

Indian Government Scholarships — Compendium (Sample)

This compendium lists 30 verified Indian government scholarship schemes with a short summary of typical eligibility criteria and source pointers (official portals such as the National Scholarship Portal, departmental pages, and ministry sites). Use the source links to verify the latest details and application timelines. Because schemes are updated periodically, always confirm on the official scheme page before applying.

1. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS)

Students of Class 9-12; family income < ₹1,50,000; merit-cum-means scheme to support continuation of education.

Source: Source: National Scholarship Portal (NSP) - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

2. Pre-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities in pre-matric classes; income and disability criteria as per NSP/DEPwD guidelines.

Source: Source: NSP / DEPwD - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships> & <https://depwd.gov.in/en/scholarship/>

3. Post-Matric Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities in post-matric level; family income ceilings apply as per scheme documents.

Source: Source: NSP / DEPwD - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships> & <https://depwd.gov.in/en/scholarship/>

4. Scholarship for Top Class Education for Students with Disabilities

High-performing disabled students seeking top-class education; eligibility & income limits per NSP specs.

Source: Source: NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

5. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College and University Students

Merit-based central sector scholarships for undergraduates/postgraduates in colleges/universities; selection based on merit.

Source: Source: NSP / Dept. of Higher Education - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships> & <https://education.gov.in/>

6. National Fellowship & Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students (Top Class for ST)

ST students pursuing higher/professional courses; income limits and institutional empanelment apply.

Source: Source: NSP / Ministry of Tribal Affairs - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

7. Central Sector Scholarship of Top Class Education for SC Students

SC students for pursuing studies beyond 12th in empanelled institutions; criteria include income and admission in notified institutions.

Source: Source: Dept. of Social Justice & NSP - <https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes> & <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

8. National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMS) - School Education

Applicable to students transitioning from middle to secondary levels; income slab and selection test as per Dept. of School Education.

Source: Source: NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

9. Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Wards of CAPF & Assam Rifles

Wards of CAPF/Assam Rifles personnel; specified income limits and service conditions apply.

Source: Source: NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

10. Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Central Armed Police Forces and Assam Rifles

Scholarships for wards of CAPF & Assam Rifles personnel; eligibility tied to service and income criteria.

Source: Source: NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

11. Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme for Ministry of Railways

Scholarships for wards of railway employees under certain service conditions.

Source: Source: NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

12. AICTE - Pragati Scholarship Scheme for Girls

Girls in technical education (diploma/degree); family income threshold; for pursuit of technical studies.

Source: Source: NSP / AICTE - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships> & <https://www.aicte-india.org/>

13. AICTE - Saksham Scholarship for Specially Abled Students

Specially-abled students in technical degree/diploma courses; eligibility per AICTE scheme details.

Source: Source: NSP / AICTE - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

14. AICTE - Swanath Scholarship Scheme

Scholarship for technical diploma/degree students under specific criteria; refer AICTE/NSP for details.

Source: Source: NSP / AICTE - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships> & <https://www.aicte-india.org/>

15. UGC - National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies

Postgraduate students eligible under UGC norms; check UGC scheme page for course & income details.

Source: Source: UGC / NSP - <https://education.gov.in/> & <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

16. Ishan Uday Special Scholarship Scheme for North Eastern Region (UGC)

Students from NE region pursuing higher education; scheme targets access & support for NE students.

Source: Source: UGC / NSP - <https://education.gov.in/> & <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

17. National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)

Overseas study support for marginalized categories (SC/ST/Denotified tribes) with strict eligibility and selection norms.

Source: Source: NOS portal - <https://nosmsje.gov.in/>

18. National Fellowship for Persons with Disabilities (NFPwD)

Fellowship and scholarship support for PwDs for higher education and research fellowships.

Source: Source: Dept. of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities - <https://depwd.gov.in/en/scholarship/>

19. Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College and University Students (Merit-based)

Merit-linked scholarships for students in colleges/universities; eligibility based on prior academic performance and income.

Source: Source: NSP / Dept. of Higher Education - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

20. Financial Assistance for Education to the Wards of Beedi/Cine/IOMC/LSDA - Post Matric

Special category post-matric scholarships for wards of workers in specific industries; eligibility and income criteria apply.

Source: Source: Ministry of Labour & NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

21. Financial Assistance for Education to the Wards of Beedi/Cine/IOMC/LSDA - Pre Matric

Pre-matric support for children of specified occupational groups; see NSP for state-wise details.

Source: Source: Ministry of Labour & NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

22. PM YASASVI Top Class Education Scheme for OBC/EBC/DNT students (School & College)

Top-class education scholarships for OBC/EBC/DNT students, differentiated for school and college levels.

Source: Source: Dept. of Social Justice & NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

23. ICCR Scholarships (Various Schemes)

Multiple scholarship schemes for foreign students and cultural exchange; see ICCR listings for scheme-wise criteria.

Source: Source: ICCR / MEA - <https://www.iccr.gov.in/> & embassy pages

24. Transgender Scholarship Scheme (Central)

Scholarships for transgender students in classes IX and above as per Ministry of Social Justice schemes.

Source: Source: National Portal for Transgender Persons / Ministry - <https://transgender.dosje.gov.in/>

25. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship for Professional and Technical Courses (Minority)

Minority community students pursuing professional/technical courses; income ceiling and merit criteria apply.

Source: Source: NSP / Ministry of Minority Affairs - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

26. Post-Matric Scholarship for SC Students

SC students pursuing post-matric studies; family income ceilings and documentation required.

Source: Source: Dept. of Social Justice & NSP - <https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes> & <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

27. Top Class Education Scheme for SC Students

High performing SC students eligible for top-class education benefits in empanelled institutions.

Source: Source: Dept. of Social Justice & NSP - <https://socialjustice.gov.in/schemes> & <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

28. Pragati Scholarship for Girls (AICTE - Technical)

Support for girls in technical education to encourage retention; income thresholds and course limits apply.

Source: Source: AICTE / NSP - <https://www.aicte-india.org/> & <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

29. Saksham Scholarship for Specially Abled Students (AICTE)

Special quota support for differently-abled students in technical education.

Source: Source: AICTE / NSP - <https://www.aicte-india.org/> & <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

30. ICCR General Scholarship Scheme

ICCR-managed scholarships for international students and exchange scholars; eligibility varies by scheme.

Source: Source: ICCR - <https://www.iccr.gov.in/>

31. National Fellowship for Scheduled Tribes (NFST)

Fellowships and scholarships for ST students pursuing higher studies/research; income & reservation norms apply.

Source: Source: Ministry of Tribal Affairs / NSP - <https://scholarships.gov.in/All-Scholarships>

Appendix: Additional schemes and pointers (names & sources)

- Post Matric Scholarship Scheme (State-wise variations) - NSP/state portals
- Pre Matric Scholarship Scheme (State-wise) - NSP/state portals
- State government merit scholarships (e.g., Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala schemes) - state portals
- UGC Minorities Fellowship schemes - UGC portal
- Prime Minister's Scholarship for Police Personnel wards - NSP
- National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (state-administered variations) - NSP
- Central Sector Scholarship for Top Class Education (OBC/EBC) - NSP
- National Talent Search Scheme (NTSE) related scholarships - NCERT/state education boards
- State-specific scholarships for SC/ST/OBC/Minorities - state portals
- Scholarships for sports persons - Sports Authority / state sports boards
- Scholarships under Ministry of Labour for industry worker wards - NSP
- ICSSR/UGC research fellowships - UGC/ICSSR portals
- National Overseas Scholarship for SC/ST (detailed listing) - NOS portal
- Merit-based university-specific scholarships (IITs, IIMs, central varsities) - respective websites
- State Post-Matric Schemes (Kerala, Tamil Nadu, etc.) - state data portals
- Scholarships for girl students (various central and state schemes) - NSP/AICTE
- Scholarships for disabilities (state + central combined lists) - DEPwD/NSP
- Top-class education schemes for OBC/SC/ST - NSP & Social Justice
- Special schemes for North-East students (NEC/DoNER) - NEC portal
- Railway scholarships (employee wards) - Ministry of Railways/NSP
- Welfare board scholarships (beedi, anganwadi workers) - Ministry of Labour/NSP
- Scholarships for transgenders - central and state welfare portals
- ICCR scholarship sub-schemes (Atal Bihari Vajpayee Scholarship etc.) - ICCR
- NGO/CSR scholarships working with government schemes - partner portals
- National Fellowships (e.g., Maulana Azad National Fellowship) - UGC/Ministry
- PM YASASVI scheme variations - Social Justice/NSP
- Scholarships for students from Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (special schemes) - Ministry/NSP
- Central schemes for minority scholarships - Ministry of Minority Affairs
- Merit Cum Means Scholarship (Central/state versions) - NSP/state portals

- State education department special awards/scholarships - state portals
- Special scholarships for medical/dental students (various trusts/central) - respective host sites
- Research fellowships (DST/DBT/ICMR) - respective ministry portals
- Financial assistance for wards of specific occupational groups (beedi, cine, mine workers) - Ministry of Labour
- Schemes for refugees/foreign students under MEA - ICCR/MEA

Notes:

This compendium is a practical-start document produced for convenience. It summarizes scheme names and typical eligibility cues. For authoritative eligibility conditions, required documents, and application windows refer to the NSP (<https://scholarships.gov.in>), respective ministry portals (e.g., Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Justice), and state scholarship portals. If you need a fully exhaustive, verified list of 70–100 schemes with line-by-line legal eligibility clauses, I can expand this compendium and automate extraction from NSP/specification pages and produce an updated PDF (this takes more time).