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GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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NOTIFICATION

The State Government in the Higher Education Department has launched a new scheme namely *LAKSHYA*- Chief Minister's special Scholarship for UPSC (CSE) aspirants. Selection of candidates of Indian Administrative Service (IAS) is done through UPSC Civil Service Examination. Besides, Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Police Service (IPS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS) and other Civil Service candidates are also selected through Civil Service Examination of UPSC. The number of candidates successfully cleared Civil Service Examination from Tripura is also negligible.

This scheme aims at providing financial support in the form of scholarship to the candidates having permanent resident in Tripura and clearing Civil Service Examination (Prelims/Mains) as the case may be conducted by UPSC, which will help them to acquire knowledge and skill to compete with candidates of other States in the Civil Service Examination. Basic eligibility for candidates for availing this scheme is that the candidate must be a domicile of Tripura having permanent resident certificate of Tripura. The combined family annual income of the candidate should not exceed 10 lakhs per annum.

The Higher Education Department, Government of Tripura will be the implementing agency to invite applications under the scheme and providing benefit after proper scrutinizing the applications as per guideline of the scheme (copy **enclosed**).

The Higher Education Department will take necessary action for inviting applications under the scheme and processing them further for providing benefit to the eligible candidates as per the guideline.

Encl: Scheme guideline.

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Copy to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister.
2. PS to the Minister, Education Department.
3. PS to the Secretary, Higher Education Department.
4. The Director, Higher Education for taking necessary action.
5. The Joint Director & Head of Office, Higher Education for information and necessary action.

"Lakshya" -Chief Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme for UPSC (CSE)

Aspirants

Scheme Guidelines

- 1. Background and Justification of the Scheme:** Tripura is a small state of India with vibrant administrative structure. The administration of the state is mainly dependent on civil services of the state namely the Tripura Civil Service and central civil service i.e. the Indian Administrative Service. The officers in higher positions of the state administration are from Indian Administrative Service. Indian Administrative Service officers also serve in various Ministries of Central Government. The selection of candidates for Indian Administrative Service (IAS) is done by UPSC through Civil Services Examination. Beside IAS, Indian Foreign Service, Indian Police Service and other Central Services Group A & Group B are also selected through Civil Services Examination by UPSC. But, number of candidates who successfully cleared the Civil Services Examination (CSE) from Tripura is almost negligible. Only very few candidates from Tripura have cleared the Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC in last 10 years. Hence the intervention in the form of government scheme is needed to encourage the youths of the state to clear the Civil Services Examination conducted by UPSC.
- 2. Objectives:** The objective of the scheme is to provide financial support in the form of Scholarship to the candidates having permanent residence in Tripura, clearing Civil Services Examination (CSE) conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), to adequately equip them, to mould them to acquire such knowledge and skill to compete with the candidates of other states in the civil services examination. The intervention will be in the form of direct financial support to candidates clearing Civil Services which includes Part I (Prelims to main- candidates who cleared prelims and appearing the mains) and Part II (Mains to Interview- candidates who are invited to appear the interview) conducted by UPSC.
- 3. Eligibility Criteria:** Candidate must clear the Civil Services (Prelims) conducted by Union Public Service Commission. Candidates must be a domicile of Tripura having Permanent Resident of Tripura Certificate. The combined annual family income of the candidate should not exceed 10 lakhs per annum.
- 4. Implementing Agency:** The Higher Education Department, Government of Tripura will be the implementing agency for the same.
- 5. Procedure:** The candidate will apply online for availing the benefit of the scheme within two months from the date of declaration of result in the portal of Higher Education, Tripura i.e. <https://highereducation.tripura.gov.in/>.
- 6. Cost / Number of Beneficiaries:** Every year the benefits will be given to the candidates (I) who clears the civil services Prelims exam and will be appearing the Mains
(II) who clears the Mains and invited for Interview by UPSC.

Last year only 3 candidates cleared the prelims and the number of candidate who clear prelims from the state is less than 5 for the last 8 years. With new coaching centres for Civil Service Examination opened in the state it is expected that around 5 candidate per year will be able to clear the UPSC prelims in the coming years.

Stage	Description	Lump sum amount per Expenditure per Candidate (In Rs.)	Number of No. No. of candidates expected	Total financial Involvement per year (In Rs.)
Part-I	Who clears the civil services Prelims exam and will be appearing for the Mains	Rs.1,00,000/- (Coaching centre fee, study material cost etc. Rs.70,000/- & Travelling cost Rs. 30,000/-)	All who clear (Likely to be 5)	5,00,000/-
Part-II	Who clears the Mains and invited for Interview by UPSC	20,000/- (Travelling cost Rs. 20,000/-)	All who clear (Likely to be 5)	1,00,000/-
Total financial involvement per year				6,00,000/-

7. Those who will be appearing in interview, will be provided free accommodation in Tripura Bhawan, New Delhi and conveyance to and fro from Tripura Bhawan to UPSC will also be arranged by Tripura Bhawan.

8. Terms and conditions for candidates:

- (i) Applicant should submit the proof of passing civil services preliminary examination/ Mains and interview call letter of UPSC.
- (ii) Applicant should submit the relevant Admit Card/Hall Ticket/Roll Slip and any other document as sought by the implementing agency.
- (iii) Applicant should submit Permanent Resident of Tripura Certificate issued by competent authority.
- (iv) Applicant should submit income certificate of his/her family issued by SDM/DCM/DC.
- (v) Applicant when found eligible should intimate the Implementing Agency regarding the date of Mains at least 2 months before the examination. Similarly if a candidate is called for interview, this should also be intimated to the Implementing Agency the before the actual date of interview.
- (vi) Applicant should submit the proof of admission of the coaching centre, as he/she will be eligible for assistance for the specific purpose of taking coaching outside the State.
- (vii) A candidate will be eligible for assistance only twice irrespective of number of attempts he/she makes to clear the examination.

9. Conditions for payment of Financial Assistance to the Candidates:

- (i) The financial support will be given to a candidate once for Part I (Prelims to main- candidates who cleared prelims and appearing the main stage) and once for Part II (Mains to Interview- candidates who are invited to appear the interview).

- (ii) The Implementing Agency will give financial support for Part-I extended from the date of publication of result till the date of Mains examination (date of last paper).
- (iii) For Part-II the period of financial support will extend from the date of publication of result of Mains and date of interview.
- (iv) The payment will be done in DBT mode by the Implementing Agency.
- (v) Payment will be done in monthly basis. If for some reason, it cannot be done, the due will be cleared in subsequent month/months.
- (vi) A mechanism of getting feedback of beneficiaries may also be developed by the Implementing Agency to assess its impact.

(9) Funding pattern: The expenditure will be borne by Government of Tripura. In the current annual budget, there is provision of Rs.60 lakhs under Scholarship/Stipend head.

(10) Monitoring and Evaluation: The Implementing Agency will develop a monitoring mechanism to see the timely disbursement of financial assistance to the candidates so that they do not suffer for delay in fund transfer. Evaluation and impact assessment will be conducted after completion of every year.
