



**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Guideline for providing **Financial Assistance as Admission Incentive to Girl Students** under Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina Aasoni who are enrolled in Govt. and Venture (as per Annexure-A and Annexure-B enclosed) Educational Institutions in Higher Secondary First Year, Graduation (B.A./B.Sc/B.Com) First Year and Post-Graduation (M.A./M.Sc/M.Com/B. Ed) First Year excluding Private Educational Institutions.

1. Background

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 a financial grant as admission incentive to continue their education to Higher secondary, Graduation and Post-graduation studies."

2. Aim: The main objectives of Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina Scheme are as follows:

- To increase enrollment of girl students in Higher Education.
- To increase the percentage of girls educated beyond matriculation in Assam.
- To reduce dropouts among girl students.
- To increase the overall GER of the State.
- To eliminate the social evil of child marriage.

3. Scope of Applicability:

- **Financial Assistance as an Admission Incentive will be provided to Girl Students**, who are enrolled in Govt. and venture (Annexure A and Annexure B enclosed) Educational Institutions in Higher Secondary First Year, Graduation (B.A./B.Sc/B.Com) First Year and Post-Graduation (M.A./M.Sc/M.Com/B. Ed) First Year, excluding those enrolled in private institutions.
- The MMNM 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 school property, following the instruction of teachers and staff, and behaving respectfully towards peers and other personnels of the institute. Any violation of these rules, such as engaging in disruptive behavior, cheating, ragging, vandalism, or any form of misconduct, will result in withdrawing the benefit under MMNM.
- The girl students who receive scooter as part of the Banikanta Kakati Award under **Pragyan Bharati Scheme**, which is being implemented by Higher Education Department, shall not be eligible for this scheme. However, if any girl opts out of receiving the scooter, she can apply for the Nijut Moina scheme.
- The Higher Education Department's Mobility Grant scheme provides financial incentives to Postgraduate students admitted to State Universities, Government Colleges, Provincialized Colleges, and Government Model Colleges. The Scheme has

now been merged with the Nijut Moina Scheme. There will be no separate Mobility grant Scheme henceforth.

4. Eligibility Criteria:

- The incentive is meant for all eligible girl students domiciled in Assam, irrespective of their economic status.
- Married girls will not be eligible for the scheme except those in the P.G. and B.Ed. category.
- In-service girls, admitted to B.Ed. course on deputation, will not be eligible for the scheme.
- Daughters of Ministers/MPs and MLAs are not eligible for the Nijut Moina scheme.

5. Amount to be provided to each girl students:

- Each eligible girl student enrolled in Class Eleven will receive an incentive of Rs.1000/- per month for a maximum of ten months, for a total of Rs. 10,000/- per year.
- An incentive of Rs.1250/- per month for a maximum of ten months, resulting in a total Rs. 12,500 per year will be paid to each of the eligible girl students enrolled in Graduation First Year (B.A./B.Sc/B.Com).
- An incentive of Rs. 2500/- per month over a period of maximum up to ten months, resulting in a total Rs. 25,000 per year will be paid to each of the eligible girl students enrolled in Post-Graduation First year (M.A./M.Sc/M.Com/B. Ed).
- No incentive will be paid during summer vacation or any such vacation for more than one month.
- For the academic session 2024-25, the benefits can be availed for only 9 months.
- The scheme will not be effective during the months of June and July every year.

6. Mode of application:

- The students will fill up a prescribed application form and submit the same to the respective institutions they are currently enrolled in.
- The students are to ensure that the data given by them is correct and complete.
- The Registrars/Principals will collect and verify the application forms through their respective portals and submit the correct data for auto verification in the portal.
- From the second year onwards, there is no requirement for submitting an application. A certificate from the head of the institution, certifying the student's continuity in the institution will be sufficient for availing benefits.
- All Head of the Institute shall notify One or Two Nodal Teachers for implementing MMNM Scheme in their respective institute.
- The guardians can choose as to whether their daughters will submit applications for availing the benefits provided under the scheme as some of them may not like to apply.

7. Mode of payment:

- By monthly DBT system through bank account to each eligible girl student.

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