

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
CIVIL SECRETARIAT, BLOCK NO. I  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
ITANAGAR

NOTIFICATION

THE 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

No. SEDN - 285/2019 - The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh is pleased to authorise the Education Department to modify the "VIDYA SCHEME GUIDELINES" as follows:-

Short Title: This Guideline will be called as "Vidya Scheme Guidelines, 2019 (Revised).

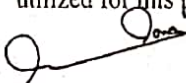
**I. Introduction:**

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh had launched "Vidya Scheme" in the year 2013-14 with an objective to encourage girl children to continue school education after elementary and secondary levels. The scheme aims at providing financial assistance/incentive to all girl students who successfully pass Class-V examination and enrol in Class-VI in the State Government Schools. The other objective of the Vidya Scheme is to encourage the girls to increase their presence in schools and reduce their dropout rate at the elementary and secondary stages of schooling. The initial amount of financial assistance sanctioned by the Government was ₹5000 only per student. The amount has been enhanced to ₹10,000 from 2015-16 onwards. The amount so awarded will be deposited in the State Bank of India (SBI) in the name of the girl student as Fixed Deposit till she completes Class-XII. Except in such cases where SBI is not present in a district and whereas another Public Sector bank is present, the concerned Deputy Director of School Education (DDSE) shall get an approval from the Director, Elementary Education to open the accounts in such bank. The mandatory eligibility condition for withdrawal of the maturity value is **successful completion of Class-XII and attainment of 18 years of age**. The eligibility criteria for availing the scheme are given below:

- i) The beneficiary should be a girl student.
- ii) She should have passed Class-V and should have been admitted in Class-VI in a Government or Government Aided school in Arunachal Pradesh.
- iii) She should be unmarried.
- iv) There will be no restriction based on income level for grant of incentives to the girls.

**II. Implementation Mechanism:**

The scheme will cover all the districts of the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The Commissioner/Secretary, Education Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh will be the implementing authority of the scheme. At the district level, the Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Deputy Director of School Education (DDSE) will implement the scheme. The materials like brochures, pamphlets and mass media like newspapers, radio, TV etc. would be used for creating awareness and popularizing the scheme. A portion of the fund allocated for the scheme may be utilized for this purpose. Those who fulfil the eligibility criteria need to submit an application in



the prescribed format, duly supported by the required documents. After scrutiny, if the application is found to be in order and complete in all respects, the amount of financial incentive prescribed under the scheme will be sanctioned and deposited with the State Bank of India (SBI) till the girl child passes Class-XII.

The following documents are required to be submitted along with the application under the Vidya Scheme:

- i) Class- V Pass Certificate from the school concerned, duly countersigned by the DDSE of the district concerned.
- ii) A recent passport size photograph of the girl student to be pasted on the form.

**III. Financial Parameters:**

A sum of ₹10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only would be deposited under Fixed Deposit scheme of the bank in the name of every eligible girl student. The term/period of deposit may be counted from date of deposit to the approximate date on which the girl student passes Class-XII. No premature withdrawal will be allowed.

**IV. Maturity Claim Payment:**

1. Girls who are already registered under the Vidya Scheme can claim the financial incentive deposited in their account only when they successfully pass Class- XII as regular students.
2. The date of maturity for each beneficiary is intimated in the acknowledgement receipt issued by SBI after it receives the deposit from the Government/District Education offices in Arunachal Pradesh. The eligible girls have to open a savings account (Zero balance) in one of the authorized SBI branches in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and intimate the bank account number to the DDSE concerned well in advance of the date of maturity.
3. Besides the bank account number, the eligible girl has to produce the following documents before the DDSE for verification of the claim:
  - v) Proof of Passing Class- XII along with verification report of DDSE
  - vi) Birth Certificate
  - vii) Acknowledgement receipt issued by the SBI in original
  - viii) Passbook of her bank account
4. Based on verification of the beneficiary's claim, SBI will remit the amount deposited in her name to her bank account, from where she can withdraw the amount by cash/cheque for the purpose of pursuing higher studies.

**V. Process of Execution:**

1. Every Government or Government Aided school of the state may prepare a proposal for release of the incentive amount with the details of eligible girl students after proper examination of the eligibility criteria and submit it to the State Government through the DDSE concerned.





2. Every eligible student should open savings bank accounts with the SBI and the details should be submitted along with the proposal.
3. The DDSE will send a consolidated proposal to the Director of Elementary Education indicating the following points:
  - i) The list of girl children who passed Class- V examination and are entitled for the benefit of the scheme.
  - ii) Total Amount proposed to be released
4. After the release of fund from the State Government, the incentive amount will be deposited in the fixed term deposit scheme in the name of the girl students by the DDSE concerned.
5. The bank will issue deposit certificates in the name of each student. The DDSE should keep photocopies of the deposit certificates of all the students for safe record and to be produced anytime when demanded by the Department of Education.
6. After the fixed deposits have been made for all the eligible girl students, the DDSE shall submit a report along with the actual list of students from the district whose fixed deposits have been made, along with the copies of deposit certificates to the Directorate of Elementary Education, Itanagar.
7. The beneficiary will have to continue her studies for at least 7 years in the Upper Primary & Secondary levels to avail the benefit of the scheme.
8. For a beneficiary to be eligible to draw the amount, the pre-conditions are to pass Class- XII board examination successfully, attainment of 18 years of age and maturity of the term of deposit.
9. Students who cannot complete Class- XII after maturity of the term of deposit will be granted only 1 (one) year grace period to complete Class-XII and claim the amount. After that, the beneficiary will forfeit the claim to get incentive and the money will be returned to the State Government.
10. If a girl student drops out of school before completing Class- XII or if she fails to withdraw the matured amount after one year of passing Class- XII, the amount will be returned to the State Government through the account of the DDSE.
11. On production of Class- XII pass certificate from the Principal/Head of Institution, the agency (school) will authorize the bank to transfer the matured amount to savings accounts of the girl student.

**VI. Timeline:**

1. Every school may complete the exercise of identification of eligible girl children and submit the proposal on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June of the academic year. The DDSE shall submit the consolidated proposal to the Director of Elementary Education on or before 15<sup>th</sup> July every year.
2. Director of Elementary Education will issue suitable directions to schools, through DDSE to ensure submission by the date mentioned above.



3. In case of non-implementation of this scheme in any school or district, the concerned Head of school or DDSE shall be held responsible, with respect to the eligible girl students in the schools/district.

**VII. Monitoring Mechanism:**

1. At State Level, a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner/Secretary, Education Department will be constituted with the following members:
  - i) Director, Secondary Education
  - ii) Director, Elementary Education
  - iii) A representative from State Bank of India
  - iv) Deputy Director of School Education (G) as Member Secretary
  - v) Finance and Accounts Officer of Department of Education
2. At District Level, a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner will be constituted with the following members:
  - i) Deputy Director of School Education of the district
  - ii) A representative of State Bank of India stationed at the district HQ
  - iii) Finance and Accounts Officer of the District Education Office
- 3) At School Level, Chairman of the School Management Committee (SMC) should monitor the implementation of the scheme. A lady member of the SMC should be made the nodal officer.

**VIII. Review/Evaluation of the Scheme:**

1. The scheme will be reviewed at the end of every academic year
2. If need arises, an independent evaluation committee of the scheme will be constituted.

This notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

Sd/-  
(Niharika Rai) IAS  
Secretary (Education)  
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh  
Itanagar.

Dated Itanagar, the 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

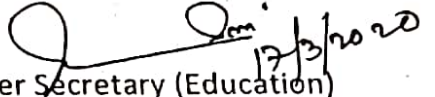
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1. The Commissioner to Hon'ble Governor, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for information.
2. PPS to HCM, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for kind information.
3. PPS to Hon'ble Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Itanagar for information.
4. PS to Hon'ble Minister (Education), Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for kind information.
5. PS to All Hon'ble Ministers, Arunachal Pradesh for Information.
6. All Hon'ble MLAs, Arunachal Pradesh for Information.
7. US to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for information.
8. PS to all Principal Secretaries./Commissioners/Secretaries, Govt. of A.P. for information.
9. PA to Secretary (Education), Govt. of A.P. for information.
10. Jt. Secretary (Education). Govt. of A.P., Itanagar for information.



11. All Deputy Commissioners, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action please.
12. Director, Higher & Technical Education/Secondary Education/Elementary Education/ Dy SPD, ISSE, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for information and necessary action.
13. The Director, Information & Public Relations, Arunachal Pradesh, Naharlagun for Information. He is requested to publish the Notification in Govt. Gazette at the earliest.
14. All Dy Director of School Education, Arunachal Pradesh for information & necessary action.
15. All Dy Director of School Education, Arunachal Pradesh for information & necessary action.
16. All Principals, Govt. Higher Secondary Schools, Arunachal Pradesh for information and necessary action.
17. IT Cell of the Directorate of Education, Itanagar to upload the same in the departmental website.
18. Office copy.

  
Under Secretary (Education)  
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh  
Itanagar.

**Annexure-1: Beneficiary Details of Vidya Scheme**

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Sr. No	Name of the Girl Student	Name of the School	Bank Account No.	Bank Name & Branch Name	Operated by Self or Parent/Guardian	FD opened (Yes/No)	Date of Deposit	Deposit Certificate/Challan No.	Remark
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