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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 1st July 2015 as a key initiative under Digital India programme, aimed at providing one-stop solution for scholarships. It facilitates online activities ranging from student registration to application submission, verification, national level de-duplication, merit list generation, sanction and electronic transfer of funds; thereby providing an end-to-end comprehensive solution towards enabling effective disbursement of scholarships.

2. In the Academic Year (AY) 2018-19, 60 Scholarship Schemes (pertaining to 10 Ministries/Departments of Govt and 9 States) were on-boarded on NSP and more than Rs.2100 crore scholarship amount has been disbursed to around 68 lakh students till date.

3. During AY 2018-19, there were repeated attempts to subvert the System/NSP, especially at the verification stage of the scholarship applications. After brainstorming and discussions, it has been agreed by all the scholarship running Ministries/Departments, that the verifying authorities (Schools, Colleges, Institutes, District Nodal Officers, State Nodal Officers etc.) are the most critical stakeholders who ensure integrity of the verification process. Due to legacy data received from earlier system, it is quite possible that many inconsistent entries are present in the System/NSP, thus leading to infirmities in the database. Keeping in view the recent attempts to subvert the system, it is necessary that a one-time cleaning of Institutes database in NSP is undertaken.

4. The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development has been operating "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University students" from the year 2008-09. The said scheme is one of the 60 scholarship schemes on-boarded on National Scholarship Portal. The scheme has been included in the DBT programme of the Government of India and scholarship is being disbursed directly into the bank account of the beneficiaries from 1st January 2013. The scheme is implemented by the State Education Boards/CBSE.

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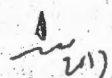
5. In this regard the following actions have been initiated /decided:
- i. All Institutes that do not have valid AISHE codes have been deregistered. A provision has been made for their re-registration after obtaining valid AISHE code.
 - ii. Email ids and mobile numbers of all Institutes registered/stored in NSP have been deactivated. State Nodal officers, will verify credentials of the Institute Nodal Officer and reset his/her password through a well-defined procedure, wherein, the Institute Nodal officer will fill up an online form on the Portal and get the printout authenticated in Duplicate with his/her Head of the Institute and submit it to the State Nodal Officer. On verification, State Nodal officer will activate the account of the Institute on the Portal using their login credentials.
 - iii. State Nodal officer will retain a copy of duly authenticated online form received from Institute, and return the second copy to the Institute for their respective records. It will be the responsibility of the Institute to retain the copy received from State Nodal Officer and produce it to the appropriate authority on demand.
 - iv. Ministries/Departments have also been asked to reconcile the list of State level officer i.e. Nodal Officer State Education Boards. Cooperation of State Government is solicited in the matter for timely completion of task.

6. The National Scholarship Portal has been made open for the Academic Year 2019-20 from 15.7.2019 for all the schemes. The last date of receipt of online applications is 31.10.2019. It is thus imperative that the actions mentioned in Para 5 above is completed by the respective stakeholders as soon as possible. Any delay on part of the Institute or the State Nodal authority, will hamper the prospect of the applicants associated to the respective Institute, in receiving the Scholarships.

7. I would, therefore, request you to widely disseminate the information pertaining to the actions to be undertaken by the Institutes and State Nodal authorities in your State, to facilitate timely registration of institutes, verification of online applications and processing and disbursal of scholarships to the applicants.

with reply

Yours sincerely,


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Chief Secretary of all States/UTs