

# National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE)

NSIGSE Scheme is a central government initiative that promises to promote enrollment of the girls in the higher secondary education. The famous NSIGSE Scheme has helped to reduce the drop-out after completion of the high school education of the girls mainly from the SC/ST caste.

The objective of the scheme is to establish an enabling environment to promote enrolment and reduce drop out of girls belonging to SC/ST communities in secondary schools and ensure their retention up to the 18 years of age.

## Background:

The centrally sponsored “National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE)” was launched in May 2008, to give incentive to students enrolled in class IX. The scheme is now boarded on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

## Coverage:

The scheme covers (i) all girls belonging to SC/ST communities who pass class VIII and (ii) all girls who pass class VIII examination from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (irrespective of whether they belong to SC/ ST), and enroll in class IX in State/ UT Government, Government-aided and Local Body schools.

## Incentive Amount:

A sum of Rs.3000/- is deposited in the name of eligible unmarried girls as fixed deposit on enrolment in class IX, who are entitled to withdraw it along with interest thereon upon reaching 18 years of age and passing Class X examination.

## Eligibility Criteria:

- Girl students who passed class VIII examination from Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (irrespective of whether they belong to Scheduled Castes or Tribes) and enroll for class IX in State/UT Government, Government-aided or local body schools.
- All SC/ST girls who pass class VIII from all other Government Management Schools.
- Girls should be below 16 years of age (as on 31st March) on joining class IX.
- Married girl students, girls studying in private un-aided schools and who are enrolled in schools run by the Central Government like KVS, NVS, and CBSE affiliated schools are not eligible.
- National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education:  
To establish an enabling environment to reduce the dropouts and to promote the enrolment of girl child belonging to SC/ST communities in secondary schools and ensure their retention up to 18 years of age.
- To promote enrolment of girl child in the age group of 14-18 at secondary stage, especially those who passed Class VIII and to encourage the secondary education of such girls, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. National Scheme of Incentives to Girls for Secondary Education was launched in May 2008.