To

The Registrar/Administrator
246 Institutes as per Attached sheet

Subject: **Re-activation of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) for inviting Applications (fresh and renewal both) under National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students for the financial year 2020-21.**

Sir/Madam,

Your Institute is one of the identified institutes under the scheme of "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students" and financial assistance is provided by the Ministry to such ST students as per scheme norms. The students who would like to avail the benefits only for Scholarship (Top Class) of the scheme and not for the Fellowship scheme, are required to fill the data on National Scholarship Portal (NSP).

2.   In this regard it is intimated that the National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) will be opened as per the dates mentioned below for inviting applications (Fresh and Renewal both) under National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST Students for the financial year 2020-21 on web-site **www.scholarships.gov.in**. The Institutes are to adhere to the time lines as per life cycle of the Scholarship disbursal process through National Scholarship Portal. The timelines to be followed in this regard is as given below:

Opening date of Application Registration by Student (For Fresh and For Renewal)	16.08.2020
Closing Date of Application Registration by Student (For Fresh and For Renewal)	31.10.2020
Verification of Applications by Institute (For Fresh and For Renewal)	15.11.2020

3.   Detailed instructions for the Students and for the Institutes, FAQ's, Application form Column field's description in Excel and in PPT for students are enclosed for your reference.

4.   Enclosed is a circular issued from MHRD dated 24th June 2016 and 08th April 2016 stating that the tuition fee is exempted for ST students studying in IITs and NITs across the country.

5.   Institutes MUST note that now in NSP there is no option to fill the fees at student level and only Institute's Nodal Officers have to fill / edit the fees for each component (Admission Fee, Tuition Fee, Misc Fees) for each and every student at their level. Please note that Nodal Officer of the Institute MUST fill the correct fees of the student as per the Scheme Guidelines. Later, if any student will complaint of his/her short payment of scholarship amount, Ministry shall not be responsible for that.

6.   Institute are requested to Please check the Marksheet and Percentage of Marks as per below criteria:

   i.   For *Fresh students* (who have not received scholarship earlier from this Ministry) who will apply in any year 1, 2, 3, 4,,5 under Fresh category, Institute Nodal Officer MUST check their Previous course Marksheet. If student has applied for Graduate Level course then Institute have to check their 12th level Marksheet and 12th level aggregate percentage (Marks should be in Percentage and not in CGPA).

   ii.   For *Fresh students* (who have not received scholarship earlier from this Ministry) who will apply in any year 1, 2, 3, 4,,5 under Fresh category , Institute Nodal Officer MUST check their Previous course Marksheet. If student has applied for Post-Graduation Level course then Institute have to check their Graduate level Marksheet and Graduate level aggregate percentage (Marks should be in Percentage and not in CGPA).

   iii.   For *Renewal students* who will apply under Fresh category for any reason , Institute Nodal Officer MUST check their previous semester marksheet.

   iv.   For *Renewal students* who will apply under Renewal category in NSP , Institute Nodal Officer MUST check their previous year/semester course marksheet.

7. Institute Nodal Officer MUST note as under :

- **Renewal students** (who have earlier received scholarship from this Ministry) but for some reason they are not able to apply under Renewal section in the NSP with the previous year application id and they have applied under "Fresh category" with New Application Id, for such students, Please note as under :

   i.   Institute Nodal Officer **MUST** convey to this Ministry that this student has already received the scholarship from this Ministry and the year in which he has received the scholarship and the amount of scholarship received. For such Renewal student Institute Nodal Officer shall inform student's Previous Year application id to this Ministry in writing. Institute Nodal Officer should inform to this Ministry in writing that Please treat this student as Renewal and Please don't treat the student as a Fresh student and don't take his/her name in the Merit List generation of 1000 students.

   8.   Institutes Nodal officer MUST verify the applications simultaneously as and when they will receive online application submitted by the student at Institute level.

Encl: as above

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Yours faithfully,

20/08/2020

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