UMBRELLA SCHEME – "PRADHAN MANTRI UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA PROTSAHAN YOJANA"

GUIDELINES FOR COMPONENT SCHEME – "SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR THE STUDENTS OF UNION TERRITORIES OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH, 2022

1. OBJECTIVE:

To provide academic fee (tuition and other admissible fee) and maintenance allowance (to bear expenses on account of hostel & mess fee, cost of books and other incidental charges) to students belonging to Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh who, after passing Class XII or equivalent examination, secure admission in Government Colleges/ Institutions and other select Institutions outside the UTs of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh through AICTE's counseling process. The scheme also envisages to build capacities of the youth of J&K and Ladakh to enable them to compete with their peers in the national main stream.

2. SCOPE:

The scheme is implemented by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Under the scheme, 5000 fresh scholarships are awarded every year. Out of these, 2070 scholarships are for General Degree Courses, 2830 for Professional/ Engineering courses and 100 for Medical Courses. The number of scholarships for engineering and medical courses are kept flexible, subject to the ceiling of 5000 fresh scholarships per year and further subject to the savings accruing from any shortfall in the number of students opting for general degree courses.

3. RATE OF SCHOLARSHIPS, ACADEMIC FEE & MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE:

Stream	Academic Fee (Upper limit) per annum	Maintenance Charges (Fixed) per annum	Number of fresh Scholarships per annum
General Degree	Rs.30,000/-		2070
Professional/ Engineering/ Nursing/ Pharmacy/ Architecture/ HMCT Degree	Rs.1.25 lakh	Rs.1.00 lakh	2830*
Medical Degree -MBBS/ BDS/ BAMS/ BHMS	Rs.3.00 lakh		100
Total No. of Scholarships			5000

*Lateral entry in professional slots of previous year included
Flexibility for deciding fees to be reimbursed for certain courses rests with the
Inter-Ministerial Committee, within the overall ceiling.

4. DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

(a) Scholarship towards academic fee will be paid directly to the Institution as per claim or as per rate fixed by respective State Fee Regulatory Authority or as fixed by any Regulatory Authority appointed by the Government, whichever is less and within the overall ceiling

fixed for the course. All the Institutions may note that upper ceiling of Academic Fee inclusive of all admissible components taken together is upto Rs. 1,25,000/- for Professional /Engineering Courses; upto Rs. 30,000/- for General Courses and upto Rs. 3,00,000/- for Medical Courses. Even if the total fee of Institute is more than the ceiling, neither AICTE shall reimburse extra amount nor institute can charge the same from the students.

(b)   The fixed maintenance allowance is upto Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum for all courses will be paid to the bank account of the student through DBT using PFMS gateway. Maintenance Allowance during first year will be released in 9(nine) installments, first installment of which will be of Rs.20,000/- and subsequent 8 monthly installments will be of Rs.10,000/- each.

(c)   From 2nd year onwards fixed maintenance allowance of upto Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum will be paid in 10 monthly installments of Rs.10,000/-.

(d)   Maintenance allowance will be released on the production of continuity certificate from the Institute, hotel charges bill, etc.

5.   ELIGIBILITY:
(a)   Candidates should be domicile of Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
(b)   Students must have passed 12th examination from JKBOSE or CBSE affiliated schools located in UTs of J&K and Ladakh.
(c)   Having family income of Rs. 8.00 lakh or less per annum.
(d)   Candidates who want to take admission under Lateral Entry Scheme have to pass Diploma in Engineering from the Polytechnic Institutes recognized by Directorate of Technical Education(DTE), UTs of J&K and Ladakh.
(e)   Candidates are compulsorily required to apply on-line on the AICTE web-portal.
(f)   Admission under Lateral Entry Scheme will be subject to allocation of seats / vacant seats of the preceding year in Engineering Courses only.
(g)   Merit list will be prepared for Higher Secondary passed and Lateral Entry students and the same will be displayed on AICTE portal for conducting of on-line counseling for final allotment of seats in colleges to eligible candidates subject to choice filling/ availability of scholarships.

6.   EXCLUSIONS:
   Categories of Candidates NOT eligible under the PMSSS:
(a)   Candidates pursing courses through Open Universities.
(b)   Student availing benefit of any other scholarship scheme.
(c)   Candidates gaining admission through '**Management Quota'**.
(d)   Candidates pursuing Diploma course.
(e)   Candidates pursuing Post Graduate level studies, in any discipline.
(f)   Candidates having family income over Rs. 8.00 lakh per annum.
(g)   Not applied through online registration in the AICTE Portal.
(h)   Taking admission in the Colleges other than the prescribed colleges given in AICTE Portal.
(i)   Admission through Agents/NGOs.

7. RESERVATION POLICY AS APPLICABLE IN THE UTs OF J&K AND LADAKH

The reservation norms as prescribed for the UTs of J&K and Ladakh (subject to intimation from UTs of J&K and Ladakh) in respect of SC, ST and Socially and Economically Backward Classes (SEBC) are followed for providing scholarship under the Scheme. The break-up is given below:

(a)   SC–8%
(b)   ST–10%
(c)   Socially and Economically backward classes (other than Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) – 22%:

(i)	Weak & under privileged classes/social caste (OCS)	4%
(ii)	Resident of backward area (RBA)	10%
(iii)	Resident of areas adjoining actual line of control (ALC)/ International Border (B)	4%
(iv)	Pahari Speaking People	4%
(v)	Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)	10%*

*10% EWS quota has been included in Open / General Category as the maximum family income ceiling under the Scheme is Rs.8,00,000/- or less.

(d)   **4% Horizontal reservation is provided for persons with disability above 40% as per**

Central Government Norms.

8. INSTITUTES/COLLEGES PARTICIPATING:

(a)   Admission will be offered to the candidates from a selected pool of well performing institutions / colleges / universities, which are recognized by AICTE or approved by UGC under Section 12(B) or respective Regulatory Bodies of Government of India only, which are fulfilling following criteria

(b)   All NAAC Accredited (for General Stream Programme)/ Delhi University Colleges/ All Central Universities, All NBA accredited/ NIRF(up to the rank of 300)/ Government Institutions/ Colleges having hostel facilities and any other good institution identified in advance and listed with the prior approval of AICTE.

(c)   Hostel facility criteria is to be relaxed for General Stream courses or any other quality institution located in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune and Hyderabad etc.

(d)   AICTE shall take final decision as to the participating institutes.

9. ADMISSION IN IITs/NITs AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE:

(a)   Aspirants desiring to take admission through JEE Mains/JEE Advance in IITs, NITs, IISc, IISER and Centrally Funded Institutions with National Importance may be considered, if student participates in online counselling by filling their JEE Mains/ JEE Advance roll numbers with respective admit card and result they would be eligible**.**

(b) All Medical aspirants seeking admission in BDS/MBBS streams are required to appear in NEET examinations and get qualified for admission. However, they should initially register on AICTE portal by submitting their complete details including NEET roll number and get their documents verified by Facilitation Centre as per the procedure. After securing their admission to college through NEET counselling, they are required to upload their allotment letter along with NEET score card and joining report to become eligible.

(c) Aspirants seeking admission in Architecture programme are required to qualify NATA and their admission to Architecture course through AICTE portal would be eligible after uploading their NATA result and admit card.

(d) Aspirants seeking admission in Integrated Law Course (B.A.LLB) are required to qualify CLAT and their admission to law course through AICTE portal would be eligible after uploading their CLAT result and admit card. Admission in the law course in National Law Schools will be considered.

10. DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

The scholarships granted under the scheme are renewed in subsequent classes subject to good conduct and maintenance of attendance as prescribed by the respective institution. Students failing to get promoted to the next class / level would get the scholarship in the following year subject to the condition that if the student fails again for the second time, then he / she would forfeit the scholarship and the scholarship would not be renewed for the subsequent years. If a scholar unable to appear in the annual examination owing to illness and / or on account of any unforeseen incident, the scholarship may be renewed for the next academic year on submission of medical certificate and other proof to satisfy the Head of the Institution who will also certify the same. Scholarship will not be paid twice for the same year of study.

11. ONLINE ADMISSION PROCESS:

A. Admission under 10+2 Scheme and through Lateral Entry

Candidates who have passed 10+2 examination from JKBOSE or CBSE affiliated schools/ passed Diploma in Engineering from Polytechnics approved by Directorate of Technical Education, UTs of J&K and Ladakh in the academic year 2019-20 & 2020-21 and onwards can only submit their application on AICTE Portal for registration of the scheme. Candidates are advised to fill exact particulars as furnished at the time of registration for class10+2 examination. Candidates whose credentials do not match with the particulars available in AICTE portal will not be able to register online. On successful registration, eligible candidates will be issued user name and password to fill online form on AICTE Portal. The UTs of J&K and Ladakh through various Facilitation Centres, assist the students in submission of online application and verification of the following original documents to ascertain their eligibility under the Scheme:

(a) Certificate of domicile of the State of Jammu & Kashmir

(b) Certificate of Class 12th and 10th Examination (for candidates who have passed class 12th examination)

(c) Polytechnic Diploma Certificate (for Diploma candidates)

(d) Income Certificate

(e) Students applying under reserved quota must produce Caste Certificate (SC/ST/SEBC) issued by State Government authority.

(f) Persons with Disabilities (PwD) must submit Disability Certificate

12. DOCUMENT VERIFICATION AND CHOICE FILLING:

The applicant is required to get his / her uploaded documents verified with the originals at the nearest Facilitation Centre set-up by UTs of J&K and Ladakh and get it verified and uploaded with stamp on portal of Facilitation Centres. After document verification from the facilitation center the candidate should collect the copy of document verification report without fail. The choice filling window would be activated for only those candidates having successfully registered and got their documents verified at any one of the Facilitation Centres. The choice filling window will be blocked on the last date, after that no change would be allowed in order of preference. The merit list will be displayed subject to the declaration of result.

Provisional Merit list is generated based on Class XII / Diploma results. The students, whose names appear in the provisional merit list, are compulsorily required to attend the counseling:

(a) Allotment of the seat will be done through online counselling process subject to merit/ availability of scholarships.

(b) List of Institutions / Universities where admissions offered would be prepared and will be displayed in candidate's login for choice filling. Eligible candidates under the Scheme are directed to choose the courses from these Institutions/ Universities only.

Note: **No Scholarship will be paid to the candidates who take admission in institutions other than the list of Institutions/ Universities available on the portal of AICTE except MBBS/ BDS/ allied medicinal courses/ Central/ State Govt. for which supernumerary quota is not available.**

13. DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURE:

(I) STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY STUDENT FOR DBT:

(a) After joining the institution, the student has to immediately upload his/her college joining report (in the prescribed format available on website under SSS J&K 2021-2022 tab) before the last date of joining is over. The student is required to login to AICTE portal using their credentials which has already been created by them at the time of application submission process under SSS J&K.

(b) The joining report will be verified by the Institution post which candidate has to fill and

upload the following documents to start the disbursement procedure. Fill all the necessary information in Basic Details Tab, Institute Details Tab & Bank Details Tab.

(II) STEPSTO BE TAKEN BY INSTITUTE:

For processing of scholarship, the institute needs to perform the below mentioned task for receiving academic fee into their account. The annual academic fee would be credited in the institute account directly which is in the name of the institution and their details are to be submitted to AICTE. The fee would be released based on SFRC (State Fee Regulatory Committee/Authority) applicable to that particular batch/course with the maximum limit as per scheme guidelines.

(a) College will upload documents for claiming Academic Fee. If the institute is admitting SSS J&K candidates for the first time they should apply for the issuance of User ID & Password by clicking at: https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk/2020-2021.

(b) If the institute has already admitted candidates under SSS J&K, then it may use the old User ID & Password and submit SFRC and other documents as per norms.

(c) Login on to AICTE's J&K and Ladakh Portal using authorized "User Id" & "Password', sent on the official email address.

(d) Fill in the necessary information & upload documents namely in 3 tabs: Institute Details, Bank Details and Fee Details.

(e) The following documents are to be uploaded in Institute login:

(i) College Fee Structure/ Academic fee (in the prescribed format available on AICTE portal: https://www.aicte-india.org/bureaus/jk/2020-2021)

(ii) Fee as per SFRC (State Fee Regulatory Committee/Authority)/State Govt. issued fee fixation document.

(iii) Mandate Form-Institution accounts details(format available on website under PMSSS 2020-21 tab)

(iv) Passbook Copy/Cancelled cheque clearly indicating bank name, Account holders Name, Account Number, IFSC code, MICR Code, Bank Address.

(v) The Institution bank account should not be in the name **Trust/Society**.

(vi) Finally click on Submit Button

Scholarships will be disbursed through PFMS Mechanism only after joining the institute and uploading the joining report along with other required documents including AADHAR Number on AICTE, SSSJ&K portal through their login.

(III) IMPLEMENTATIONANDMONITORING

An Inter-Ministerial Committee(IMC) on Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh would oversee the implementation of the Scheme.

14. STEPS TO BE TAKEN DURING REGISTRATION:
Candidates would be required to upload the following documents:

(a) Passport Size photograph (200x230 pixels - preferred)

(b)   Scanned Signature(140x60 pixels–preferred)

(c)   Domicile certificate issued by UTs of J&K and Ladakh

(d)   SSC Marksheet

(e)   Family income certificate (Issued by Tehsildar or equivalent)

(f)   Bank   Details of student: Students individual account (joint account/ no frill account/in operative account, parents account, joint account is not valid)

(g)   AADHAR Number

(h)   Category certificate (issued by the Competent Authority of the State Government)

(i)   Persons with Disabilities (PwD) must upload Disability Certificate (40% and above)

(j)   Candidates who are already availing the benefits of SSS J&K are not eligible to apply.

(k)   Student is required to give preference of the course which he/she intends to pursue i.e. General or Professional or Medical stream.

(l)   General Stream includes admission to B.A./B.Com./B.Sc./B.Sc.(Hon.)/BBA/BCA etc.

(m)   Professional courses include B.E./ B.Tech./ B.Pharmacy/ B.Architecture/ Hotel Management & Catering Technology/ B.Sc.(Nursing).

(n)   Medical Streams include MBBS/ B.D.S./ BAMS and Allied Medicinal Courses.

(o)   Bank details seeded with AADHAR to be submitted at the time of registration to be verified by the Facilitation Center.

    (i)   Upload scanned copy of AADHAR Card of the Student (if any)

    (ii)   Upload scanned copy of the first two pages of Bank Passbook/Cancelled cheque clearly indicating following:

        a.   Name of Accounts Holder

        b.   Name and Address of the Bank

        c.   Saving Bank Account No.

        d.   IFSC Code and MICR Code

Note: Saving Bank Account should be seeded with AADHAR Number and in the name of the bona-fide student only. Candidates may note that Bank Accounts should not be a "No-frill Account"/ Minor Account, Parents' Account/ Non-Operative account, joint account etc.