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Date: 25/06/2019

Subject: Provisional Offer of INSPIRE Scholarship for students of 2018 Batch

Dear Miss Rutuja Sunil Shinde,

On the basis of your application submitted under **Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE)** component of the scheme, **Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE)**, I am delighted to inform that you have been **provisionally selected** for the award of INSPIRE Scholarship for the period starting **2018**, which is the year of your enrollment in B.Sc/Int. MSc. or Int. M.S. Course. Your INSPIRE Scholarship Registration Number is **201800019863**.

The final selection for scholarship will be subject to your fulfilling the conditions as listed in the Post Offer Implementation Guidelines, which is enclosed along with this offer letter.

The total amount of the Scholarship is Rs 80,000/- per annum, out of which Rs 60,000/- as scholarship @ Rs 5000 per month and Rs 20,000/- per year shall be reimbursed for expenses towards summer research internships in research/academic institutions. The maximum tenure of this Scholarship is five years, or until the completion of M.Sc. / Int. M.Sc. /Int. MS course, whichever is earlier, provided you continue to maintain academic excellence and performance. Please note that a student cannot avail more than one scholarship at any time. Further, on acceptance of the INSPIRE scholarship by a student, switching over to other government scholarship schemes including KVPY, is not allowed at any stage without due permission from the DST.

The Scholarship will be provided directly to you through a **State Bank of India (SBI)** (SBI) bank account through PFMS-DBT mode (Public Financial Management System-Direct Beneficiary Transfer). The given SBI bank account should be linked with Aadhaar. To facilitate the transfer of Scholarship to your bank account, you are requested to **open a normal Savings Bank Account in your name only, at any branch of State Bank of India (SBI) in the country, having no limit of cash transfer (Jandhan, Kiosk, Zero Balance Opening Account or similar type account may please avoided)**. Please note that joint account or account in Banks other than SBI will not be accepted. After opening the Savings Bank account in SBI, you may please fill up the proforma available on the online web-portal www.online-inspire.gov.in with the required information.

This is a provisional offer of scholarship on the basis of an application submitted by you, but for the release of scholarship you have to upload the following documents on your **web portal strictly within the prescribed time frame** as mentioned below:

i. Stage 1:

Submission of Account Details: The scholars must submit the **Accounts details in the specified format** (through the INSPIRE online portal only) along with the **self-attested photocopy of front page of Bank Passbook and Aadhaar card or Aadhaar Enrolment Slip, within 120 days** of this Offer. After the expiry of 120 days from the date of this provisional offer, the online access to the webportal would get stopped and no further submission of Bank Account related details and other documents would be possible. The offer of the scholarship for all 5 years would then stand cancelled and no representation will be entertained in this regard.

ii. Stage 2:

Submission of B.Sc. First year Documents: The students who have successfully Completed the bank details formalities as mentioned at Stage 1 above would only be allowed to proceed further for stage 2. **A maximum period of 365 days (1 year) from the date of offer would be allowed to the scholar for the submission of yearly Performance Reports and Mark Sheets** of 1st year B.Sc./ Int. M.Sc. or Int. M.S Course through the INSPIRE webportal only. The webportal will be closed after the expiry of 365 days from the date of Offer and further uploading of documents will not be possible. It may be noted that this offer of scholarship would stand cancelled in case the scholar fails to submit the first year result within this time period.

iii. The scholarship will be processed for release to those students **only** who have successfully uploaded the documents mentioned at Stage 1 and Stage 2 above within the stipulated time limits.

iv. **No documents sent by post are not accepted under the INSPIRE Scholarship of Higher Education (INSPIRESHE) programme.**

For any assistance during online submission of documents, you can write to inspire.prog-dst@nic.in or call at 0120-4676260 (Mon-Sat, 10AM to 5PM).

With best regards,

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INSPIRE Scholarship – Post-Offer Implementation Guidelines for Scholars

INSPIRE Scholarship, offered to pursue undergraduate (UG) studies and continued up to postgraduate (PG) studies, based on Class 12th standard examination results (top 1%) of respective Boards or within eligible rank in chosen few competitive examinations such as JEE (main), JEE (advanced), NEET (AIPMT) and securing admission in science stream (in any of science course or its combination out of 18 identified subjects) at any recognized Colleges or Universities or Academic Institutions in the country.

INSPIRE Scholarship shall be regulated with the following guidelines:

1. Mode of Intimation to Scholar: All selected candidates shall receive a Provisional Offer letter on their INSPIRE web portal account, informing that they are selected for the scholarship. The selected students are required to log into the online portal to download the offer letter. The list of selected and rejected students will also be displayed on Home page of INSPIRE website. The selected candidates have to upload the required documents on their INSPIRE web-portal account in prescribed time period (i.e. time period mentioned in offer letter) for further consideration.

2. Confirmation of Scholarship Offer: All offers made initially will be 'Provisional'. This will be confirmed based on the subjects/courses pursued in the B.Sc./B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. course and upon submission of the first year B.Sc./B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. examination Mark-sheets by the Scholar. In case of otherwise, the offer stands invalid and no communication would be made separately in this regard.

3. Re-admission or Change of College/ University: Any change or re-admission to another College/ University/ Academic Institute within the same academic year is acceptable, provided the scholar pursues subjects out of identified 18 nos. subject(s). The Offer would stand invalid in case this change or re-admission occurs in the next academic year and thereon, or subject(s) pursued is/ are beyond the 18 identified subjects. In such a case, there will be no scope for restoration of the offer and no communication would be made separately to the scholar.

4. Gap Year between B.Sc. and M.Sc.: After completion of three years of B.Sc. program, students may join M.Sc. course (Natural and Basic Sciences only as per list) anywhere in the country. The scholarship will be discontinued in case of one year break or Gap between B.Sc. and M.Sc. course.

5. Opening & Submission of Bank Account: Scholars are required to open a regular Bank Account within India at any branch of State Bank of India, exclusively on Scholar's name. [opening of Joint A/c may be allowed only in case of Minor Scholars as under Guardian (U/G)] The scholars must submit the **Accounts details in the specified format** (through the online portal only) along with the **self-attested photocopy of front page of Bank Passbook and Aadhaar or Aadhaar Enrolment slip, within 120 days** of this Offer.

A maximum period of 120 days would be allowed to a scholar for the completion of Bank Account related formalities and the offer of the scholarship would stand cancelled in case the scholar fails to submit the account details within this time period. After the due date, the names of such scholars shall be notified at the website: www.online-inspire.gov.in as "**Cancelled Scholarship**" and no further communication shall be made separately to such scholars. All Scholars are also requested to visit their INSPIRE webportal regularly to see notifications on their Accounts related issues such as Invalid Accounts/ No Frills Accounts/ Joint Account/ Dormant Account and to take necessary actions within one month of such notification.

6. Payment and Continuation of Scholarship: The Scholarships for 1st and 2nd years are paid together at the second year of the scholars' undergraduate course. The Scholarship is paid on the basis of the following:

a) Year-wise requirements:

Year of Scholarship	Basis	Documents to be submitted
First	Based on (i) Class XII Board Marks and (ii) continuation in second year course in the identified science subject(s) at the UG level.	First Year B.Sc./B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. (i) Performance Report and (ii) Mark-sheets.
Second	Based on Performance in First Year B.Sc. /B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. Exams.	
Third	Based on Performance in Second Year B.Sc. /B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. Exams.	Second Year B.Sc. /B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. (i) Performance Report and (ii) Mark-sheets.
Fourth	Based on performance in Third year B.Sc. /B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. exams and joining M.Sc. course in the identified science subject(s) at PG level.	(i) Third year B.Sc. /B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. Performance Reports and Mark-sheets & (ii) M.Sc. Enrolment Certificate.
Fifth	Based on performance in First year M.Sc. exams or Fourth year Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. exams (as the case may be)	First year M.Sc. or fourth year Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. Performance Report and Mark-sheets.

b) For continuation of INSPIRE Scholarship, the scholar shall (i) pass in all subjects in first attempt, and (ii) secure minimum 60% marks or 7.0 GPA (on a 10.0-point scale) in his/her annual examinations (or 2 semesters) in B.Sc. General /B.S. /Int. M.Sc. /Int. M.S. or M.Sc. examinations every academic year, failing which the scholarship for the next academic year will not be paid. If the grading to percentage conversion factor/ formula is not provided along with the mark sheet, then the CGPA will be evaluated on 10.0-point scale.

c) In the case of **B.Sc. Honours**, for continuation of INSPIRE Scholarship, the scholar shall (i) pass in all subjects in first attempt, and (ii) secure minimum 60% marks or 7.0 GPA (on a 10.0-point scale) in his/her annual examinations (or 2 semesters) in **Honours subject** in B.Sc. /B.S. /Int. M.Sc. /Int. M.S. or M.Sc. examinations every academic year, failing which the scholarship for the next academic year will not be paid.

d) If a scholar has failed or could not attend the annual/ any of the semester examination(s) in that year, the INSPIRE Scholarship for the next academic year will not be paid. However, scholarship will be released in the next to next academic year, provided the scholar's academic performance in next academic year is within the aforesaid eligibility norm mentioned at 5b and 5c.

e) The maximum tenure of INSPIRE Scholarship is five years. Except Integrated MSc or Integrated MS course, the scholarship shall continue at PG level only after successful completion of 3 years BSc or 4 years BS course, for another two years or one year, depending upon the course pursued at the UG level. The Scholar needs to maintain their academic performance as per clause 5b, 5c and pursue only the identified subject(s) at the MSc level. If it is otherwise, the continuation of scholarship at the PG level stands cancelled automatically and no representations shall be entertained in this regard.

7. Submission of Performance Reports and Mark-sheets:

- a) Except for very 1st year, scholarship for any academic year shall be paid to the scholar only after the evaluation/approval of (i) Performance report and (ii) Mark Sheet (annual basis or two semesters in one academic year) of B.Sc. /B.S./Int. M.Sc./Int. M.S. or M.Sc. course for previous academic year.
- b) The Scholar shall submit above (at 6a) referred documents altogether. Scholarship will not be processed in case any one of the aforementioned documents is not submitted.
- c) Scholars are advised to submit their yearly Mark-sheets and performance related documents on-time, preferably within 2 months of announcement of yearly results to facilitate the payment of scholarship by DST-INSPIRE. However, keeping in view the diverse time schedules of the examinations in Universities across the country, scholars are permitted a maximum period of twelve (12) months to submit their Performance Report and Mark-sheets for a given completed academic year ending June every year. As an example, 2014 batch enrolled student is expected to submit the First Year Performance Report and First Year Mark Sheet before 30th June 2016. This analogy can be followed by other batches for the release of the INSPIRE Scholarship.
- d) If a scholar does not submit his/her annual Performance Reports and Mark-sheets for two consecutive academic years, the offer of scholarship shall be withdrawn.
- e) Provisional Mark-sheets will not be considered.
- f) In case of non-availability of original mark sheets, self-attested internet copy of mark sheet duly attested by Controller of Examination or Registrar of college/university should be uploaded on the portal.

8. Research Projects Mentorship for Scholars: The main objective of INSPIRE/SHE program is to encourage young students to pursue Research as a career. In order to inculcate scientific values and develop scientific temper, the scholars are required to enroll in a Research Project every year. To avail the mentorship grant, the scholars are expected to do project work under a Research Supervisor (Mentor) during summer vacation period, in any recognized Universities or Institutes or Research Laboratories/ Centres of their choice outside their parent institutions either in India or abroad. The scholar may avail institutional arrangement or arrange both Mentoring Institution and Mentor to carry out this. Consumables required to carry out project work, if recommended by the Mentor, will be paid from the Mentorship Grant, either to the Institute where project work is pursued or to the Scholar directly.

(8.1) For students doing a project in India: The expenses related to travel, accommodation and consumable expenses are reimbursed to the student within the mentorship grant. Please note that no food expenses are covered by this grant, as the students receive scholarship during this period. The DST-INSPIRE shall make provision of Rs 20,000/- per annum as Mentorship Grant to each INSPIRE Scholar to carry summer vacation research work every year. The minimum tenure of the project must be six to eight weeks. The duration of the project must be clearly mentioned in the project report.

The Mentorship Grant shall be reimbursed either to the mentoring institutions as a bench fee to accommodate the INSPIRE scholar or directly to the Scholar to carry out research work. After completion of the project work at the Institute or University or Research Laboratory under a Research Supervisor (Mentor), the candidate should submit the following documents to the DST for reimbursement of the Mentorship Grant.

(a) A letter attested by the Research Supervisor and Head of Institution where the scholar is enrolled for the project. Duration of the project i.e. date of commencement and date of completion must be mentioned in the certificate.

(b) A report outlining the objectives and results of his/her project.

The scholars are requested to specify clearly to whom the mentorship grant must be reimbursed (Mentoring Institution or scholar).

(8.2) For students doing a project Abroad: Students at 4th or 5th year of the Scholarship may be allowed to carry our research project in any Institute/ University/ Laboratory abroad by utilizing the Mentorship Grant available for five years on pro-rata basis. If the sponsoring institute pays any stipend or travel grant, only the difference between the support received from all sources put together and actual expenditure will be reimbursed from the Mentorship Grant. The DST-INSPIRE shall make provision of Rs 20,000/- per annum or (Rs 1,00,000/- in 5 years) as Mentorship Grant to INSPIRE Scholar to carry summer vacation research work abroad. The Mentorship Grant shall be reimbursed either to the mentoring institutions as a bench fee to accommodate the INSPIRE scholar or directly to the Scholar to carry out research work, in case a Scholar does not utilize this grant in any year during the tenure of INSPIRE Scholarship, it can be carried forwarded until the completion of the tenure of INSPIRE Scholarship. Student is eligible only to receive the expenditure, which he has incurred for basic research work. There is no provision for reimbursement of the unutilized grant to the student. After completion of the project work at the Institute or University or Research Laboratory under a Research Supervisor (Mentor), the candidate should submit the following documents to the DST for reimbursement of the Mentorship Grant.

(a) A letter attested by the Research Supervisor and Head of Institution where the scholar is enrolled for the project. Duration of the project i.e. date of commencement and date of completion must be mentioned in the certificate.

(b) A report outlining the objectives and results of his/her project.

(c) Travel Bill (Air Fare Tickets, Boarding Pass).

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