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Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) for the Academic Year 2023-'24 for the children of NRIS/PIOS/OCIS

Dear Parents

Greetings and Warm Wishes!

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India has announced the “**Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children**” (SPDC) for the Academic Year 2023-'24.

The main features of the SPDC are as below.

(1) The SPDC Scheme is applicable to eligible applicants from NRI/PIO/OCI community in all foreign countries.

(2) Students who have already secured admission in Indian institutions are eligible to apply.

The scheme can only be availed by 1st year Undergraduate students (not 2nd or 3rd year students) as it provides scholarship for the entire duration of the Undergraduate course.

(3) The scheme is open to following two categories in the age group of 17 to 21 years, as on July 31, 2023:

- a) Children of PIOs/OCIs/NRIs who have studied outside India in any of the foreign countries; and*
- b) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries (who have studied in India or abroad).*

(4) The total number of scholarships under the SPDC programme is 150, out of which 50 slots are reserved for Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries. Further, out of these 50 slots, one-third of slots (i.e., 17 slots) shall be reserved for those Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries who have studied in India.

(5) The selection of applicants for scholarships will be on Merit-cum-Means basis.

(6) Applicants from all the categories must have passed grade 11th and 12th from abroad. However, under the category of Children of Indian Workers in ECR countries, who have studied in India, the applicant must have passed grade 11th and 12th or equivalent examination from a system of education recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).

(7) Following institutions are covered under the SPDC Scheme:

- a) *Central Universities of India offering Undergraduate courses;*
- b) *'A' Grade institution accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognized by UGC.*
- c) *(c) National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institutes of Information and Technology (IIITs) through DASA Scheme.*

(8) The amount of scholarship admissible would be 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US\$ 4,000/- per annum. IEC includes Tuition fees, Hostel fees & other institutional charges (Food charges are excluded).

(9) The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the NRIs/PIOs/OCIs category applicants should not exceed an amount equivalent to US\$ 5000/- and the total monthly income of the parent(s) of the Indian Workers in ECR category applicants should not exceed an amount equivalent of US\$ 3000/-.

(10) After obtaining admission in selected courses in any of the specified institutes as mentioned in the guidelines, students who fulfil all other eligibility conditions can complete and submit the online application form on the SPDC Portal (<https://spdcindia.gov.in/login/index.php>).

The last date for submission of the duly filled-in application forms in the prescribed format is 10 December 2023.

For the guidelines for the Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) for the Academic Year 2023-24, click: <https://spdcindia.gov.in/login/guideline.php>

Thanking you and with warm regards,

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