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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guidelines for providing Financial Assistance as Incentive to Girl Students under Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina Aasoni who are enrolled in Government Higher Educational Institutions under preview of Higher Education Department, including Central Universities, Venture Educational Institutions which are approved by the Government for inclusion under the Scheme and Polytechnic Institutions for Higher Secondary, Undergraduate (B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./ITEP), Post-Graduation (M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./B.Ed.) along with Self-Financed and Professional Courses, excluding Private Educational Institutions.

1. Background

The Hon'ble Finance Minister, Assam while presenting the Annual Budget for the financial year 2024-25 had announced in para 31 (I) of the Budget Speech 2024-25 that "10 lakh girls (one million- Nijut Moina) will be supported with financial grant as admission incentive to continue their education to higher secondary, graduation and post-graduation studies."

2. Objective of the Scheme:

- a) To increase the enrolment of girl students in Higher Education, thereby increasing the overall GER of the State.
- b) To increase the percentage of girls pursuing education beyond matriculation in Assam.
- c) To reduce dropouts among girl students.
- d) To eliminate the social evil of child marriage.

3. Scope of Applicability:

- a) Financial Assistance will be provided to girl students who are enrolled in Government and Venture Educational Institutions in Higher Secondary, Graduation (B.A./B.Sc./B.Com./ITEP), Post-Graduation (M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./B.Ed.) and Polytechnic Institutions, excluding those enrolled in Private Institutions. The incentive will be provided only to regular eligible female students. No arrear amount will be provided.
- b) The MMNMA beneficiaries are required to maintain discipline and adhere to all rules and regulations set forth by their respective institutes. This includes, but is not limited to, attending classes regularly, respecting institutional property, following the instructions of teachers and staff, and behaving respectfully towards peers and other personnel of the institute.
- c) Any violation of these rules, such as engaging in disruptive behaviour, cheating, ragging, vandalism, or any other form of misconduct, will result in withdrawal of the benefit under MMNMA.
- d) The girl students who receive a scooter as part of the Dr. Banikanta Kakati Merit Award under the Pragyan Bharati Scheme, which is being implemented by the Higher Education

Department, shall not be eligible for this scheme. If any girl opts out of receiving the scooter, she can apply for the Nijut Moina Scheme. However, this shall not apply to PG students.

4. Eligibility Criteria:

- a) The incentive is meant for all eligible girl students domiciled in Assam, irrespective of their economic status.
- b) Married girls will not be eligible for the scheme. However, married girls enrolled in P.G. and B.Ed. programmes shall be eligible.
- c) In-service girls admitted to the B.Ed. course on deputation will not be eligible for the scheme.
- d) Daughters of Ministers, MPs and MLAs are not eligible for the Nijut Moina Scheme.
- e) Postgraduate students availing the CM's Jibon Prerana Scheme shall not be eligible for this scheme.
- f) From the Academic Year 2027–28 onwards, girl students enrolled in H.S., U.G. and P.G. programmes shall be eligible to avail only the Fee Waiver Scheme or the Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina Aasoni. Beneficiaries shall not be eligible to avail both schemes.

5. Amount to be provided to each eligible girl student:

- a) Each eligible girl student enrolled in Higher Secondary shall receive an incentive of Rs. 800/- per month for a maximum period of ten months in an academic year.
- b) Each eligible girl student enrolled in Under Graduate Programmes shall receive an incentive of Rs. 1250/- per month for a maximum period of ten months in an academic year.
- c) Each eligible girl student enrolled in Post Graduate Programmes Graduation shall receive an incentive of Rs. 2500/- per month for a maximum period of ten months in an academic year.
- d) An incentive of Rs.800/- for 1st and 2nd Year and Rs. 1250/- for 3rd year per month shall be paid to each of the eligible girl students enrolled in Govt. Polytechnic Institutions for a maximum period of ten months in an academic year.
- e) No incentive will be paid during the summer vacation or winter break. The scheme shall not be effective during the months of June, July or during any other month as decided by the Government.

6. Mode of application:

- a) The students shall fill up the prescribed application form and submit the same to the respective institutions in which they are currently enrolled.
- b) Applicants must possess a valid Aadhaar number and must have an Aadhaar-seeded bank account, and this information must be submitted by the students to the Institution along with a signed consent & declaration form during the MMNMA application process. DBT will be done only through the Aadhaar-based payment system to the Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts of eligible girl students. No applicant will be eligible to receive benefit under the Scheme without a valid Aadhaar number and an Aadhaar-seeded bank account.
- c) The students shall ensure that the data provided by them is correct and complete.
- d) The Head of the Institutions shall ensure collection and verification of the application forms through their respective portals and submit the correct data in the portal.
- e) All Heads of Institutions shall notify One / Two Nodal Officers for implementing MMNM Aasoni in their respective institution.
- f) The guardians can choose as to whether their daughters opt for availing the benefits provided under MMNMA as some of them may not like to apply.

- g) The Heads of Institutions will intimate the concerned authorities if any student has opted out of the institution or becomes ineligible. They will also ensure that the beneficiaries attend classes regularly.
- h) Students who have not enrolled for the final examinations of the previous academic year shall also not be eligible to avail MMNMA benefits.
- i) For existing beneficiaries, the same conditions as above will apply. They will also submit a duly filled in application form with correct and complete details. The Head of the Institutions will ensure that the student has adhered to all the above conditions and has 70% attendance in the previous year.

7. Mode of payment:

- a) By monthly DBT only through Aadhaar-based payment system to the Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts of eligible girl student.

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1. PPS to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
2. The Director of Higher Education, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-781019 for information and necessary action.
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6. The Director of Information and Public Relation, Assam for wide publicity.
7. PS to the Hon'ble Minister, Education, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Minister.

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