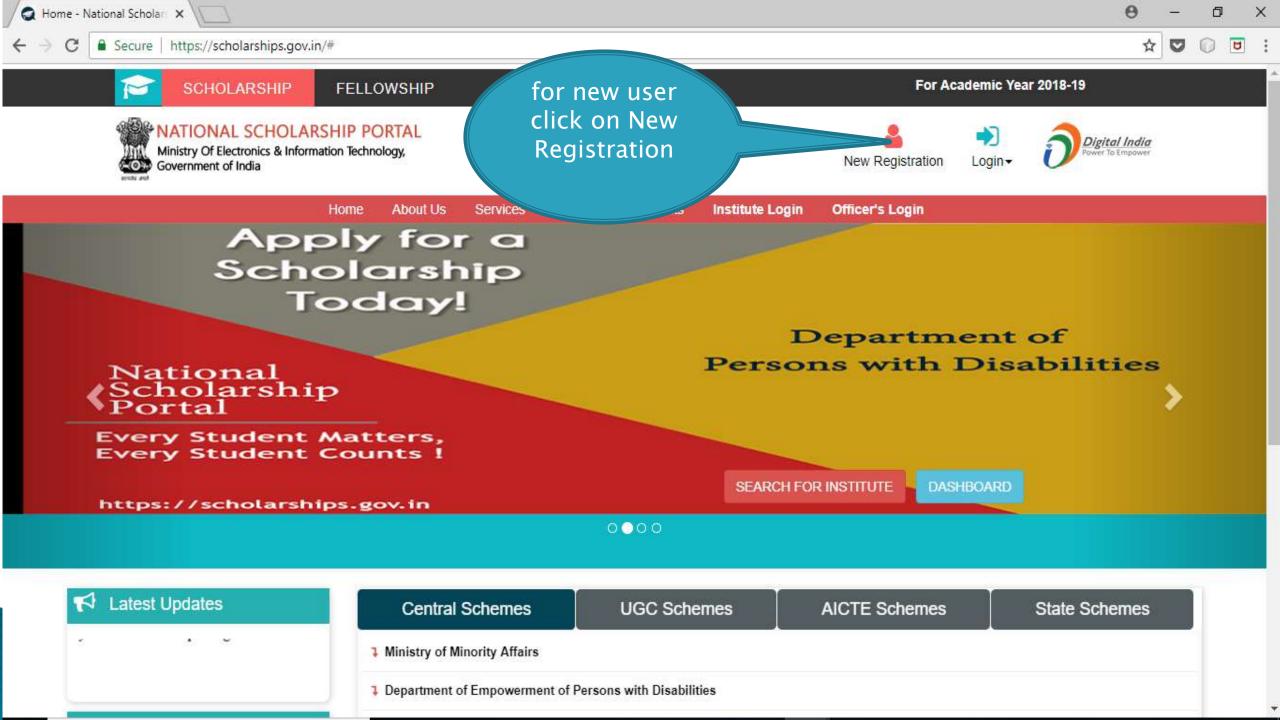
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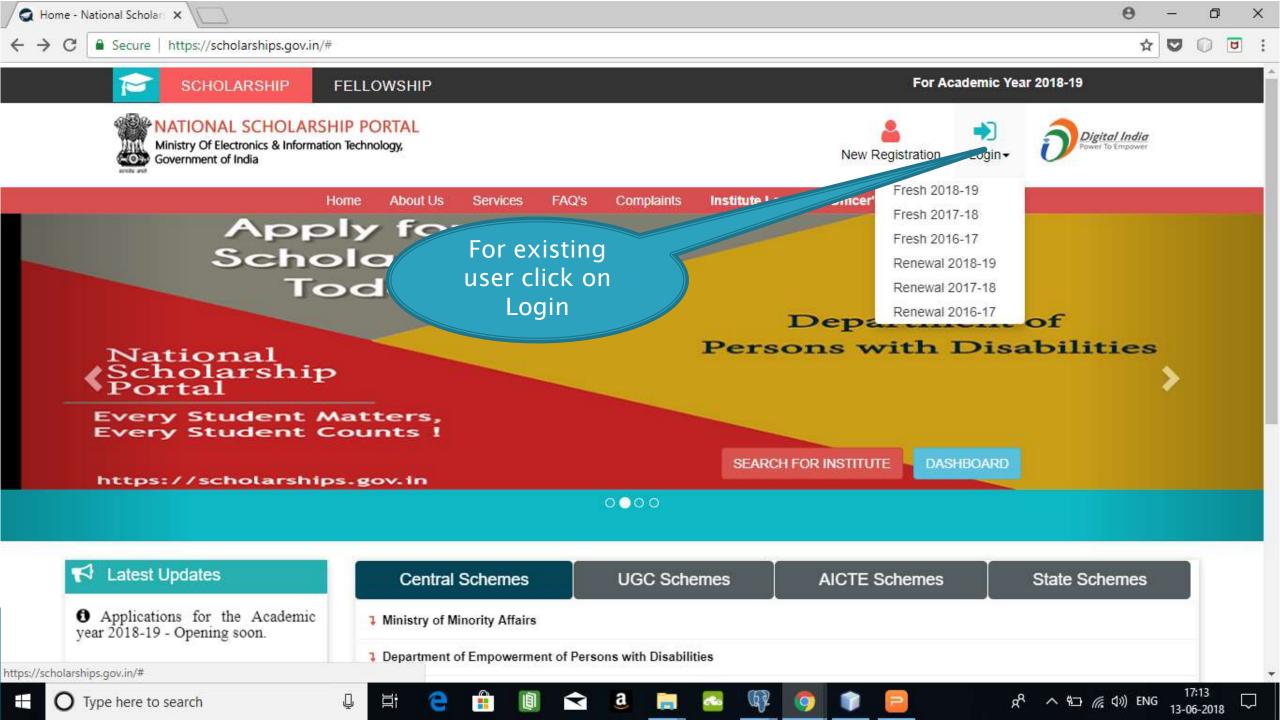
- 1. Strict action shall be taken against the student for furnishing any type of wrong/misleading information in respect of his/her eligibility and other details for getting the scholarship and for furnishing wrong/misleading information during the period of scholarship. UGC reserves the right to take action/initiate proceedings against such students and for recovery of full amount of paid scholarship along with interest.
- 2. The institution concerned and its officials shall be held responsible if any payment is made to an ineligible student on the basis of verification done by it or uploading of wrong/misleading information on the portal by the student or by the institution. Action shall be taken against the institution/officials including blacklisting of institution and recovery of paid amount of scholarship with interest from the institution/officials concerned.
- 3. Un-authorized access of portal or Filing of bogus or multiple on-line applications or putting junk data on the portal shall invite action under the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (IT) Act.

National Scholarships Portal 2.0

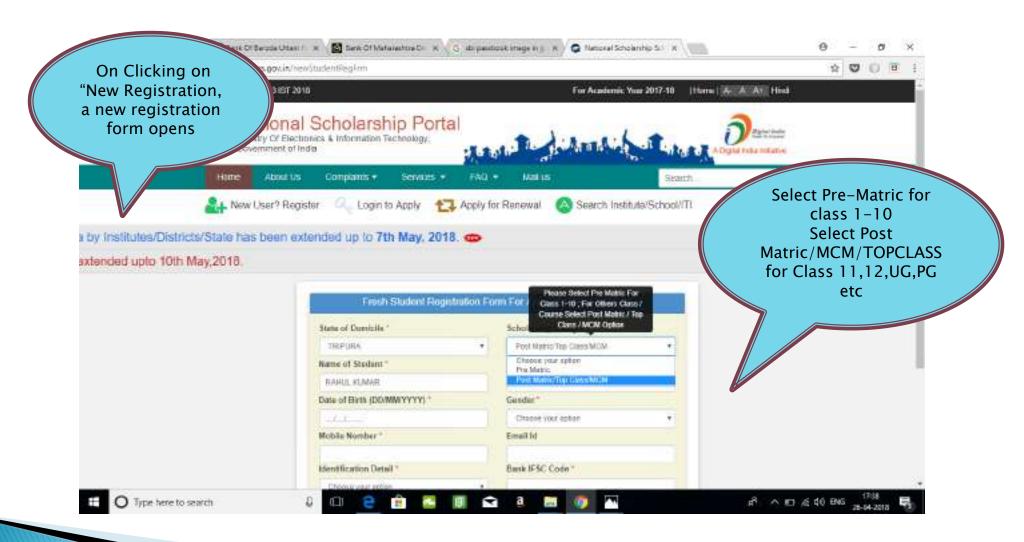
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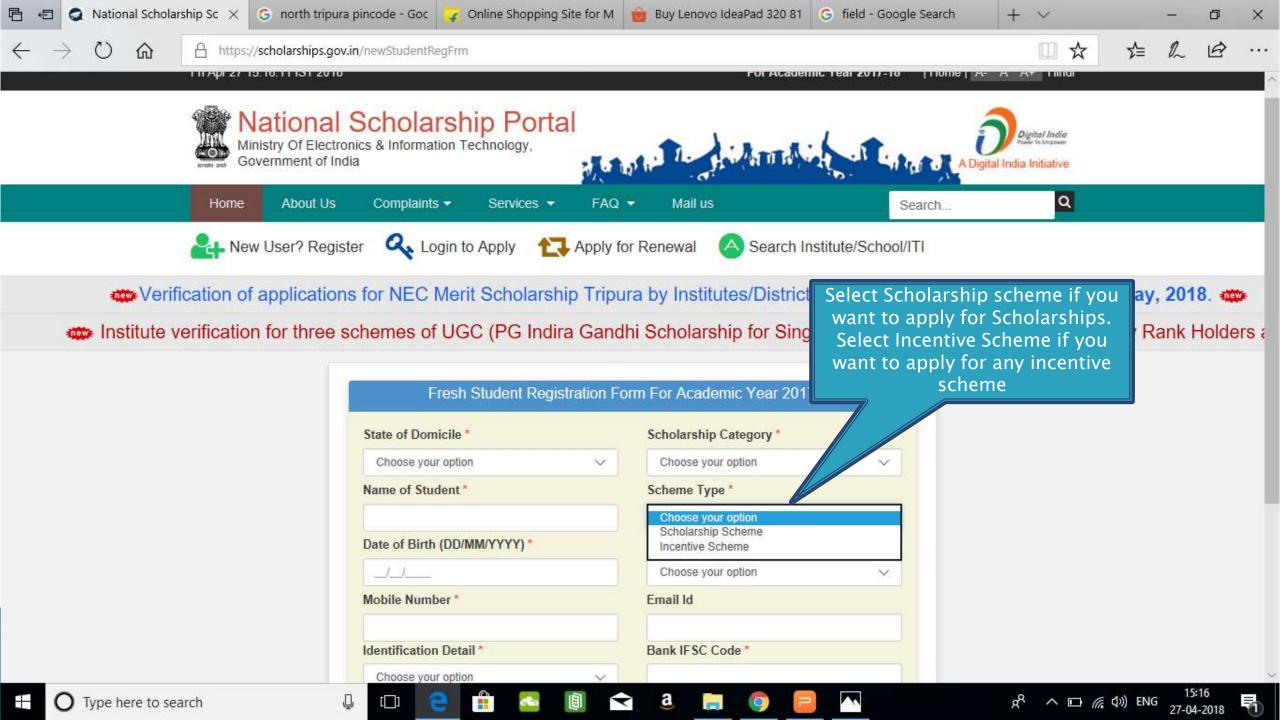
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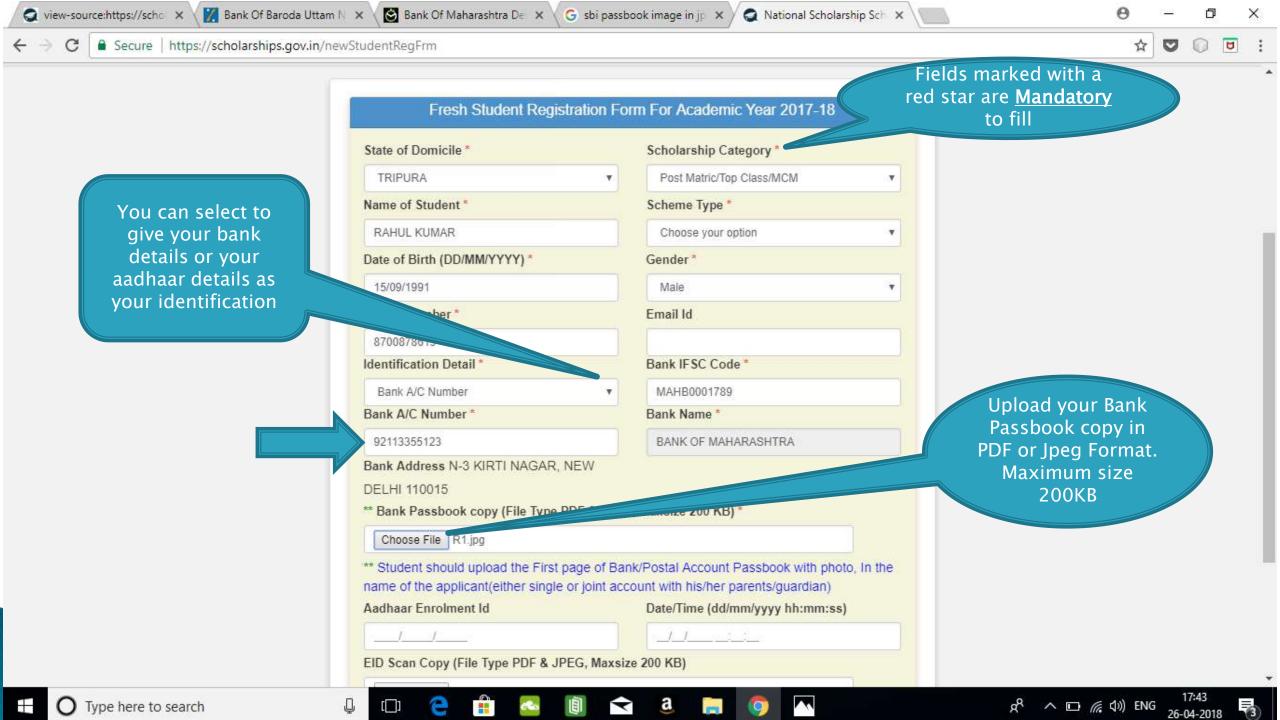


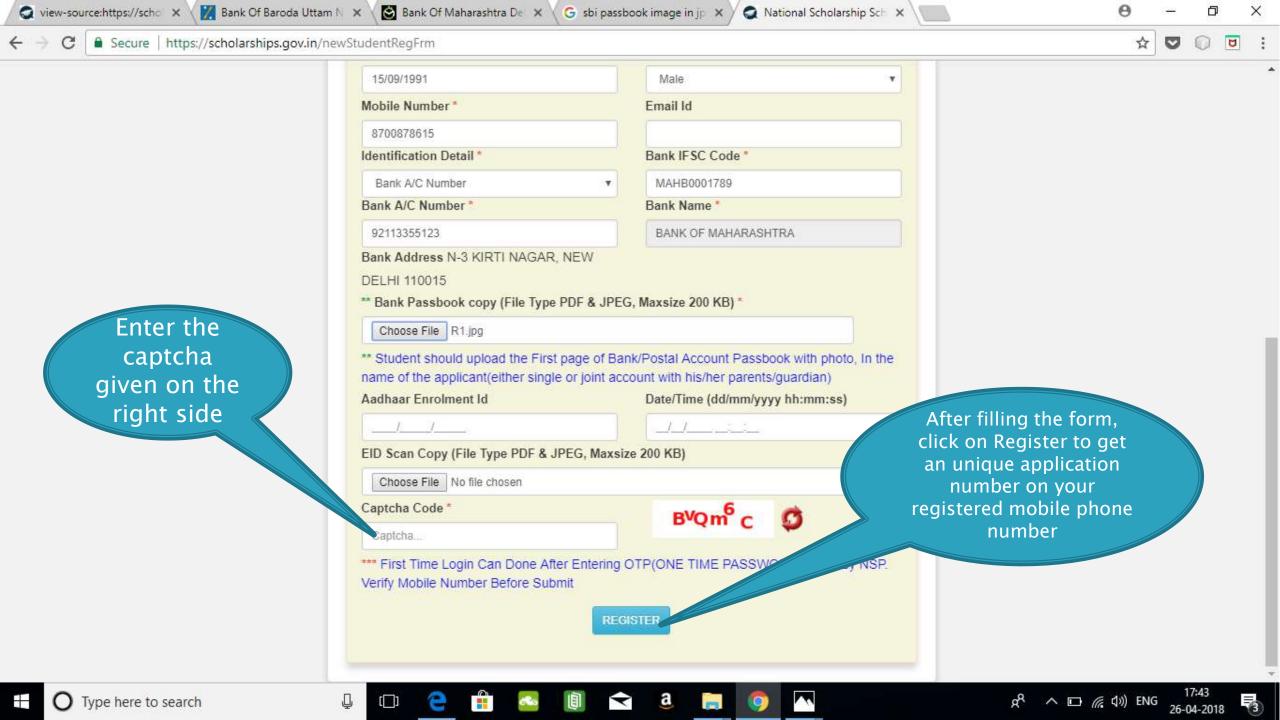


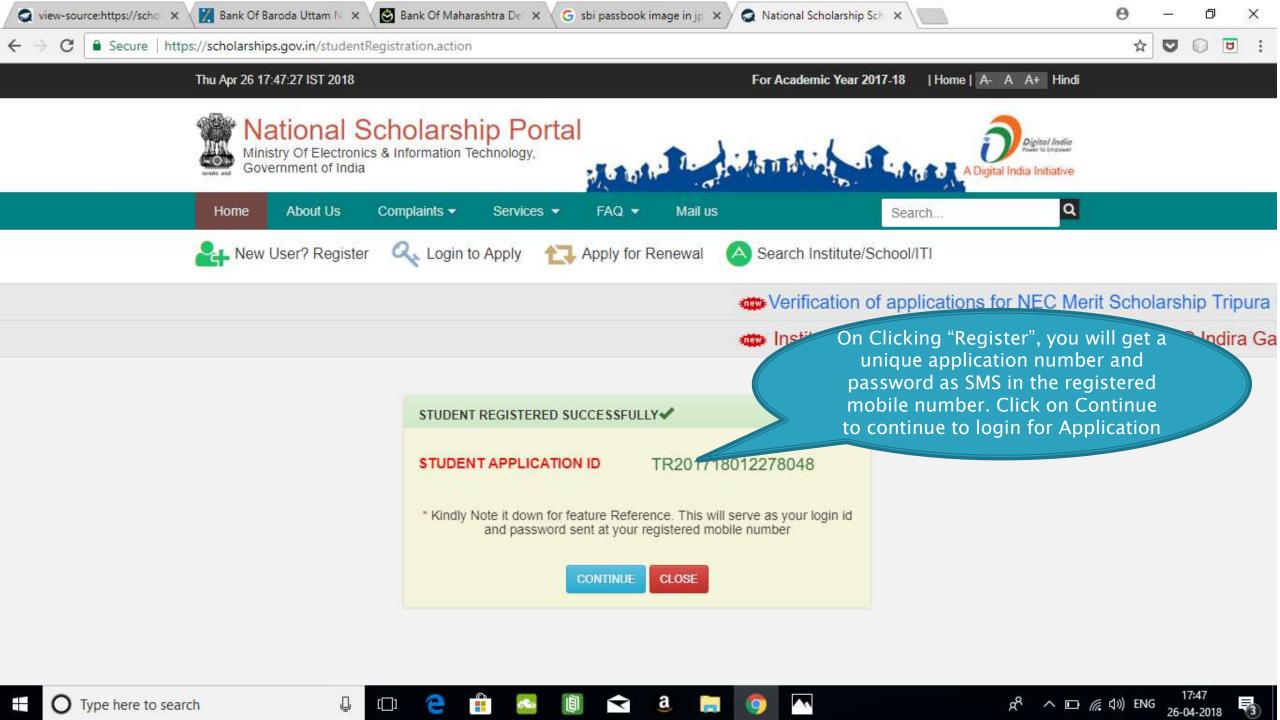
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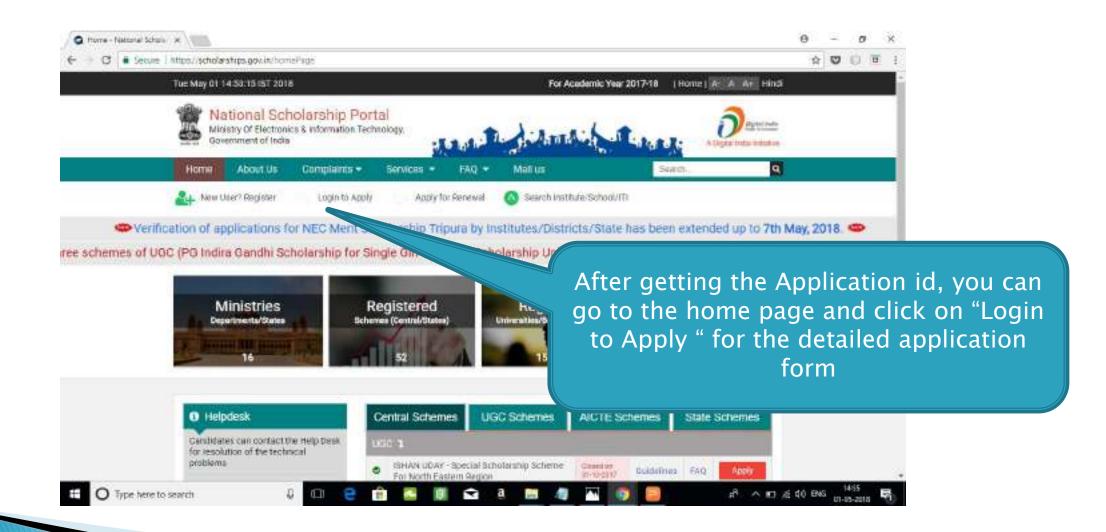


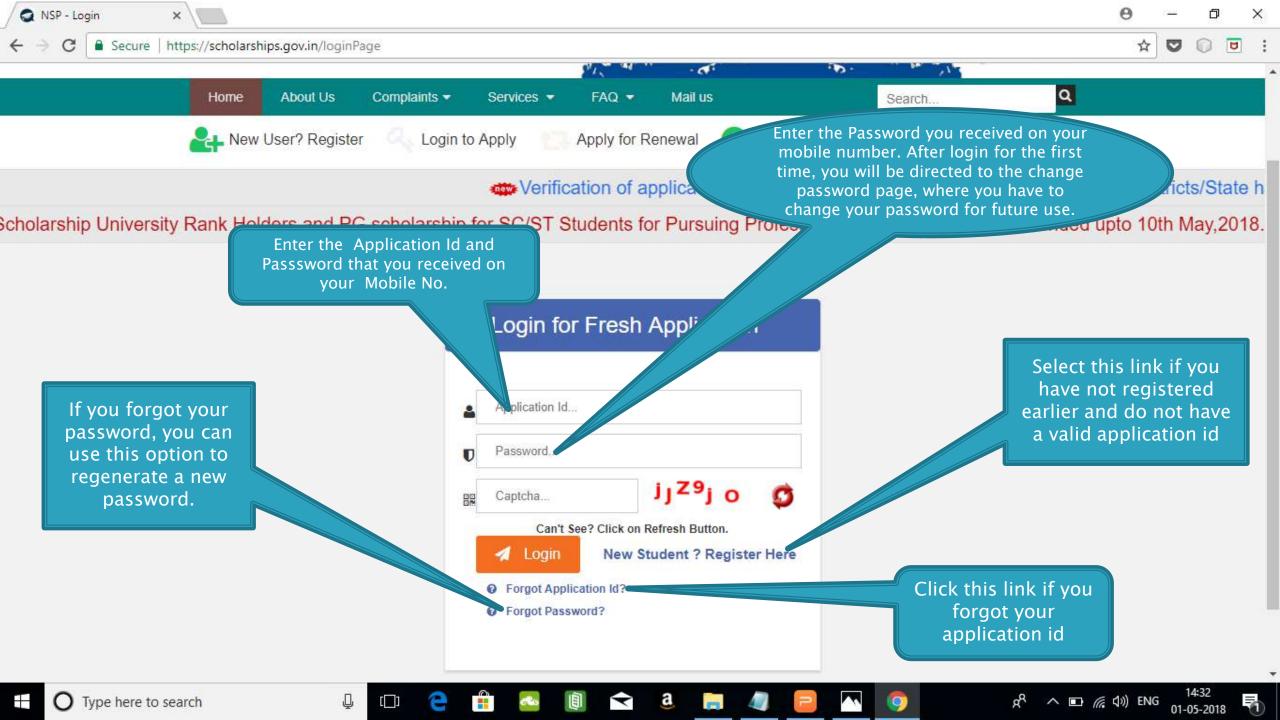


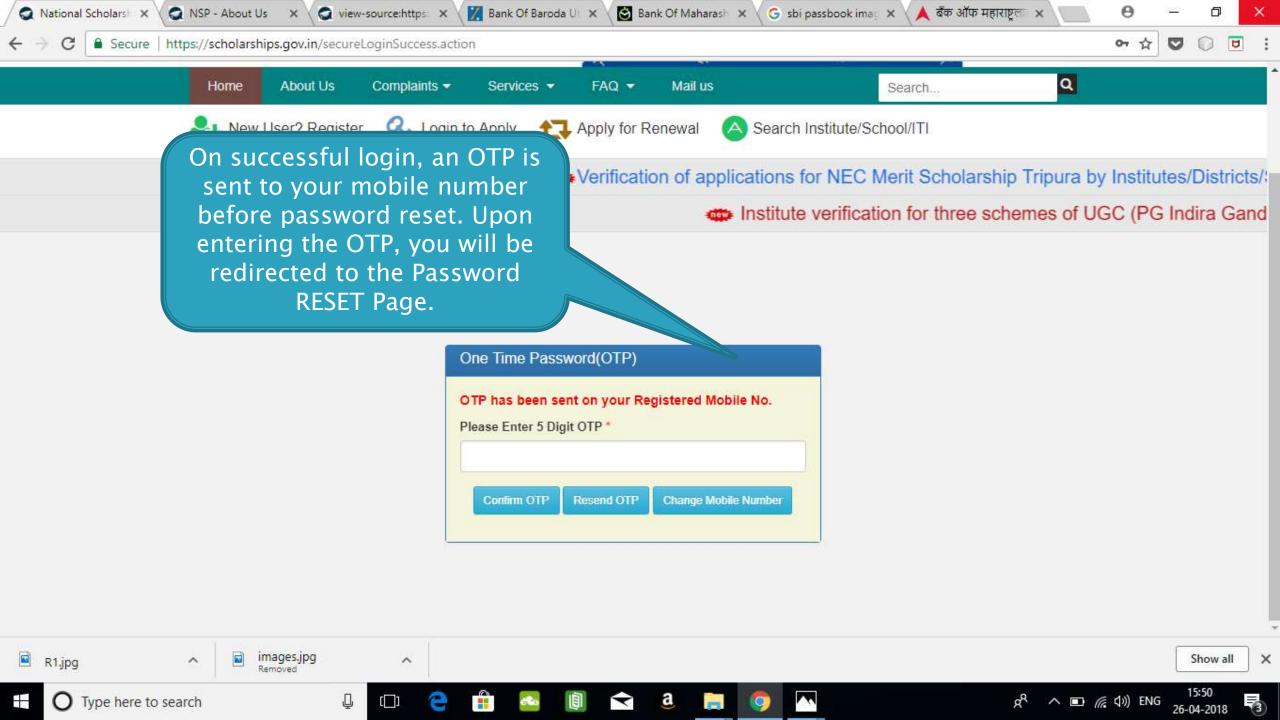


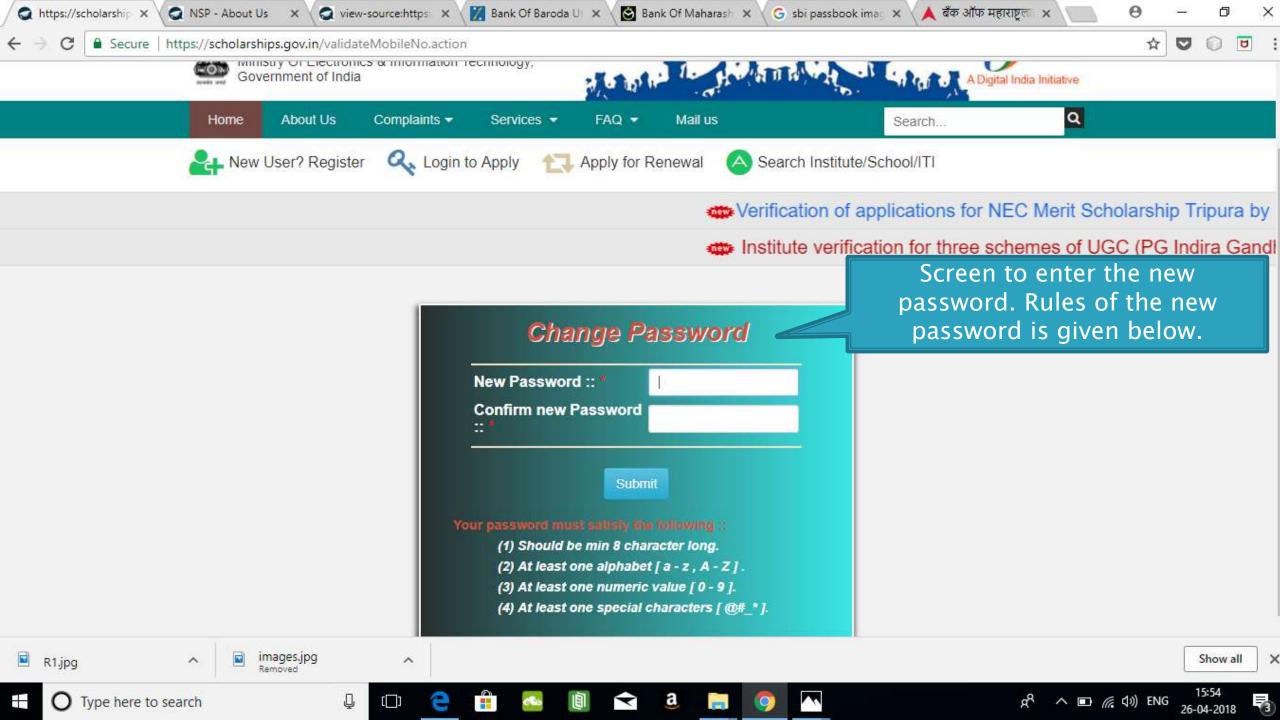


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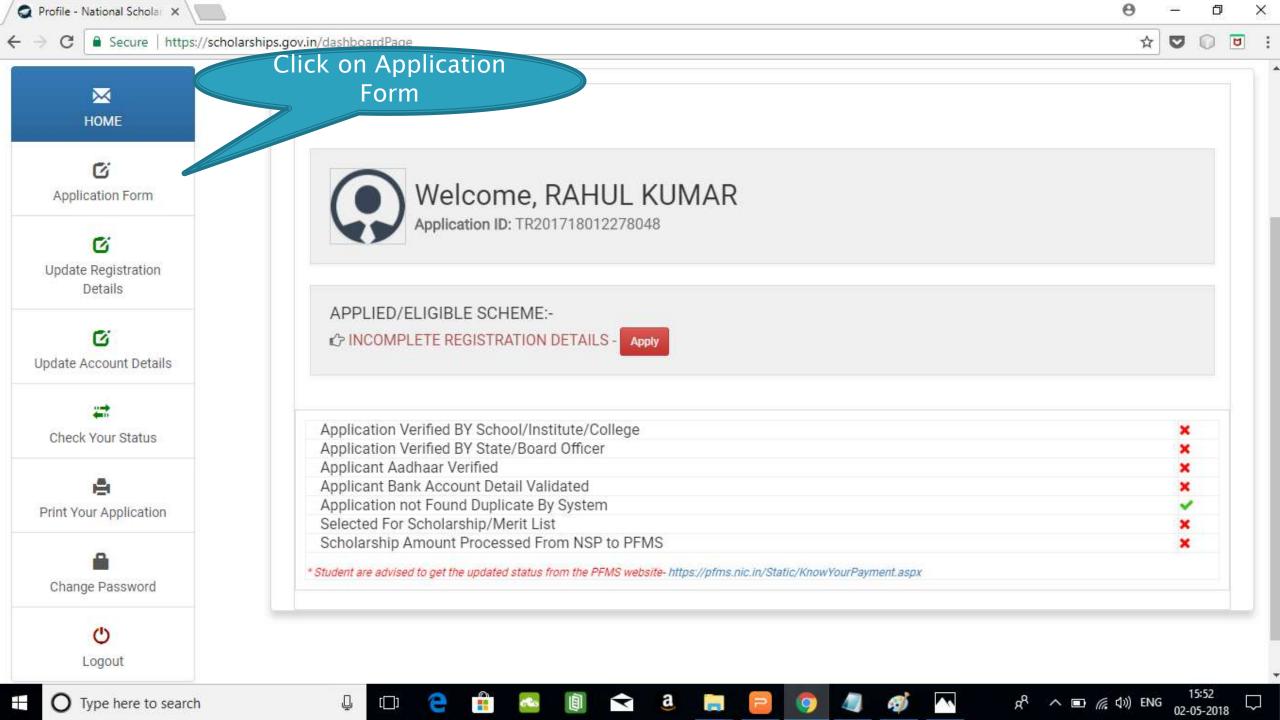






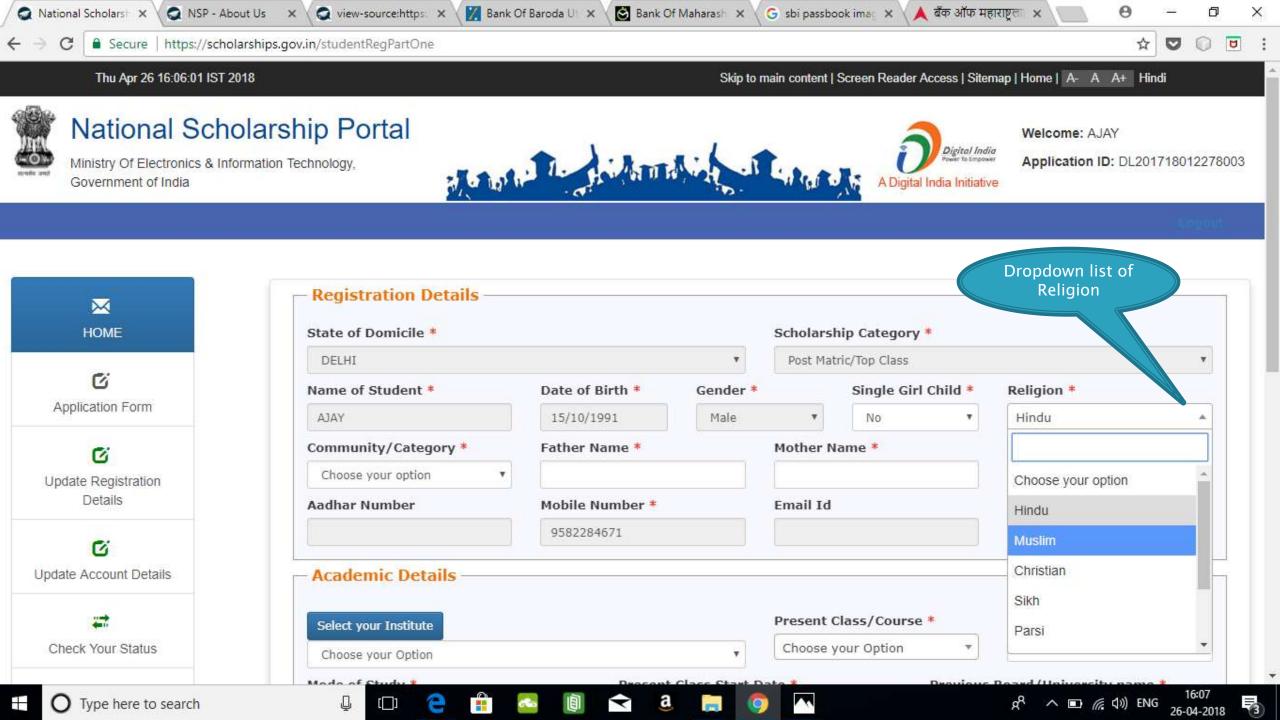
AFTER SUCCESFULL FRESH APPLICATION LOGIN

- Upon successful registration, applicant is forced to change password if login is done for the first time. As the applicant logins an OTP is sent to his/her registered mobile number. After verifying the OTP, applicant is redirected to change Password page.
- Once the student changes the password, they will be directed to the Applicant's Dashboard page.

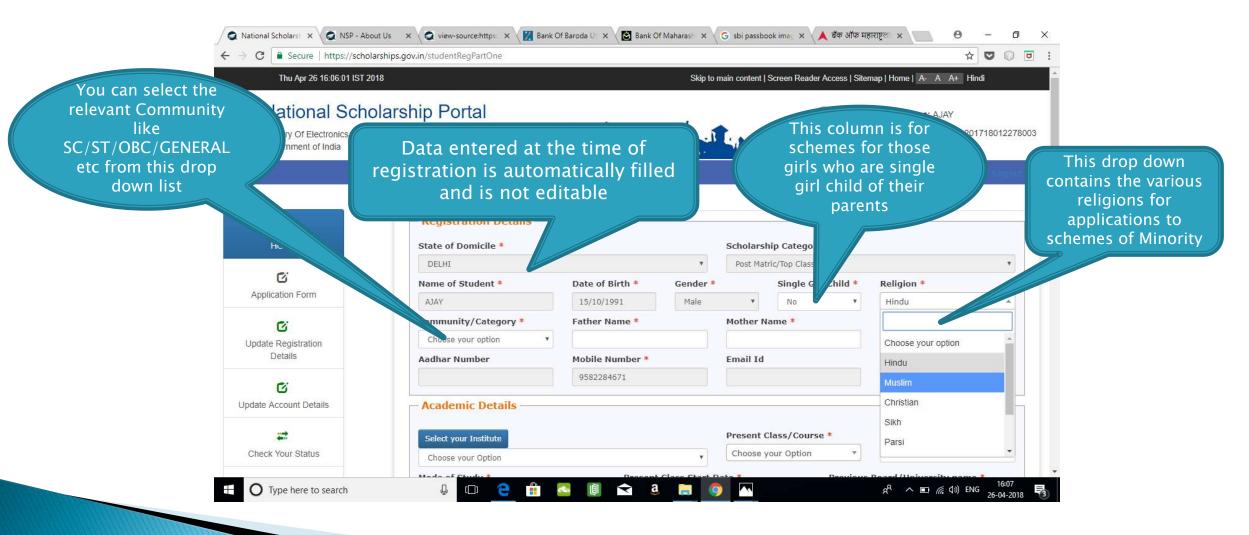


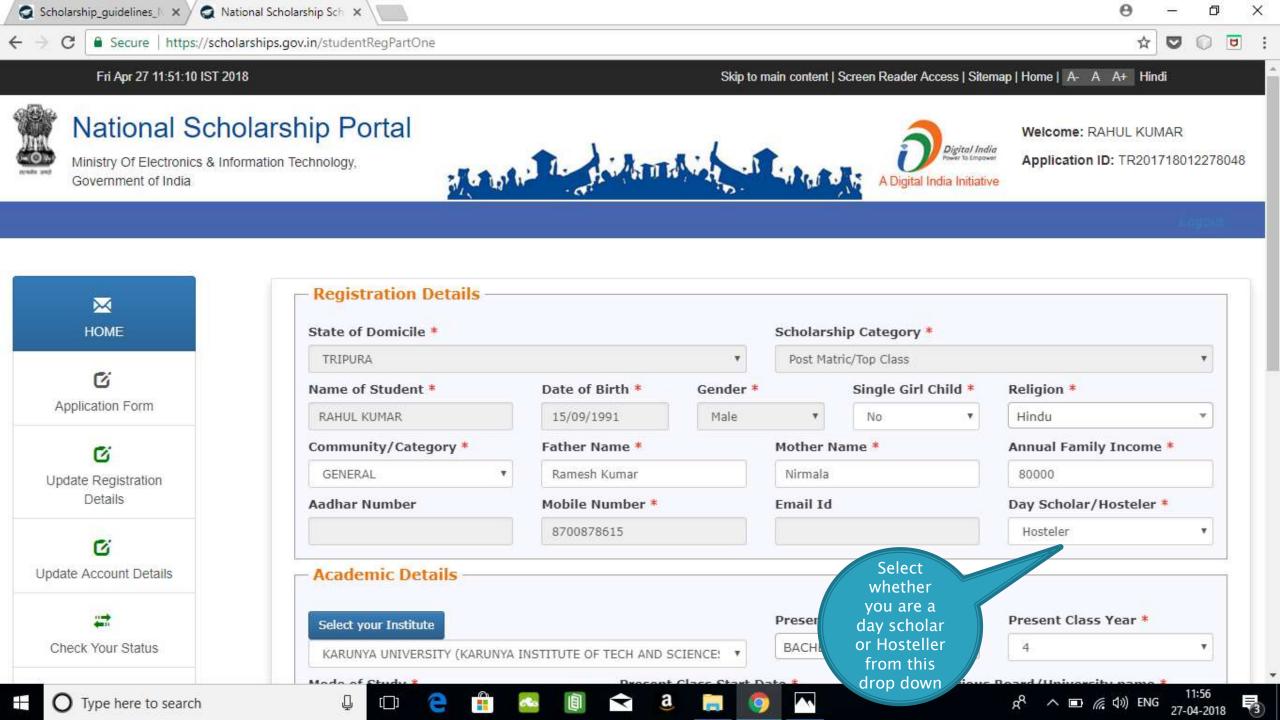
Application Form

- Application Form is divided into three Parts:
- 1. Registration Details
- 2. Academic Details
- 3. Basic Details

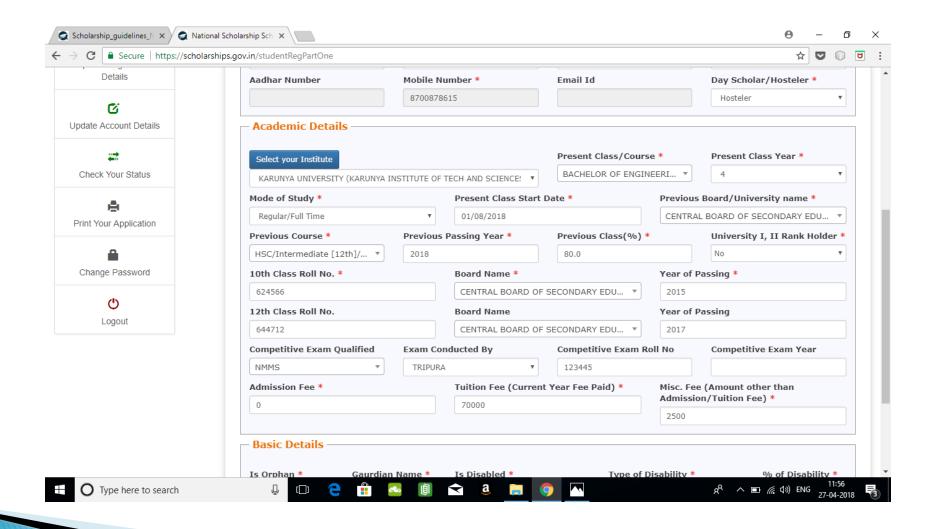


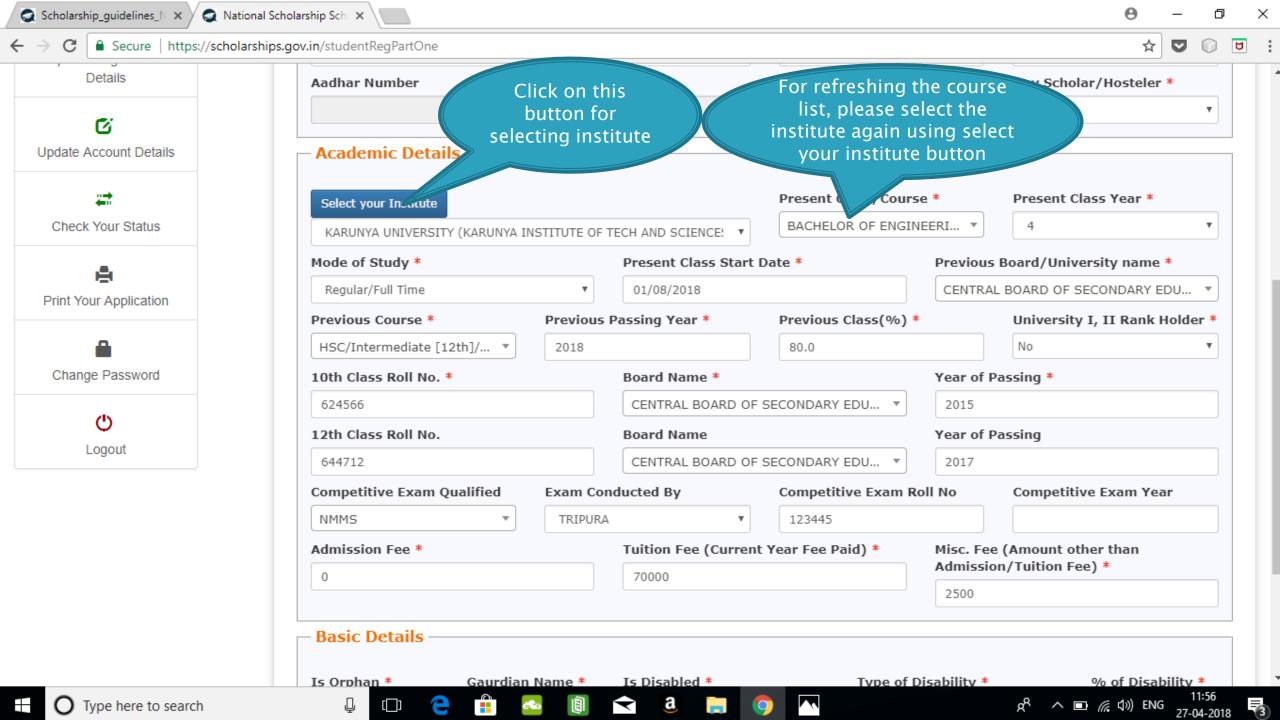
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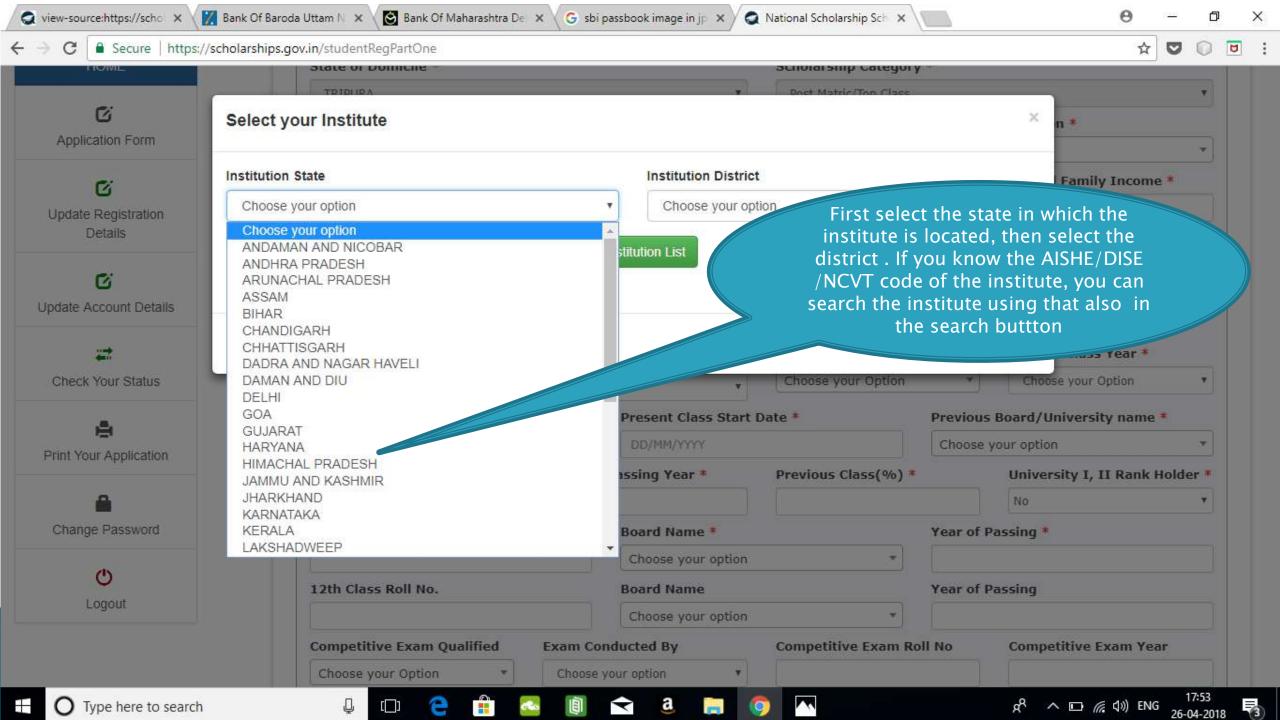


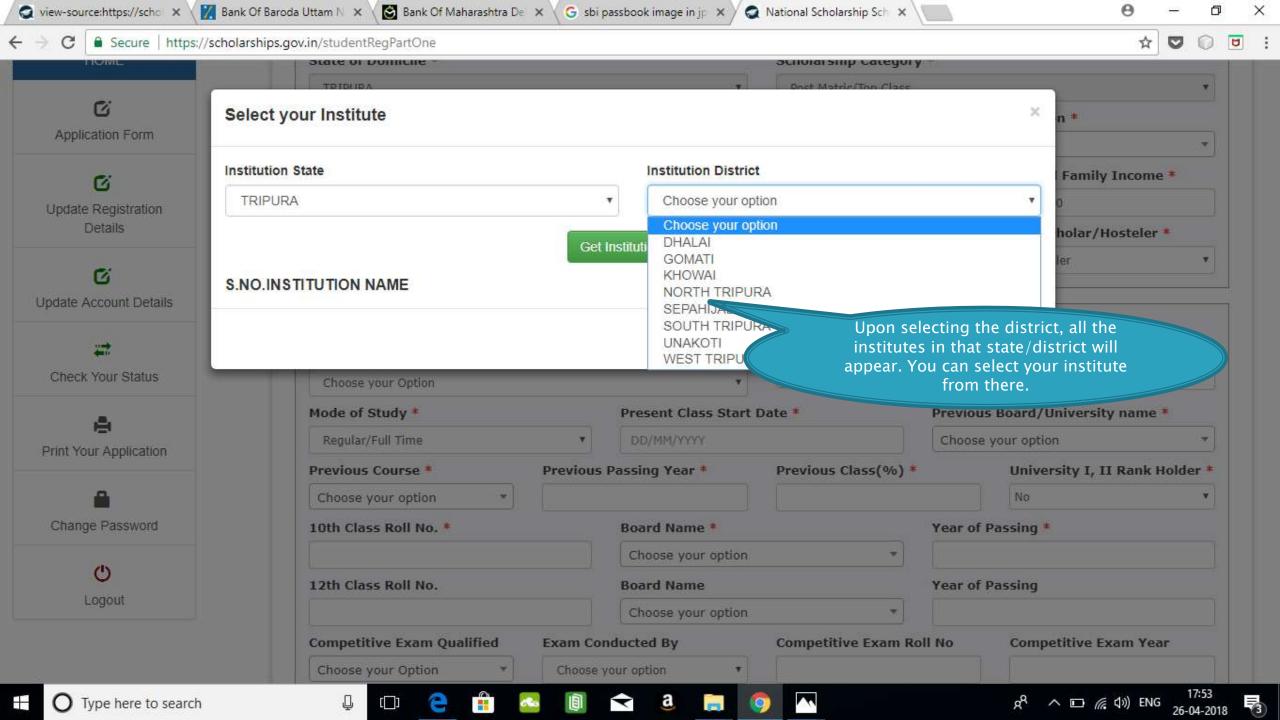


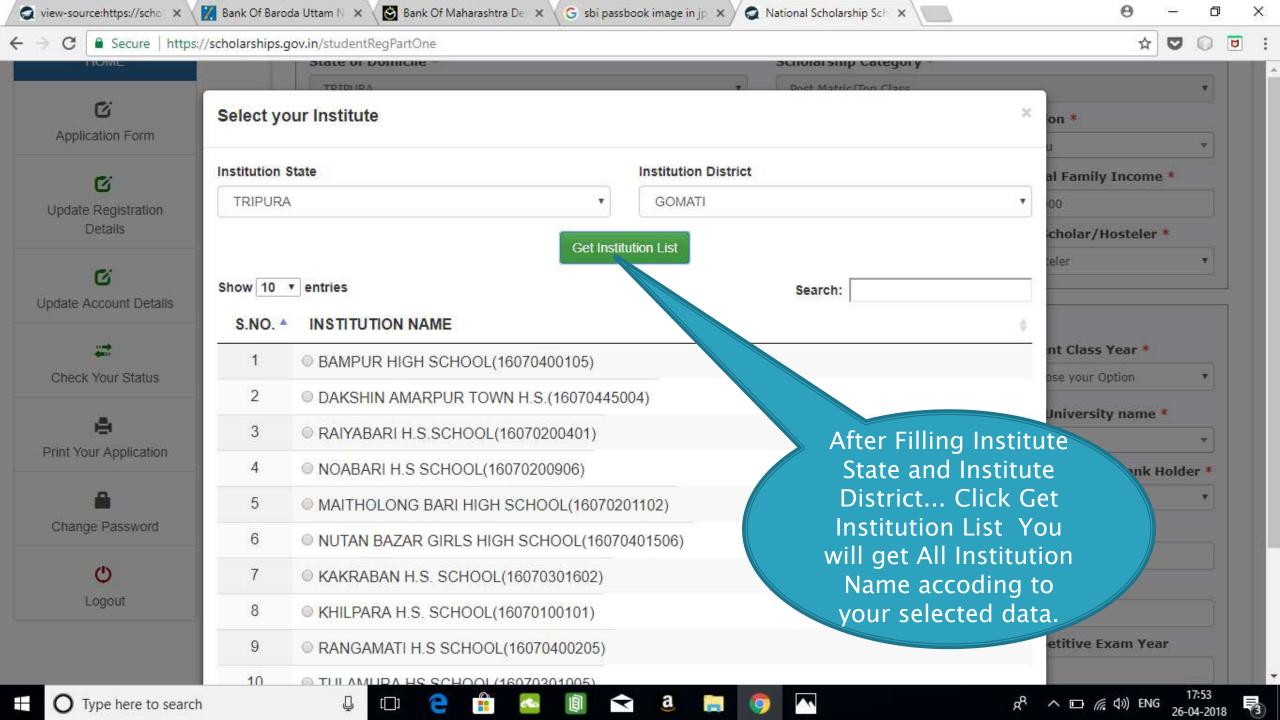
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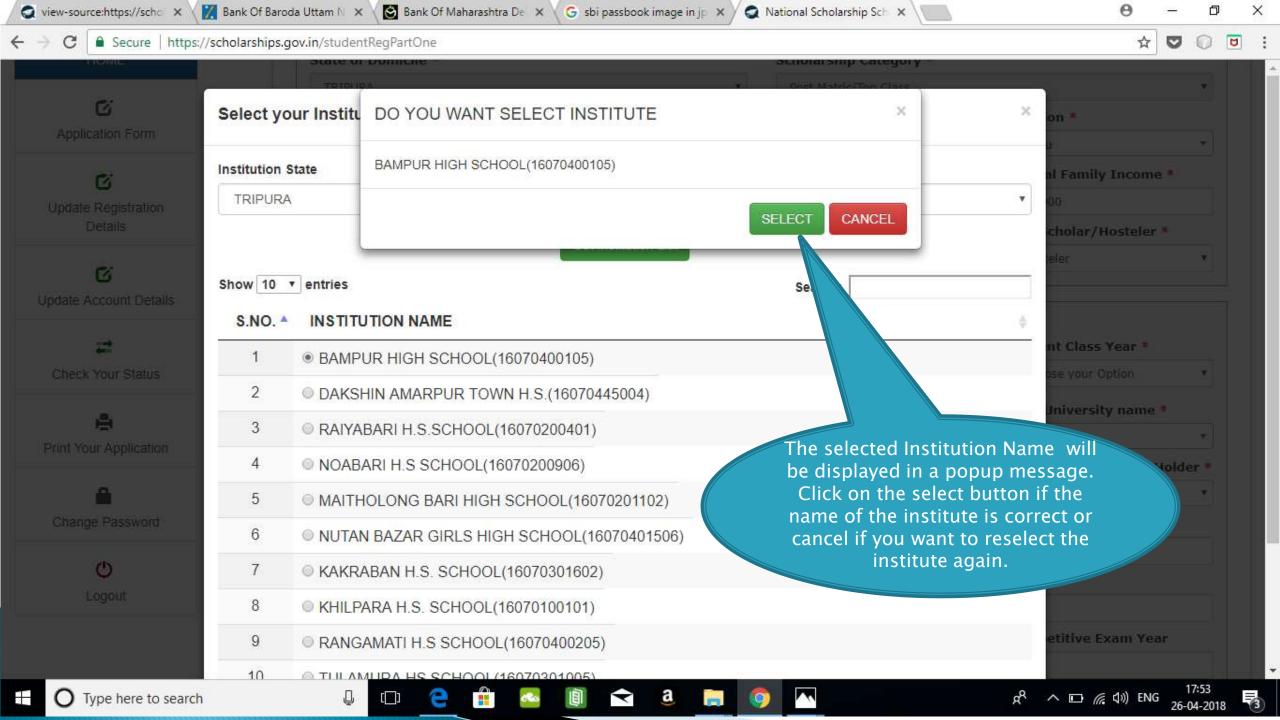


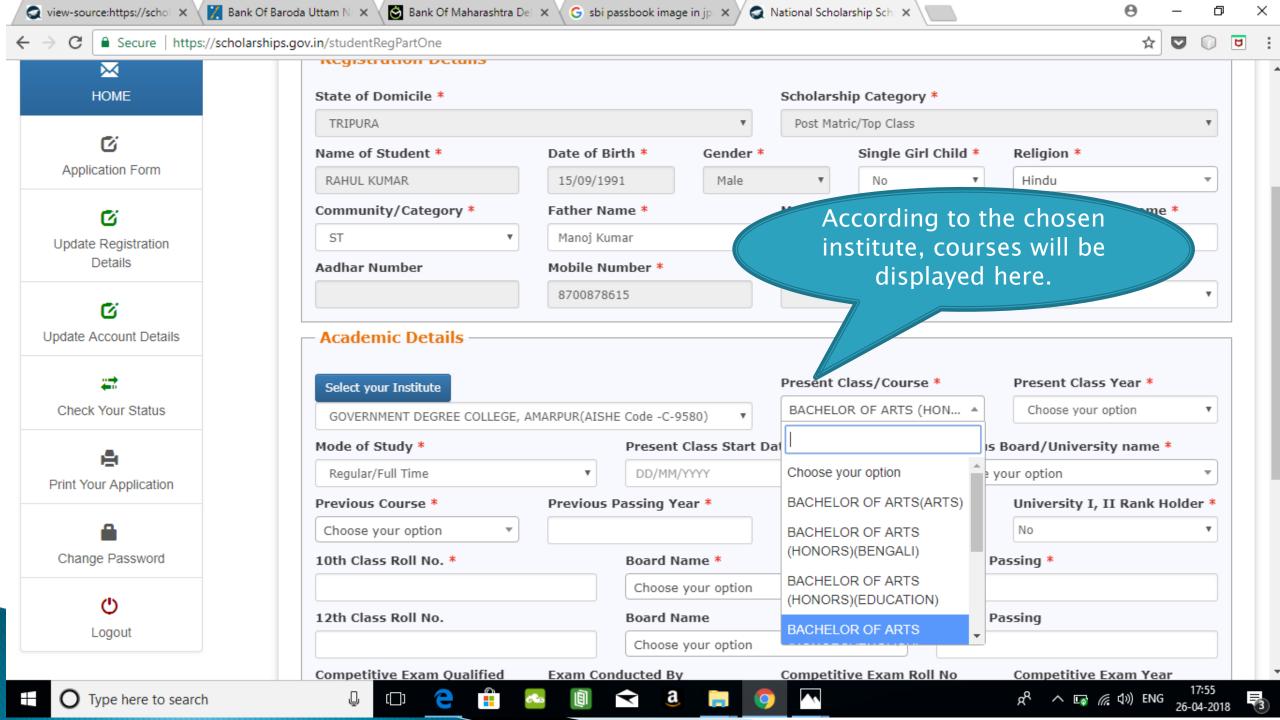


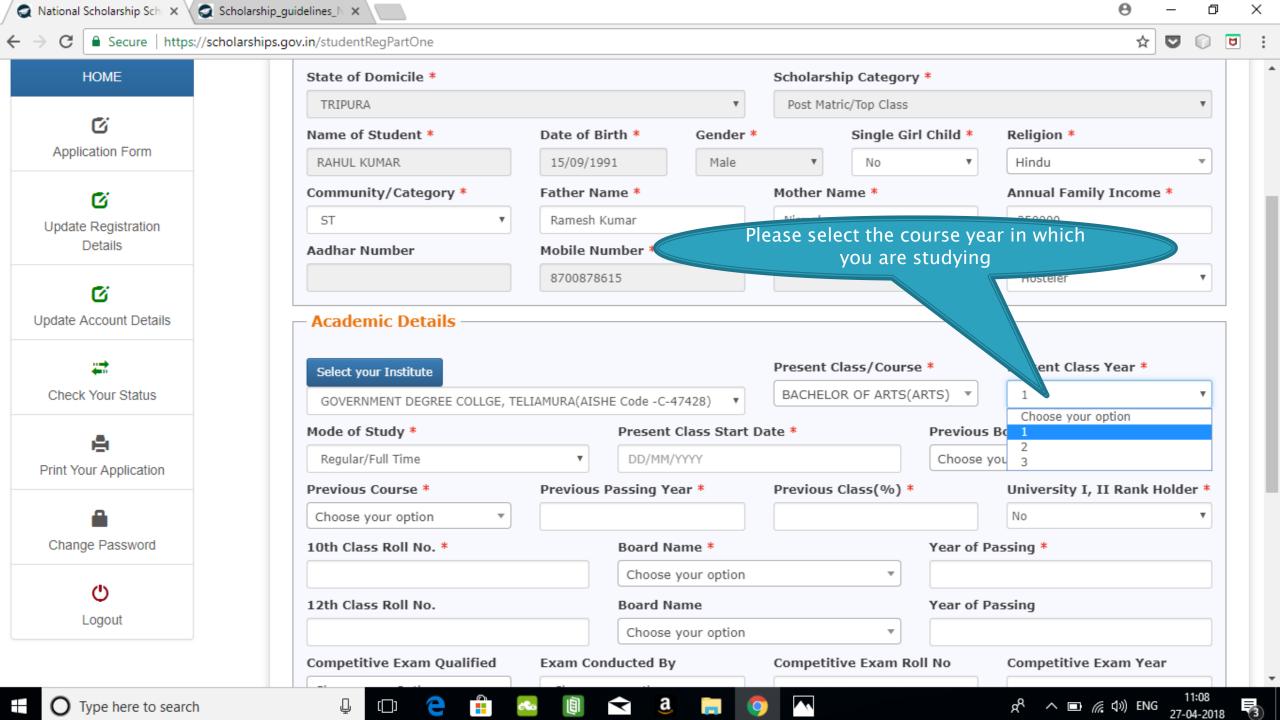


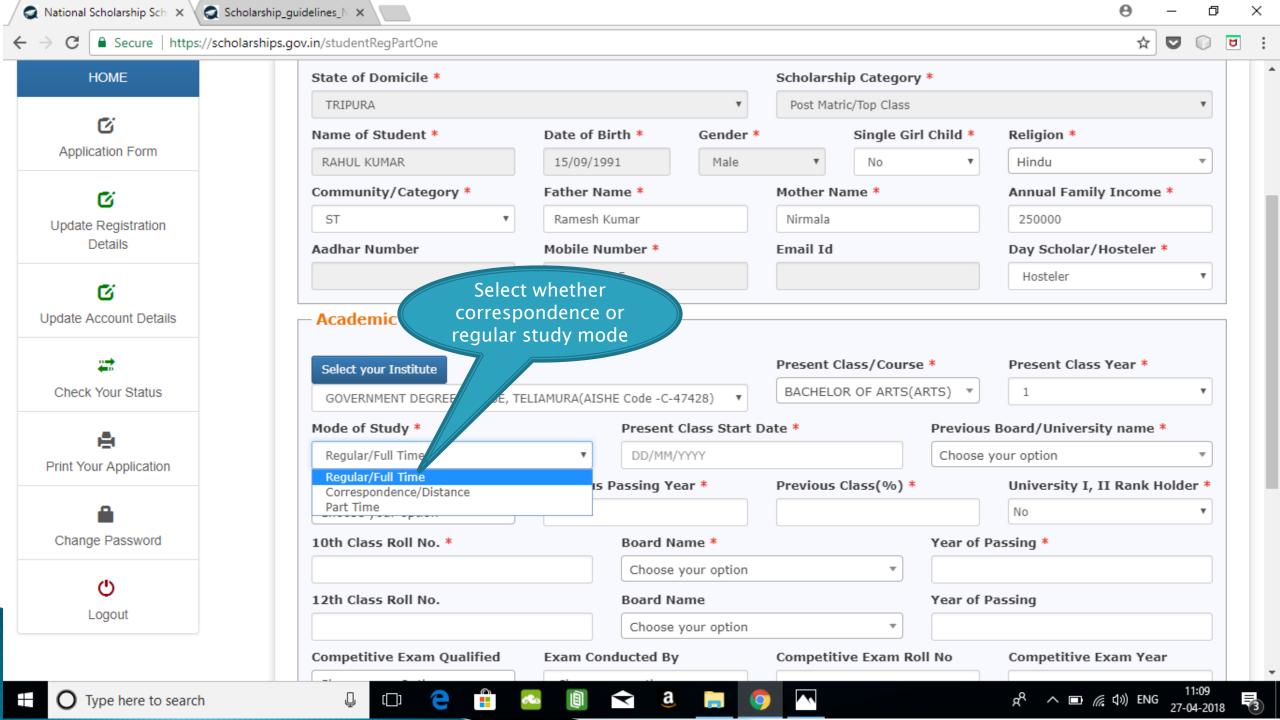


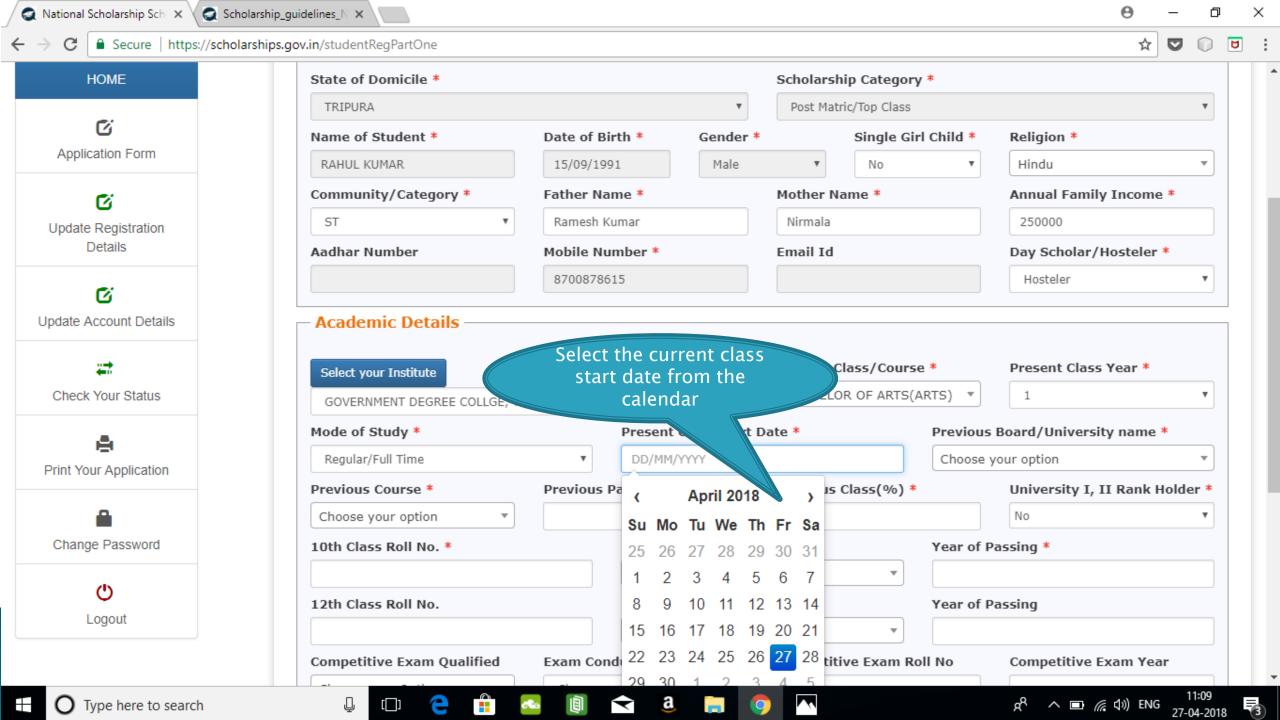


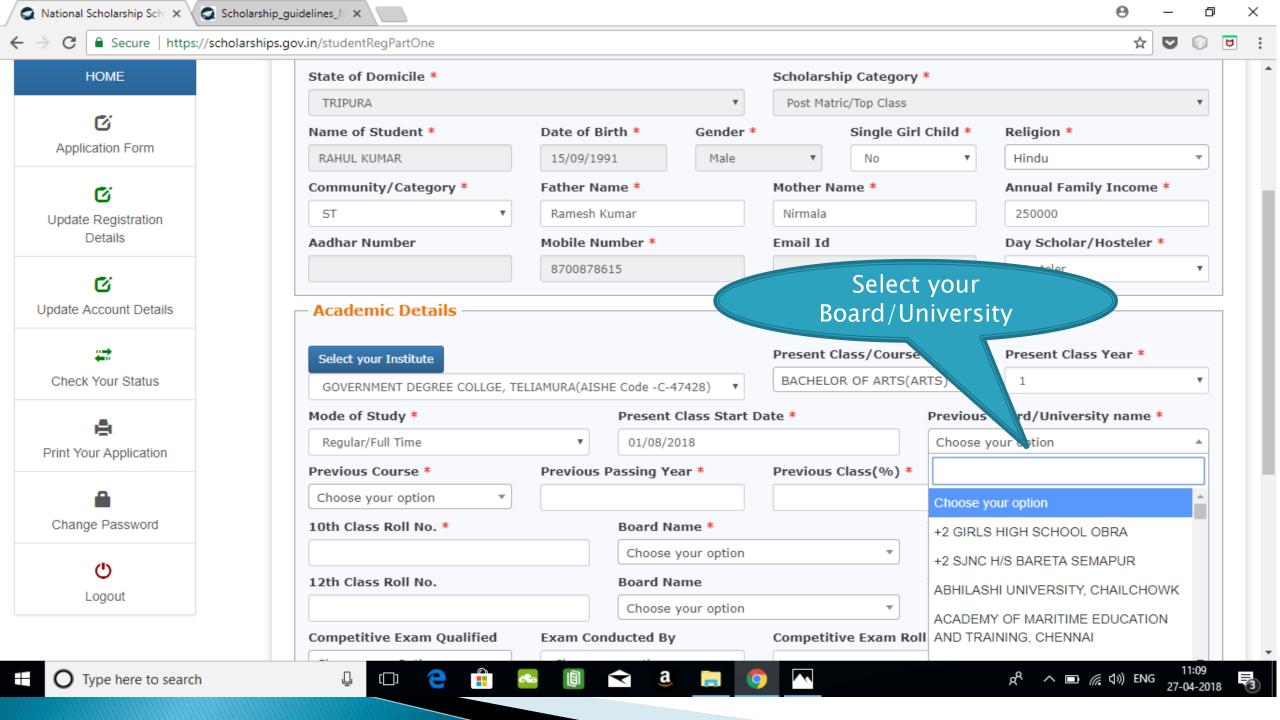


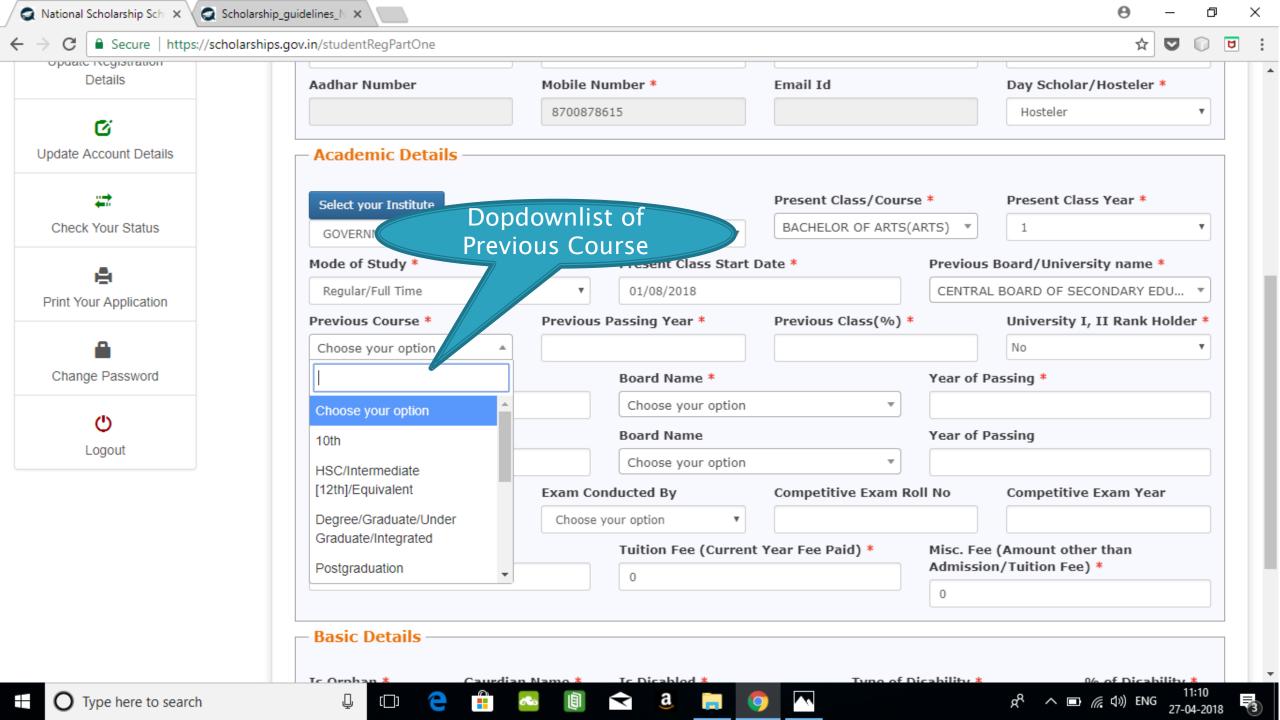


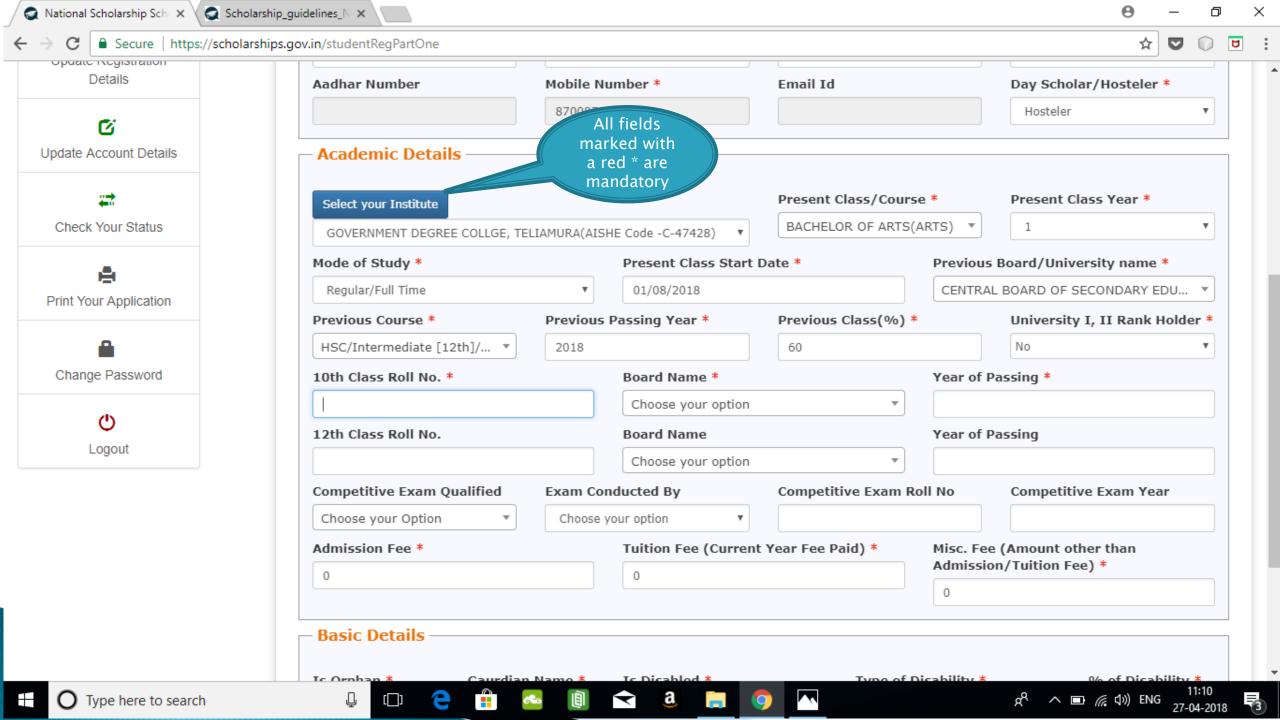


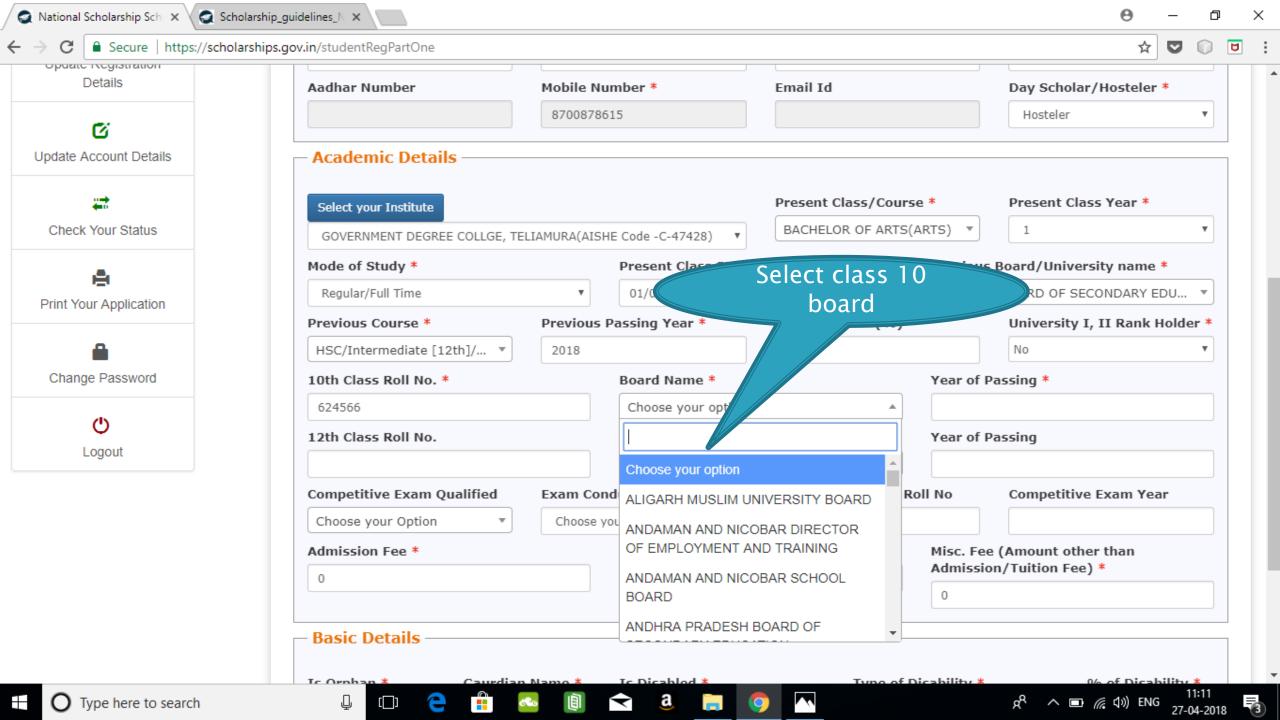


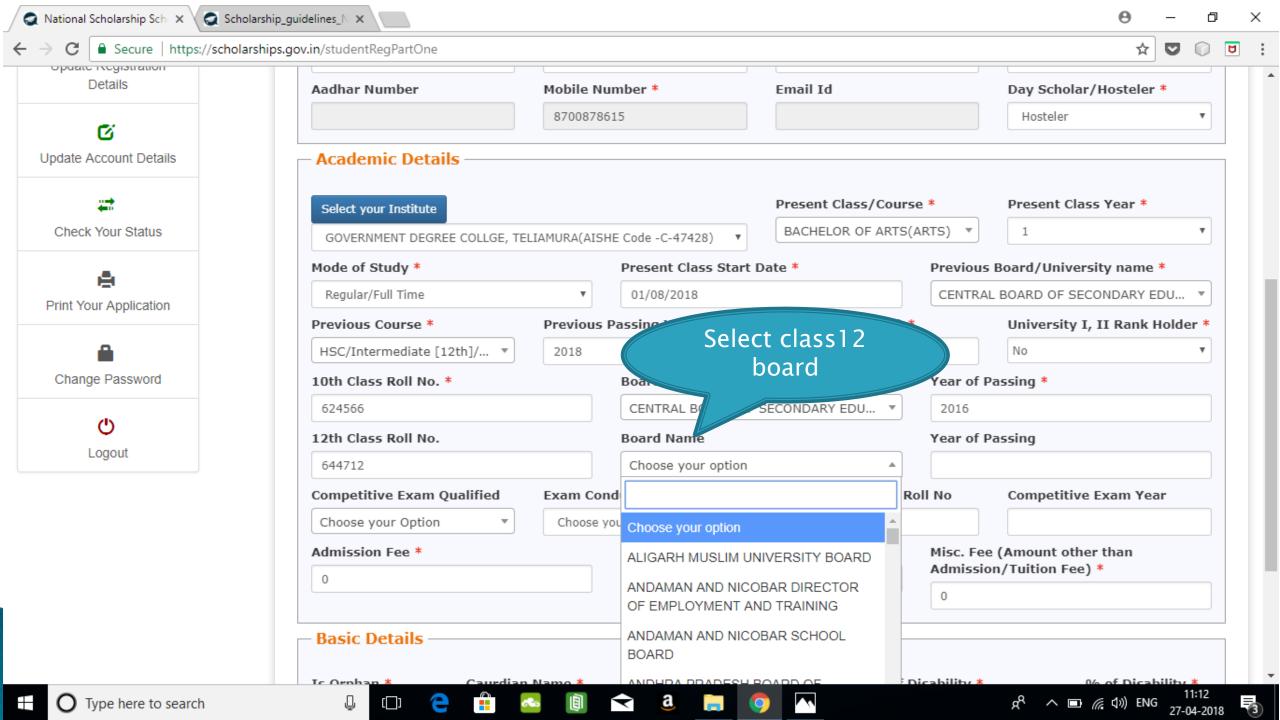


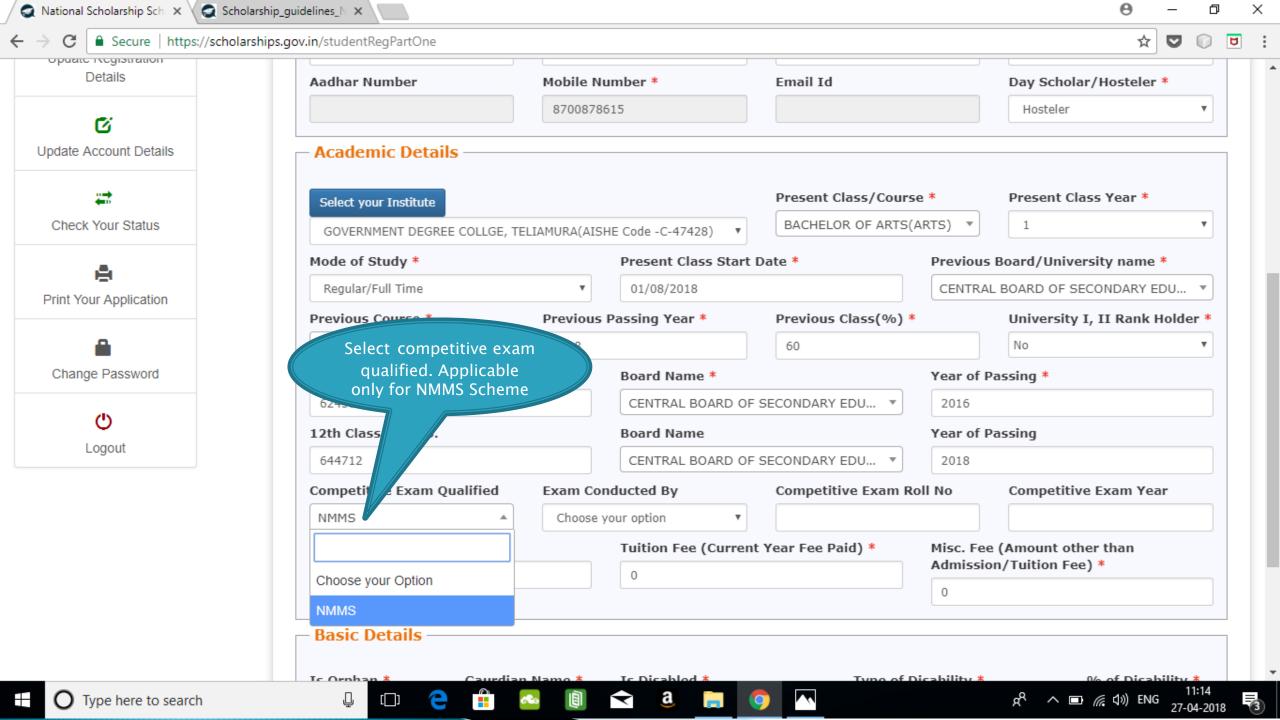


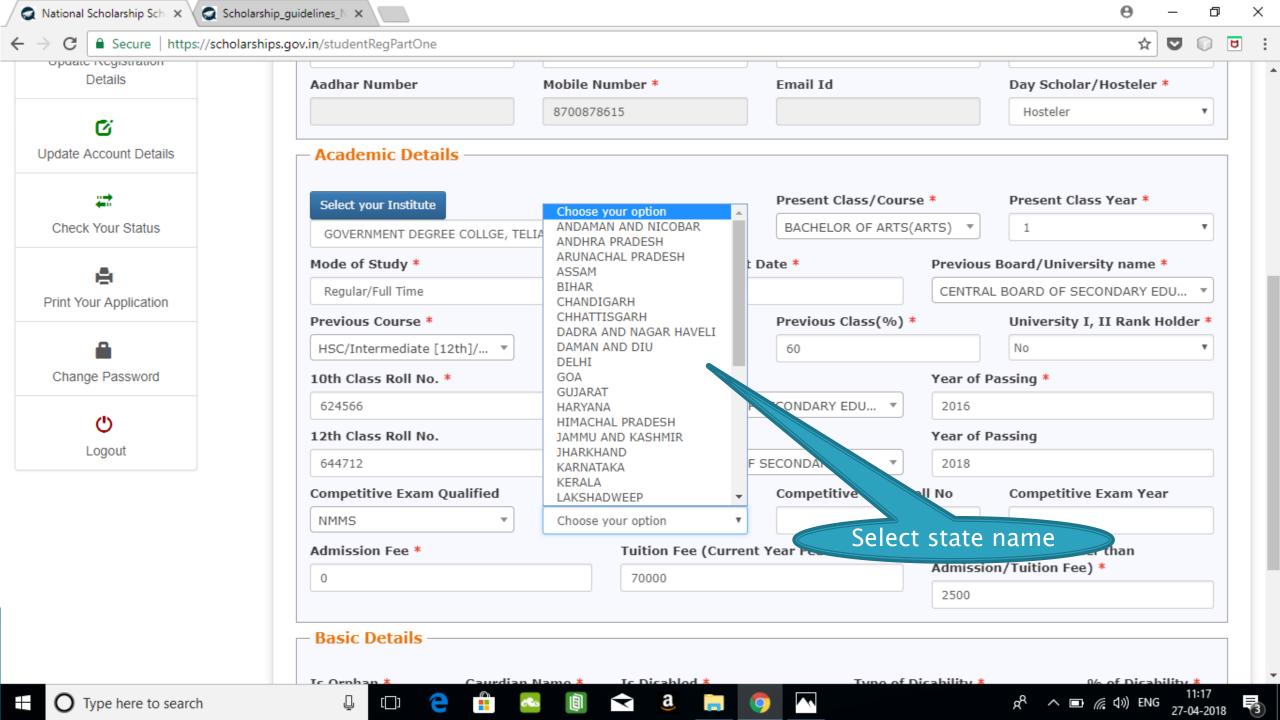




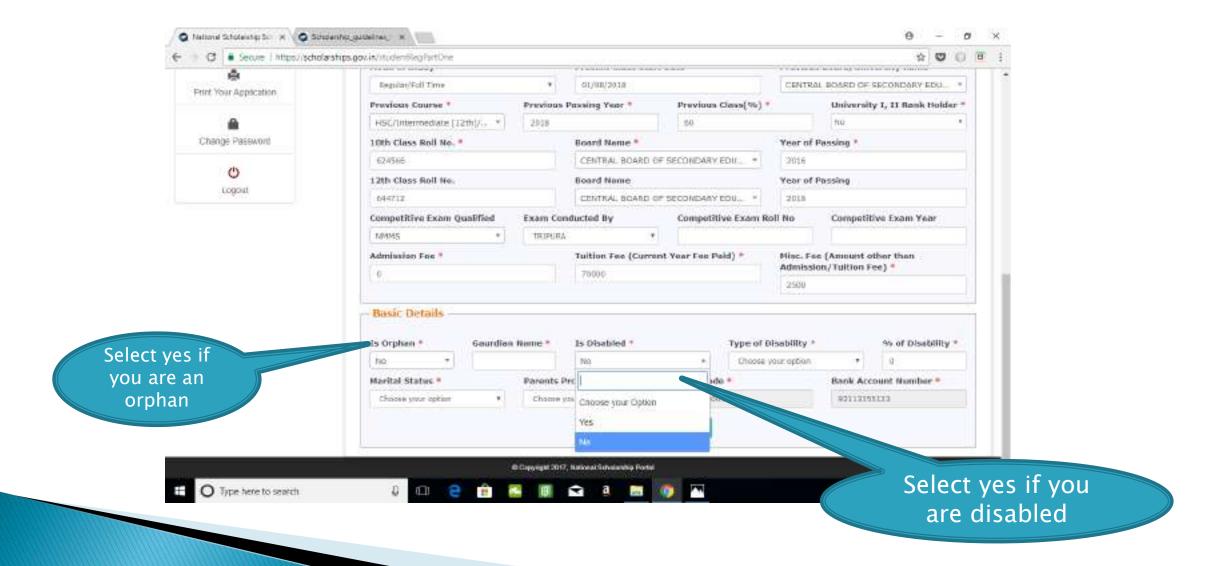


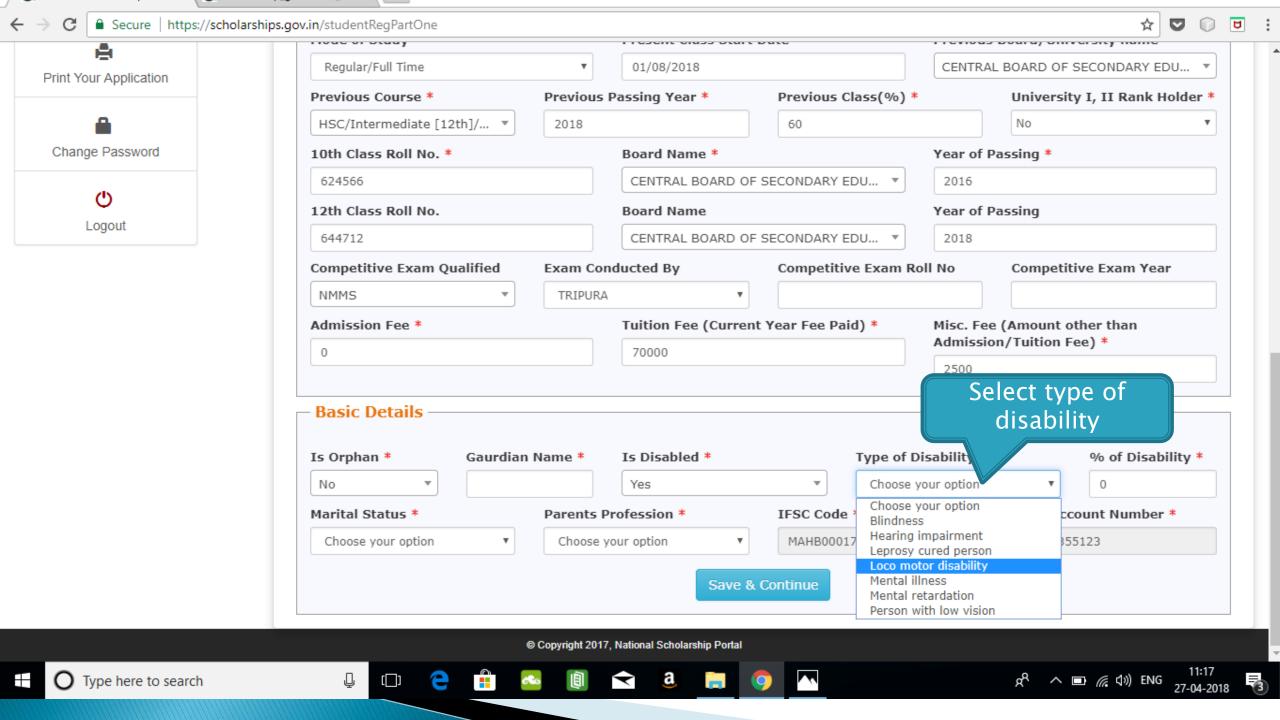


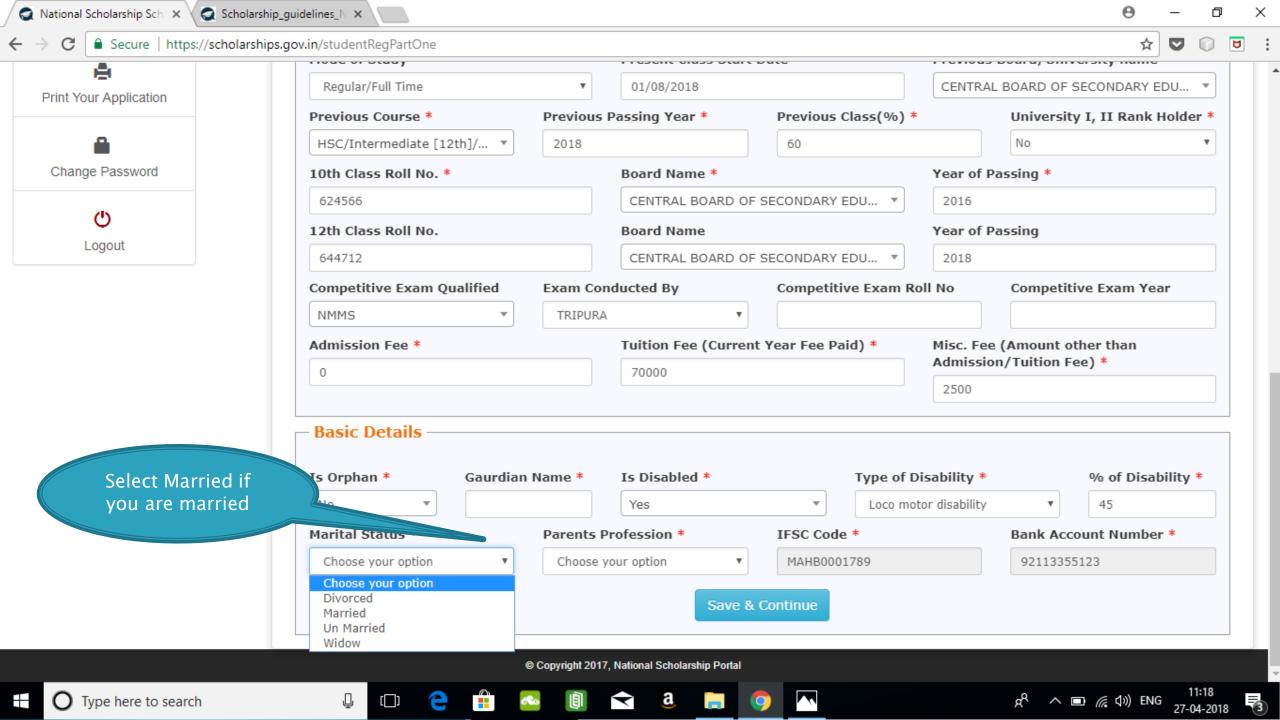


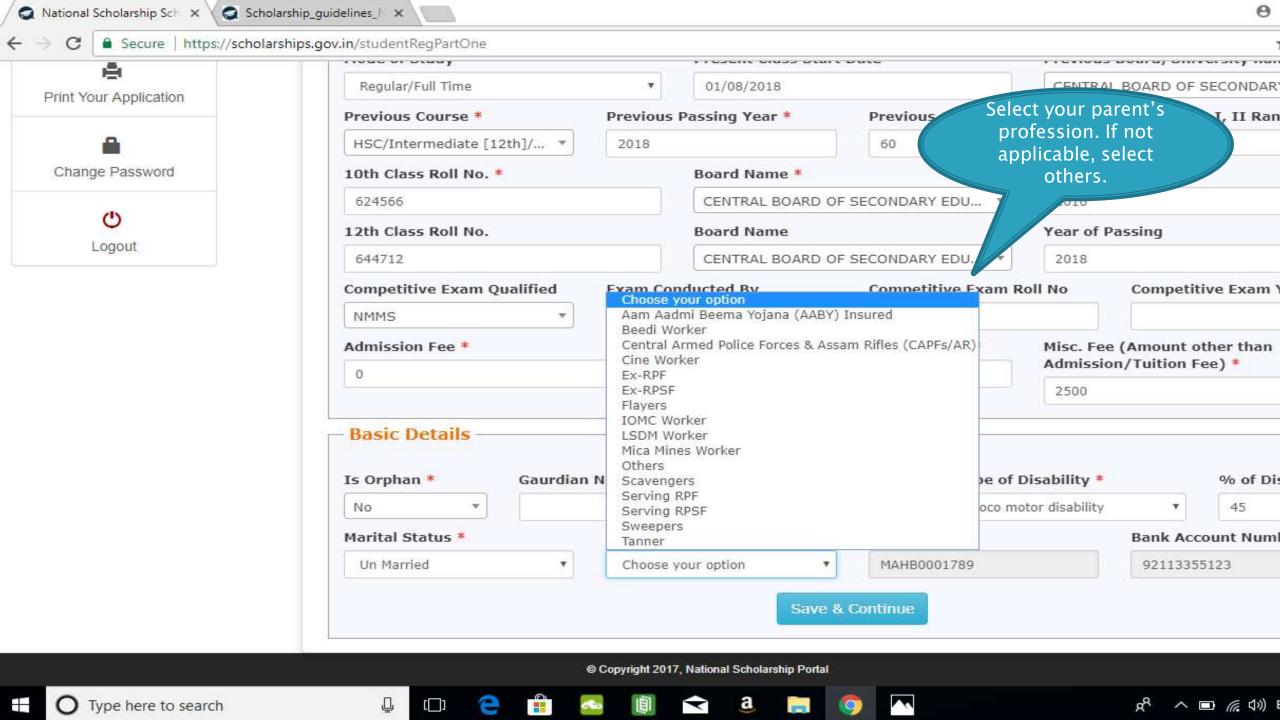


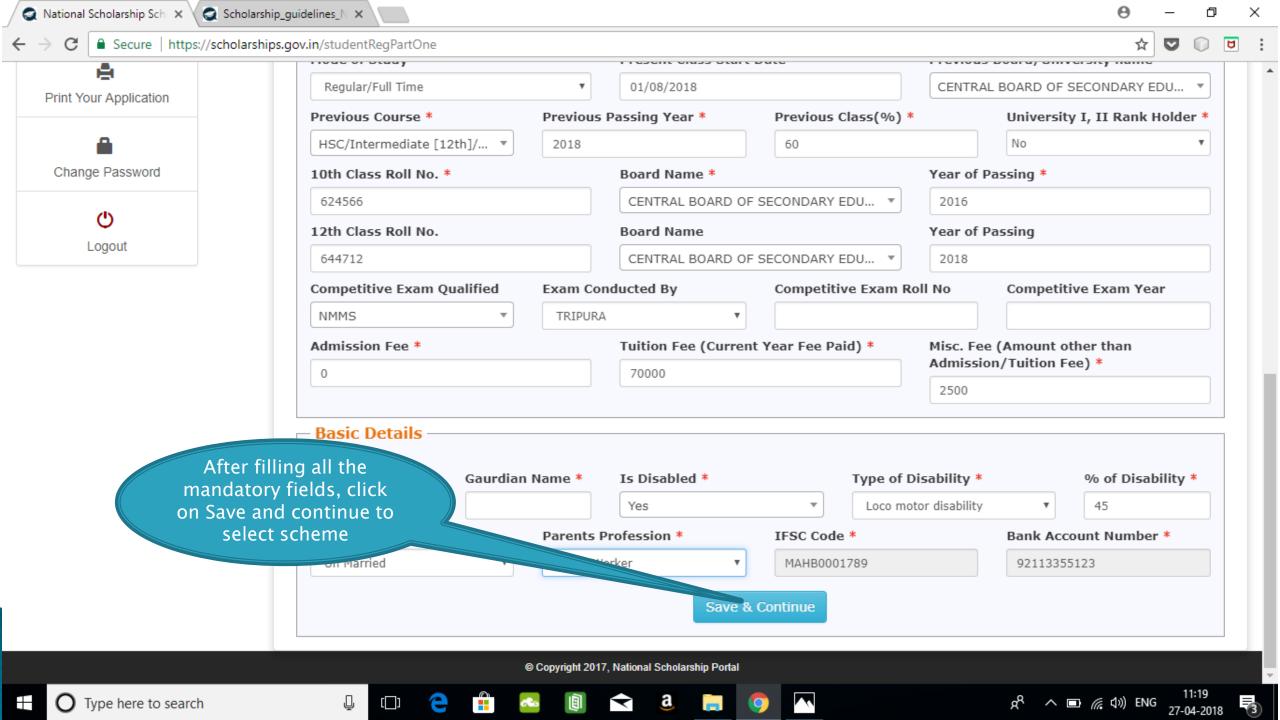
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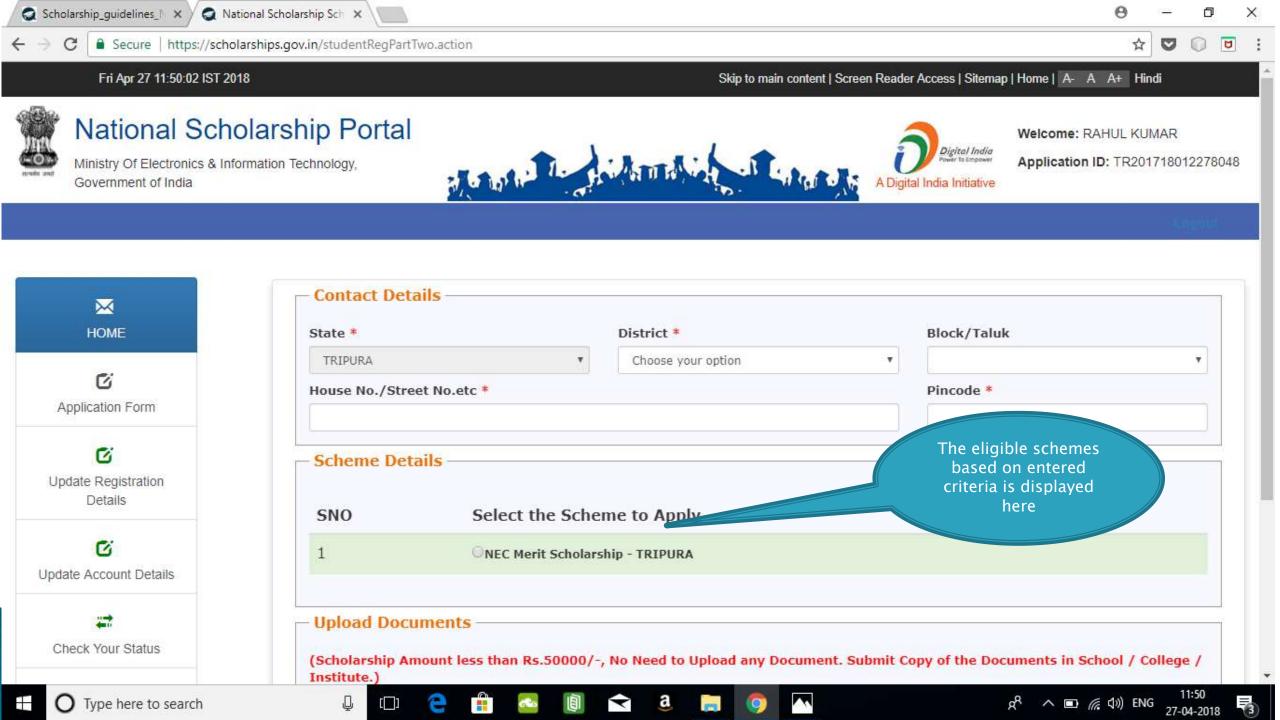


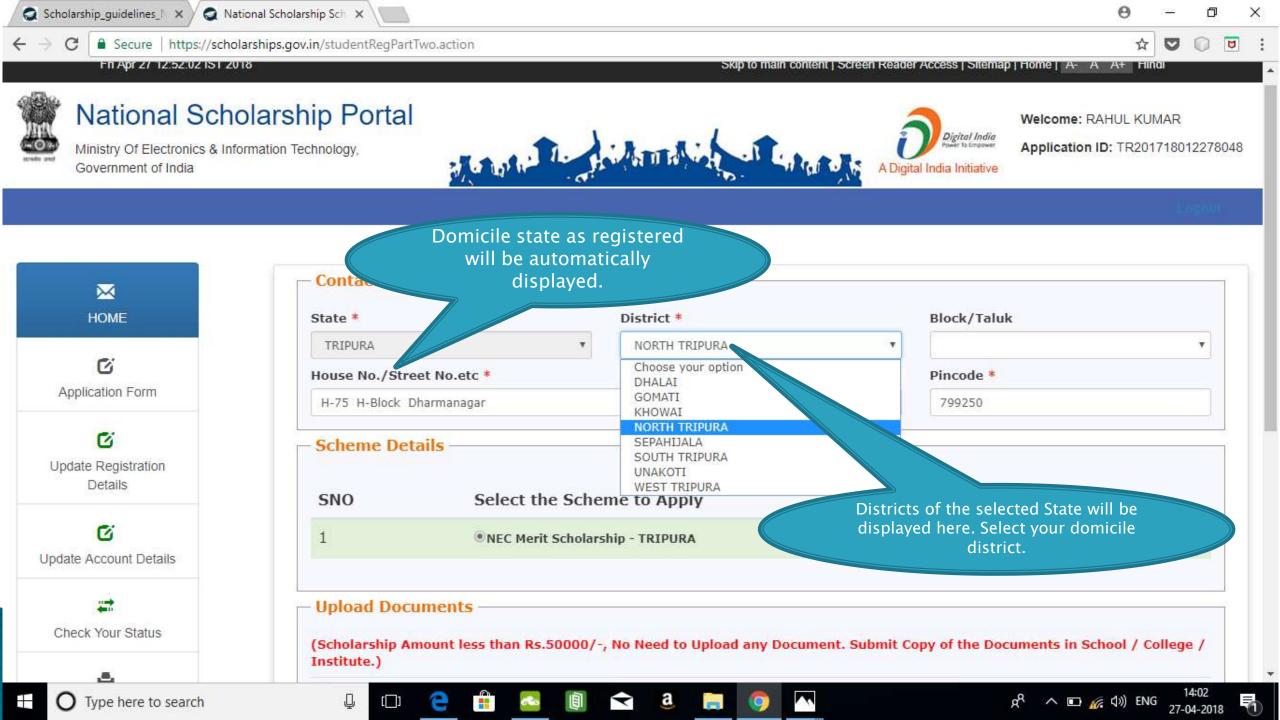


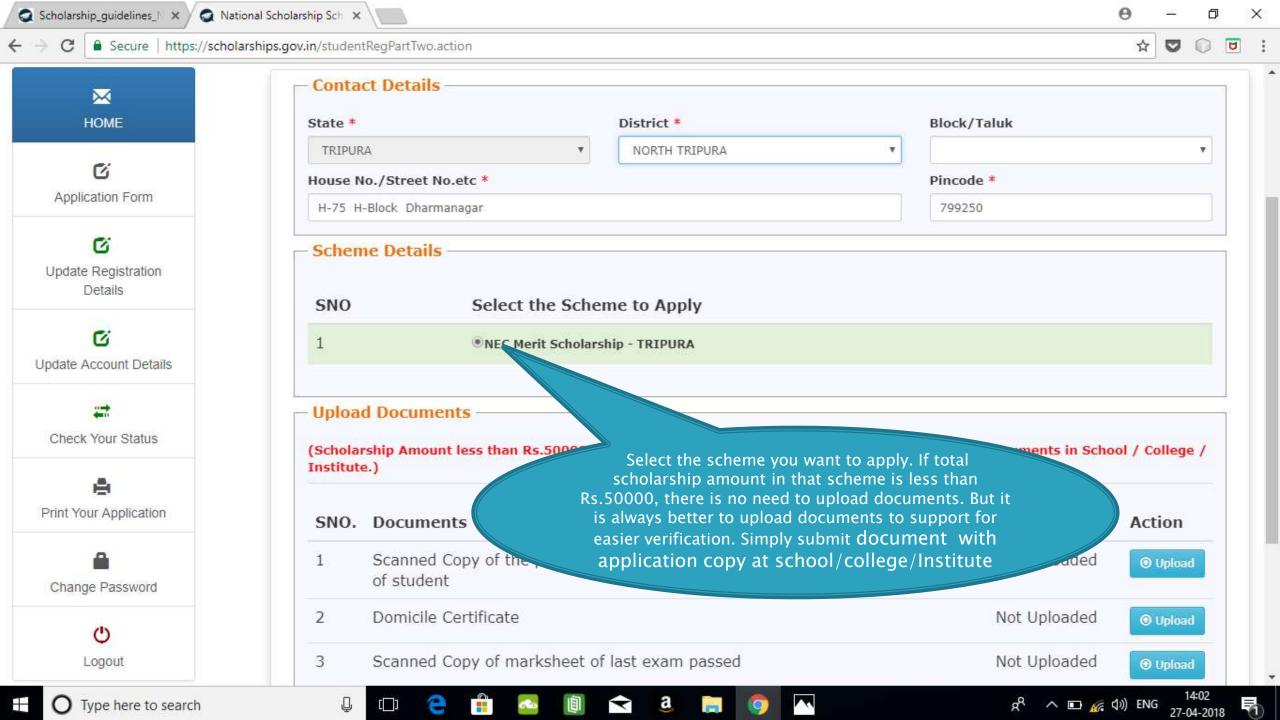


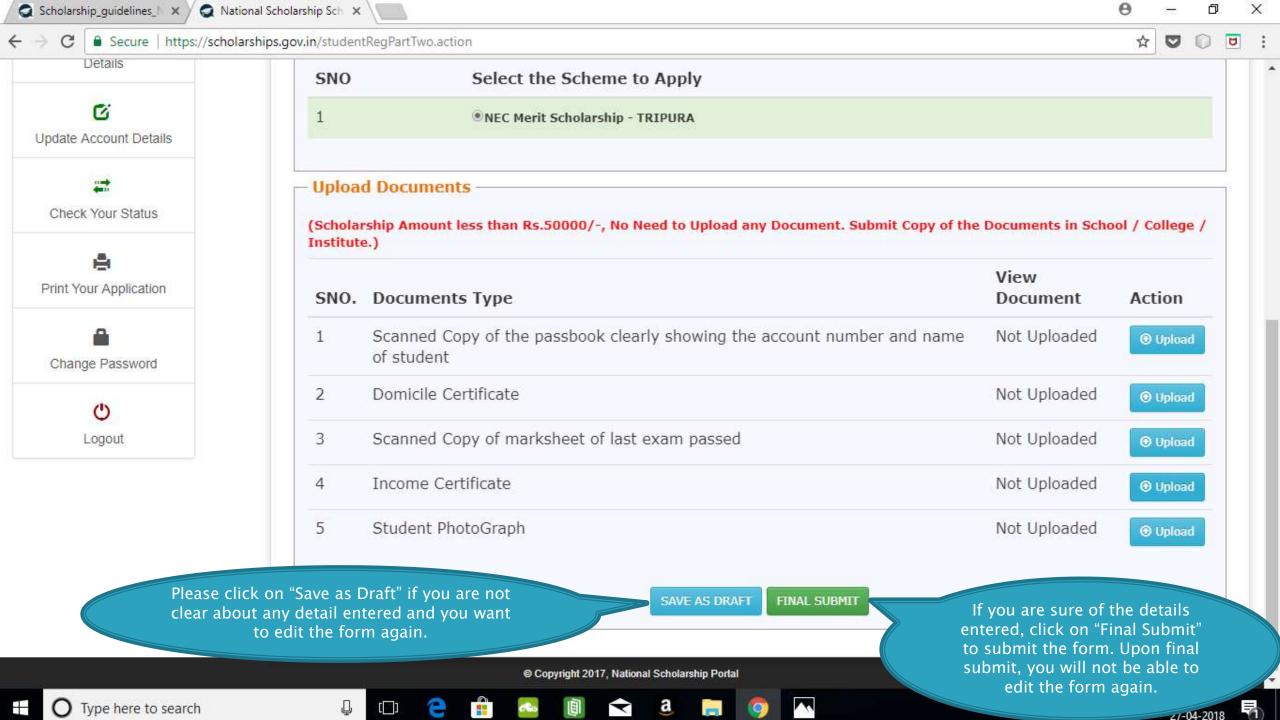




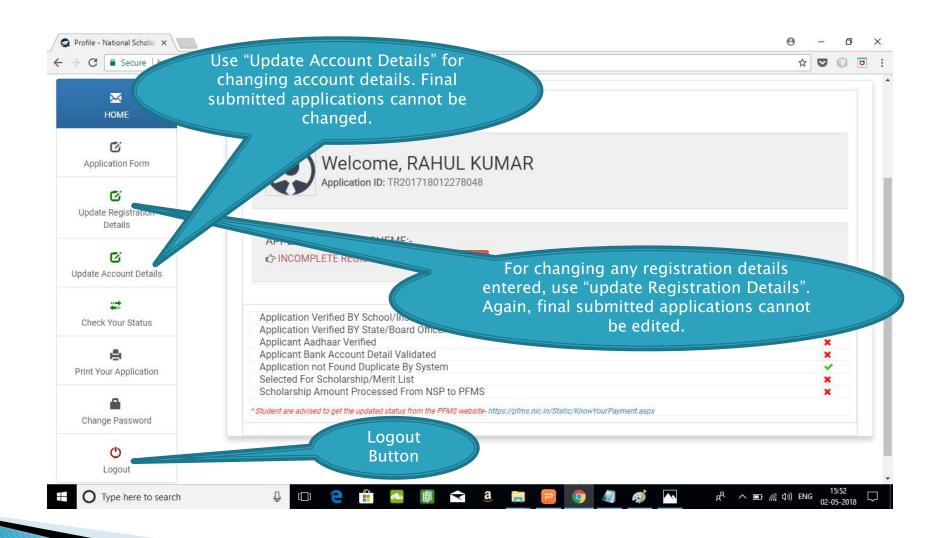




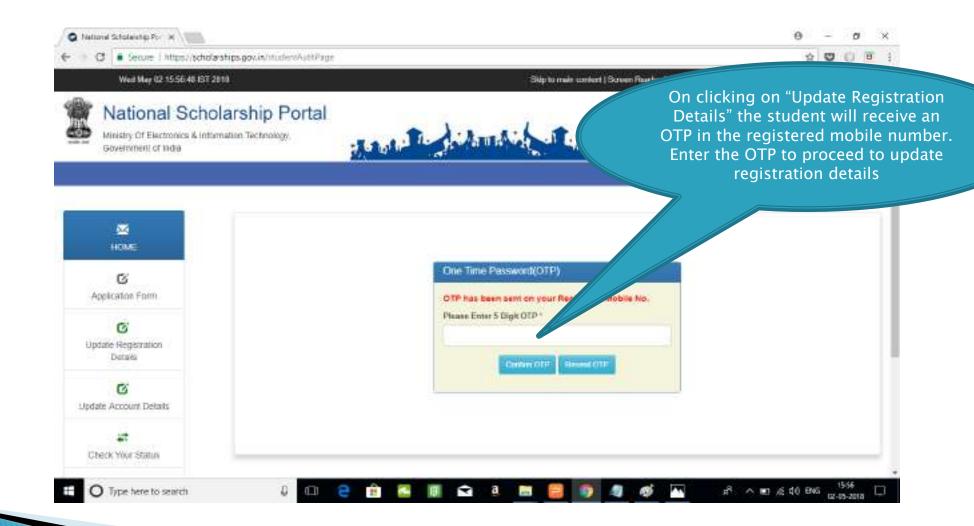




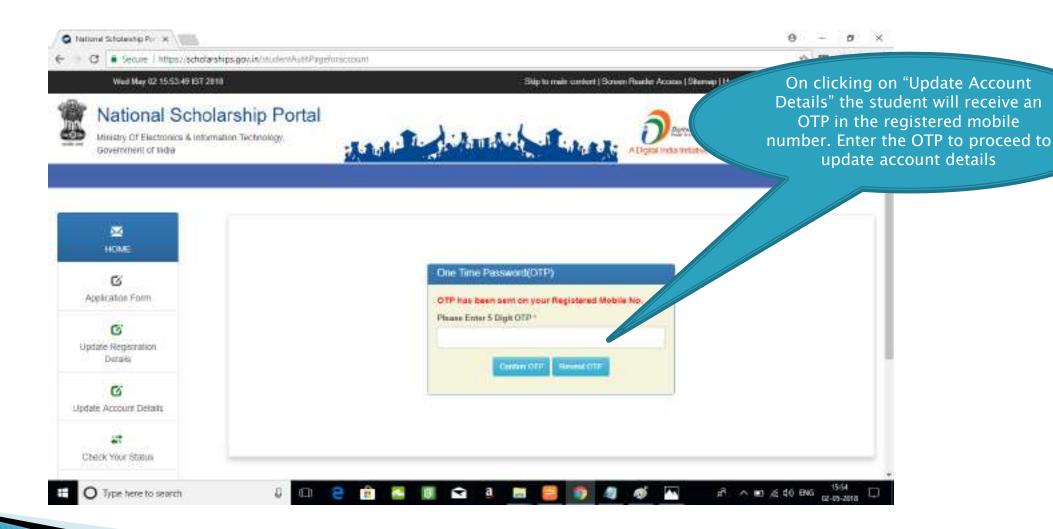
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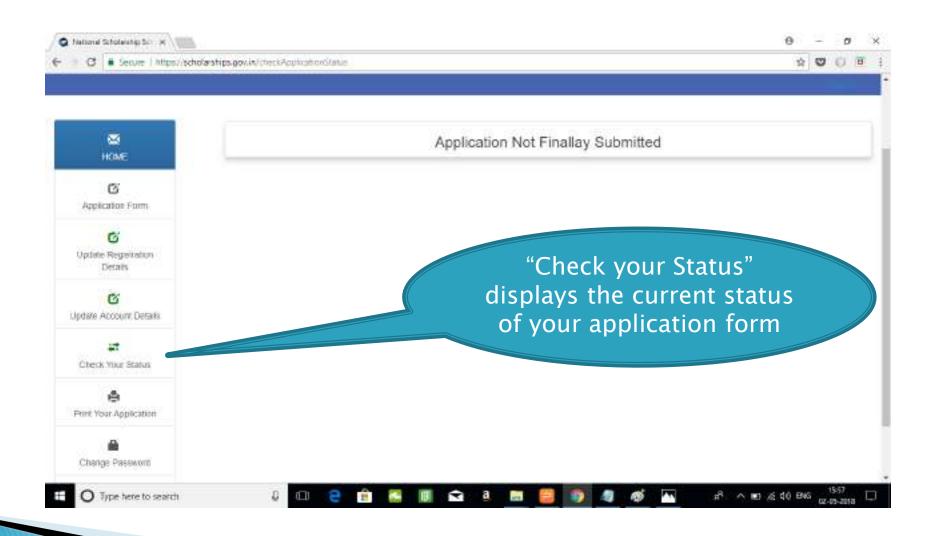
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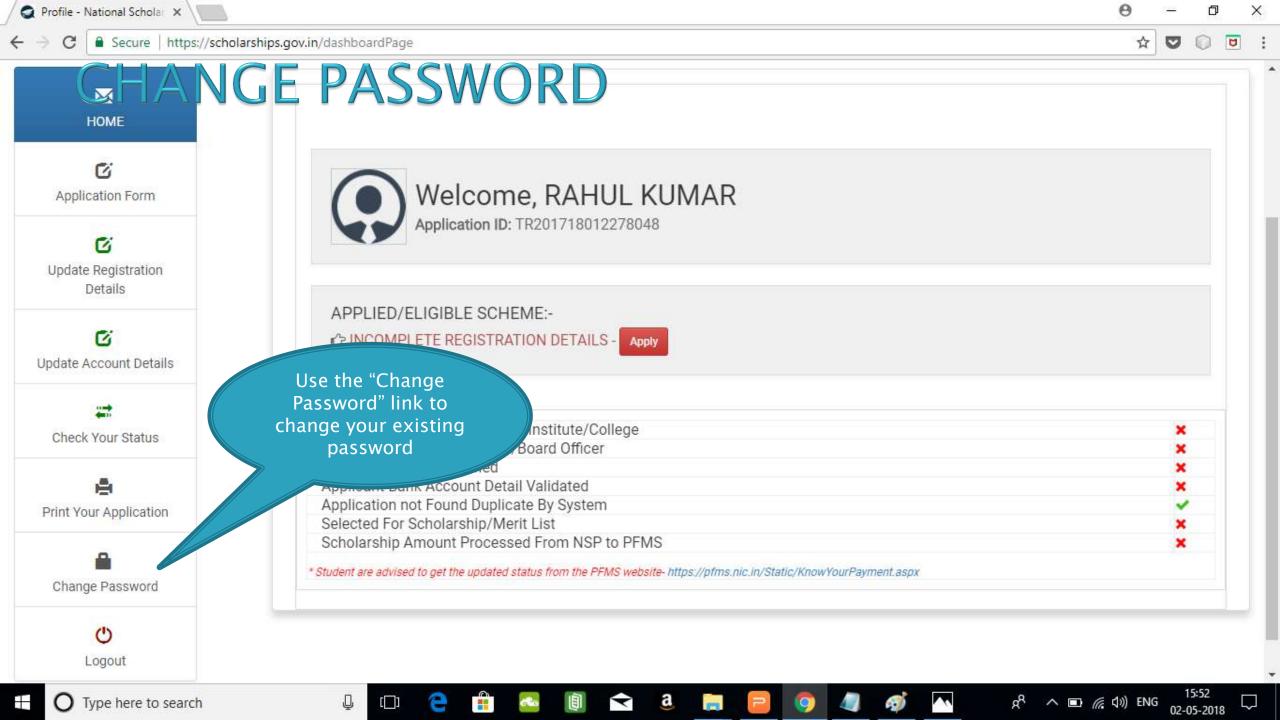


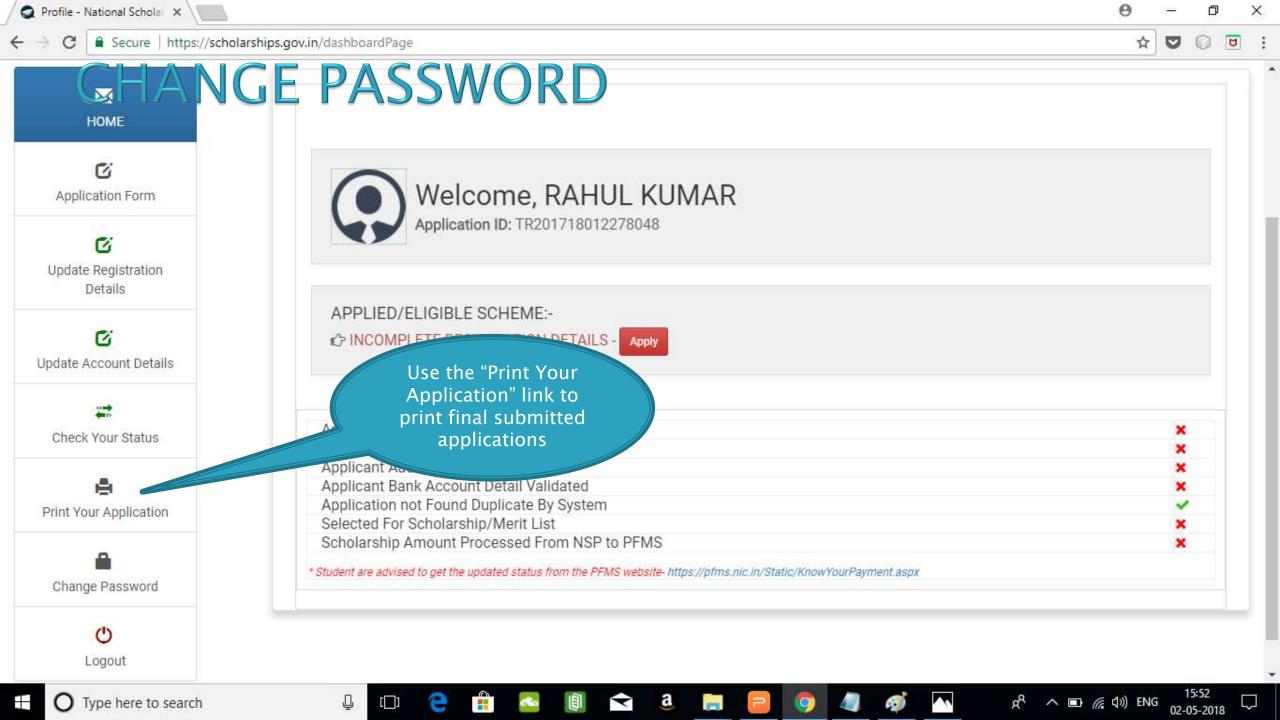
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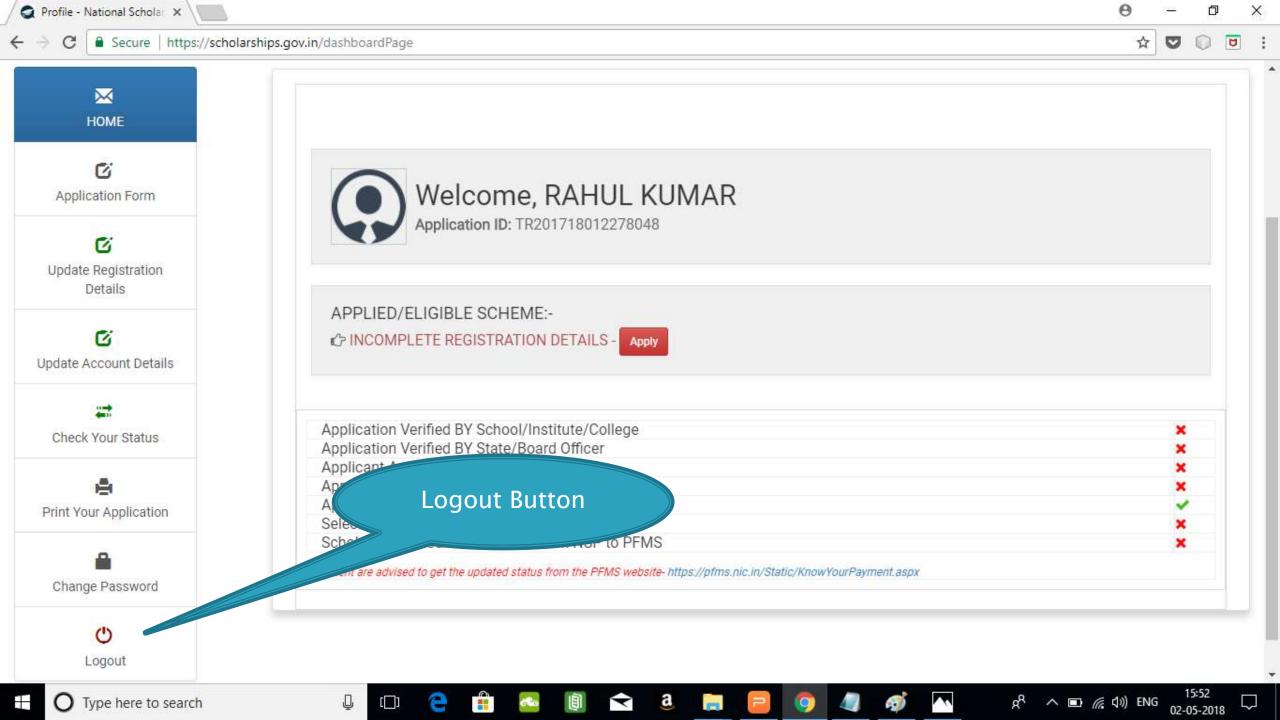


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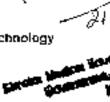
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
AISHE	All India Survey or Higher Education
DBT	Direct Benefit fransfer
FAQs	Frequent'y Askad Questions
Meir V	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
MMP	Mission Mode Project
NCVT	National Council for Vocational Training
SCVT	State Council for Vocational Training
NIC	National Informatics Centre
NSP	National Scholarship Portal
NUEPA	National University for Education Planning and Administration
OTP	One Time Password (delivered on monile)
PFMS	Public Pinancial Management System
PMU	Profest Management Linjt
SMART	Simplified, Mission-oriented, Accountable, Responsive and
	Franspurent
U-DISE	Unified District Information System for Education
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L. National Scholarship Portal Overview

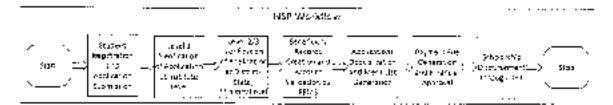
NSP is one-stop solution through which various services starting from student application, application receipt, verification, processing, and dishursal of various scholarships to students are facilitated. National Scholarship Portal is taken as Mission Mode Project (MMP) under Digital India. This initiative sims at providing a Simplified, Mission-oriented, Accountable, Responsive and Transparent SMAR^{TI} System for faster and effective dishursal of Scholarship to eligible applicants directly into their account through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) without any leakages.

2. Purpose of the Document

This document defines Roles and Responsibilities of all users of NSP, and briefly conveys the high-level processes involved while operating NSP.

3. Overall NSP Workflow

The overall workflow for NSP is as below:



The steps involved in NSP are as follows:

- Step-1: Student Registration and Application Submission.
- Step-2: Level 1 Verification of Application at Institute Level.
- Step-3: Level 2/5 Verification of Application at District State Ministry Level.
- Step-4: Beneficiary Records Creation and Account Validation by PFMS.
- Step-5: Applications Deduplication and Merit List Generation.
- Steps6: Payment File Generation and Financia, Approval.
- Step-7: Scholarship Disbursement through DRT.

Kindly refer User manual(s) for steps involved at each of the above steps.

4. Users of NSP and their Roles and Responsibilities

This section onlists the essential users of NSP, and enumerates their brief roles and responsibilities.

4.1. Users of NSP

The primary users of NSP are as under:

- a) Student Applicant
- b) Institute Nodal Officer
- a) District/State Ministry Nodal Officer
- d) Scheme owner Ministries / Departments / Other Govt, bodies
- e) Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology.
- Direct Benefit Transfer(DBT) Mission, Cabinet Secretariat.
- g) National Informatics Center (NIC)
- h) Help Desk

4.2. Roles & Responsibilities

The user-wise Roles & Responsibilities are as per the subsections below:

4.2.1. Student/ Applicant

The primary role of the Student/ Applicant is to register and submit the application at NSP. The student'applicant who is applying for the first time on NSP portal, is referred to as Fresh Students, and the students who have been granted scholarship in any of the scheme on-boarded at NSP in the immediately preceding Academic Year, are referred to as Renewal students. The student/applicant using the NSP must adhere to the following:

Registration Process for Fresh Students:

- a) Students applying for scholarship for the first time need to "Register" on the portal as fresh applicant, using the icon "New Registration" at NSP Portal URL https://exholarships.cov.in/, by providing accurate and correct information as per their documents.
- b) Before initiating registration process, students are advised to carefully go through the "Guidelittes for Registration on National Scholarship Portal" and Reep their

Educational and other documents such as Aadhaar number, Enrolment number, Bank passbook etc. in hand.

- Fields marked as 171 are mandatory.
- d) Students who have been assigned Andhaar shall mandatorily provide their Andhaar number in their application
- e) Student(s)/The Student who do not possess Aadhaar shall provide the enrolment ID (if available), and upload scanned copy Bank Passbook with Photograph, in PDF or IPEG format (Maximum size 200 KB). The student will also be required to upload constide student certificate from Institute. School in along with their application form.
- f) Upon submitting slt the details on registration page, student will get a unique application 1D and password through SMS on the provided(registered) mobile number.
- g) The student shall togin to NSP using application ID and password received. The student must change the password upon first login. This password has to be kept safely and confidentially. The student can change the mobile number only before the first login, i.e. before changing the received password.
- h) The student can apply in any of the scheme on-boarded on NSP by providing accurate and correct information as per their documents, and shall submit the documents to the Institute after Final submission of the application at NSP portal.
 - The detailed procedure for filling the application form has been provided in the User Manual for Applicants.

2. Process for Renewal Students:

- a) Renewal Students are the students who have been granted scholarship in any of the scheme on-boarded at NSP, in the immediately preceding Academia Year.
- b) Renewal Students can only apply for renewal of scholarship in the same scheme, for which they have been granted scholarship in the previous Academic Year. Student is required to update their marks obtained in previous year and submit the application on NSP Portal. The student must keep the account in which scholarship was received in previous year as active (i.e. non-normant) and functional to receive scholarship amount.
- c) In case the student wish to apply for any other scheme, he/she must login using their previous year's application ID and password, select the option for withdrawing the

renewal application, and then register as a Fresh Student in the current Academic Year, Thereafter, they shall follow the process for Fresh Application.

3. Precautions to be taken

- a) The student/applicant must ensure that the Bank Account details (A/c Number, IFSC Code) submitted is correct and keep the account active (i.e. non-dormant) and functional to receive seno arship amount (i.e. Any condition imposed on accounts by hank, like seeding of AADHAAR, any limit on receiving credit in accounts etc., which may hamper scholarship credit in account should be complied with).
- b) The student/applicant must ensure that the resolution/quality of documents optoaded is adequate so that they are clear and readable.
- c) The student/applicant must ensure that the mobile number provided in the application is correct and belongs to the student/applicant.
- d) The student applicant must select the desired scheme from list of schemes available as per the eligibility criteria of the scheme(s).
- e) The student/applicant must take timely action(s) on the SMS received from NSP.
- f) The student/applicant must follow up with Institutes for application verification before the deadlines.
- g) The student applicant must rectify the error(s) and comply with the remarks made in the application in case the application is marked as defective in NSP.
- h) The student applicant shall note that applications marked rejected r fake by the hodal of fixer during the verification / reverification process will not be considered for further processing on NSP.
- i) The student applicant must carefully select their institute, if applicant selects some other institute by misrake, he or she will have to get their application marked defected from the selected institute and then Institute can be corrected.
- The student/applicant shall note that priority for Scholarship Dishursement will be given to the Aadhaar seeded bank accounts.
- k) The student applicant shall note that NSP provides only one chance for apidating bank account details (only in case when bank accounts details are not validated by PFMS). Applicants should be cautious to exercise folsoption, failing which the application will not be considered for scholarship.

4.2.2. Institute Nodal Officer

The primary role of the Institute Nodal officer is 1° Level verification of the applications submitted by applicants at NSP. The application form for student has been simplified with minimal uploading of scanned documents by students on NSP. Hence, the role of the Institute Nodal officer becomes very critical in the emire chain of verification process. The Institute Nodal officer using NSP must adhere to the following:

1. Institute Registration Process

- a) The Institute/School/ITT shall possess a valid AISHE/DISE/NOVE/SOVE code, heliote registering on NSP.
- b) The Institute School/TTI with valid AISHE/DISE NCVT/SCVT codes can register on NSP. To know whether Institute/School/TTI is registered on NSP Fortal or not, go to https://scholarships.gov.in and click on "Search Institute/School/TTI".
- c) The Institute/School.TT, with value AISHE/DISE/NCV1/SCVT code and not registered on NSP can request the District or State Nodal Officer, of any Scholarship scheme announced on NSP, to add it on NSP.
- d) The District or State Nodal Officer will search for the Institute based on AISHE/DISE NOVT/SOVT code in case the institute is not registered, the Nodal Officer can add it by providing the requisite details. The system generated User credentials and password will be sent on the mobile number provided.
- c) Colleges Universities Institutes Schools and any other educational establishments onboarded on NSP shall be referred to as Institutes.

2. Institute Nodal Officer: Registration process

- a) From Academic Year 2019-20 onwards, Institute logging in the first time will have to mandatorily fill the Institute Nodal Officer Registration Form.
- b) The Institute Nodal officer will login on NSP using the user credentials, and complete Institute Nodal Officer Registration from by entering his/her details and oploading the identity document. The Institute Nodal officer after locking the form using the OTP received, will take the print, paste his/her photograph on the Form, get it attested by the Institute Head (Signature and Institute scalistamp), will submit the physical form to the respective District/ State Ministry Nodal officer of any scheme onboarded on NSP.

- c) The District State: Ministry Nodal Officer will verify the physical form and the details entered in system, and approve reject the Institute Nodal Officer Registration Form details on NSP using the option "Verify Institute Registration Form" under the Administration section in his login. The User credentials and new password will be sent to the registered mobile number of the Institute Nodal officer. The original physical copy of the form should be kept with District' State/ Ministry Nodal Officer and a duplicate copy is to be shared with (natitute Nodal officer, who shall keep the same in Institute's records.
- d) The institute Nodal officer can login using the new User predentials, password and OTP received on his her mobile number. The concerned officer can reset the password by clicking the "Forgot Password" on institute Login page on NSP.
- s) For the cases of registration, where previous institute Nodal has been transferred and has not provided the login credentials to the new institute Nodal Officer, the new institute Nodal Officer shall formally request District' State/ Ministry Nodal Officer to change the mobile number and send the login credentials to the new mobile number. The new Nodal Officer is responsible for updating the profile with his/her credentials.
- f) In case the new Institute Nodal Officer has access to the previous Nodal Officer, the registered mobile number can be changed by existing Nodal Officer. The system asks for the OTP on previous mobile number and the new mobile number to be registered. The existing Nodal Officer is also primarily responsible for applating the profile with oredentials of the new Nodal Officer.

3. Institute Nodal Officer: Profile updation

- a) The institute Nodal Officer shall submit the Institute details in the profile, and select the Course Levels offered by the Institute.
- b) The Institute Noda! Officer shall ensure that the profile details of the Institute are updated from time to time.
- The Institute Nodal Officer shall submit the correct bank account data is of the lestitute.
- a) The Institute Nota, Officer shall update the offered courses and course fee charged for each course Level.
- e) The Institute Nodal Officer shall regularly change the password.
- t) The Institute Nodal Officer shall ensure that the profile is updated profile with the details of the New Nodal officer before updating the mobile number and email ID, in case of change of Nodal officer.

4. 1" Level Verification Process & Steps

- a) The Institute Nodal officer must verify the correctness of details in the application form and uploaded documents submitted by the student applicant, and maintain physical copies of supporting documents submitted by the student applicant. The District State Ministry Nodal Officer can ask for copies of these documents from the Institute Nodal Officers, as and when required.
- b) The Institute Nodal efficer has the option to either Verify the application, Reject the application or Defect the application. In case she're chooses to Reject or Defect the application, the teasons for rejection or defect must be provided, so that the same can be displayed to the student applicant.
- e) The Application defected by the Institute will be returned to student/applicant for correcting the same, and once submitted by the student/applicant, the application will be shown under Reverification section of NSP application.
- d) The Institute Nodal Officer shall ensure that appropriate due diligence is done before verification of applications in accordance with the Schome guidelines, and internal procedure as prescribed by Institute authorities? Government are followed.
- e) The institute Nodal Officer shall ensure that the applications are sometimized well-intime by the Institute, thus avoiding the last-minute rush to verify the applications.
- f) The institute Nodal Officer shall ensure that there are no pending applications, as on last date of L1 verification for that particular scheme, and all applications submitted by students/applicants to the Institute are sorutinized (verified-rejected defected along with appropriate teason, as the case may be).
- g) The fastitute Nodal Officer can mark any application as Take at any stage before the payment is made, using the option "Mark as Fake" under the Verification section in his/her profile, in case a fraud is suspected in the application.

4.2.3. District/ State/ Ministry Nodal Officer

The primary role of District/ State, Ministry Noda, officer is 2nd3nd Level verification (as per she scheme guidelines) of the applications submitted at NSP and verified by Institutes. The District' State/ Ministry Nodal officer using NSP must comply with the following-

1. District: State level Nodal Officer User Creation Process

a) The login credentials for State Nodal Officers are created when the Ministry Nodal
officers create the user for State. The Ministry Nodal officer enters the following details:

- to oreate the State user State Name, State Nodal Officer Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email 1D and Address of the State Nodal Officer. Once these details are entered in the system, a unique User name is generated by the system, and username and password is sent to the mobile not of State Nodal Officer as registered by the Ministry Nodal officer.
- b) The login credentials for District Nodal Officers are created when the State Nodal officers create the user for District. The State Nodal officer enters the following details to create the District user. District Name, District Nodal Officer Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email ID and Address of the District Nodal Officer, Once these details are entered in the system, a unique User name is generated by the system, and username and password is sent to the mobile no. of District Nodal Officer as registered by the State Nodal officer.
- b) In case of change in District Nodal officer, should shall approach the State Nodal Officer with a request to reser the password and change mobile number.
- d) Similarly, in case of State Nodal Officer, she/he shall approach Ministry level Nodal officer with a request to reset the password and change mobile number.

2. District/ State/ Ministry Nodal Officer: Adding / Verification of Institute(s).

- a) The District' State' Ministry Nodal Officer reset the password of a registered institute using the option "Reset Institute Login Password" under the Administration section in his/her profile. He She shall search for the Institute using Institute Name or AISHT/DIST/NCVT/SCVT. Code. He She can select the Institute from the list displayed in search results, and click on reset the password. He/She also has the facility to change the mobile number of Institute Nodal Officer through this option, so that the OTP is received on the mobile number of current officer.
- b) The District' State. Ministry Nodal Officer can add new Institute using the option "Add Institute/School" under the Administration section in his/not profile. (Je.She shall search for the Institute using Institute Name or AfSHE/DISE NOVE/SOVE Code. If the Institute is already registered, the District' State/ Ministry Nodal Officer con reset (he password. If Institute is not registered, he/she can register the Institute and greate User credentials of the Institute by providing details such as Institute Nodal Officer Name and Mobile number. The User credentials will be generated by the system, and will be sent as an SMS to the provided mobile number. The Institute Nodal Officer can then proceed for the Institute Nodal Officer registration as per the process.

c) The District State! Ministry Nodal Officer shall ensure that the Institute Nodal Officer registration is approved on the NSP portal after physically verifying the certified Institute Registration form submitted by the Institute Nodal Officer, along with photograph and identity proof.

3. 2nd Level Verification Process & Steps

- a) The District State Ministry Nodal Officer shall verify the correctness of details in the application form and uploaded documents submitted by the student/applicant as perguidelines of the related scheme.
- b) The District: State / Ministry Level Nodal officer can either Verify the application. Defect the Application, Reject the applications or Mark the application as Fake, in case should chooses to Defect the Application. Reject the application or Mark the application as Take, the reasons must be provided, so that the same can be displayed to the student/applicant.
- c) The District / State / Ministry Level Nodal officer shall monitor overall pendency of the applications for the scheme at Institute Level.
- d) The District / State / Ministry Level Nodal officer shall ensure that the applications are scretinized well-in-time by the Institute, thus avoiding the last-minute rush to verify the applications.

4. 3rd Level Verification Process & Steps

a) For the schemes that require third level of verification, the State: Ministry Nodal Officer shall follow the same process as followed for 2rd Level Verification.

4.2.4. Scheme owner Ministries / Departments / Other Govt, bodies

The primary role of the Scheme Owner Ministries: Departments/Other Govt, bodies is to obboard the scheme at NSP, and monitor the overall progress of the scheme. This includes all three types of schemes, i.e. Central Schemes. Centrally Sponsored Schemes and State Schemes. The Scheme Owner Ministries: Departments/ Other Govt, bodies must:

- a) The Scheme Owner Ministries? Departments, Other Govt, hodies shall provide confirmation for adherence to the NSP guidelines.
- b) The Scheme Owner Ministries Departments/ Other Govt, bodies shall provide Scheme guidelines, Configuration details, FAQs to NIC.

- c) The Scheme Owner Ministries' Departments' Other Govt, bodies shall provide PFMS configuration details (agency ID, Agency name, PFMS scheme code, DBT mission code, beneficiary type, payment purpose code) as the time of enboarding schemes only.
- d) The Scheme Owner Ministries. Departments/ Other Govi, bodies shall ensure that the given PFMS details are properly configured at PFMS Portal.
- e) The Scheme Owner Ministries, Departments, Other Gost, bodies shall act as Data fighterary for all data at NSP, for their scheme(s).
- f) The Scheme Owner Ministries. Departments/ Other Govt, bodies shall verify the correctness of Scheme configuration on NSP, including but not limited to the eligibility criteria, important dates etc.
- g) The Scheme Owner Ministries' Departments' Other Govt, bodies shall monitor overall progress of the scheme, including 11 and 1.20.5 verification progress.
- b) The Scheme Owner Ministries' Departments/ Other Govt, bodies shall issue timely instructions to District/State/Ministry Nodal Officers.
- The Scheme Owner Ministries/ Departments: Other Govt, bodies shall provide trainings to State/District Nodal officers from time to time.
- (j) The Selteme Owner Ministries/ Departments Other Govt, bodies shall provide name of Central / State Nodal Officers along with cantact details to be displayed on the portal, and validate the same from time to time.
- k) The Seneme Owner Ministries. Departments Other Govt, bodies shall provide data and reports concerning the scheme to Govt, organizations, as may be required, using different pre-defined standard reports/ query generated by NSP.
- The Scheme Owner Ministries: Departments: Other Govt, bodies shall abide by IT Act, Addhaar Act and all other Government rules and regulations, from time to time.
- m) The Scheme Owner Ministries' Departments' Other Govt, bedies shall operate NSP partal for all activities.
- n) the Scheme Owner Ministries' Departments: Other Govt, bodies shall answer the queries of any law enforcement agency (RTI related to Scheme(s), Applications received at NSP, Timelines of the scheme(s), workflow, operations, servers, the content data and transaction data, etc.



4.2.5. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MoRY) is the overall owner of National Scholarship Portal (NSP), and shall oversee the end-to-end processes of NSP Designated officers from MeirY shall:

- a) Provide administrative approvals for NSP to NIC.
- b) Provide inputs for value addition in NSP.
- Monitor and review the NSP.

4.2.6. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mission, Cabinet Secretariat

The Direct Benefit Transfer(DBT) Mission. Cabiner Secretariat, Government of India plays pivotal role in administration of National Scholarship portal, and is primarily responsible for overall coordination with all the Scheme Owner Ministries Departments' Other Govt, hodies, streamline the processes, and provide guidance to MeitY and NIC from time to time. Designated officers from DBT in ssion shall:

- a) Provide approval for the Important dates and deadlines for all Schemes on-boarded on NSP.
- b) Review the Standard Operating Procedures / Guidelines / User Manuals and other key documents, which are to be circulated to NSP users.
- a) Provide guidance and condinate for integration and data sharing with key bodies such as AISHE, DISE, NOVT, PEMS, UIDAI, etc.
- d) Provide time-to-time guidance and suggestions for improvisations in NSP.
- e) Review the forms report/workflows etc. for NSP.

4.2.7. National Informatics Center (NIC)

National Information Center (NIC) is the technical agency for developing and maintaining the NSP, as per the guidance provide by Scheme Owner Ministries Departments Other Govt. bodies, DBT Mission and MeitY, NIC shall:

- a) Develop and Maintain NSP infrastructure, including software and hardware components.
- Receive the requests for anboarding of schemes at NSP.

- Share the NSP guidelines with the Scheme Owner Ministries, Departments/ Other Govt, bodies
- d) Configure the Scheme as per details provided by the Scheme Owner Ministries.' Departments' Other Govt. hodges.
- Make changes in NSP application as per the recommendations of Scheme Owner Ministries Departments Other Govt. hodies, DBT Mission and MexY.
- f) Draft important documents such as Standard Operating Procedures, Guidelines, User Manuals etc. in English language, and regularly update the same.
- g). Undertake security audit of NSP from time to time.
- b). Manage the integrations and data exchange with external applications.
- Manage helpdesk for operations at NSP.

4.2.8. Help Desk

Help Dosk for NSP is maintained by NIC, with support from external call center agency. The primary rule of the helpdesk is to provide (fest level assistance to the users of NSP. The helpdesk shall:

- Assist the studeot(s)/applicant(s) for filling the registration and application forms, and provide technical support.
- b) Escalate the critical issues to NSP team, as and when required.
- Maintain a list of User category-wise FAQs for several users of the portal.
- Keep the operators of call center agency updated about the processes at NSP.

General Terms and Conditions in respect of stakeholders:

- The source code technical artifacts, utilities of the application software developed by NIC will be the property of NIC. NIC can reuse the common and standard code; artifacts' utilities used in the software applications in other Govt. Projects wherever these are needed.
- All parties undertake to act in good faith in respect of with respect to each other's rights
 under this understanding and to adopt all reasonable measures to ensure the realization
 of the objectives of this project as per the roles and responsibilities.

- Government may take action against any (Regal or unauthorized activity on the NSP porta).
- 4. NIC will not be directly answering any RTI related queries/ clarifications, law enforcement agency/ court cases and cannot be asked by respective Scheme Owner Ministries/ Departments or Other Govt, bodies whose Scholarship Schemes are operational to be present before the Information Commission: Courts either at State-National levels or any other such body.
- The nutcorno of validation(s) done by external agencies like PTMS, (a)DAI will be meated as final. Any prievance related with such outcome should be dealt with by godal verifying agency.
- NIC shall be enrifted for full disclaimer and intimunity from all aspects of data and its safety along with its handling by any functionary of the respective Scheme Owner Ministries/ Departments or Other Govt, bodies.

No.20014/5/2002-Education. Government of India Ministry of Tribal Affairs Education Division

> Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi Dated: 23rd May, 2013

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretaries, Tribal Development Department, All States/UTs (Except Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi and Pondicherry)

Upward revision of the annual parental income ceiling under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship Subject: for Scheduled Tribe students w.e.f. academic session 2013-14.

Sir.

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter No.20014/33/2012-Education dated 9.4.2013 seeking proposal from your Department for Central Assistance under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students for the financial year 2013-14. In this context, I am directed to refer to the above mentioned subject and to say that as per the above scheme, the income ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with the consumer price index for industrial workers for the month of October of the year, preceding the year of revision and will be made effective from April.

- Accordingly, it has been decided, with the approval of the Competent Authority, to increase the annual parental income ceiling under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students from Rs.2.00 lakh to Rs.2.50 lakh per annum w.e.f the academic session 2013-14 (to be effective from 1.4.2013).
- You are requested to send your proposals for Central Assistance keeping in view the above income ceiling. The proposals, complete in all respects in the proforma prescribed under the scheme and already sent to you vide the D.O. letter mentioned in Para 1 above may please be sent along with the following documents:-
 - The utilization certificate of the previous year's released grants.
 - Details of the Committed Liability on the State Government/UT Administrations (a proforma attached for ready reference).
 - Physical progress achieved during the last financial year.
 - Details of preparedness of the States to roll out DBT across the country.

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I am also directed to invite your attention to the deliberations that took place during the course of consultation with State's Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries/Commissioner-in-Charge/Directors of Tribal Development/Welfare Departments held in New Delhi on May 16-17, 2013 in which compliance of the following key tasks in connection with DBT roll out was discussed:-

Digitization of data base

States/UTs must digitize the beneficiary database and covert data in excel sheets to standardized formats developed by the NIC (details available on http://dbtapp.gov.in). The digitization of databases should begin in all districts irrespective of the rollout of DBT and States are to report in the meeting complete action on digitization.

Obtaining of Digital Signature Certificates of designated officers at District and State level

Obtaining of Digital Signature Certificates (D.S.C.s) for designated offices at district and State level is necessary for verification and authorization of beneficiary list and a necessary condition for the excel sheet to be an authorized data base on which payment decisions will rest. States/UTs were required to urgently designate officials at District and State levels and the designated officials were to apply for Digital Signature Certificate to respective NIC State Unit and contact local NIC officials for training in http://dbtapp.gov.in. Compliance of these instructions was to be completed by 30th April, 2013. States may be updated in the meeting.

Opening of bank accounts of the beneficiaries

States/UTs may ensure that all ST beneficiaries of the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for STs have bank accounts. They may urgently pursue with lead banks for speedy opening of bank accounts in respect of beneficiaries which do not yet have accounts in banks with Core Banking System so as to enable payment of scholarship amount into the bank a/c of the beneficiaries.

Enrolment of beneficiaries for generation of Aadhaar numbers and seeding of bank accounts with Aadhaar numbers.

The States may in cooperation with UIDAI organize special Aadhaar Enrolment Camps in war-footing for the ST beneficiaries in each district at appropriate location(s) to ensure that all have Aadhaar numbers at the earliest. The existing status may be reported in the meeting. After Aadhaar enrolment of beneficiaries, the States are required to pursue with the lead banks for expediting the Aadhaar seeding of their bank accounts so that payment of scholarships into bank accounts of the beneficiaries can be made through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge (APB). Cont'd....p.3/_

Re-engineering of Fund Flow

The DBT system seeks to ensure that the follow of funds to the beneficiaries under the various schemes is made more efficient by removing such redundant layers which do not contribute value to decision making. There are redundant layers of procedure and sometimes only aggregate data leading to delay and inefficiency. Process re-engineering of the scheme and its architecture is therefore necessary at State level as well as at levels below. This must be in both decision making as well as funds flow. In order to ensure that the State share of the scholarship amount is paid into the bank account of the beneficiary speedily by passing through the minimum number of layers possible, the manner of deciding which levels in government will be part of selection/ authorization process and which levels participate in the fund flow route of the Post Matric Scholarships for STs in each State is to be urgently re-engineered and the Ministry informed of the completion of the exercise.

> Training

NIC to coordinate training of state/ district level functionaries. State and district teams of trainers to get ready through training by NIC in the next two weeks. Progress on arranging this tie up be reported.

Monitoring Rollout and reporting of progress in I & II Phase.

A robust monitoring system for monitoring the rollout should be put in place by the State/UTs and intimated to this Ministry. The States may formulate an Action Plan with timelines for completing the above mentioned preparatory work so as to ensure successful rollout of DBT in the Phase II districts w.e.f. 17.3.2013. Weekly progress report in prescribed format must be provided to the nodal officer DBT in the Ministry by every Thursday.

It is requested that your compliance report in respect of the above mentioned key issues may also please be sent immediately to Ms. Shyla Titus, Deputy Secretary (DBT) in this Ministry under intimation to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

(Roopak Chaudhuri)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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Proforma

Proforma of the Committed Liability of the State Governments/UT Administrations for every year of the 12* Five Year Plan period under the Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students

The Committed Liability of the State Governments/UT Administrations for every year of the 12th Five Year Plan is calculated as the total actual expenditure (State Share + Central Share) incurred for the year 2011-12 minus additional actual expenditure for the years 2010-11 & 2011-12 paid in during 2011-12, if any, on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01-07-2010.

The details may please be furnished as follows:-

[Rs. in lakh]

Total Expenditure incurred (State Share + Central Share) during 2011-12	Rs.
Minus: Additional actual expenditure for the years 2010-11 paid in during 2011-12, if any, on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01-07-2010	Rs.
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Thus, Committed Liability of the State Government for every year of the 12th Five Year Plan	Rs.

SCHEME OF POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE STUDENTS BELONGING TO SCHEDULED TRIBES FOR STUDIES IN INDIA

REGULATION GOVERNING THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP (APPLICABLE FROM 01.07.2010)



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS NEW DELHI.

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REGULATION GOVERNING THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP (APPLICABLE FROM 01-07-2010)

1.

OBJECT

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the Scheduled Tribe students studying at post matriculation or post-secondary stage to enable them to complete their education.

II.

SCOPE

These scholarships are available for studies in India only and are awarded by the Government of the State/Union Territory Administration to which the applicant actually belongs i.e. where permanently settled.

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CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- The scholarships are open to nationals of India.
- (ii) These scholarships will be given for the study of all recognised postmatriculation for post-secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions with the following exceptions :

"Scholarships are not awarded for training courses like Aircraft Maintenance Engineer's Courses and Private Pilot Licence courses, courses at Training – Ship Dufferin (Now Rajendra), courses of training at the Military College, Dehradun and courses at pre-examination training centres of all India and State levels."

(iii) Only those candidates who belong to Scheduled Tribes so specified in relation to the State/Union Territory to which the applicant actually belongs (i.e. permanently settled) and who have passed the Matriculation or Higher Secondary or any higher examination of a recognized University or Board of Secondary Education, will be eligible.

- (iv) Candidates who after passing one stage of education are studying in the same stage of education in a different subject e.g. I.Sc after I.A. or B.Com after B.A. or M.A. in other subject will not be eligible.
- (v) Students who, after having completed their educational career in one professional line, wish to study for another profession e.g. LLB after B.T./B.Ed. will not be eligible. From the academic year 1980-81, however, studies in two professional courses are allowed.
- (vi) Students studying in Class XI of Higher Secondary Schools which have a continues school course of 12th class will not be eligible. However, in cases where the X class examination of such courses is treated as equivalent to Matriculation and students after passing tenth class can join other courses, such students will be treated as post-matric students and will be eligible for the award of scholarships.
- (vii) Students pursuing post-graduate courses in medicine will be eligible if they are not allowed to practice during the period of their course.
- (viii) Students who after failing or passing the under graduate/post-graduate examinations in Arts/Science/Commerce join any recognised professional or technical certificate/diploma/degree courses will be awarded scholarships if otherwise eligible. No subsequent failure will be condoned except courses in Group 'I', and no further change in the course will be allowed.
- (ix) Students who pursue their studies through correspondence courses are also eligible. The term correspondence includes distant and continuing education.
- (x) Employed students who take leave without pay for the entire duration of the course and study as full time students will be eligible for scholarships.

From the academic year 1980-81, employed students whose income combined with the income of their parents/guardians does not exceed the maximum prescribed income ceiling are made eligible to post-matric scholarships to the extent of reimbursement of all compulsorily payable non-refundable fees.

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- (xi) All children of the same parents/guardians will be entitled to receive benefits of the scheme.
- (xii) A scholarship holder under this scheme will not hold any other scholarship/stipend. If awarded any other scholarship/stipend, the student can exercise his/her option for either of the two scholarships/stipends, whichever is more beneficial to him/her and should inform the awarding authority through the Head of the Institution about the option made. No scholarship will be paid to the students under this scheme from the date he/she accepts another scholarship/stipend. The student can however, accept free lodging or a grant or adhoc monetary help from the State Government or any other source for the purchase of books, equipment or for meeting the expenses on board and lodging in addition to the scholarship amount paid under this scheme.
- (xiii) Students who have already received coaching in any of the pre-examination training centres with financial assistance from the Government will not be eligible.

NOTE 1: Since it is clearly mentioned under the item III (condition of eligibility) of these regulations that the scholarship will be given for the study of all recognised post-matriculation or post-secondary courses pursued in recognised institutions, the list of courses grouped (*I to IV*) is, thus, only illustrative and not exhaustive. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are, thus, themselves competent to decide the appropriate grouping of courses at their level as advised vide Ministry of SJ & E's letter No.11017/13/88-Sch.Cell, dated 3.8.1989.

IV. MEANS TEST

Scholarships will be paid to the students whose parents/guardians' income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rs. two lakh only) per annum.

NOTE 1: So long as either of the parents (or husband in the case of married unemployed girl student) is alive, only income of the parents/husband, as the case may be, from all sources has to be taken into account and of no other member even

though they may be earning. In the form of income declaration, income is to be declared on this basis. Only in the case where both the parents (or husband in the case of married but unemployed girl student) have died, the income of the guardian who is supporting the student in his/her studies has to be taken. Such students whose parents' income is affected due to unfortunate death of one of earning parents and resultantly comes within the income ceiling prescribed under the scheme, shall become eligible for scholarship, subject to their fulfilling other conditions of eligibility, from the month in which such sad incidence takes place. Applications for scholarships from such students can be considered even after lapse of last date of receipt of applications, on compassionate grounds.

NOTE 2: House rent allowance received by the parents of a student shall be exempted from the computation of 'income' if the same has been permitted to be exempted for purpose of Income-tax.

NOTE 3: Income certificate is required to be taken once only i.e. at the time of admission to courses which are continuing for more than one year.

NOTE 4: The revised income ceilings account for Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers upto October, 2009. Income Ceiling would be revised once in every two years linking it with Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers for the month of October of the year, preceding the year of revision and will be made effective from April.

V. <u>VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIP</u>

The value of scholarship includes maintenance allowance, provision for students with disabilities, reimbursement of compulsory non-refundable fees, Study Tour Charges, thesis typing/printing charges and book allowance for students pursuing correspondence courses, for complete duration of the course.

The details are given below:-

(i) Maintenance Allowance:

Group	Courses	Rate of Maintenance Allowance (in Rupees per month)	
		Hostellers	Day Scholars
Group I	 (i) Degree and Post Graduate level courses including M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral research in Medicine (Allopathic, Indian and other recognized systems of medicines), Engineering, Technology, Planning, Architecture, Design, Fashion Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary & Allied Sciences, Management, Business Finance /Administration, Computer Science/ Applications. (ii) Commercial Pilot License (including helicopter pilot and multiengine rating) course. (iii) Post Graduate Diploma courses in various branches of management & medicine. (iv) C.A./I.C.W.A./C.S./I.C.F.A. etc. (v) M. Phil., Ph.D. and Post Doctoral Programmes (D. Litt., D.Sc. etc.):— a) In existing Group II courses b) In existing Group III courses 	1200	550

Group II	leading to Degree, Diploma, Certificate in areas like Pharmacy (B Pharma), Nursing (B Nursing), LLB, BFS, other para-medical branches like rehabilitation, diagnostics etc., Mass Communication, Hotel Management & Catering, Travel/Tourism/Hospitality Management, Interior Decoration, Nutrition & Dietetics, Commercial Art, Financial Services (e.g. Banking, Insurance, Taxation etc.) for which entrance qualification is minimum Sr.	820	530
	Secondary (10+2). (ii) Post Graduate courses not covered under Group-I e.g. M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./ M. Ed./M. Pharma etc.		
Group III	All other courses leading to a graduate degree not covered under Group I & II e.g. BA/B Sc/B Com etc.	570	300
Group IV	All post-matriculation level non-degree courses for which entrance qualification is High School (Class X), e.g. senior secondary certificate (class XI and XII); both general and vocational stream, ITI courses, 3 year diploma courses in Polytechnics, etc.	380	230

NOTE 1: Commercial Pilot License Course (CPL): CPL course is covered under Group 'I'. The number of awards for CPL will be 10 per annum. The selection of 10 ST students for CPL course will be made through Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Applications for CPL course will be invited through advertisement. Interested ST students may apply for selection for grant of scholarship for pursuing

CPL course. Selected candidates shall be provided a maintenance allowance at rates applicable to Group 'l' courses i.e. Rs.1200/- per month for hostelers and Rs.550/- per month for day scholars. In addition all compulsory fees, including flight charges are to be provided as fee.

NOTE 2: M.Phil and Ph.D courses are post-graduation courses. Scholarship to such students may be paid at the rates of maintenance allowance for Group "I" or "II" depending on the course under these groups.

NOTE 3: Normally the term 'Hostel' is applicable to a common residential building and a common mess for the students run under the supervision of the educational institution authorities. In case the college authorities are unable to provide accommodation in the college Hostel, an approved place of residence can also be treated as Hostel for the purpose of this scheme. The place will be approved by the Head of the Institution after due inspection and keeping in view the rules and regulations laid down by the University, if any. In such case, a certificate to the effect that the student is residing in an approved place of residence as he is unable to get accommodation in the college hostel should be furnished by the Head of Institution.

It is further clarified that such deemed hostels should consist of such accommodation as is hired at least by a group of 5 (five) students living together, usually with common mess arrangements.

NOTE 4. Scholars who are entitled to free board and/or lodging will be paid maintenance charge at 1/3rd of the rate for Hostellers

(ii) Additional Provision for ST students with disabilities

(A) Reader Allowance for blind Scholars

Level of Course	Reader Allowance (Rs. Per month)
Group I, II	240
Group III	200
Group IV	160

(B) Provision of transport allowance upto Rs.160/- per month for disabled students, if such student does not reside in the hostel, which is within the premises of educational institution. The disability as per the Persons with Disabilities (Equal

Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act,1995 is defined as blindness, low-vision, leprosy-cured, hearing impairment, locomotor disability, mental retardation and mental illness.

- (C) Escort Allowance of Rs.160/- per month for severally handicapped day scholar students with low extremity disability.
- (D) Special Pay of Rs.160/- per month is admissible to any employee of the hostel willing to extend help to a severely orthopaedically handicapped student residing in hostel of an educational institution, who may need the assistance of a helper.
- (E) Allowance of Rs. 240/- per month towards extra coaching to mentally retarded and mentally ill students.

The provisions in (B) to (D) will also apply to leprosy -cured students.

Note 1: The disabled students belonging to Scheduled Tribes covered under the Scheme can also get such additional benefits from other Schemes, which are not covered under the scheme.

Note 2: The disability as defined under the said Act has to be certified by competent medical authority of the State Govt./UT Administration.

(iii) Fees

Scholars will be paid enrolment/registration, tuition, games, Union, Library, Magazine, Medical Examination and such other fees compulsorily payable by the scholar to the institution or University/Board. Refundable deposit like caution money, security deposit will, however, be excluded.

NOTE: Compulsory non-refundable fee charged by recognized institutions against free and paid seats of recognized courses can be fully reimbursed as per the fee structure approved by the competent State/Central Government authority. However, while sanctioning scholarship against paid seat, State Governments would make the income verification compulsory.

(iv) Study Tours

Study tour charges upto a maximum of *Rs.1600/-* per annum, limited to the actual expenditure incurred by the student on transportation charges etc. will be paid to the scholars studying professional and technical courses, provided that the head of the institution certifies that the study tour is essential for the scholar for completion of his/her course of study.

(v) Thesis Typing/Printing Charges

Thesis typing/printing charges upto a maximum of Rs.1600/- will be paid to research scholars on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution.

(vi) Correspondence courses including distance and continuing education

The students pursuing such courses are also eligible for an annual allowance of Rs.1200/- for essential/prescribed books, besides reimbursement of course fees.

VI. <u>SELECTION OF CANDIDATES</u>

- (i) All the eligible Scheduled Tribes candidates will be given scholarships subject to the application of Means Test prescribed in these Regulations.
- (ii) Candidates belonging to one State but studying in other State will be awarded scholarships by the State to which they belong and will submit their applications to the competent authorities in that State. In the matter of exemption from fees or other concessions also they will be treated as if they were studying in their own State.

VII. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AWARDS

- (i) The award once made will be tenable from the stage at which it is given to the completion of course subject to good conduct and regularity in attendance. It will be renewed from year to year provided that within a course which is continuous for a number of years, the scholar secures promotion to the next higher class irrespective of the fact whether such examinations are conducted by a University or the Institution.
- (ii) If a Scheduled Tribe scholar pursuing Group I course fails in the examination for the first time, the award may be renewed. For second and subsequent

failure in any class, the student shall bear his/her own expenses until he/she secures promotion to the next higher class.

- (iii) If a scholar is unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and/or on account of any other unforeseeable event, the award may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and/or other required sufficient proof to the satisfaction of the Head of the Institution and his/her certifying that the scholar would have passed had he/she appeared in the examination.
- (iv) If according to the Regulations of a University/Institution, a student is promoted to the next higher class even though he/she may not have actually passed in lower class and is required to take examination of the junior class again after sometime, he/she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he/she is promoted if the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship.

VIII. PAYMENT

- (i) Maintenance allowance is payable from 1st April or from the month of admission, whichever is later, to the month in which the examinations are completed, at the end of the academic year (including maintenance allowance during holidays), provided that if the scholar secures admission after the 20th day of a month, the amount will be paid from the month following the month of admission.
- (ii) In case of renewal of scholarship awarded in the previous years, maintenance allowance will be paid from the month following the month upto which scholarship was paid in the previous year, if the course of study is continuous.
- (iii) The Government of the State/Union Territory Administration, to which the student belongs, in accordance with the procedure laid down by them in this regard, will pay the scholarship money to the selected students.
- (iv) Scholarship will not be paid for the period of internship/housemanship in the M.B.B.S. course or for a practical training in other course if the student is in receipt of some remuneration during the internship period or some allowance/stipend during the practical training in other course.

OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD

IX.

- (i) The scholarship is dependent on the satisfactory progress and conduct of the scholars. If it is reported by the Head of the Institution at any time that a scholar has by reasons of his/her own act of default failed to make satisfactory progress or has been guilty of misconduct such as resorting to or participating in strikes, irregularity in attendance without the permission of the authorities concerned etc., the authority sanctioning the scholarship may either cancel the scholarship or stop or withhold further payment for such period as it may think fit.
- (ii) If a student is found to have obtained a scholarship by false statements, his/her scholarship will be cancelled forthwith and the amount of the scholarship paid will be recovered, at the discretion of the concerned State Government. The student concerned will be blacklisted and debarred for scholarship in any scheme forever.
- (iii) A scholarship awarded may be cancelled if the scholar changes the subject of the course of study for which the scholarship was originally awarded or changes the Institution of study, without prior approval of the State Government. The Head of the Institution shall report such cases to them and stop payment of the scholarship money. The amount already paid may also be recovered at the discretion of the State Government.
- (iv) A scholar is liable to refund the scholarship amount at the discretion of the State Government, if during the course of the year, the studies for which the scholarship has been awarded, is discontinued by him/her.
- (v) The regulations can be changed at anytime at the discretion of the Government of India.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SCHEME

All the State Governments will announce in May-June, the details of the scheme and invite applications by issuing an advertisement in the leading newspapers of the State and through other media outfits. All requests for application forms and other particulars should be addressed to the Government of State/Union

Territory Administration to which the scholars actually belong. The applicant should submit the completed application to the prescribed authority before the last date prescribed for receipt of applications.

XI. PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING

- (i) An application for scholarship should comprise:
 - (a) One copy of the application for scholarship in the prescribed form (separate application forms as have been prescribed for 'fresh' and renewal scholarship by concerned States/UTs).
 - (b) One copy of the passport size photograph with signatures of the student thereon (for fresh scholarship).
 - (c) One attested copy of certificates, diploma, degree etc. in respect of all examinations passed.
 - (d) A certificate (in original) of Caste duly signed by an authorised Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahsildar.
 - (e) An income declaration by the self-employed parents/guardians, stating definite income from all sources by way of an affidavit on nonjudicial stamp paper. Employed parents/guardians are required to obtain income certificate from their employer and for any additional income from other sources, they would furnish declaration by way of an affidavit on non-judicial stamp paper.
 - (f) A receipt in acknowledgement of the scholarship in the previous year on the form attached to the application only duly counter-signed by the Head of the Institution concerned, if the applicant was in receipt of a scholarship under this scheme in the preceding year.
- (ii) Application complete in all respects shall be submitted to the Head of the Institution, being attended or last attended by the candidates and shall be addressed to an officer specified for this purpose by the Government of State/Union Territory to which the student belongs, in accordance with the instructions issued by them from time to time.

XII.

FUNDING PATTERN OF THE SCHEME

The Scheme is implemented by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, which receive 100% central assistance from Government of India, over and above their respective Committed Liability. The level of Committed Liability of respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for a year is equivalent to the level of actual expenditure incurred by them under the Scheme during the terminal year of the last Five Year Plan Period and is required to be borne by them for which they are required to make required provision in their own budget. The North Eastern States have, however, been exempted from making their own budgetary provisions towards Committee Liability from Ninth Plan Period (1997-2002) onwards and the entire expenditure under the Scheme in respect of them will be borne by Government of India.

NOTE: Additional Committed Liability on account of the revision of the Scheme w.e.f. 01-07-2010 shall be passed on to State Governments/U.T. Administrations at the end of the XII Five - Year Plan period (w.e.f. 01-04-2017), and not after the XI Plan period.

All the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implementing the Scheme will:-

- (i) furnish data of beneficiaries and expenditure under the scheme, to Government of India, regularly in the Quarterly Reports prescribed for this purpose. Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose.
- (ii) designation Grievance Redressal Officers (GROs) at the State and District levels to redress students' scholarship-related grievances.

XIII. BOOK BANK FOR SCHEDULED TRIBE STUDENTS

OBJECT

The object behind the Scheme is to establish Book Banks in each Medical (including Indian systems of Medicine and Homeopathy), Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law Course, Charted Accountancy, MBA and Bio-Sciences to Scheduled Tribe students who can not afford expensive education but for adequate state support. The inability of these students to buy costly text books, results in large number of failures and drop outs which retards the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes.

SCOPE

These 'Book Banks' are to be set up in all the Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Law and Veterinary Degree Colleges and Institutes imparting Chartered Accountancy, MBA and alike Management Courses and Polytechnics where Scheduled Tribe students receiving Post Matric Scholarship under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to Scheduled Tribes for studies in India belonging to the parent state or from other state, are studying. Purchase of books for these 'Book Banks' will be restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire courses for recognized Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Law Courses, Chartered Accountancy, MBA, Bio-Sciences and Polytechnic courses being pursued by ST students therein. The set of text books will be purchased for 2 such ST students at various stages except in respect of Post-graduate courses and Chartered Accountancy where it will be one set for each student. However, the ratio of sets and students will have to be adjusted to the total number of sets that could be procured within the total resources allocated to the State concerned. The State Government may constitute an expert group consisting of members from selected colleges of different regions to decide the adequate number of text books in a set (not reference books) required for each course. Thereafter estimate may be worked out keeping in view the price of cheap Indian editions. The State Government may

constitute a set within the total cost of text books. The life period of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years.

XIV. COURSE-WISE PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE

Central assistance to States/UTs for setting up of Book Banks is limited to the following ceiling or actual cost of a set, whichever is less:-

Degree Courses

Cost of one set

(1 set for 2 students)

1.	Medical	Rs. 7,500/-
2	Engineering	Rs. 7,500/-
3.	Veterinary	Rs. 5,000/-
4.	Agriculture	Rs. 4,500/-
5.	Polytechnic	Rs. 2,400/-

II. Post-Graduate Course

(A). Post Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture and Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/Institutes of higher learning.	Vi
(B). Law courses, L.L.B. (3 years and 5 years) L.L.M. (2 years)	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student
(C). Chartered Accountancy (inter-mediate and final)	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student
(D). M.B.A. (2 years) and similar courses	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student
(E). Bio-Science	Rs. 5,000/- 1 set per student

Note: The said sets of books will also include Braille Books, Talking Books, Cassettes for the visually Handicapped students.

The essential books purchased, limiting the amount to the ceilings indicated above are to be supplied to the ST students in instalments, depending on the course, semester structure etc.

The life span of one set of books has been fixed at 3 years so as to ensure that Book Banks beneficiaries have access to the latest books/editions. At the end of 3 years these books may be kept in the library of the concerned institution for loan to other ST students until such time as the books remain relevant and serviceable. Thereafter the books may be disposed off by the institution in the same manner as the books in the library subject to the guidelines, if any, of the State Government/UT Administration in this regard. Purchase of text books for these Book Banks is restricted to the prescribed text books for the entire course referred to above.

XV. PREFERENCE TO GIRL STUDENT AND HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

While selecting students for 'Book Bank' Scheme the State/UT should set a target to be implemented, wherever possible, that at least 30% of the beneficiaries are girl ST students and at least 3% disabled ST students.

XVI. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Central assistance for the setting up of 'Book Banks' will be given for the purchase of prescribed text books for Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary and Polytechnic courses and Post-Graduate courses in Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary courses and such other technical/alike courses as are approved by the Universities/Institutions of higher learning, Law Courses, Chartered Accountancy (Inter-mediate and final), MBA and Bio-Sciences limited to the amount as indicated above or actual cost of a set, whichever is less.

For storage of books and contingencies etc., the cost of steel almirah for storing books of each 'Book Banks' including contingencies like transportation etc. the following expenses are admissible.

(i) Rs. 2000/- or actual cost whichever is less.

5% of the grant may be earmarked for expenses on binding, stitching etc.

XVII. PLACEMENT OF FUNDS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME

The total expenditure on the scheme of 'Book Banks' will be shared between the Central and the State Government on matching grant basis (50:50) (100% central assistance to the UT Administration). State Govt. may consider making the Heads of the Institutions responsible for the running of the Scheme and place funds at their disposal.

XVIII.

SUBMISSION OF DATA

The State Governments UT Administrations will inform the Government of India about the amount allotted college-wise specifying the number of sets to be purchased for that college and the number of beneficiaries.

XIX.

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS

Financial assistance given under the Scheme shall not be utilized for any other purpose. If the college concerned fails to utilize the grant for the purpose for which it is given, the amount shall be refunded to the Central Government. The State Government/UT Administration should furnish statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificates.

XX. DISTRIBUTION OF BOOKS TO STUDENTS

The following rules shall govern the distribution of books to the students:

- Each ST student will be provided with an identity card for this purpose.
- (ii) Each ST student will be required to submit the requisition for borrowing books from the Book Bank in a form to be provided for this purpose.
- (iii) Books will be suitably distributed among the ST students keeping in view the norm that one set is meant for 2 students for the entire course, except in respect of Post-Graduate courses and other courses as stated in para XIV (I) & XIV (II) above.

- (iv) The books should be returned to the Book Bank at the end of each term. The Principal of the College/Institution will make every effort to ensure that those students who complete their course or those who drop out in the middle, return the books belonging to the Book Bank.
- (v) It is the responsibility of the student concerned to maintain the books supplied to them from the Book Bank, in good condition.
- (vi) Any case of loss or damage to the books would attract penalty. In case of serious damage or loss of books, the student concerned will have to bear the cost of the book.

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