GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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CORRIGENDUM

The last Para of point No.12 appeared in Letter No. 65581 dated 01.12.2025 relating to Revised Guidelines of Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahana Yojana stands deleted.

All other contents of the letter remain unaltered.

Joint Secretary to Govt

Memo No 1279 / H.E., Bhubaneswar, Dated 07.01.2026

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Revised Guidelines of " Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protshana Yojana"

Subject: Modification in " Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protshana Yojana" guidelines for the academic year 2025-26.

1. The expression at para 3 (II) of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Disbursement Methodology, "Scholarship funds shall be appropriated to beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Funds will be electronically transmitted to the Aadhaar-linked Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible recipients"

Shall be substituted by

"Scholarship funds shall be appropriated to beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Funds will be electronically transmitted to the Aadhaar-linked Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible recipients through Aadhar Payment Bridge system (APBS)".

2. The expression at para 3 (III) of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Financial Transaction Mechanism,

"Resource allocation will be executed via the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). Scholarship amount shall be credited to Aadhaar-connected Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible students in an automated manner through this system. It is imperative that the Savings Bank Accounts of the prospective awardees remain active and operational for the successful online transfer of funds".

Shall be substituted by

"Resource allocation will be executed via the Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS). Scholarship amount shall be credited to Aadhaar-linked Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible students in an automated manner through this system. It is imperative that the Savings Bank

Accounts of the prospective awardees remain active and operational for the successful online transfer of funds".

3. The expression at para A (1) of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to scholarship quota of e-medhabruti scholarship ,

Sl. No.	Category of Merit based scholarship	No. of Scholarship per annum (Nos.)	Rate of Scholarship Per Year (Rupees)	Amount of Scholarship to be paid in total during the course (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	U.G. Merit	10,000	10,000/-	30,000/-	---
2.	P.G. Merit	5,000	15,000/-	30,000/-	---
3.	Tech. & Prof. Merit	10,000	20,000/-	As per course duration	The number of Scholarships under a particular category/ course may be increased or decreased by the Government depending on the number of eligible students applied and validated in other categories in an academic year.
	Total	25,000			

Shall be substituted by

Sl. No.	Category of Merit based scholarship	No. of Scholarship per annum (Nos.)	Rate of Scholarship Per Year (Rupees)	Amount of Scholarship to be paid in total during the course (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	U.G. Merit	14,000	10,000/-	30,000/-	---
2.	P.G. Merit	5,000	15,000/-	30,000/-	---
					The number of Scholarships under

3.	Tech. & Prof. Merit	8,000	20,000/-	As per course duration	a particular category/ course may be increased or decreased by the Government depending on the number of eligible students applied and validated in other categories in an academic year.
	Total	27,000			

4.   The expression at para A.2.(IV) of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Application timing of e-medhabruti scholarship,

"In the first year, a student gets selected and receive the e-Medhabruti scholarship but subsequently discontinue the course and leave the college. If, in the following academic year, the student takes admission in a new college and begins a new course from the first year, he/she will not be eligible to apply for the e-Medhabruti scholarship for that first year of the new course. The student will become eligible to apply for the scholarship only in the second year of the new course and will be considered for the award of e-Medhabruti subject to the availability of unutilized scholarship quota for the academic year in which he/she was admitted to the new college and course -Applicable for availing scholarship against courses at the same level listed in Annexure-I & II"

Shall be added.

5.   The expression at para A.6.(3) of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Checklist of essential documentation for e-medhabruti scholarship application,

"Academic Records: Transcripts or mark sheets pertinent to the qualifying examination, as delineated in the various eligibility categories for merit scholarships".

Shall be substituted by

"Academic Records: Transcripts or mark sheets pertinent to the qualifying examination, as delineated in the various eligibility categories for merit scholarship. Uploading of mark sheets through Digi locker is mandatory for non-SAMS and outside Odisha students only".

6. The expression at para A.7 of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Conditions for exclusion from e-Medhabruti scholarship,

"Students above the following age shall not be eligible for the e-medhabruti scholarship. UG courses-25 years, PG courses-30 years, Technical Professional Courses-30 years".

Shall be added.

7. The expression at para A.7 of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Conditions for exclusion from e-Medhabruti scholarship,

"Students who, upon completing one Technical/Professional course, embark on another course at the same level".

Shall stand deleted.

8. The expression at para A.8 of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Renewal procedure for e-Medhabruti scholarship,

"Once awarded, the Medhabruti scholarship will be automatically renewed on an annual basis for the duration of the course. The system will facilitate this renewal by transferring the scholarship information to the educational institution for validation of the student's continued enrolment in subsequent years. During this renewal process, students will be prompted for Aadhaar re-verification via a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number".

Shall be substituted by

"The **scholarship renewal process** will be simplified by introducing a **Yes/No option** in the student's login.

- Students will be able to indicate whether they wish to renew their scholarship for the Academic Year.
- In case of renewal, the existing application of the beneficiary will be pushed to the log-in ids of the students. They have to choose either **Yes or No** option.
- If no response is received within **15 days**, the system will automatically treat it as "Yes" and forward the application to the concerned institution for verification.

- Students selecting "No" will not be considered for renewal and will not receive further benefits under the scheme."

9. The expression at para B.2(VI) of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to exclusion criteria for Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti scholarship,

   "Students above the following age shall not be eligible for the Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti scholarship. UG courses-25 years, PG courses-30 years".

   Shall be added.

10. The expression at para C.2 of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to eligibility requirements under Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayta Yojana,

    "Students above the following age shall not be eligible for the Financial assistance. UG courses-25 years, PG courses-30 years, Technical Professional Courses-30 years".

    Shall be added.

11. The expression at para C.3 of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to covered courses under Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayta Yojana,

    "Financial aid is available for all undergraduate, postgraduate courses, technical and non-technical, professional and non-professional courses offered by government recognized institutions or institutions set up by the statute of the Union or State Government ".

    Shall be substituted by

    "Financial aid is available for all undergraduate, postgraduate courses, technical and non-technical, professional and non-professional courses offered by government colleges/Universities and non-government aided colleges of odisha".

12. The expression at para C.5 point 4. of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating Application procedure of Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayta Yojana,

"A committee formed by the District Collector will finalize the eligible applicants and send the list after duly filling and signing certificate in the prescribed format by the District Collector, clearly mentioning whether the applicant is eligible under the scheme or not and to upload the same through online mode to the Higher Education Department for disbursal of funds to the students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. The prescribed format is at Appendix-IV.

The hard copy of the proceeding of the committee constituted by the concerned District Collector along with the list of students recommended for Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana Scholarship will also be sent to the Department".

Shall be substituted by

"The District Collector (no need to form a committee) himself/herself will finalize the eligible applicants and send the list after duly filling and signing certificate in the prescribed format, clearly mentioning whether the applicant is eligible under the scheme or not and to upload the same through online mode to the Higher Education Department for disbursal of funds to the students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. The prescribed format is at Appendix-IV.

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13. The expression at PART-II of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Responsibilities of Educational Institutions,

"The Committee has to ensure that no student pursuing any Self-Financing Course in General U.G. / P.G. Merit".

Shall stand deleted.

"Institutes seeking inclusion in the State Scholarship Portal are required to submit a formal request via email to the Higher Education Department. The

Department will provide detailed instructions regarding the process for integration into the portal".
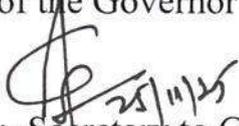
Shall be added.

14. The expression at PART-II of the guidelines issued vide this Department Letter No.52682 dated 01.12.2023 relating to Role of OCAC and Service Providers,

"Preparation of System generated Beneficiary list for all scholarship schemes under MMCPY-Higher Education Department".

Shall be added.

This modification shall come into force with immediate effect. All other provisions as in the guidelines shall remain unchanged.

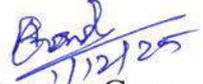By order of the Governor

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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No. HE-SLR-MISC-0021-2025 *A8582* /HE, Dated: 08.09.2025

From

    Ashok Kumar Gouda
    Joint Secretary to Government

To

    The Director,
    Information & Public Relations Department, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Publication of Advertisement for online application of scholarships awarded by Higher Education Department for the academic year 2025-26 from fresh students.
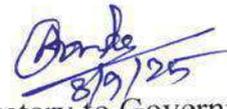
Sir,

    I am directed to enclose herewith the soft and hard copies of the advertisement regarding online application of Scholarships awarded by Higher Education Department from eligible students under **"Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana- Higher Education"** for the academic year 2025-26.

    The said advertisement may please be published in the following English/Odia daily newspapers on **10.09.2025** as per I & PR rates for the general information of the public.

English Daily	The Times of India
Odia Daily	The Sambad, The Samaj, The Prameya, The Pragatibadi, The Dharitri

    A line of confirmation in this regard may please be acknowledged to this Department through e-mail (scholarshiped@gmail.com). The cost of the advertisement will be borne by the Higher Education Department after receipt of the demands as per Government rules.

Yours faithfully,

8/9/25

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 48583 /H.E., Dated 08.09.2025

Copy forwarded to the General Manager (Admin), OCAC, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar/CSM Technology Pvt. Ltd. for information and necessary action and to live the scheme in State Scholarship Portal.

He/ She is requested to upload the advertisement (copy attached) on the State Scholarship Portal and update the view key dates tab accordingly.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 48584 /H.E., Dated 08.09.2025

Copy forwarded to All Colleges (SAMS & NON-SAMS) for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 48585 /H.E., Dated 08.09.2025

Copy forwarded to IT Section, Higher Education Department to upload in Department website and social media website "Facebook/Twitter".

Joint Secretary to Government

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
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(SUBMISSION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FOR AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADMISSION YEAR 2025-26)

The Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha invites online application for award of scholarship under **Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana- Higher Education** scheme for the year 2025-26 from eligible students of Odisha, who are pursuing general courses, i.e. UG (+3) courses, PG Courses and Technical & Professional Courses in SAMS and Non-SAMS institutions (i.e. UGC/AICTE/MCI affiliated Universities/Management, Engineering, Medical & other Technical institutions) inside and outside Odisha.

Students can apply for scholarships under URL www.scholarship.odisha.gov.in .

The different categories of merit, number, rate, amount to be paid, and courses applicable for the scholarship are given in a tabular form:

Sl. No.	Category of Merit	Rate of Scholarship per Year	Remarks
1	e-Medhabruti Scholarship		
a.	UG Merit	₹10,000/-	
b.	PG Merit	₹15,000/-	
c.	Technical & Professional Merit	₹20,000/-	The number of scholarships under a particular category may be increased by the Government depending on the number of eligible students applied and validated in other categories in an academic year.

2.	Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana	₹ 20,000/- per year	Eligible students will get GSSY scholarship irrespective of getting any other scholarship.
3	Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti	UG course: ₹20,000 (one-time in 1st year) PG course: ₹30,000 (one-time in 1st year)	Eligible students will get VFMB scholarship irrespective of getting any other scholarship.

NB: (1) Aadhaar is made mandatory for availing scholarship. Please provide correct Aadhaar number of self in the Online Application form. In case it is found that Aadhaar number provided by the student is wrong or is not his/her, the application is liable to be rejected.

(2) Aadhaar seeding with bank account is **mandatory** to receive scholarship under all MMCPY schemes.

From **2025–26** onwards, disbursement will be done only through Aadhaar Payment Bridge System (APBS).

Ensure your **Aadhaar is linked to your active bank account** to avoid payment issues.

Scheduled Timeline for Online Application

01	Opening date of Online Application for students Last date of Online Application for students	10.09.2025 09.10.2025
02	Validation of students record by Principal/Head of the Institution.	10.09.2025 to 23.10.2025
03	Validation of students record by DWO (only for GSSY)	23.10.2025 to 31.10.2025

NO FURTHER EXTENSION OF DATELINE WILL BE MADE BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

In case of any problem faced by the students at the time of filling up the application online, they may refer to FAQs available on the home page of the website or take the help of **helpline, Higher Education Department– 0674(2396550), 0674(2323401), 0674(2323402), 0674(2323404)** (on all working days from 10.30 AM to 5.30 PM) or e-mail on **scholarshiphed@gmail.com.**

Sd/-

Joint Secretary to Government

Guidelines for Scholarship under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education

PART-I

1. Introduction

Scheduled to commence from the Academic Year 2023-24, the Government of Odisha hereby promulgates the "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana - Higher Education", a consolidated framework designed to encapsulate erstwhile scholarship initiatives, namely the e-Medhabruti, Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti (VFMB), and the Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana (GSSY). This overarching mechanism aims to streamline the provision of scholarship awards and related administrative processes for enhanced efficacy.

2. Objective

The cardinal objective of this unified scheme is to extend fiscal sponsorship to students of permanent resident of Odisha demonstrating scholastic aptitude, within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state. The scheme envisages an upscaling the numeral count of scholarship beneficiaries as well as in the individual financial allocation, thereby bolstering the state's fundamental policy of propagating academic brilliance and democratizing educational accessibility.

3. Modalities for Scheme Implementation

I. Unified Scholarship Application Platform

The Government has established a centralized digital interface, accessible via https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in, to serve as a one-stop portal for submission of applications from students meeting the eligibility criteria across various scholarship schemes.

II. Disbursement Methodology

Scholarship funds shall be appropriated to beneficiaries via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Funds will be electronically transmitted to the Aadhaar-linked Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible recipients.

III. Financial Transaction Mechanism

Resource allocation will be executed via the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). Scholarship amount shall be credited to Aadhaar-connected Savings Bank Accounts of the eligible students in an automated manner through this system. It is imperative that the Savings Bank Accounts of the prospective awardees remain active and operational for the successful online transfer of funds.

4. Categories of Scholarships covered under "Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana"

A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship

B. Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti

C. Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana

A. e-Medhabruti Scholarship

A.1. Introduction

The Government of Odisha in Higher Education Department have been awarding a merit-cum-means based scholarship each year under the scholarship named "e-medhabruti" out of State Budget to provide financial assistance to meritorious students of permanent resident of Odisha studying within the geographical jurisdiction of the state of Odisha and also outside state, whose annual parental income does not exceed 8.00 lakhs.

It is envisaged to provide the following types of scholarships as mentioned below under this revised scheme:-

Sl. No.	Category of Merit based scholarship	No. of Scholarship per annum (Nos.)	Rate of Scholarship Per Year (Rupees)	Amount of Scholarship to be paid in total during the course (Rs.)	Remarks
1.	U.G. Merit	10,000	10,000/-	30,000/-	--
2.	P.G. Merit	5,000	15,000/-	30,000/-	--
3.	Tech. & Prof.	10,000	20,000/-	As per course	The number of Scholarships under a particular category/

	Merit			duration	course may be increased or decreased by the Government depending on the number of eligible students applied and validated in other categories in an academic year.
	Total	25,000			

A.2. Eligibility Criteria for e-medhabruti Scholarship

I. Residency Requirement

The applicant is mandated to possess permanent residency status within the geographical boundaries of the State of Odisha.

II. Family Income Parameters

The aggregated annual income of the applicant's family, derived from all sources, must not exceed a sum of Rs.8.00 lakh.

III. Academic Achievement Benchmark

For qualification under the various categories of merit-based scholarships, the applicant is required to have attained a minimum score of 55% in the relevant qualifying examinations.

Scholarship Type	Eligibility for e-Medhabruti
U.G Merit	Must have passed +2 of CHSE, Odisha / Class - XII or equivalent exam with 55% or more marks from an institution recognized by CBSE / ICSE and pursuing regular Degree Course / +3 course in any of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.
P. G. Merit	Must have passed +3 Degree or equivalent exam with 55% or more marks from a recognized Institute and pursuing regular PG course in one of the disciplines (where scholarship is offered) in any of the recognized Colleges / Institutions / Universities.
Technical Professional Merit	Must have passed +2 of CHSE / Class - XII or equivalent exam from an institution recognized by CBSE / ICSE (for graduation and integrated courses) or +3 Degree / equivalent course (only for Master courses) with 55% or more marks and pursuing regular Technical & Professional courses in the Colleges / Institutions recognized by respective regulatory authorities.

IV. Application Timing:

Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria are permitted to submit their scholarship applications solely during the first year of their admission in the course. Nonetheless, if an exceptionally meritorious student, who was otherwise falls within the merit list of his/ her first year of admission, fails to apply during their first year of admission but subsequently submits an application in subsequent years, and there remains an unfulfilled quota from the initial year of admission, under such circumstances, the student's case may be reviewed and considered for the subsequent years only.

For instance, if a student enrolls in a +3 Arts program during the academic year 2022-23 but fails to apply for the Undergraduate Merit scholarship during their first year, his/her application may be entertained in the second year or any subsequent year, provided there are available vacancies for the respective academic year (first year's admission). It is important to note that the student will be eligible for prospective scholarship disbursements only, and any missed scholarships from previous years will not be retrospectively considered or compensated.

A.3. Criteria for District and Block-Wise Scholarship Allocation and Merit-Based Selection under e-medhabruti Scholarship

I. Proportional Scholarship Distribution across Districts and Blocks

- The allocation targets for each category of merit-based scholarships will be apportioned among all Districts, commensurate with the student population data based on admissions within each District.
- Fifty percent of the designated district target will be fulfilled through a <u>district merit list</u>, assembled from authenticated data received from educational institutions. The merit list will be the list of eligible candidates of the districts in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- The residual 50% of the district allocation will be sub-divided across the blocks within the District, predicated on student population data.
- Block-specific targets will be met based on a block merit list. The merit list will be the list of all eligible candidates of the block in the order of their marks obtained as explained in point II below.
- In the event of a deficit in eligible applicants within a block, the residual allocation will be redistributed among eligible students within that District.

- Left out scholarships numbers of a district will be first allocated to underprivileged districts. Any remaining undistributed scholarships will be considered for eligible students left out in the initial distribution.

II. Methodology for Final Merit-Based Selection

The final lists of selected students will be collated according to the aggregate percentage of marks obtained in their last qualifying examinations. This will be done for each merit category, District-wise and Block-wise. The selection process will be executed in descending order of academic merit until the allocated scholarship quota is reached. For instance, a student with a 92% score would precede a student with a 91% score, and so on.

III. Tie-Breaker Criteria

In instances where multiple students have identical percentage scores and not all can be accommodated within the scholarship quota, preference will be accorded to those with lower family income ceilings.

IV. Conversion of Alternate Grading Systems

For students assessed under the CBSE/ICSE grading framework utilizing Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA), conversion to percentage will be executed by applying a multiplication factor of 9.5.

A.4. Duration and Scope of Scholarship

Eligible recipients applying in the first year of admission will be entitled to the scholarship for the complete duration of their respective courses (which will vary depending upon the year of application for Scholarship). For e.g. If the admission year of a +3 Arts student is 2022-23 but he/she has applied scholarship in the year 2023-24, then he/she is entitled to get the scholarship amount for 2nd year & 3rd year only.

A.5. Categories of Eligible Courses under e-Medhabruti (Scholarship)

- **U.G. Merit:** Applicable to +3 Degree Courses such as B.A./B.Sc./B.Com. and specialized programs including BBA/BCA/BJMC with a course duration of 3 years.
- **P.G. Merit:** Covers Postgraduate courses in Arts, Science, and Commerce, as well as other non-professional courses. A representative list of such courses can be found in Appendix-I.

- **Technical & Professional Merit:** Encompasses Undergraduate and Postgraduate professional degree programs and integrated courses as detailed in the guidelines. These include B.E./B.Tech, MBBS, BDS, BHMS, BAMS, B.Pharm, B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Sc. (Agriculture), MBA, MCA, M.Tech, Integrated M.Sc., and others recognized by regulatory bodies like AICTE, MCI, DCI, CCIM, CCH, INC, UGC, etc. Additional details can be found in Appendix-II.

A.6. Checklist of Essential Documentation for e-Medhabruti Scholarship Application

Applicants are required to upload the following documents in a readable format during the submission of their application under the scheme:

1. Residency Verification: An official residency certificate issued by a competent authority, specifically from the designated Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar. Alternatively, students whose parents are employed under the Odisha State Government may furnish residency confirmation from their respective employer.

2. Annual Income Verification: An authoritative annual income certificate for the current fiscal year, which must be issued by a Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar.

3. Academic Records: Transcripts or mark sheets pertinent to the qualifying examination, as delineated in the various eligibility categories for merit scholarships.

4. Bank Account Information: Details of the applicant's Aadhaar-linked bank account, preferably the first page of the bank passbook displaying the account number and IFSC code.

5. Educational Institution Identification: A valid college/institute ID card issued by the competent authority. If unavailable, a Letter of Undertaking duly authenticated by the concerned educational institution may suffice, provided it specifies the academic session, course name, course duration, and the student's roll or registration number.

6. Aadhaar Identification: A copy of the applicant's Aadhaar card.

A.7. Conditions for Exclusion from e-Medhabruti Scholarship

The scholarship scheme set forth the following categories of students as ineligible for benefits:

1. Students enrolled in open universities or pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses.

2. Students already in receipt of scholarships under any other schemes administered by the State or Central Government.

3. Students enrolled in diploma courses are not eligible for Technical & Professional Merit Scholarships under e-Medhabruti.

4. Postgraduate (M.Phil and Ph.D.) students, as well as those pursuing B.Ed and M.Ed courses, are not entitled to e-Medhabruti scholarships under U.G., P.G., or Technical & Professional Merit categories.

5. Students admitted to educational institutions not recognized by the pertinent regulatory authorities such as AICTE, MCI, and UGC.

6. Students undertaking studies abroad.

7. Students who, upon completing one Technical/Professional course, embark on another course at the same level.

8. Students who fail to receive validation from their respective Principal or educational institution.

A.8. Renewal Procedures for the Scholarship

Once awarded, the e-Medhabruti scholarship will be automatically renewed on an annual basis for the duration of the course. The system will facilitate this renewal by transferring the scholarship information to the educational institution for validation of the student's continued enrolment in subsequent years. During this renewal process, students will be prompted for Aadhaar re-verification via a One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number.

B.Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship Scheme

B.1. Introduction

The Government of Odisha has instituted the "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti" scholarship program with the objective of enhancing and preserving the Odia language. The scheme aims to encourage proficient students to undertake higher educational pursuits at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in the Odia language.

B.2. Key Features and Eligibility Criteria for the Scheme:

I. **Scholarship Amount:** A one-time financial grant of Rs.20,000 shall be awarded to each qualifying student.

II. **State Residency:** The applicant must be a permanent resident of the State of Odisha.

III. **Eligibility Criteria for U.G. Level:** Students who have enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as the Honours subject in Degree Colleges, Autonomous Colleges or Universities within Odisha or outside State, and have obtained a minimum of 60% marks in aggregate in the +2 Examination conducted by the CHSE, Odisha, are eligible to apply for this scholarship at the undergraduate level.

Eligibility Criteria for P.G. Level: Similarly, students who have gained admission to M.A. (Odia) courses in any of the Universities, Degree Colleges or Autonomous Colleges in Odisha or outside State after attaining a minimum of 60% marks in Odia Honours during their +3 Arts course, are also eligible for this scholarship at the postgraduate level.

IV. **Allocation of Scholarships:** The distribution of scholarships across U.G. and P.G. categories is delineated below:

Categories of Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti	No of Beneficiaries
Students studying UG with Odia Honours	1200
Students studying PG in Odia	300

V. **Concurrent Scholarships:** In supersession of all guidelines on scholarship of any Department, students receiving other scholarships may also apply for the Bhasabruti scholarship over and above any other scholarship scheme.

VI. Selection Criteria: Selection will be based on academic performance in the qualifying examinations. For instance, students enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as an Honours subject will be evaluated based on their cumulative marks obtained in the +2 examinations administered by CHSE, Odisha. Likewise, students enrolled in M.A. (Odia) will be assessed based on their Odia Honours marks in the final examinations of their +3 Arts course. A comprehensive merit list will be drawn for both categories and beneficiaries will be selected accordingly if the number of eligible candidates surpasses the targeted quota.

VII. Exclusion Criteria: Students pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses are ineligible for this scholarship.

B.3. **Required Documentation for the Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship**

Applicants will need to upload clear and legible copies of the following documents when applying for the scholarship:

I. **Proof of Residency:** A residence certificate from a qualified official, such as the Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar, is required. If the student's parents are employed by the Odisha State Government, they may instead provide a residence verification document from their employer.

II. **Qualifying Exam Mark Sheets:** Applicants should upload their academic transcripts or mark sheets relevant to the scholarship eligibility criteria.

III. **Bank Account Details:** Information for an Aadhaar-linked savings bank account is needed. This includes the first page of the bank passbook, which shows the account number and the bank's IFSC code.

IV. **College Identification:** An official college ID card is required. In cases where this is not available, students can submit a Letter of Undertaking. This letter, properly validated by the college authorities, should detail the academic year, name of the course, duration of the course and the student's roll number or registration number.

V. **Course Confirmation for U.G. Level:** For undergraduate applicants, additional documentation confirming enrolment in +3 Arts with Odia Honours must be attached.

C.GOPABANDHU SIKHYA SAHAYATA YOJANA

C.1. Program Aim:

The central aim of this program is to extend annual financial aid to students hailing from under-priviledged, economically disadvantaged and marginalized families, facilitating their pursuit of undergraduate and postgraduate courses within Odisha. The scheme seeks to supplement other existing scholarships, improving access to higher education and fostering social and economic upliftment.

C.2. Eligibility Requirements:

1. To apply for this financial aid program, the student must fall under one of the following categories:

   a. Families impacted by HIV/AIDS.

   b. Homeless households' family.

   c. Begging or destitute families.

   d. Manual scavenger families.

   e. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.

   f. Legally emancipated bonded labourers' family.

   g. Families led by a single mother, be it through widowhood, divorce, or being unmarried.

   h. Specially Cared Child (Orphan children without any biological or adoptive or legal parents)

   i. Student belonging to Transgender community.

   j. Girl student rescued from Child Marriage by W&CD Department and continues to stay in shelter home for rehabilitation or hostel.

2. Be a permanent resident of Odisha.

3. Be enrolled in either undergraduate, postgraduate courses or any other professional course offered by accredited institutions in Odisha.

4. Have a total household income less than Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum.

5. Students falling under category 'j' (girl student rescued from child marriage) will be eligible to receive support as long as she remains in the rehabilitation shelter or hostel for the major part of the academic year and till the academic year in which she either turns 21 years old or gets married, whichever comes first.

C.3. Covered Courses:

Financial aid is available for all undergraduate, postgraduate courses, technical and non-technical, professional and non-professional courses offered by government recognized institutions or institutions set up by the statute of the Union or State Government.

C.4. Financial Aid Amount:

Annual financial support of Rs.20,000/- is available for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies until the course is completed. This scheme is also available to students who are receiving other scholarships.
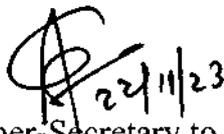
C.5. Application Procedure:

1. Eligible students must submit their applications through the Odisha State Scholarship Portal.
2. Submitted applications will be forwarded to the respective educational institution for validation.
3. The institution will then confirm the eligibility based on documentation and send the validated applications to the District Collectors.
4. A committee formed by the District Collector will finalize the eligible applicants and send the list after duly filling and signing certificate in the prescribed format by the District Collector, clearly mentioning whether the applicant is eligible under the scheme or not and to upload the same through online mode to the Higher Education Department for disbursal of funds to the students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. The prescribed format is at Appendix-IV.

   The hard copy of the proceeding of the committee constituted by the concerned District Collector along with the list of students recommended for Gopabandhu Sikhya Sahayata Yojana Scholarship will also be sent to the Department.

C.6. Required Documentation:

I. Residence certification from a competent authority i.e. from the concerned Tahasildar / Addl.Tahasildar.

II. Current financial year income certificate issued by the competent authority, i.e. the Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tahasildar or Addl. Tahasildar.

III. HIV/AIDS medical certificate, from the concerned Medical Officer regarding suffering from HIV/AIDS, if applicable.

IV. Homelessness certificate, from the competent Revenue Authority that the person is homeless.

V. Single mother status certificate, from District Social Welfare Officer, if applicable.

VI. Destitute status certificate, from the local Sarpanch/ Urban Local Body authority, if applicable.

VII. Manual scavenger status certificate, from the competent authority, if applicable.

VIII. Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group certificate, from the District Welfare Officer, if applicable.

IX. Legally released bonded labourer certificate, from the District Welfare Officer/ District Labour Officer/ any competent authority, if applicable.

X. Specially Cared Child certificate (orphan), from District Child Protection Officer, if applicable.

XI. Transgender Certificate issued from National Portal of Transgender persons.

XII. Copy of student's bank passbook showing the relevant account information.

XIII. Certificate from District Social Welfare Officer regarding girl student rescued from child marriage and her stay in rehabilitation home as part of her rehabilitation.

XIV. Any document in support of age proof, like Adhaar, birth certificate, metric certificate etc.

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PART-II

Responsibilities of Educational Institutions:

- The Head of Institution / Principal has to constitute a Scholarship Cell and declare one senior faculty as the Nodal Officer of the Scholarship Cell.

- The Nodal Officer has to formulate plan and programme for better awareness of the students about the scholarships granted by Government of Odisha through the State Scholarship Portal.

- The Nodal Officer has to constitute a committee of three members.

- The Committee has to :

  i. Download the list of students applied for scholarship (scheme wise), available in the report site of the portal.

  ii. Scrutinize the applications received in the institute log in under different scheme basing on the eligibility criteria.

  iii. The Committee has to ensure the genuineness of the student, i.e. he/she is studying in the College/Institution for the particular year.

  iv. The Committee has to ensure that no student pursuing any Self-Financing Course in General U.G. / P.G. Merit.

  v. Check correctness of data regarding parental income, marks secured, bank Account details, College ID card and residence.

  vi. If any error is found, the Principal/Head of Institution will rectify/revert the applications to students for rectification and resubmission within seven days for consideration.

  vii. Prepare the eligible/Ineligible list in the prescribed format (to be downloaded from the portal). Format has been detailed in **Appendix III**.

  viii. Sign the report and countersign the same by Head of Institution / Principal & upload the report in the portal.

- If all data are correct, the Head of Institution / Principal will authenticate the record of the student to be considered for scholarship by the Department.

- Merit or selection list for particular category of merit will be drawn only from the records authenticated by the Principal/Head of institutions within the timeline given for the purpose.

Role of District Collectors: (Applicable only for GSSY scholarship)

- District Collectors will confirm eligible candidates for this scheme through a dedicated committee.

Role of Higher Education Department:

- Advertise the program and invite applications.
- Prepare a merit list based on validated applications.
- Disburse financial aid through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Role of OCAC and Service Providers:

- Provide a smooth online application process.
- Offer technical support to all stakeholders.
- Online uploading of guidelines, instructions, letters and round-wise selection list (one time residual) which have been processed for payment.

Application Steps:

- Follow the online application process at https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in/.
- Use a valid Aadhaar number for registration.
- Complete the application with accurate information.
- Download and print the completed application form for future reference.

General Limitations:

- Scholarships will be distributed on a district/block level.
- Incorrect information will lead to application rejection.

Disbursement Method:

- Funds will be transferred directly to students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts, following confirmation by the concerned educational institutions.

Miscellaneous:

- For queries, contact the scholarship section at 0674-2396550 or email scholarshiphedgov@gmail.com.

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APPENDIX – I
POST GRADUATE COURSES (P.G. MERIT)

Master of Arts (M.A.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Science (M.Sc.) Subject (Honours)	Master of Commerce (M.Com.) Subject (Honours)	
Ancient History & Archaeology	Botany	Commerce	
Economics	Chemistry		
English	Economics		
Geography	Geography		
Hindi	Information Technology		
History	Mathematics		
Home Science	Physics		
Linguistic	Statistics		
Odia	Zoology		
Philosophy	Applied Mathematics		
Political Science	Applied Physics		
Population Studies	Applied Physics & Ballistics		
Public Administration	Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning		
Statistics	Biodiversity Natural resources		
Tourism Administration	Earth Science		
Urdu	Electronics		
	Forensics Science		
	Geography		
	Life Science		
	Material Science		
	Science &Technology		

APPENDIX II

LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/ PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY
UG COURSES

NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	NAME OF THE SUBJECT	DURATION OF THE COURSE
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY (B.TECH)/ BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING	Aeronautical Engineering	4 Years
	Aerospace Engineering	
	Agriculture Engineering	
	Aircraft Maintenance Engineering	
	Applied Electronics & Automobile Engineering	
	Biomedical Engineering	
	Biotechnology	
	Ceramic Engineering	
	Civil & Environmental Engineering	
	Civil Engineering	
	Computer Science & Engineering	
	Computer Science & IT	
	Computer Science & Systems Engineering	
	Dairy Technology	
	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	
	Electrical Engineering	
	Electronics & Communications Engineering	
	Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering	
	Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering	
	Fashion Design	
	Fashion Technology	
	Food Engineering & Technology	
	Food Process Engineering	
	Industrial Design	
	Information Technology	
	Instrumentation Engineering	
	Interior Design	
	Manufacturing Engineering & Technology	
	Marine Engineering	
	Mechanical & Mechatronics Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Metallurgical & Material Engineering	
	Metallurgical Engineering	
	Mineral Engineering	
	Mining Engineering	
	Petrochemical & Petroleum Refinery	
	Plastic Engineering	
	Production Engineering	
	Textile Engineering	

Course	Field	Duration
B. PLAN (BACHELOR OF PLANNING)		4 Years
B.ARCH (BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE)	Architecture	5 Years
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY (B.TECH)/BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING	Lateral Entry in Engineering	3 Years
M.B.B.S (BACHELOR OF MEDICINE & BACHELOR OF SURGERY)	Medical	4 Years & 6 Months
BDS (BACHELOR OF DENTAL SURGERY)	Dental	4 Years
BHMS (BACHELOR OF HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE & SURGERY)	Homeopathic	4 Years & 6 Months
BAMS (BACHELOR OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINES & SURGERY)	Ayurvedic	4 Years & 6 Months
B.PHARMA (BACHELOR OF PHARMACY)	Pharmacy	4 Years
B.PHARMA (BACHELOR OF PHARMACY)	Lateral Entry in B.Pharma	3 Years
B.Sc. NURSING	Nursing	4 Years
B.PET (BACHELOR IN PHYSIOTHERAPY	Physiotherapy	4 Years & 6 Months
BACHELOR OF VETERINARY SCIENCE & ANIMAL HUSBANDRY	Veterinary Science	5 Years
B.Sc. FORESTRY	Forestry	4 Years
B.FISHERIES/B.F.Sc. (BACHELOR IN FISHERY	Fishery Science	4 Years

	SCIENCE		
B.O.T (BACHELOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY)	Occupational Therapy	4 Years & 6 Months
B.P.O (BACHELOR IN PROSTHETICS & ORTHOTICS)	Prosthetics & Orthotics	4 Years & 6 Months
B.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture Science	4 Years
B.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	4 Years
B.Sc. COMMUNITY SCIENCE	Community Science	4 Years
BACHELOR OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT	Hotel management	4 Years
BACHELOR OF TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT	Tourism & Hotel Management	4 Years
B.Sc. TECHNICAL/ PROFESSIONAL	Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Technology	3 years
	Bachelor of Medical Radiation Technology (BMRT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Operation Theatre Technology (BOTT)	3 years
	Bachelor of Emergency Medicine Technology (BEMT)	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Science and Nutrition	3 years
	B.Sc. in Food Technology	3 years
	B.Sc. in Hospitality and Hotel Administration	3 years
	Bachelor of Anaesthesia and OT	3 years
	Radiology and Imagining Technology	3 years
	Bachelor of Clinical Microbiology	3 years
	Bachelor of Painting, Sculpture, Applied Art, Graphic Art, Fine Art, Visual Art	4 years
	Bachelor of Interior Design	3 years
	Bachelor of LLB	3 years
	Bachelor of Graphics Design	4 years
	Bachelor of Optometry	4 years
	Bachelor of Public Health (BPH)	4 years
INTEGRATED B. Ed.	B.Sc. B.Ed.	4 years
	B.A. B.Ed.	4 years

LIST OF SUBJECTS COVERED UNDER TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY

PG COURSES		
NAME OF THE DEGREE COURSE	**NAME OF THE SUBJECT**	**DURATION OF THE COURSE**
Master In Social Work (MSW)	Social Work	2 years
Master In Computer Application(MCA)	Computer Application	2 years
Master In Business Administration(MBA)	Business Administration	2 years
M.Sc. AGRICULTURE	Agriculture	2 Years
M.Sc. HORTICULTURE	Horticulture	2 years
Master In Financial Control (MFC)	Financial Control	2 years
Integrated MBA	Business Administration	5 years
Integrated MCA	Computer Application	5 years
Integrated LAW	B.A. LLB.	5 years
Homeopathy	PG (Homeopathy)	3 years
Integrated M. Com	Commerce	5 years
Integrated M.A.	Political science	5 years
	English	
	Social Management	
Integrated M.Sc.	Physics	5 years
	Mathematics	
	Life Science	
	Chemistry	
	M.Sc.	
	Bio-Technology	
	Material Science & Engineering	
	Polymer Science	
	Applied Physics	
	Mathematics & Computing	
	Bioinformatics	
	ETC	
	Geology	
Master in Visual Arts	Visual Arts	2 years
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT)	Occupational Therapy	2 years
M. Pharma	Pharmacy	2 years
Master of Physical Therapy (MPT)	Physiotherapy	2 years

Program	Specialization	Duration
Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics	Prosthetics and Orthotics	2 years
Master in Public Health (MPH)	Public Health	2 years
Master in Tourism and Travel Management	Tourism/Travel Management	2 years
Law (LLM)	Law	2 years
Master in Journalism & Mass Communication(M.J.M.C)	Journalism & Mass Communication	2 years
B. Tech. and M. Tech. Dual Degree	Civil Engineering	5 years
	Chemical Engineering	
	Ceramic Engineering	
	Computer Science and Engineering	
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	
	Electrical Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Metallurgical and MaterialsEngineering	
	Mining Engineering	
M. Tech.	Agriculture Engineering	2 years
	Applied Electronics & Instrumentation	
	Architecture (AR)	
	Automation & Robotics	
	Automobile Engineering	
	Bio-Medical Engineering	
	Bio-Technology	
	Ceramic Engineering	
	Chemical Engineering	
	Civil Engineering	
	Computer Science & Engineering	
	Computer Science & Information Security	
	Design & Dynamics	
	Electrical Engineering	

M. Tech.	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	2 years
	Electronics & Tele Communication	
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	
	Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	
	Energy System Engineering	
	Environmental Engineering	
	Food Science Technology	
	Food Technology	
	Geo Technical Engineering	
	Geospatial Technology	
	Industrial Engineering & Management	
	Information Technology	
	Instrumentation & Control Engineering	
	Instrumentation Technology	
	Manufacturing Engineering	
	Mechanical Engineering	
	Metallurgical Engineering	
	Metallurgical & Materilas Engineering	
	Mining Engineering	
	Plastics Engineering & Technology	
	VLSI Design & embedded System	
	Polymer Nanotechnology	
	Power Electronics and Drives	
	Power System Engineering	
	Power & Energy System Engineering	

M. Tech.	Signal Processing	2 years
	Thermal Engineering	
	Thermal Fluid Engineering	
	Water Resources Engineering	
	Soil Mechanics & Foundation Engineering	
	CAD/CAM	
	Nano Technology	
	Structural Engineering	
	Mechatronics	
	Mechanical System Design	
	Mechanical System Design & Dynamics	
	Power System and Power Electronics	

APPENDIX III

Format in which Student wise Details of Scholarship applications are to be uploaded by the Institution Authorities in the State Scholarship portal

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Application ID	Aadhaar Number	Bank Account Number	Name of the Course Studying in	Name of the Scholarship Applied for	Correctness of the Application (Write 'Y' as Yes for valid documents and 'N' for No for invalid/incorrect/pending documents)					% of marks considered for admission in the course	Remarks (Eligible/ Ineligible)
							Mark sheet of last Qualifying Exam	College ID Card	Income Certificate	Resident Certificate	Bank Passbook		

UNDERTAKING

t is hereby certified by all the Committee members that all information provided in this report is true and correct and is being provided after thorough scrutinization of the online scholarship applications of State Scholarship Portal.

It is also understood that if any eligible student gets debarred from scholarship or any ineligible student gets recommended for Scholarship, in either of the cases, the committee members will be held responsible.

Date:
Place:

Signature of the Committee Members
1. Name of the Nodal officer:
   Contact No. :
2. Name of the Member of the:
   Committee (1)
   Contact No. :
3. Name of the Member of the:
   Committee (2)
   Contact No. :

Countersignature with Seal of the Principal/Head of the institution
   Name of the Principal/Head of the institution:
   Contact no. :

APPENDIX IV

Collector/ District Magistrate Declaration Certificate for GSSY scholarship
This is to certify that the information & documents submitted by the applicants
and forwarded by the Institutions are scrutinized at this level. On scrutiny, the
students found eligible and not eligible are mentioned in the following table:

1. List of students eligible for GSSY scholarship:

Sl. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Course	Category to which the student belongs to	Certificate Uploaded	Eligible

2. List of students ineligible for GSSY scholarship:

Sl. no.	Application no.	Aadhaar no.	Student Name	Gender	Institute Name	Course	Category to which the student belongs to	Certificate Uploaded	Ineligible

Place-
Date-

Signature of Collector & District Magistrate
(With official Seal)

Revised Guidelines for the "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scheme" under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chatra Protsahan Yojana- Higher Education from the Academic Year 2024-25

1.Introduction

The Government of Odisha, recognizing the vital role of language in preserving cultural identity and heritage, has introduced the sub component "Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti" Scholarship Program under Mukhyamantri Medhabi Chhatra Protsahan Yojana-Higher Education. This initiative underscores the state's commitment to promote and enhance the Odia language.

The scholarship aims to nurture academic excellence in the field of Odia language studies by encouraging meritorious students to pursue higher education in Odia at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. By providing financial support to eligible candidates, the scheme seeks to inspire a new generation of scholars who will contribute to the enrichment and sustainability of the Odia language, fostering its growth and ensuring its relevance in contemporary academia.

2. Key Features and Eligibility Criteria for the Scheme:

a. Scholarship Amount:

From the academic year 2024-25, a one-time financial grant of Rs.20,000/- at U.G. level & Rs.30,000/- at P.G. level shall be awarded to eligible students.

b. Eligibility Criteria:
In order to be eligible to get the scholarship under the scheme, students have to fulfil following conditions:-

- **U.G. Level:** All students (irrespective of their domicile) who have obtained a minimum of 70% marks in aggregate in the +2 Examination conducted by the CHSE, Odisha, or any other equivalent board and enrolled in +3 Arts with Odia as the Honours/ Core/ Major subject in any of the Universities, Degree Colleges or Autonomous Colleges in Odisha or outside State, are eligible to get this scholarship at the undergraduate level.

- **P.G. Level:** All students (irrespective of their domicile) who have obtained minimum of 60% marks in Odia Honours/ core/major during

their +3 Arts course and taken admission to M.A. (Odia) courses in any of the Universities, Degree Colleges or Autonomous Colleges in Odisha or outside State are eligible to get this scholarship at the postgraduate level.

c. This scholarship guideline shall supersede the previous scholarship guidelines issued by this Department in this regard. Students who are recipients of other scholarships may also apply for the Vyasakabi Fakir Mohan Bhasabruti Scholarship in addition to any other ongoing scholarship schemes. Applications for this scholarship shall be submitted during the first year of the course.

3. Selection Criteria:

a. Students studying UG with Odia Honours

Students pursuing a +3 Arts degree with Odia as their Honours/Core/ Major subject will be assessed based on their aggregate marks secured in the +2 examinations conducted by CHSE, Odisha, or any other recognized equivalent board.

b. Students studying PG in Odia

Students enrolled in the M.A. (Odia) program will be evaluated based on their marks in Odia Honours/Core/Major subjects in the final examinations of their +3 Arts course. The marks for Odia Honours/Core subjects, as entered and certified by the respective institute in the application form at the time of validation of forms in scholarship portal, will be considered for awarding the scholarship.

In the event of any errors made by the institute while entering marks in the application form, the institute will be held accountable. Responsibility for such errors will lie with the Nodal Officer and the Committee members of the scholarship cell of the concerned institute. Furthermore, if any eligible student is denied the scholarship due to such errors, the institute will be held accountable.

4. The institutions desiring to avail the benefits of this scheme, needs to be registered on the State Scholarship Portal.

5. Exclusion Criteria: Students pursuing higher education through distance learning or correspondence courses are not eligible under the scheme.

6. Required Documentation for the Scholarship:-

Applicants are required to upload clear and legible copies of the following documents when applying through the State Scholarship Portal-

a) **Proof of Residency:**
  a. A valid residence certificate issued by an authorized official, such as the concerned Tahasildar or Additional Tahasildar of the area.
  b. For students whose parents are employed by the Odisha State Government, a residence verification document from their employer may be submitted instead.
  c. Students residing and pursuing undergraduate or postgraduate studies outside Odisha must upload their nativity certificate/ residence certificate.

b) **Qualifying Exam Mark Sheets:**
  a. Academic transcripts or mark sheets relevant to the scholarship eligibility criteria.

c) **Bank Account Details:**
  a. Details of an Aadhaar-linked and operational savings bank account.
  b. A scanned copy of the first page of the bank passbook displaying the account number and the bank's IFSC code.

d) **College Identification:**
  a. An official college ID card.
  b. In the absence of a college ID card, a letter duly validated by the college authorities, specifying the academic year, name and duration of the course, and the student's roll or registration number, must be uploaded.

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