

**Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh – Shimla-1**

PRESS RELEASE

The Department of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, is proud to inform the successful disbursement of scholarships up to 1.40 Lac bonafied Himachali students every year for pursuing their studies in Government and Private Educational Institutions within the State as well as out of the State under various Centre and State Sponsored Schemes being implemented with the support of Social Justice & Empowerment Department and Tribal Development Department of Himachal Pradesh.

Department of Higher Education, H.P. has initiated every possible step for smooth implementation of scholarship schemes to the eligible students on priority in transparent manner. Hence, an online Portal i.e. HPePASS (Himachal Pradesh Electronic Payment & Application System of Scholarships) was developed to ensure disbursement of scholarship amount to the genuine beneficiary in a time bound manner and to check fraud/double payment against Aadhaar No. as mandate of Government of India.

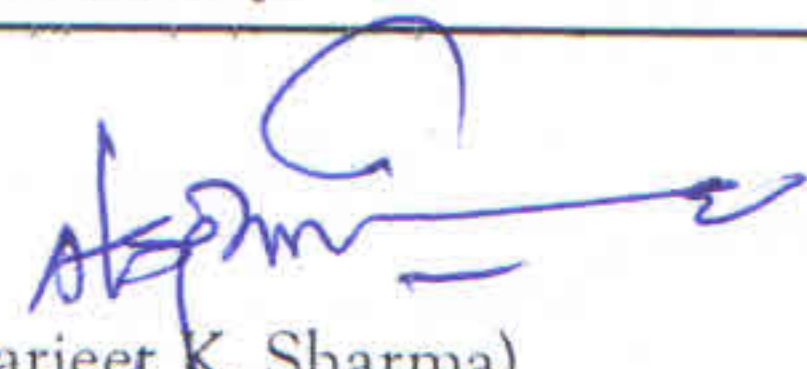
The regular intervention of Hon'ble Education Minister, Himachal Pradesh and Worthy Secretary (Education), to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, to streamline disbursement of scholarship, it has been decided to monitor the scholarship disbursement on daily basis & report be sent to Secretary (Edu.), so that the benefits of scholarship be passed directly to the meritorious students as well as weaker/poor section (Students of SC/ST/OBC/EBC) of the society for their upliftment. The existing scholarship distribution system has also been reviewed and decided to be revised/updated as per requirement reference to National Scholarship Portal (NPS) to provide the better service delivery to the user in transparent & authenticated manner. The targeted areas of up-dation are:

- Wide Publicity of Scholarship Schemes up to field level especially in Rural & Tribal Areas of the State.
- Online provision for new Educational Institution Registration.
- Easy & User friendly Scholarship Claim submission.
- One time data entry of annual applicable non-refundable fee details of concerned institution instead data entry for each student at institution level.
- Auto calculation of entitled Maintenance Allowance instead of manually entry for each student at the institution level.
- Information regarding actual entitled scholarship amount to the claimant.
- Real Time Status of Scholarship Claim Application.
- Information of DBT status directly to the applicant (regarding Aadhaar Seeded Bank A/c, Bank Name etc.) through PFMS

In view of the above the HPePASS portal is being updated and necessary new services are being incorporated to address the challenges which are being faced by the applicants & educational institutions.

The initiated modification/up-dation will improve and speed up the scholarship disbursement in transparent & efficient manner. The updated version of HPePASS portal is going to be live very shortly. Therefore, un-registered educational institutions waiting for registration on HPePASS portal and applicants to submit their scholarship claims under various Centre & State Sponsored Scheme must be ready with the given details & document.

New Institution's Registration		Already Registered Institutions	
➤ Institution Affiliation documents / Affiliation Approval letter			
➤ Address Proof			
➤ List of Courses being offered by the institution & course wise intake of seats & duration of course		➤ List of Courses being offered by the institution & course wise intake of seats & duration of course	
➤ Copy of institution's State Government/Fee Rationalization Committee/Fee Fixation Committee approved fee structure		➤ Copy of institution's State Government/Fee Rationalization Committee/Fee Fixation Committee approved fee structure	
➤ Course wise applicable compulsory non-refundable fee on Institution's letter head.		➤ Course wise applicable compulsory non-refundable fee on Institution's letter head.	
➤ Particulars of Chairman, Head of Institution & Scholarship Incharge (Name/Contact No. Email ID)		➤ Particulars of Chairman, Head of Institution & Scholarship Incharge (Name/Contact No. Email ID)	
Students Registration & Scholarship Claim Submission			
Fresh Applicants		Renewal (existing applicants)	
Meritorious Scholarship Schemes			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Passport Size Photograph ➤ Marks Sheet of last examination passed ➤ Aadhaar Card / EID ➤ Bonafied Himachali Certificate ➤ Bank Passbook ➤ Mobile No. ➤ Email ID 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Marks Sheet of last examination passed ➤ Receipt of previously received scholarship amount/Entry in Passbook 	
In addition to above for Income based Scholarship Scheme			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parents' Income Certificate ➤ Category Certificate ➤ Fee Deposit Receipt 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fee Deposit Receipt 	



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