

## 2. Key Central Sector & Centrally Sponsored Schemes

### A. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: PM-YASAVI

This flagship scheme supports OBC, EBC, and DNT students.

Component	Target Group	Income Limit	Financial Benefit
Top Class Schools	Classes 9 & 10	< ₹2.5 Lakh	Up to ₹75,000/annum
Top Class Schools	Classes 11 & 12	< ₹2.5 Lakh	Up to ₹1,25,000/annum
Top Class College	Higher Ed (Professional)	< ₹2.5 Lakh	Full tuition + ₹3,000/mo allowance
Post-Matric (PMS)	11th to Post-Grad	< ₹2.5 Lakh	₹5,000 to ₹20,000 (Based on Group)

### B. Ministry of Education: CSSS and NMMS

Focuses on merit-based support for school and college students.

- **Central Sector Scheme for College/University (CSSS):**

- **Eligibility:** Students above the 80th percentile in Class 12 board exams; Family income  $\leq$  ₹4.5 Lakh.
- **Benefit:** ₹10,000/year for Graduation (first 3 years) and ₹20,000/year for Post-Graduation.
- **Link:** [scholarships.gov.in](http://scholarships.gov.in)

- **National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS):**

- **Eligibility:** Class 8 students in Govt schools; minimum 55% in Class 7; Income  $\leq$  ₹3.5 Lakh.
- **Benefit:** ₹12,000 per annum (₹1,000/month) from Class 9 to 12.

### C. Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA)

Targets Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and Parsis.

- **Pre-Matric:** Class 1-10; Income  $\leq$  ₹1 Lakh;  $\geq$  50% marks in previous class.
- **Post-Matric:** Class 11-PhD; Income  $\leq$  ₹2 Lakh;  $\geq$  50% marks.
- **Merit-cum-Means (MCM):** Professional/Technical courses; Income  $\leq$  ₹2.5 Lakh.
- **Benefit:** Actual fees or up to ₹20,000/annum + maintenance allowance.

### D. UGC Special Initiatives

- Ishan Uday (NER): 10,000 fresh awards for North-Eastern Region students. Income < ₹4.5 Lakh. Benefit: ₹5,400 to ₹7,800/month.
  - Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child (PG): First-year PG students who are the only girl child (or twins/ fraternal daughters). No income limit. Benefit: ₹36,200/year for 2 years.
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## 3. High-Impact Research & Skill Programs

### A. Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF)

Targets PhD candidates in Science and Technology at premier institutes (IITs, IISc, IISERs, NITs).

- Benefit: ₹70,000/month (Years 1-2), ₹75,000 (Year 3), ₹80,000 (Years 4-5) + ₹2 Lakh annual research grant.
- Technique: Individual application is not allowed; candidates must be nominated by their PMRF-granting institute.
- Link: [pmrf.in](http://pmrf.in)

### B. DST INSPIRE (Scholarship for Higher Education - SHE)

Merit-based support for Basic and Natural Sciences.

- Eligibility: Top 1% scorers in Class 12 board or top 10,000 rank in JEE/NEET.
- Benefit: ₹80,000/year (₹60k stipend + ₹20k research grant) for 5 years.
- Link: [online-inspire.gov.in](http://online-inspire.gov.in)

### C. AICTE Technical Scholarships

- Pragati (Girls) & Saksham (Disabled): Degree/Diploma students in AICTE colleges. Income ≤ ₹8 Lakh. Benefit: ₹50,000/year.
  - Swanath: For orphans, wards of martyrs, or children of parents who died of Covid-19. Benefit: ₹50,000/year.
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## 4. Study Abroad: National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)

Ministry	Category	Family Income Limit	Primary Benefit
Social Justice	SC, DNT, Landless Labour	< ₹8.0 Lakh	USD 15,400 maintenance + Fees + Airfare
Tribal Affairs	Scheduled Tribes (ST)	< ₹6.0 Lakh	USD 15,400 maintenance + USD 1,532 Contingency

- Requirement: Must have an **unconditional offer** from a top 500 (SC) or top 1000 (ST) QS World Ranked university.
  - Link:[nosmsje.gov.in](http://nosmsje.gov.in)(SC) /[overseas.tribal.gov.in](http://overseas.tribal.gov.in)(ST).
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## 5. Summary Table for RAG Application Logic

If Certificate says...	And Education Level is...	Then potential scheme is...	Portal to Check
<b>NER Domicile</b>	1st Year UG	Ishan Uday	NSP
<b>Income &lt; ₹1 Lakh</b>	Class 1–10	Pre-Matric Minority	NSP
<b>Single Girl Child</b>	1st Year PG	Indira Gandhi PG	NSP
<b>OBC/EBC &lt; 2.5L</b>	Class 9 or 11	PM-YASASVI	NSP
<b>Top 1% Board</b>	B.Sc./M.Sc.	DST INSPIRE	DST Portal
<b>NET-JRF Qualified</b>	Ph.D.	NFSC / NFOBC	Ministry Portal