

Record of Proceedings of the One day Workshop on National Scholarship Portal for on-line submission of proposals/ list of beneficiaries under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (NMMSS) was held on 11.9.2019 at New Delhi

One day Workshop was organized by the Secondary Scholarship (SS) Division, Department of School Education and Literacy (D/o SE&L), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) on 11.09.2019 at Scope Complex, New Delhi for the State Nodal Officers/Officials of all State Governments / Union Territory Administration on National Scholarship Portal (NSP 2.0) for on-line submission of proposals/ lists of beneficiaries on it, under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) of this Department. The Officers from D /o SE&L, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Public Finance Management System (PFMS), Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) and State Bank of India (SBI), New Delhi participated in the workshop in addition to State Nodal Officers / Officials of NMMS schemes from States/UTs.

2. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

3. Shri. V.K.Verma, Deputy Secretary, D/o SE&L welcomed all the participants and briefed about NSP 2.0. He stated that the main purpose of organizing this workshop is to familiarize the State Nodal Officers (SNOs) and associated officials about the functioning of NSP. This workshop would have sessions on presentation of National Scholarship Portal, discussions on Aadhaar enrolment, PFMS and regarding operational problems / difficulties coming in the way of implementation of NMMS schemes. He emphasized mainly on the following issues:

- Time line for registering on NSP for the proposals of year 2019-20 under NMMSS is 15.10.2019.
- All State Governments/UT Administrations were requested to ensure that all scholarship holder from respective States/UTs may register themselves in a time bound manner, so as to enable this scheme to be full on-boarded on NSP, as directed by DBT Mission, Cabinet secretariat and therefore, States are required to sensitize all Principals and District Education Officers to ensure that the scholarship holders from their

Education Officers to ensure that the scholarship holders from their schools are able to apply on portal in time as well as timely verification at their level.

- It was also informed that no exemption will be given to any State/UT this year 2019-20.
- States and UTs may take necessary actions to fill their respective allotted quota.
- States and UTs were requested to complete the re-registration process of State Nodal officers/District Nodal Officers/School Headmasters and individual Schools on NSP on urgent basis.

4. Ms. L.S. Changsan, Joint Secretary, D/o SE&L, addressing all the participants stated that NMMSS Scheme of D/o SE&L is being effectively implemented with the cooperation of the States and UTs. But for the last two years, lots of anomalies are noticed on NSP due to which, the scheme could not be successfully boarded on NSP. The process of NSP re-registration, application and verification is going very slowly, so State and UTs may develop proper monitoring system for timely completion of all these tasks.

5. The Official from UIDAI informed participants how to enroll for aadhaar number, where to enroll and how to download Aadhaar number through website ([http:// resident.uidai.net.in](http://resident.uidai.net.in)). If internet facility is not available, then one has to visit the enrolment center with required documents for obtaining Aadhaar number. Special camps can also be organized by Principals/ Headmasters of the schools for enrolment of Aadhaar in association with UIDAI and District Officials, for which instructions have already been issued. It was also informed that no Aadhaar number in respect of an Aadhaar holder shall be published, displayed or posted publicly and also that Aadhaar is not mandatory for the payment of scholarship to the beneficiaries specifically those below the age of 18 years. The State Nodal Officers were also informed about Aadhaar-seeding of bank accounts in detail, for making the Aadhaar-Based Payments (ABP) more successful.

6. The officials from PFMS, O/o CGA, made a brief presentation on working of Public Financial management System (PFMS). All the State Nodal Officers were also informed about the process of checking the payment status of one particular beneficiary with Account No. or Aadhaar No. via the option "Know your payments" given on PFMS.

7. A presentation on National Scholarship Portal for NMMSS was made by Ms. Venkatpriya Gopal from NIC, New Delhi. She stated that the objective of the NSP is to enhance the efficiency of capturing data with high accuracy, processing and disbursement of scholarships. She explained the application process on NSP for the year 2019-20 as follows.

Step.1. Registration: It was stated by her that either Aadhaar Number or bank account number is mandatory for applying scholarship through NSP. If a student does not have Aadhaar Number, the registration could be completed with the bank account Number, which requires the uploading of copy of bank passbook and a bonafide certificate. The Aadhaar enrolment ID field shown during Bank Account registration is not a mandatory field and therefore, it could be skipped. Mobile number is also to be provided for getting the feedback and sending SMS to the scholarship holders for status of the scholarship disbursement. It may be of student, parents, guardian, brother/ sister or friend, etc.

If incorrect details are entered during registration by fresh candidates of 2019-20 (NMMSS exam held in Nov 2018), then application could be withdrawn by the applicant before final submission and can be re-registered. This is only one-time exemption. Renewal candidates should not try this option of withdrawal and re-registration.

The details entered by the fresh candidates should be the same as are provided in the result of the respective States. If there is any mis-match of details, the scheme will not be available to the candidate.

Step 2. Application: The student has to fill the exam related details e.g. NMMSS Roll No., Exam year, school details etc and finally submit the application. The duly-filled application form will be finally submitted at this step.

8. Each column of the format was explained to the participants and along with how to capture the data. Emphasis was given to capture the mandatory fields of the format. In on-line submission of data on NSP by students, after entering basic details like Name, Aadhaar Number, Bank Account Number, etc., the student gets registration number instantly, which is to be kept during scholarship period. After processing of data at centralized processing center, student will get his/her registration number through SMS on mobile. He/She will complete the application process online and submit it to school. The Principal of the school will verify the information provided by scholarship holders and submit it to the District Education Officer (DEO). The Principal will also keep the desired/ requisite data in hard copy for verification like income/ caste certificate etc. The data at District level may be verified by DEO or State Nodal officer of the scheme. There will be only two levels of verification at the School and District level/State level. In returned cases, the data will be corrected by students and then the same channel of submission will be followed. The data received by the State Nodal Officer from the District Education Officers will be approved and submitted on NSP. The States are required to upload on NSP fresh proposals of 2019-20 for class IX and renewals of 2019-20 for class X (project year 2018-19), XI (Project Year 2017-18) and XII (Project Year 2016-17) under NMMSS. NIC mentioned that, pre-matric option for classes IX and X shall be chosen and for classes XI and XII, post-matric option shall be chosen for scholarships. Under the NMMSS, students will upload on fresh scholarship column for class IX and will renew for classes X, XI and XII every year as per eligibility. It was emphasized that the Aadhaar seeded bank account details are required to be uploaded by the students on the portal. If the students do not have Aadhaar numbers, they will enroll for Aadhaar and schools may provide assistance / facilitation to them in getting Aadhaar. It was also informed that in case of any difficulty coming in the way of the operations of the NSP, clarification/ assistance may be sought from NIC and Department of School Education & Literacy, MHRD through email on priya.gopal@nic.in and ss.edu.nmmss@gmail.com respectively.

9. After introductory and training session of NSP, queries and problems being faced while hands-on operation of NSP at ground level were raised and the reply given by the concerned officers are as under:

I. The state representatives desired to know how to update the U-DISE after up-gradation of school/institute from Secondary level to Senior Secondary level.

Reply of NIC Officials:-The option for the updating the DISE code of school has been given in School Login account.

II. The State Representatives desired to know as to how a student of renewal case can update his school/institute details after change of his school after a particular class.

Reply of NIC Officials:-The option is already available to the applicants.

III. A major issue raised by all State representatives was that Scheme was not visible to more than 70% cases of fresh applications registering themselves for class-IX during the year 2019-20.

Reply of NIC Officials:-NIC explained that major reason behind non-display of scheme was mis-match between the details of students filled during the application and the details available on NSP from the result of NMMSS Exam 2018, provided by State/UTs for re-checking at back-end to avoid fraudulent cases. In this regard, States and UTs may ensure that students are entering only valid details provided in the result.

IV. State Representative raised the issue of invalid captcha shown and One Time Password (OTP) generated during the login to the NSP account at any level.

Reply of NIC Officials: assured to resolve the issue from next year onwards by simplifying both the options.

IV. State representatives asked for the non-display of application at School or District level.

It was explained that for this year all schools, District Nodal Officers and state Nodal officers have to re-register themselves on NSP updating their all details. If this step has not been completed at any level, the application will not be displayed for verification. For applying the renewal scholarship of class-XI or XII, all candidates have to update the school/institute mandatorily.

10. After the NSP session the following announcements were done by the D/o SE&L's representatives:

- Every year a lot of applications remain un-verified on NSP either at school level or at District level. All State and UT Governments must take necessary action for timely verification of the applications of the student at school level as well as district level; otherwise accountability will be fixed with State and UT Administrations.
- Verification of false/fake applications by School or District level Accountability will be fixed on of verifying authority and recovery may also be done from the same.
- The proposals eligible in the year 2017-18 for classes-IX, X, XI & XII, which could not be received on NSP and received in off-line mode, had several problems of data duplication or exceeding the data of previous class, therefore, require to be re-sent with requisite corrections. The proposals, which are found to be correct in all respects, have already been sanctioned by this Ministry.
- The decision for the off-line proposals of 2018-19 is still pending. In case, the proposals are allowed in off-line mode by the DBT Mission, Cabinet Secretariat, then left out students of renewals for classes- X, XI and XII will be accepted. The class-IX students, who could not apply on NSP during 2018-19, will not be given any chance for off-line application. Also, the non-verified students of renewal classes- X, XI & XII of 2018-19 promoted from class-IX, X & XI of 2017-18, will not be considered for sanction and therefore, should not be included in left-out data. If such discrepancy is found in the data, then State/UT Governments will be held the responsible.
- From the year 2019-20 onwards, States and UTs may try to develop an individual application or portal with the help of State NIC team on the line of

NSP Portal, for receipt of the applications of students for appearing in the NMMSS Examinations, so that the discrepancies found in the results of each year data could be avoided.

- If a student opts for some other scheme on NSP, then, no option will be available for change of scheme. Therefore, this information should be disseminated to all applicants.
- All State and UTs must conduct a similar workshop for District Education Officers and School Headmasters for making NSP 100% successful. If technical assistance is required, MHRD will also provide the same.

11. The States were requested to ensure that all qualified students of 2019-20 (NMMSS Exam held in Nov. 2018), who are applying for fresh scholarship of class-IX may enter the requisite details, e.g., Name, Gender, Category, NMMSS Roll No., Date of Birth etc. on NSP, very carefully, so that the applicable scheme is visible to the applicant for successful submission of application.

12. It was informed that several States have not provided the Aadhaar, bank account and Aadhaar seeded bank account details in the prescribed proforma despite several requests to State Governments since May 2019. A list of such States was given to concerned State Nodal Officers for furnishing this data within a week,

13. Discussions were held with the participants from States regarding operational problems/difficulties coming in the way of the implementation of the NMMSS scheme. The Deputy Secretary, D/o SE&L made the following announcement regarding the proposals of previous years:

- The Renewal proposals for classes-X, XI & XII, which became eligible in academic year 2016-17 and 2017-18 are given a last chance to send these proposals, if any, is pending for receipt in this Ministry. This will be last chance for the State and UT Governments to send these proposals by 10th October, 2019, failing which, no such proposals will be considered in future and accountability/responsibility will lie with States and UTs Government only. The renewal proposals prior to the academic year 2015-16 will not be entertained in this Ministry for sanction of scholarships.

- The fresh proposals for class-IX of the project years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 will not be entertained at any condition.
- The proposals sent by the State Governments should have no duplicate or fake entries and should be sent with a covering letter clearly mentioning the class, Exam year, Total No. of students, and category-wise No. of students.
- States/UTs may conduct the NMMSS Examination as per their requirement/convenience, keeping in view that the result of the exam should be declared by February of the concerned Project year. No additional permission is required from the Ministry in this regard.
- Date for conduct of examination should be intimated to this Ministry. Copy of Advertisement for the conduct of examination may be forwarded to Ministry.

14. The non-fulfillment of allotted quota of States under National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) was discussed and the concerned States were provided with a performance sheet on basis of quota fulfillment of last 4 years. The States with poor performance were requested to make concerted efforts in this regard including giving wide publicity to the scheme in their States, by providing free remedial classes to the poor performing students or by consistent preparation for the NMMSS Exam, so as to fully utilize the allotted quota of NMMSS scholarships for the State.

15. The Nodal Officers were also requested to provide corrected details against rejected payments due to invalid/incorrect bank accounts, IFSC code, mismatch in name, etc., in NMMSS to this Ministry immediately for making payments in such cases. The Ministry and Banks have been providing details of rejected entries under NMMSS.

16. The participants from States and UTs were given an open session for discussion and suggestions for better implementation of the scheme for consideration in the Ministry. The following suggestions were made by States and UTs:

- To increase the income ceiling from Rs. 150,000/- to Rs. 2,50,000/-, so that more number of students could be included for selection and allotted quota could be fully utilised.

- Once the student is selected for scheme through NMMSS Examination and one year scholarship is given to the student, then no further criteria should be applicable for renewal of scholarship.
- Students of Private schools under Economically Weaker Section (EWS) quota should be given a chance to sit for NMMSS Examination.
- The cost of re-imburement @ Rs. 50/- per student per district for 1500 students should be increased to the rate of Rs. 100/- per student for all the students appearing for NMMSS Examination.
- Every year 3-4 such type of workshops and video conferences should be conducted for State Nodal Officers for better communication.

17. Further, comments on modifications being proposed in the National scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) were invited from the state Nodal Officers. The comments of the States are under:

- The incentive amount may be enhanced to Rs. 10000/- in lieu of the proposed amount of Rs. 6000/-.
- The scheme may be extended to the Economic Weaker Section also.

18. The Deputy Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, MHRD thanked the representatives from States/UTs and representatives from Government Departments/agencies for attending the workshop.

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