



Study of Role of Scholarship in studies & career development

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ABSTRACT

The trend of meritorious student to move out for the quality education is a natural phenomenon. In historic days the our Father of the Nation Babu Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Ramanujam, Jagdish Chand Basu, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, Jawaharlal Nehru gone outside the country for the higher studies. In the pre-historic days, the movement of the pupil for studies was limited to only a particular segment, whereas in the present era, the parents have urge that their wards will study outside for the Quality Education. Since Education is in con current list of the constitution, and so, State Govt. & Central Govt. both allot large funds to the studying scholars. The no. of scholarship are beneficiaries increasing continuously.

KEYWORDS :

Introduction:

Scholarships are based on student's academic, artistic, athletic or other abilities, and often factor in an applicant's extracurricular activities. The most common merit-based scholarships in Jabalpur region is Central Sector Scholarship paid by Central govt. and Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukharjee Scholarship awarded by MP State govt. These scholarship schemes are applicable for students got above 80% marks in higher secondary exam. Students of general category are also eligible for these schemes. This fund is very helping for meritorious students for higher study in any govt. recognized institution. Quality education institutes promote their students for such scholarships. Process of application is on line and amount is transferred in student's bank account directly. Many poor students get this scholarship and continue their study.

The most prominent Govt. scholarship for the meritorious students is Centre Sector Scholarship which is meant for the meritorious students. This is provided by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India. This scholarship scheme elaborated as "Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students". It is effective as major support for general class students. Objective of scholarship is to provide financial assistance to meritorious students from low-income families to meet day-to-day expenses while pursuing higher studies. The scholarships is awarded on the basis of the results of Senior Secondary Examination (class XII) of 10+2 pattern or equivalent. 82000 fresh scholarships per annum are awarded for graduate / postgraduate studies in colleges and universities and for professional courses such as Medical, Engineering etc. The number of scholarships allotted to a Board would be distributed among pass outs of the Science, Commerce and Humanities streams of the Board in the ratio of 3:2:1. Within the specified quota, the selection is made on merit. The scholarship is given @ Rs.1000/- per month at Graduation level for first three years of College and University courses and Rs.2000/- per month at Post graduation level. Students pursuing professional courses would get Rs.2000/- per month in the 4th & 5th year. The scholarship would be paid for 10 months in an academic year. A scholarship under the scheme is renewable from year to year within the same stage of education. The renewal depend on promotion to the next class provided the scholar pass semester/ annual examination which determines his promotion to the next class.

Similarly Shyama Pd Mukherjee Scholarship scheme is effective for meritorious students. This is applicable only for students passed higher secondary exam through M.P. Board.

Methodology:

For scholarship trend study, questionnaire method was used. Data was collected from colleges. Collected student data is classified according to study class as graduation and post graduation, Graduation and PG classes of Higher education courses, technical courses, medical courses, management courses are included in study. No. of beneficiaries was counted and converted into % according to total student of that category students included in study.

Result and Analysis:

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Graduation	8	9	11
Post Graduation	4	6	9

Source: Data collected from scholarship department

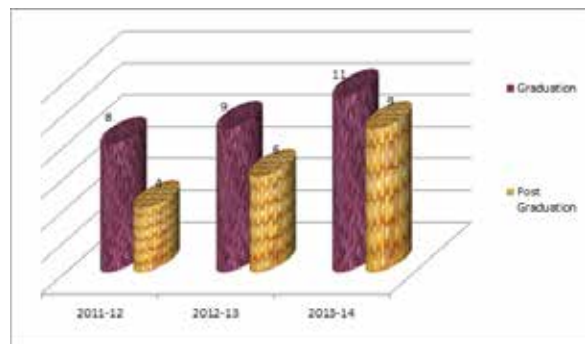


Chart-1: Year wise Central Sector Merit Scholarship Beneficiary Students (%)

Table-2: Year wise Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Scholarship Beneficiary Students (%) in last years

Class	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Graduation	3	4	6
Post Graduation	2	3	4

Source: Data collected from students through questionnaire

Year wise comparison shows that % of central sector scholarship beneficiaries are increasing every year. In the year 2011-12, 8% students at graduation level, 4% students at PG level got central sector scholarship. 9% students at UG level and 6% PG courses were beneficiaries for the year 2012-13. % of beneficiaries increased for 2013-14 and 11% UG and 9% PG students took advantage.

Data shows that Dr Shyama Pd Mukherjee scholarship beneficiary % students are also increasing yearly. In the year 2011-12, at graduation level 2% students and 4% students at PG level got scholarship. 4% and 6% were beneficiaries for UG and PG courses for the year 2012-13. In the year 2013-14, 6% UG and 9% PG students got scholarship advantage.

Students who are getting central sector scholarship, studying in graduation and post graduation related data shows that students at graduation level getting central sector scholarship are 26% boys and 74%

girls. At post graduation level, beneficiary boy student's percentage is 21% and girl's is 79%.

Similarly meritorious students are getting Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Scholarship. This scholarship related data shows that at graduation level, 29% of beneficiary students are boys and 71% are girls. At post graduation level, 23% of beneficiary students are boys and 77% are girls.

Conclusion:

Survey report of meritorious student's shows how it is helping in higher study. On the basis of this scholarship, students are getting course fee which is supportive for good career. 72% of meritorious students are getting assistance for higher study. Such scholarships are helping for students, parents and society. Thus this trend helps institutes to manage quality of institutes.

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