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Dear Friends,

More than four years ago, the then Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, launched a Kerala State Higher Education Scholarship Scheme for meritorious students pursuing higher education in Sciences, Social Sciences, Business Studies and Humanities.

The funds required for the scheme have to be raised through a system of public-private collaboration. A Committee has been formed to raise funds from the public in India and abroad and some contributions have been received. The largest contribution has come so far from the Prateeksha Trust of Shri. Kris Gopalakrishnan. The Government of Kerala has been bearing the cost of the scheme over and above the public contributions.

We have put together a pamphlet, "You're the wind beneath their wings", with the details of the Scheme, a copy of which is sent herewith. I would like to appeal to institutions and individuals to contribute liberally to the Scholarship Fund.

Sincerely,

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A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
TO JOIN HANDS WITH
THE GOVERNMENT TO
MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO
HIGHER EDUCATION IN KERALA



KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Kerala State Higher Education Council strives to promote equity and excellence in higher education through thoughtful reforms and innovation. The stress is on providing a level playing field to students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that pupils from all backgrounds have the opportunity to fulfill their aspirations and nurture their talents.

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

A scholarship scheme was launched by Dr. Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India in Thiruvananthapuram, on 3rd January 2010.

The general scholarship scheme is for students pursuing the study of Sciences, Social Sciences, Business Studies and Humanities through full time courses at the undergraduate and post graduate levels in government aided colleges, departments and institutions under the universities in Kerala. In future, the Council plans to extend the Scholarship to other disciplines and students pursuing studies outside the State, through endowments.



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MOBILIZATION OF FUNDS

The funds required for the scheme would be raised through a system of public-private collaboration. The Council would receive two types of funds from the general public: General Funds and Endowment funds.

General fund - any amount of donor's choice.

Endowment fund - ₹5 lakhs, and above.

A corpus fund of ₹100 crore will be required to finance the scholarships.

STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Number and amount of scholarships

First Year Degree - 1000 scholarships at ₹12000 per year

Second Year Degree - 1000 scholarships at ₹18000 per year

Third Year Degree - 1000 scholarships at ₹24000 per year

First Year PG. - 600 scholarships at ₹40000 per year

Final Year PG. - 600 scholarships at ₹60000 per year

25% extra for physically challenged students.

The percentage of reservation of scholarships for different categories

10% for students who belong to SC/ST categories.

3% for physically challenged students.

10% for students belonging to BPL families.

27% for students who belong to OBC category.

50% for the students in general category.



ELIGIBILITY FOR THE AWARD

The required minimum percentage of marks for applying for the scholarship.

ST: Pass

SC - For Business studies: 60%

SC - All other subjects: 55%

PC: 45%

BPL / OBC - For Science subjects: 60%

For Business studies: 65%

For other subjects: 55%

General - For Science & Business studies: 75%

For other subjects: 60%

The selection of the candidates will be purely on the basis of merit in accordance with criteria laid down by Higher Education Council. The Council will select the scholars in each university on the basis of their total marks/overall grade in the qualifying examination, considered stream wise.

The scholarships are initially sanctioned for one year only. Renewal during second and third year degree course and first and second years of PG course will depend on the scholar's performance in the previous semester/year examinations.



ENDOWMENT SCHEME

Endowment of ₹5 Lakhs. *One scholarship for 5 years; every 5 years.*

Endowment of ₹15 Lakhs. *One scholarship for 5 years; every year.*

Endowment of ₹25 Lakhs. *Fund for advanced studies, within and outside the country.*

PRIVILEGES OF ENDOWMENT DONORS

To name the endowments instituted by them.

To select the subject/course for which endowments are meant for.

To select the universities in which scholarships could be instituted.

To decide income limit/category of students.

Contributions eligible for tax exemption

The contribution to scholarship fund is eligible for income tax deduction u/s 80G(5) of the Income Tax Act 1961.

THE COUNCIL

The organizational structure of the Council consists of three bodies - Advisory Council, Governing Council and Executive Council.

The Advisory Council has 32 members, which includes the Chief Minister, Minister for Education, Minister for Health, Minister for Law, Minister for Agriculture, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Representatives of the members of the Parliament from the State, Members of the State Legislature (with reservation for SC/ST, and women) Members of three tier Panchayaths, Members of Municipalities, Members of Corporations and eminent personalities from different walks of life.

A 35 member high power body chaired by the Minister for Education, Kerala, the Governing Council is responsible for taking final decisions on all policy matters on behalf of the Council. The other members include Vice-chancellors of the state universities, eminent educationists, elected representatives of the academic councils of state universities, nominated representatives of student unions and higher officials of the State in the ranks of secretaries and directors of various departments.

The Executive council is a 9 member body chaired by the Vice-Chairman of the Council. Apart from the Vice-Chairman, this body will include a full time Member Secretary, five part-time members, one Vice-Chancellor and the Secretary to Government, Higher Education.



I consider the twin objectives of the scholarship fund constituted by the Higher Education Council - improving the quality of higher education and social justice - worthy of all around support.
Oommen Chandy



The Scholarship Scheme is part of a series of initiatives intended to guarantee qualitative changes in higher education in Kerala. I appeal to all to contribute liberally to the scholarship fund so as to ensure maximum financial assistance for the meritorious students of our state.
V. S. Achuthanandan



I am happy and proud that The Kerala State Higher Education Council is taking emphatic measures to raise the quality of education and provide facilities for higher education to the people of Kerala. I am sure with sufficient fund forthcoming from the state and the people, we will be able to march miles and make our trust with divine destiny and infinite wisdom a reality.
V. R. Krishna Iyer



Achievement of excellence at higher levels of education is essential for social, cultural and economic wellbeing of a country. Also, it needs to be ensured that no citizen of our nation is barred from pursuing higher education for sheer want of funds. I hope the new scholarship fund initiated by the Prime Minister envisaging contributions from the State Government and private sources will become a worthwhile and proud reality.
Adoor Gopalakrishnan



വിപുലമായ സ്കോളർഷിപ്പ് ഫണ്ട് സജ്ജമാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതും അതിൽ എല്ലാവരും കർമ്മനിമിത്തം സംരംഭം മഹത്തായ സേവനമായിരിക്കട്ടെ. എല്ലാവരും സഹകരിച്ചാൽ ഇത് വളരെ മേന്മയിൽ ഉയർത്തിയ ലക്ഷ്യം കണ്ടും, കണ്ടെട്ടേ എന്നാണ് എന്റെ പ്രാർത്ഥന.
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ഇരുമുതൽ വിപുലവും, ഭാവനാപൂർണ്ണവും, തന്മൂലം സമൂഹത്തിൽ വാഹിനിയ മറ്റുപേരിൽ വഴിതെളിക്കുന്നതുമാണ് പദ്ധതി ഇതാവുന്നതിനാണ് നിലവിൽ വരുന്നത്. ഇതിനാവശ്യമായ സുരക്ഷയുടെ പണക്കിടയിലേക്ക് സംഭാവന നൽകി ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിലെ മനുഷ്യ സന്നദ്ധതയായ ഒരു സാമൂഹികജാതം നിറവേറ്റാൻ എവരും മുന്നോട്ടുവരുമെന്നായിരിക്കുന്നു. പദ്ധതിക്ക് എല്ലാ വിജയവും നേർന്നുകൊള്ളുന്നു.
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