

National Scholarship Scheme (NSP) for ST Category (2026-27)

Scheme Name: National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST Students

Key Features

- Central Sector Scheme – 100% funded by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Covers full tuition and approved course fees.
- Valid till completion of course (based on satisfactory performance).
- No overlap with other Central/State scholarships for the same study.

Eligibility:

- **Course Level:** Graduate/Postgraduate in **Ministry-notified institutions** (265 premier institutes).
- **Open for all eligible candidates.**
- **Family Income:** Annual family income must not exceed ₹6.00 lakh (gross income from all sources from both father and mother).
- **Income Rules:**
 - Both parents' income counted if working.
 - Siblings' income excluded.
 - Orphans: Income limit not applicable.
 - Married candidates: Spouse's income included.

Scholarship Benefits:

Component	Benefit	Remarks
Tuition & Admission Fee	Full tuition fee and other non-refundable charges in respect of Government /Government funded institutions.	Includes non-refundable charges
Books & Stationery	₹5,000/year	No bills required
Stipend	₹3,000/month	—
Computer & Accessories	₹45,000 (one-time)	Desktop/Laptop; no bills required

Important Dates:

Particular	Student Category	Date
Opening of NSP Portal for Online Applications	Fresh & Renewal Students	01-06-2026
Last Date for Submission of Online Applications	Fresh & Renewal Students	31-10-2026
Last Date for Institute Verification	Fresh & Renewal Students	15-11-2026
Last Date for Ministry Verification	Fresh & Renewal Students	30-11-2026