F.No. DE 18-3 (19)/PLG/2021-22/2593-2599

Dated- 21/10/2021

CIRCULAR

Subject: Regarding Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship schemes for Minority students for Minority students for the year 2021-22 (Centrally Sponsored Scheme) on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

All HoSs are already aware that National Scholarship Portal 2.0 was opened for students to apply for Pre-matric and Post-matric scholarships for Minority students for the year 2021-22. In this regard, the Revenue Deptt. (Nodal department for Minorities issues) has advertised in the newspapers for publicity. Till date small number of minority students have online applied in r/o these schemes. Therefore, all HoSs are advised to ensure proper awareness among students so that eligible minority students may apply online before **last date of 15th November, 2021 (for Pre-matric scholarship) and 30th November, 2021 (for Post-matric scholarship)**

Only online mode of applications will be considered for release of scholarship by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India. The detailed guidelines regarding eligibility, procedure of registering are attached herewith. Brief details are given below:

- For getting benefit under schemes, students need to register on the portal. After registration login ID will be allotted. Login ID will be used for filing the application on the portal and for future references.
- For schools User ID and password remains same as the last year User ID and password.
- The relevant websites are: (i) www.scholarships.gov.in
                              (ii) www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

Last date for filling the application for students is 15.11.2021 for Pre-matric scholarship scheme and 30.11.2021 for Post-matric scholarship scheme.

All concerned HoSs of Govt./Govt.Aided/Recognized Unaided Pv. Schools/MCD/MCD Aided/MCD Unaided/NDMC and KVS schools who have not registered their schools on NSP till date are directed to register their schools on National Scholarship Portal immediately for the benefit of students.

Further, all HoSs are informed that Aadhaar based demographic authentication of institute Nodal Officers (INOs) has been made mandatory prior to the verification of the applications by them for which the INOs have to provide their Aadhaar number on NSP portal. **Therefore, all HoSs are directed to ensure nominating a Institute Nodal Officer (NSP) and providing of his/her Aadhaar number on NSP portal within 3 days.**

To,

All Head of Schools

(Govt./Govt.Aided/Recognized Unaided Pvt. Schools/MCD/MCD Aided/MCD Unaided/NDMC and KVS schools)

(Ashok Kumar)
Dy. Director (Planning)

F.No. DE 18-3 (19)/PLG/2021-22/2593-2599

Dated- 21/10/2021

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1. PS to Pr. Secretary (Education), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054.
2. PS to the Director (Education), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-110054.
3. The PS to Pr. Secretary, Deptt for the welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minority, B-Block, 2nd floor, Vikas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002.
4. The Commissioner, North/South/East MCD, Civic Center, Shayama Parsad Mukherjee Road, New Delhi.
5. The Director, NDMC, Palika Kendar, Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110001.
6. The Director, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan, 18, Institutional Area, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110016.
7. All DDEs (Distts/Zones), Dte. of Education to ensure a Institute Nodal Officer (NSP) in each school and his/her Aadhaar based authentication.

(Ashok Kumar)
Dy. Director (Planning)

Office of the Pr. Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner
Department of Revenue: Govt. of NCT of Delhi
(Minority Cell)
5, Sham Nath Marg, Delhi-110054

F.43 (01)/ SCH(HQ)/2021 - 45-61

Date:- 6/10/2021

To,

1. The Director, Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Old Secretariat, Delhi-10054.
2. The Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, PitamPura Delhi-110088.
3. The Director, Directorate of Training and Technical Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Pitam Pura, Delhi- 110088.
4. The Deputy Commissioner (Delhi region), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan, Old JNU Campus, Near Ber Sarai, Delhi-110067.
5. District Magistrate (Central), 14 Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002.
6. District Magistrate (East), L.M. Bund, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-31.
7. District Magistrate (New Delhi), 12/1, Jam Nagar House, Sahajahan Road, New Delhi-110001.
8. District Magistrate (North), Alipur, Delhi-110036.
9. District Magistrate (North-East), D.C. Office Complex, Nand Nagri, Opposite Gagan Cinema, Delhi-93.
10. District Magistrate (North-West), Kanjhawala, New Delhi-110081.
11. District (Shahdara) , Nand Nagri, Opposite Gagan Cinema, Delhi-93.
12. District Magistrate (South), M.B. Road, Saket, New Delhi-110068.
13. District Magistrate (South-East), Old Gargi College Building, lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024.
14. District Magistrate (South-West), Old Terminal Tax Building Kapashera, New Delhi-37
15. District Magistrate (West), Plot No.3, Shivaji Place, Near West Gate Mall, Raja Garden , New Delhi-110027
16. The Under Secretary, Scholarship, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India, 11th floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. For information please.

Sub: State/UT/Community-wise physical allocation of Scholarship and Timeline Activities under the three Scholarship Schemes Viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-Cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for Minority Communities for the year 2021-22- regarding.

Sir/Madam

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. SS-15/4/2021- Scholarship-MoMA dated 25.08.2021 received from Joint Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, along with SOP of NSP 2.0 on the subject cited above. In this regard Department of Revenue, GNCTD has advertised the above said three Scholarship Schemes in 9 local news papers of Delhi (copy enclosed).

Therefore, you are requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned officers dealing with the Scholarship of the Ministry for immediate action for compliance of the directions of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, GOI as forward vide letter dated 25/08/2021. The verification process of applications at institute level and District level have to be complete on NSP Portal within the prescribed timeline for disbursement of scholarships on time for the year 2021-22.

This issues with prior approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully

Encl: As above.

(MANVINDER SINGH)
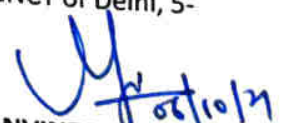STATE NODAL OFFICER (SCHOLARHSIP)
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The Deputy Commissioner-III(HQ), O/o the Divisional Commissioner, Department of Revenue, GNCT of Delhi, 5- Sham Nath Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, for information please.

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STATE NODAL OFFICER (SCHOLARHSIP)

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SS-15/4/2021-Scholarship-MoMA
Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs

11th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi- 110003
Dated 25th August, 2021

To

The Chief Secretary/Administrator
All State Governments/UT Administrations
(Implementing Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and
Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for Minorities)

Subject: State/UT/Community-wise Physical Allocation of Scholarships and Timeline Activities under the three Scholarship Schemes for minority communities for the year 2021-22- regarding.

Madam / Sir,

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarship Schemes viz. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for the Minorities as Central Sector Schemes through National Scholarhip Portal (NSP) of the Government of India and the students can apply under these schemes through URL www.scholarships.gov.in. or through the link available on www.minorityaffairs.gov.in or through Mobile App- National Scholarships (NSP). Scholarships are awarded under these Schemes to the economically weaker and meritorious students from the six centrally notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsis) pursuing studies in India in a Government or recognized private university/institute/ college/school.

2. The Central Government has decided to open the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) on 18th August, 2021 for the three Scholarship Schemes for 2021-22 and detailed is as under:-

a	Opening of NSP Portal for Submission of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application.*	18.08.2021
b	Last date of applying for Pre-Matric Scholarship application.	15.11.2021
c	Last date of applying for Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship application.	30.11.2021
d	Last date for First Level Verification	15.12.2021
e	Last date for Second Level Verification	31.12.2021

*Only Online applications under the Schemes will be accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained.

3. The States/UTs should publicise the Schemes through advertisements in leading local newspapers and other popular means in their respective State/UT to enable maximum minority students to avail the benefits of these scholarship schemes. A copy of draft Advertisement for their use, as approved by MoMA is at Annex-I. At the National level, Ministry of Minority Affairs will be issuing an advertisement.

4. The State-wise/Community-wise physical allocation under three Scholarship Schemes for the financial year 2021-22 is yet to be done as the scheme and guidelines are likely to be revised shortly. Hence, the same shall be intimated separately in due course. In so far as Renewal applications are concerned, there is no target for them and all Renewal applications are eligible for scholarship during the year. The actions to be taken by the State Governments/UT Administrations related to the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes is at **Annexure-I** for strict compliance.

5. Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(Niva Singh)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India
Tel: 011- 24364288

Copy to :-

1. Joint Secretary (DBT),
(Shri Saurabh K Tiwari)
Cabinet Secretariat, 4th Floor, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.

2. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries
In-charge Minority Welfare Department,
All State Government/UT Administration.

3. Nodal Officer of States/UTs (Dealing with minority welfare Department).

4. NIC, MoMA for uploading in the website of the Ministry.

Actions to be taken by the State Governments/UT Administrations related to the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes:

(i)   State Government/UT Administration should publicise the Schemes through advertisements in leading local newspapers and other suitable publicity media in their respective State/UT. The advertisement will enable the minority students to avail the maximum benefits of scholarship schemes. The advertisement should also mention that " All renewal applicants/students, who have got scholarship during 2020-21, shall apply by giving their existing Application ID".

(ii)   All Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools, having valid AISHE/U-DISE/NCVT/SCVT codes, located in the State/UT should be advised to register themselves and their courses details on the NSP at the earliest so that their students can apply and they can verify such applications on the Portal within the timelines.

(iii)   The timelines need to be adhered to strictly. Technical issue, if any arising during the process of online submission, generation of merit lists and payment lots may be resolved immediately in consultation with the NIC HQ or State NICs at the earliest.

(iv)   It has been observed that after the last date (s) of verification, a large number of Fresh as well as Renewal applications are left pending for verification at L1 level by Institute Nodal Officers and L2 level by State/District Nodal Officers (SNOs/DNOs). All States/UTs are advised to look into this issue and ensure that no application remains unverified after the last date (s) of verification during 2021-22.

(v)   All Verification Authorities (INO/DNO/SNO) can mark an application fake if he/she is satisfied that the applicant is not a bonafide student. In other circumstances, in case of non-fulfillment of eligibility criteria or inconsistency of records, the verifying authority may either reject the application or mark it defective and give the applicant another opportunity to correct their records.

(vi)   It needs to be noted by all the INOs, DNOs and SNOs that in case if any application is marked fake at L2 Level by the DNO or the SNO then the entire bunch of applications from that School/Institute will go back to the respective INO login of that School/Institute for re-verification. Hence the DNOs/SNOs are adviced to exercise caution while using the option of marking an application fake.

(vii)   In addition to the above, all State Governments/UT Administrations may note the following for necessary compliance as requested vide this Ministry's letter No.15/13/2020-SS dated 02.08.2021 a copy of which is attached as Annex-II.

a.   Aadhaar based demographic authentication of Institute/District/State Nodal Officers.

b.   The option of rejecting a payment file on the basis of 'fake' applications has been restricted and therefore the SNOs may exercise utmost caution while rejecting payment file on NSP Portal.

c.   Aadhaar demographic authentication based on applicant's details i.e. name, gender and year of birth as given in Aadhaar, has been introduced on NSP Portal.

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No.SS-15/13/2020-Scholarship-MoMA
Government of India
Ministry of Minority Affairs

11th Floor, Pt. DeendayalAntyodaya Bhawan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi- 110003,
• Dated: 02.08.2021

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary
All State Governments/ UT Administrations.

Subject: Implementation of Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for minorities through National Scholarship Portal (NSP) in 2021-22 reg.

Sir/Madam,

This is regarding the implementation of the 3 Scholarship Schemes viz., Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Schemes of this Ministry being implemented through the National Scholarship Portal. The Portal is going to be open shortly for the year 2021-22 and the DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat has decided in consultation with all stakeholder Ministries/Departments to implement the following measures to further secure the Portal.

i. **Authentication of L1 & L2 officers:** *Aadhaar based demographic authentication of Institute/ District Nodal Officers (INOs/DNOs) has been made mandatory prior to the verification of the applications by them for which the INOs/DNOs have to provide their Aadhaar number on NSP Portal.'*
The facility of Aadhaar based authentication of L1 and L2 level officers has been made live on the NSP Portal and the OTP generated during the process will be sent to the mobile number registered with the Aadhaar of INO/DNO/SNO. NSP will be using the same mobile no. for all communications and sending OTPs in future. The procedure for KYC for new Institute Nodal Officer is also attached for reference. The NSP login of the INO would be operational post completion of KYC at NSP using the Aadhaar number of the INO.

ii. **Restriction clause for payment file rejection on the basis of fake applicants:** It has been noticed that the payment files are rejected several times by the respective SNOs of the States/UTs for rejecting fake applicants. It has now been decided that from 2021-22, the opportunity for rejecting payment files will be restricted to two times only. Hence, SNOs may be directed to verify the applications with due diligence so that the fake applications are identified and filtered at the verification stage itself and repeated rejection of payment files is avoided.

iii.   A feature of Aadhaar demographic authentication based on beneficiary's /student's name, gender and year of birth given in Aadhaar has been introduced on NSP Portal.

2.   It is requested that the State Nodal Officers implementing the 3 Scholarship Schemes of MoMA, may be directed to take note of the above decision and initiate appropriate action accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(Dhruv Chakravarty)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India
Tel. 011 2430 2512

Copy to:

State Nodal Officers (SNOs) of the 3 Scholarship Schemes of all States/UTs.

Copy for information to:

1. Shri Saurabh Tiwari, Joint Secretary(DBT), DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, 4th Floor, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi.
2. Shri Shashi Bhushan, DDG, NIC, A-Block, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.

4.2.2. Institute Nodal Officer

The primary role of the Institute Nodal officer is 1st 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 entire chain of verification process. The Institute Nodal officer using NSP must adhere to the following:

1. **Institute Registration Process**
   a) The Institute/School/ITI shall possess a valid AISHE/DISE/NCVT/SCVT code, before registering on NSP.
   b) The Institute/School/ITI with valid AISHE/DISE/NCVT/SCVT codes can register on NSP. To know whether Institute/School/ITI is registered on NSP Portal or not, go to https://scholarships.gov.in and click on "Search Institute/School/ITI".
   c) The Institute/School/ITI, with valid AISHE/DISE/NCVT/SCVT code and not registered on NSP can request the District or State Nodal Officer, of any Scholarship scheme onboarded on NSP, to add it on NSP.
   d) The District or State Nodal Officer will search for the Institute based on AISHE/DISE/NCVT/SCVT 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.
   e) 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 Form by entering his/her details and uploading 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 seal/stamp), 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 Institute Nodal officer, who shall keep the same in Institute's records.

d) The institute Nodal officer can login using the new User credentials, 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.

e) 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 updating the profile with credentials 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 Nodal Officer shall ensure that the profile details of the Institute are updated from time to time.

c) The Institute Nodal Officer shall submit the correct bank account details of the Institute.

d) The Institute Nodal Officer shall update the offered courses and course fee charged for each course Level.

e) The Institute Nodal Officer shall regularly change the password.

f) 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. 1st 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 officer has the option to either Verify the application, Reject the application or Defect the application. In case she/he chooses to Reject or Defect the application, the reasons for rejection or defect must be provided, so that the same can be displayed to the student/applicant.

c) 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 Scheme guidelines, and internal procedure as prescribed by Institute authorities / Government are followed.

e) The Institute Nodal Officer shall ensure that the applications are scrutinized well-in-time 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 scrutinized (verified/rejected/defected along with appropriate reason, as the case may be).

g) The Institute Nodal Officer can mark any application as Fake 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 Nodal officer is 2nd/3rd Level verification (as per the 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 create the State user – State Name, State Nodal Officer Name, Designation, Mobile No., Email ID 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 no. 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.

c) In case of change in District Nodal officer, she/he shall approach the State Nodal Officer with a request to reset 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 AISHE/DISE/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/her profile. He/She shall search for the Institute using Institute Name or AISHE/DISE/NCVT/SCVT Code. If the Institute is already registered, the District/ State/ Ministry Nodal Officer can reset the password. If Institute is not registered, he/she can register the Institute and create 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 per guidelines 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 she/he chooses to Defect the Application, Reject the application or Mark the application as fake, 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 scrutinized 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 2nd 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 onboard 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. bodies 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.

Dussehra, Durga Puja festivities get go-ahead

Puja organisers prep for muted celebrations

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NEW DELHI: Durga Puja, which will be celebrated between October 11 and 15 this year, is likely to be a low-key affair, with most pandal organisers planning to follow the rituals without the associated grandeur such as large idols and cultural programmes in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) met on Wednesday and decided to allow Durga Puja celebrations this year but with several riders. Unlike last year, when six dozens were allowed at pandals, this year, organisers will have to ensure that venues do not have a capacity and those can be installed any kind. The chief secretary is chalking out a formal standard operating procedure (SOP) for festival celebrations, said a government official who attended the DDMA meeting, asking not to be named.

The puja organisers are now awaiting the SOP to get more clarity on specific restrictions and relaxations regarding cultural events, idol immersion, pandals, eateries, stalls, and crowd management both inside and outside venues.

"We welcome the decision. We will ensure strict adherence to all regulations. Safety of people is paramount," said Swapan Ganguly, convener of Kalibari temple in New Delhi's Mandir Marg, which organises one of the most prominent Durga Puja pandals in the city.

Every year, the police and revenue department issue no-objection certificates (NOC) to around 550 Durga Puja pandals in the city. Hindustan Times spoke with several of them on Wednesday and most of them said they are left with too little time now to make grand arrangements.

"We plan to have a decent pandal but there will be no idol or cultural programme" mentioned of the Durga Puja committee at Delhi's Safdarjung Enclave. Robin Bose, general secretary of the Durga Puja committee in Park's Mela Ground.

"We will follow all Covid-19 protocols. However, it is going to be a low-key affair this time with no idol or stalls," said Narayan Dey, general secretary of the Durga Puja committee at CR Park's Mela Ground.

Till Covid struck in 2020, the five days of Durga Puja are marked by decorated streets, carnivals, pandal hopping, shopping, neighbourhoods festooned with flowers and lamps, and a wide range of cuisines – offered not only by restaurants, which stretch their working hours during those days, but also make-shift eateries that come up inside and outside venues.

"I am happy that some celebration is happening this time. People will socialise but with adequate precautions. But it is quite impossible to think of Durga Puja without food stalls and cultural programmes," said Shinjini Bose, a resident of Mayur Vihar.

Alok Karmakar, a resident of Kalkaji, said: "I am happy that we will get to see Durga Puja this year. However, precautions against the viral disease are also necessary. Hopefully, we will be in a better shape next year."

Effigies of Ravana, Kumbhakarna, and Meghnad set afire during Dussehra celebration in Delhi last year. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT PHOTO

Preparations in full swing as Ramlila groups greet green light for festivities

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NEW DELHI: With the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Wednesday giving the nod to hold Ramlila celebrations, a few organising committees said they were quite ready and happy to hold the Ramlila this year, and compensate for the loss of festivities last year. Others said the celebrations this year, too, will be muted, as the pandemic threat is yet to abate.

According to the DDMA, Ramlila organisers will have to ensure that the number of people does not exceed the venue's total seating capacity, and that no stalls or fairs are set up. They should also ensure 100% mask compliance, and have separate entry/exit points for visitors. These conditions are similar to those laid down for Durga Puja pandals, which were also allowed by the DDMA on Wednesday. A few other restrictions are likely, and the DDMA is expected to notify these in the coming days.

Arjun Kumar, secretary, Luv Kush Ramlila Committee, which organises the Ramlila on the Red Fort grounds, said they are fully prepared for the celebrations. "Our tents have reached the ground and we will start work on the light and sound arrangements on Thursday. Artistes from Mumbai will start arriving soon..." said Kumar.

He said the preparations are more this year, as festivities could not take place last year due to Covid-19. "Dance groups will put up special performances and the stage theme will be changed daily," said Kumar.

He said after discussions with officials, it was decided that there will be six-feet space between chairs for the audience, and only 50% of the ground capacity will be allowed. "We will aim for 25-30% occupancy to ensure compliance with Covid-19 protocols," said Kumar.

Also, only vaccinated individuals and artistes will be allowed to enter the premises, the committee said. The committee has tied up with television channels and a few media outlets for live streaming the Ramlila.

Dhiraj Dhar Gupta, general secretary, Shri Dharmik Lila Committee, Lal Qila Maidan, among the oldest committees in Delhi, said, "We are planning to hold the Ramlila in a single day at an auditorium and not on the grounds. Our committee has almost decided not to perform Ramlila itself. In a day or two, we will take a final call," said Gupta. Harish Rawat, general secretary, Shri Ramlila Samiti, GTB Enclave, said while the committee was ready with preparations, it was waiting for the release of the SOP. "The festivities will be held in a new place as a Covid hospital has come up on the grounds where Ramlila used to be held earlier. Our preparations are done and we plan to call artistes from Moradabad for the Ramlila," said Rawat.

Some organisers said the permission came too late and they did not have sufficient time for the preparations. Suresh Bindal, president of Sri Ramlila Committee Indraprastha Vistar, said, "A grand Ramlila will not take place this year. Had the government given permission 15 days ago, we would have organised the Ramlila at the ground. Instead, we will hold a five-day Ramlila at IPAX Bhawan in IP Extension."

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चीन से बढ़ते साइबर खतरों के मद्देनजर

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चीन से बढ़ते साइबर खतरों के मद्देनजर भारत, अमेरिका, जापान व ऑस्ट्रेलिया सुरक्षित डिजिटल नेटवर्क तैयार करेंगे। चारों देश चीनी एप के खतरों और 5जी तकनीक के दुरुपयोग से निपटने की साझा रणनीति भी अपनाएंगे। चीनी एप और उसके अनुरक्षित साफ्टवेयर का जवाब देने के लिए क्वाड देश बड़े पैमाने पर निवेश की तैयारी में हैं।

सूत्रों ने कहा कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने चीन का नाम लिए बिना इन मुद्दों को क्वाड बैठक में उठाया था। सूत्रों ने...

क्वाड में उठाया गया था विमर्श

साइबर सहयोग का मकसद साइबर सुरक्षा को बढ़ाना देना है। सूत्रों ने कहा कि चीन तकनीक के जरिए भी विभिन्न देशों को निशाना बना रहा है। इन खतरों पर क्वाड में विचार-विमर्श किया गया था। नेताओं ने तय किया था कि इस क्षेत्र में विशेष ध्यान देने की जरूरत है। क्योंकि इसका सीधा असर अर्थव्यवस्था पर भी पड़ता है। चीन जिस तरह से साइबर आक्रामकता की रणनीति अपना रहा है आने वाले दिनों में इसका जवाब क्वाड देश मिलकर देंगे।

कहा कि साइबर खतरा लगातार बढ़ रहा है। इसके जरिए प्रतिद्वंद्वी देशों की अर्थव्यवस्था को चोट पहुंचाने उनकी सूचनाओं में सेंधमारी का काम व्यापक स्तर पर हो रहा है। असुरक्षित एप के जरिए तरह-तरह के हथकंडे अपनाए

एप और 5जी तकनीक के दुरुपयोग सहित अन्य मुद्दों को क्वाड में उठाया था तो अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति बाइडन और जापान व ऑस्ट्रेलिया के प्रधानमंत्री ने इसका समर्थन किया था।

सूत्रों ने कहा कि आने वाले दिनों में साइबर सुरक्षा पर चारों देशों के बीच दीर्घकालिक सहयोग पर काम होगा। घरेलू और अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर बेस्ट प्रैक्टिस और विशेषज्ञता को चारों देश साझा करके सुरक्षित नेटवर्क और सॉफ्टवेयर के लिए काम करेंगे। सूत्रों ने कहा कि साइबर खतरों के खिलाफ महत्वपूर्ण-बुनियादी ढांचे को मजबूत करने के लिए नए सिरे से प्रयास शुरू किया जाएगा।

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अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार वर्ष 2021-22 के लिए तीन छात्रवृत्ति योजनाओं अर्थात् मैट्रिक-पूर्व, मैट्रिकोत्तर और मेरिट-सह-साधन आधारित छात्रवृत्ति के अंतर्गत छात्रवृत्तियों का लाभ लेने के लिए भारत सरकार द्वारा अधिसूचित 06 अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों (मुस्लिम, ईसाई, सिख, बौद्ध, पारसी और जैन) से संबंधित छात्रों को अवसर प्रदान करता है। "राजस्व विभाग, राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली सरकार उपर्युक्त योजनाओं के लिए अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार द्वारा उपर्युक्त छात्रवृत्तियों के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है।"

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पात्रता

- आवेदक अधिसूचित अल्पसंख्यक समुदायों अर्थात् मुस्लिम, ईसाई, सिख, बौद्ध, पारसी और जैन में से संबंधित होना चाहिए।
- वह भारत में सरकारी या निजी विश्वविद्यालयों/संस्थानों/कॉलेजों/स्कूलों में अध्ययन कर रहा हो।
- अध्ययन किया जा रहा पाठ्यक्रम न्यूनतम एक वर्ष की अवधि का हो।
- आवेदक ने पिछली बोर्ड/कक्षा की परीक्षा में 50 प्रतिशत अंक प्राप्त किए हों।

आवेदकों के लिए निर्देश

- आवेदकों को परामर्श दिया जाता है कि वे राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल वेबसाइट: www.scholarships.gov.in (इस साइट का लिंक www.minorityaffairs.gov.in पर भी उपलब्ध है) या मोबाइल ऐप- National Scholarship (NSP) पर छात्रवृत्ति योजनाओं में से किसी एक के लिए ऑनलाइन आवेदन करें।
- ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने के लिए विस्तृत 'निर्देश' और 'बार-बार पूछे जाने वाले प्रश्न (एफएक्यू)' राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल के होम पेज पर उपलब्ध हैं।
- आवेदकों को परामर्श दिया जाता है कि केवल वही बैंक खाता विवरण दें जो सक्रिय मोड में हो या बैंक के निर्देशों के अनुसार हो ताकि छात्रवृत्ति का भुगतान विफल न हो।

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