

**THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS SOLICITED**

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, launched the Kerala State Higher Education Scholarship Fund and awarded the first batch of scholarships to six students at a function held at Thiruvananthapuram on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2010. The launching of the Higher Education Scholarship Scheme is part of a series of initiatives intended to ensure qualitative changes in higher education in the State.

- Apart from providing substantial financial assistance to needy and meritorious students, the fund would also be used for pursuing the study of Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences and Business Studies. The scheme would revive the tradition of philanthropic public-private- partnership in education, for which the society of Kerala is rightly famous for.
- Subject to the availability of funds, the scholarships would be awarded for five years and would be distributed as follows:

Name of Course	No. of Scholarships	Amount per annum
Under Graduate Course	1000 (first year) 1000 (second year) 1000 (third year)	Rs. 12000/- (first year) Rs.18,000/- (second year) Rs.24,000/- (third year)
Post Graduate Course	600 (first year ) 600 (second year)	Rs. 40000/- (first year) Rs.60,000/- (second year)

- The available scholarships will be distributed among the following categories: 10% for SC/ST students; 3% for differently-abled students; 37% for students belonging to BPL families, excluding SC/ST/Differently-abled categories; 50% for students in the General Category.
- The scholarship scheme would progressively become more inclusive by accommodating more courses and differential requirements of students undergoing a wide variety of programmes, both within and outside the country.

- The scholarships will be awarded utilizing the interest on the contributions received from the public and the Government. The Government has already contributed 15 crores and has agreed to give a matching grant of 50% of the funds raised by the Council. The Council hopes to constitute a corpus of 100 crores within the next one year, including public and private contributions.
- The funds required for the administration of the scholarship scheme would be met from the grant-in-aid of the Council. No part of the contributions shall be utilized for the administration of the scheme.
- Apart from contributions to the scholarship, the Council could also welcome endowments. The details of endowments are as follows:
  - ✓ Endowments worth 5 lakhs, 15 lakhs and 25 lakhs may be made, making provision for using a part of the interest for awarding scholarships and merging the unutilized interest with the corpus every year, so that the corpus could continually grow and make provision for upward revision of the amount of scholarship every five years. Endowments for 5 lakhs would be utilized for awarding one scholarship for 5 years, every 5 years. Endowments for 15 lakhs would be utilized for awarding one scholarship for 5 years every year. Endowment for 25 lakhs would be utilized to fund advanced studies, within and outside the country.
  - ✓ The sponsors of the endowments will be given for the following options:
    - to name the endowments instituted by them
    - to select the subject / course for which endowments are meant for
    - to select Universities for which the scholarships might be restricted
    - to decide income limit /category of students(SC/ST/BPL/ Differently abled/General) for the award of scholarships

The scholarship fund will be administered by the Kerala State Higher Education Council set up by Act 22 of 2007 of Kerala State Legislature. The Council has already taken several initiatives for the improvement of the quality of education such as restructuring undergraduate education, establishment of Cluster of Colleges, academic exchanges and collaborations etc.

We hope that you would liberally contribute to the scholarship fund in order to ensure a better future for our students.

Sd/-

**K.N.Panikkar**

Vice Chairman  
Kerala State Higher Education Council

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**M.A. Baby**

Minister for Education & Culture  
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*Contributions may be sent by way of cheque / demand draft to the Vice-Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council, payable at Thiruvananthapuram or remitted directly to Account No. **853810110000858**, Bank of India, Puthenchanthai Branch, Trivandrum. All contributions will be acknowledged on the Council's website [www.kshec.kerala.gov.in](http://www.kshec.kerala.gov.in)*

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