



# Scholarships to girls

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With a view to promote enrolment of girls in higher educational and technical institutions, Government has taken several initiatives through the University Grant Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). These initiatives include (i) construction of women's hostels, (ii) Post Graduate Indira Gandhi scholarship for Single Girl Child, (iii) Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child fellowship for Research in Social Science, (iv) Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women and (v) PRAGATI Scheme for girls (vi) establishment of women's study centres in Universities and Colleges, (vii) capacity building for women managers in Higher Education etc.

Scheme-wise total number of girls provided scholarships under Post Graduate Indira Gandhi scholarship for Single Girl Child, Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research in Social Science, Post Doctoral Fellowship for Women and PRAGATI scheme for Girl Child during the last two years is as follows:

| Schemes   | Year                    |                         |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | 2015-16                 | 2016-17                 |
|   | Number of beneficiaries | Number of beneficiaries |
| Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child.                  | 4617                    | 10537                   |
| Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Scholarship for Research in Social Science. | 44                      | 77                      |
| Post-Doctoral Fellowship for women.   | 648                     | 642                     |
| PRAGATI scheme for Girl Child   | 1401                    | 3953                    |

Scheme-wise number of girls provided scholarships in the State of Punjab during the last two years is as follows:

| Schemes   | Year                    |                         |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   | 2015-16                 | 2016-17                 |
|   | Number of beneficiaries | Number of beneficiaries |
| Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child.                  | 54                      | 45                      |
| Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Scholarship for Research in Social Science. | 0                       | 1                       |
| Post-Doctoral Fellowship for women.   | 3                       | 11                      |
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| PRAGATI scheme for Girl<br>Child | 1 | 0 |
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There had been a phenomenal growth in the number of women students enrolled in higher education, particularly during the last two decades. The women enrolment had risen to 48.11 percent in the academic year 2016-17.

This information was given by the Minister of State (HRD), Dr. Satyapal Singh today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.

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