

Government of Odisha

Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment

NOTIFICATION

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The State Government in Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment have decided to implement a scholarship programme named as "**Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana**" to extend financial assistance to the children of the beneficiaries under C M-KISAN for pursuing professional courses which will boost the economic and social status for the farmers families of the State. The detail guidelines of the **Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana** are given as follows: -

Guidelines for Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana

1. Objective

The objective of the scheme is to extend financial assistance to the children of the beneficiaries under CM-KISAN for pursuing Professional/ Technical courses. It will lead to better access to Higher Education for children of Small & Marginal farmers (SF/MF) and Landless Agricultural households (LAH).Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana will support SF/MF & LAH in empowering their families.

2. Key features of Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana

In order to ensure proper higher education of their children, support will be provided in the form of Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana. The scholarship will be given purely on merit basis to those who are studying professional/technical courses like Medical, Engineering, Agriculture & Allied, Nursing, Diploma and different trades in ITI in Government, Private Institutions and Premier Institutions.

3. Subjects & Courses eligible for the Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana

The Professional or Technical Graduation courses like M.B.B.S, BDS, BHMS, BAMS, B.Pharma, B.Sc. (Nursing), PBBSc., Nursing, B.Sc (Hons) Agriculture, BVSc& AH, B.Sc (Hons) Horticulture, B.Sc (Hons) Forestry, B.Sc (Fisheries Science), B.Sc. (Community Science), B.Tech (Agril. Engg), B.Tech/B.E, BBA, BCA, and equivalent courses in Government Institutes and Private Institute having AISHE code(All India Survey on Higher Education) of the State are included under the Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana.

The Post-Graduation levels Professional/ Technical courses like M. Tech, M.sc (Ag), M.Sc (Forestry), PG in Medical science, MBA, MCA, M.Pharm and other equivalent courses as part of the Master programme shall also added to the present approved

courses. It shall be maximum of 2 years for PG and 4 years for Ph.D. courses. The Ph.D. courses must be related to the eligible post-graduation courses only in Govt. institutions inside the State.

Similarly, Diploma courses like D. Pharma, DMLT, DMRT, Ophthalmic Assistance/Surgical OPTH Assistance, GNM, ANM, Psychiatric Nursing and any other equivalent medical courses recommended by the D.M.E.T, Polytechnic & Agri Polytechnic and different trades of ITI's of the State are included under the Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana.

Technical/Professional courses in Premier Govt. institutes (both inside and outside the State) like NIT, IIT, IIM, AIIMS, ICAR (IARI IVRI, CIFE, NDRI), etc. are included under Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana.

If required, the list of courses may be modified by Government approval.

4. Eligibility criteria for Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana:

- i. The children of all the eligible beneficiaries under the CM-KISAN scheme under the two different components namely **Support to farmers for Cultivation and Livelihood Support to Landless Agricultural Households** are eligible for the scholarship. The parent of the student must be eligible under CM-KISAN during verification of Student's application at Chief District Agriculture Officer (CDAO) level.
- ii. The student must have obtained admission on merit basis in a Government Institution/Private Institution having AISHE code (All India Survey on Higher Education) of the State and in Premier Govt. Institution (both inside and outside the State).
- iii. The students taking admission in Govt. / private institutions on Self-financing courses shall be eligible for the scholarship only as per the capped fees structure.
- iv. The student will not be eligible to get any other scholarship or if he/she is in receipt of another scholarship, he/she will need to shift from the existing scholarship scheme to the Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana, if they so choose. Only one scholarship can be availed.
- v. The students can get Scholarship under Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana for one professional course only, & shall not be eligible for getting the scholarship for a second professional course.
- vi. No private institution outside the state shall be allowed to participate in Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana.
- vii. Students can't avail more than one scholarship for similar kind of courses.

5. Modalities for implementation

- i. A State Scholarship Portal i.e. <https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in> has been developed for the students to apply online.
- ii. For the students of Government Institutions, the tuition fees, annual fees, one time fees, hostel charges and any other fees deposited by the student in the colleges/universities/institutions except the caution money/ any other refundable

- money as admissible shall be released to the concerned student account.
- iii. Scholarship amount for the students studying in Private Institutes of the State shall be released to the student as per the course fee structure enclosed in Annexure-1.
 - iv. The Scholarship amount for the students undertaking Ph.D for different technical/professional streams in Govt. Institutions inside the State shall be provided as per actual prevalent fee structure of the concerned institutes. However, if he/she is getting any fellowship/assistance (if any) from any other sources, the said amount shall be deducted from the recommended course fees of the Institute and the balance will be disbursed as Krishi Vidya Nidhi Scholarship.
 - v. Scholarship amount for the students taking admission under technical/professional courses in Premier Govt. institutes (both inside and outside the State) like NIT, IIT, IIM, AIIMS, ICAR(IARI IVRI, CIFE, NDRI) etc. shall be as per actual recommendations of the respective institutes or maximum of Rs.1.00 Lakh whichever is less..
 - vi. Further, the Mess/ hostel charges of Rs.1200/- per month for UG, PG, Ph.D & Premier Govt. institutes students and Rs.1000/- per month for Diploma/Polytechnic/ITI students for 10 months shall be provided for both Government and Pvt. Institutions.
 - vii. The Scholarship amount shall be released to the concerned students account directly through DBT.
 - viii. For the refund and penalties in different situations, the institution shall follow the guidelines/modalities of the concerned Department/ Institution. Any refundable security deposit shall not be part of the scholarship and need to be paid by the student.
 - ix. The scholarship sanctioned in favour of a student shall be liable for cancellation if he/she is found to have obtained the scholarship by false statements, discontinues his/her studies, or is in receipt of any other scholarship.
 - x. The scheme will be implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment.
 - xi. The State Level Committee, Implementation Committee and District Level Committee formed under the CM-KISAN scheme shall also review & monitor the implementation of this component and may suggested changes that may be required. Any other members, if required may be invited with the permission of the chairperson of the committee.
 - xii. Department shall remain vigilant for misuse of the scheme benefit and avoid false registration by the private institutions.

6. Procedure for Application and Disbursement:

- i. Advertisement will be published in the local dailies print media and in the website. The physical application would not be accepted. Only verified online applications shall be considered for the award of scholarship.
- ii. The student will apply online on the State Scholarship portal i.e. <https://scholarship.odisha.gov.in>.
- iii. Concerned students are advised to keep the applicant's copy for their future reference.
- iv. The student must give their consent on the following points in the application



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- His/her parent is a CM-KISAN beneficiary
 - He/ She is not getting any other scholarship.
 - He/ She is interested to shift from the existing scholarship scheme to Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana (Only for the students availing of any other existing Scholarship).
- v. The scholarship would be sanctioned subject to fulfillment of the prescribed eligibility criteria by the students and validation/authentication by the Principals / Head of the Institution of the concerned colleges/institutes in online mode only.
- vi. The scholarship will be paid to the selected students by the Agriculture & Farmers Empowerment Department through DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) mode and shall be transferred to the Bank account of the beneficiary's student.
- vii. The students must have an active and valid account in any of the scheduled banks which has an Electronic Clearing System (ECS)/ Core Banking facility to facilitate the transfer of scholarship amount directly to their account.
- viii. The bank account must be in the name of the applicant/student only. Students must enter their Bank/Branch name, saving bank account number and IFSC code very carefully and must be addhar linked to ensure a smooth transfer of scholarship amount.
- ix. The application which is not validated/authenticated within the timeline by the Institute shall be treated as invalid.

7. Role and Responsibility of Head of the Institutes

- i. The Head of the Institution shall be provided with the user id and password for the online verification of the application furnished by the students.
- ii. The Head of Institution has to ensure the genuineness of the student i.e. he/she is studying in the College / Institution for the particular year by checking his/her roll number/admission number etc.
- iii. Verification of name of the parent shall be made with help of High School certificate /10th Pass certificate.
- iv. Verification shall be made regarding status of the student on day scholar/ hosteller/self-financing on basis of available records.
- v. The Head of the Institution has to ensure that the student is not in receipt of any Scholarships sponsored by other Department of State Govt./ Government of India.
- vi. The verified application should be forwarded to the concerned Chief District Agriculture Officer of the district from where the CM-KISAN assistance has been provided online.
- vii. If any student has applied for more than one scholarship, only a single record will be authenticated by the Principal/ Head of the Institution.
- viii. For PhD students, the amount of any fellowship awarded to the student shall be mentioned by the institute.
- ix. The Principal/ Head of the Institution shall up-to-date their course wise profile prior verification of students online application to avoid any difference of course fees among the eligible applicants of same institution.
- x. The Principal/ Head of Institution shall remain personally held responsible for



authenticating eligible students from the records displayed in their login.

8. Role and Responsibility of Chief District Agriculture Officer (CDAO) of the District

- i. The Chief District Agriculture Officer (CDAO/ DNO) shall be provided with a user ID & password to handle the scholarship portal.
- ii. After receipt of the recommendation from the Principal/ Head of the Institution, the CDAO/DNO shall verify the authenticity the status of his/ her parent as CM-KISAN beneficiary.
- iii. CDAO shall verify the amount of scholarship recommended by Private and Premier Govt. Institutes referring to the approved cost structure.

9. Role and responsibility of Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha

- i. The Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha shall prepare reports and monitor the pendency of application at different levels.
- ii. Fund management like opening of account, administrative sanction & approval to be done at Directorate level.
- iii. After authentication of the eligibility of the student by the CDAO, the Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Odisha shall release the Scholarship amount directly to the registered bank account of the eligible student (DBT mode).

10. Timeline for opening and closing of the Common Scholarship portal.

Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana portal for applying on-line shall remain open for students twice in a year i.e. 1st time during the month of July/August and 2nd time during November/December to facilitate the new application as well as the renewal process. The timeline of opening of portal may be changed as per the decision of high level committee.

11. Detail Courses & Fee structure of Krishi Vidya Nidhi Yojana for private institutions and the self financing courses is annexed at Annexure-I

This shall come into force with effect from the date of issue of the Notification

ORDER: Ordered that, the Notification be published in the Extra-ordinary issue of the Odisha Gazette and copies thereof be forwarded to all the Departments of Government.

By order of the Governor


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