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Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)

The Government of India launched a scheme called “Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)” for the wards of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to assist them in perusing Under Graduate courses in Indian Universities/Institutes.

2. Under SPDC Scheme Financial Assistance for specific undergraduate courses in professional and non-professional courses (except Medical and related courses) is provided towards tuition fee, admission fee and post admission services. The scheme is applicable to NRIs and PIOs from 66 countries (including Kuwait).

3. All the interested students from Indian Diaspora, residing in Kuwait, may apply for this scholarship at <https://spdcindia.gov.in/login/index.php> on or before **November 30, 2021**. Before applying, please go through guidelines available on the SPDC Portal.

4. The eligibility for admission through SPDC for the academic year 2021-22, is as follows:

- i. The scheme is open for four categories of applicants in the age group of 17-21 years as on July 31, 2021.
 - a) Children of Persons of Indian Origin.
 - b) Children of Non-Resident Indians
 - c) Children of Indian workers of ECR countries – studying outside India.
 - d) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries – studying in India.
- ii. Children of NRIs should have pursued at least three years of education inclusive of 11th and 12th or equivalent (not beyond), in foreign country during the last six years, and should have passed the qualifying examination abroad.

- iii. The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the applicant should not exceeding an amount of equivalent to US\$ 5000/-. The parents of the applicants will provide a self-attested salary certificate from the employer based in a foreign country.
- iv. Candidates would be selected on the basis of the performance in the qualifying examination (equivalent to plus 2 stage in India) which decides the eligibility to apply for the scholarship scheme. The candidates would also have to fulfill all the criteria prescribed for the purpose.
5. The institutions, covered under the scheme, are:
- a) National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) through DASA Scheme.
 - b) 'A' Grade institutions covered under DASA scheme.
6. The total seats of scholarship are 150, out of which 50 are reserved for the category (c) and (d). Of these 50 scholarships, 1/3rd shall be reserved for children who are pursuing studies in India, subject to the fulfilling eligibility conditions. If any of these seats are not filled up, they will be made available to applicants from other categories under SPDC and vice-versa.
7. The amount of scholarship admissible would be 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US\$ 4000/- per annum in respect of NITs and other Institutions covered under DASA Scheme. IEC includes Tuition fee, Hostel fee & other institutional charges (Food charges are excluded).
8. After obtaining admission in selected courses in any of the specified Institutes as mentioned in Appendix "C", students who fulfill all other eligibility conditions can complete and submit the on-line application form on the SPDC portal.

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