

National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme

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Why in news?

The last date for submission of applications for National Means cum Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) for the year 2025-26 has been extended to 30th September, 2025.

- It is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme**.
- **Launched in** - 2008.
- **Ministry** - Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education.
- **Aim** - To provide **financial assistance to meritorious students** from **economically weaker sections**, helping them continue their education.
- **Implemented via** - The NMMSS is implemented through the **National Scholarship Portal (NSP)**.
- **Eligibility** -
 - Parental income is **not more than Rs. 3,50,000/- per annum** from all sources.
 - The student should have **minimum of 55% marks or equivalent** grade in Class VII examination for appearing in selection test for award of scholarship (relaxable by 5% for SC/ST students).
- **Applicability** - The scholarship is for students in State Government, Government-aided, and local body schools.
- **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** - It is disbursed directly into the bank accounts of selected students by electronic transfer through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) following DBT mode.
- **Benefits** -
 - The amount of scholarship will be **Rs. 12000/- per annum** @ Rs. 1000 per month per student to selected students every year.
 - Applicable for students studying in **classes from IX to XII** in State Government, Government aided and local body schools.

Quick Fact

National Scholarships Portal (NSP)

- It is a **one-stop solution** through which various services starting from student application, application receipt, processing, sanction and disbursal of various scholarships to Students are enabled.
- NSP is taken as Mission Mode Project **under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP)**.
- **Objectives -**
 - Ensure timely disbursement of Scholarships to students
 - Provide a common portal for various Scholarships schemes of Central and State Governments
 - Create a transparent database of scholars
 - Avoid duplication in processing
 - Harmonisation of different Scholarships schemes & norms
 - Application of Direct Benefit Transfer

References

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