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Dated 3rd December, 2024.

Respected Madam / Sir,

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As you are aware that Scholarship Division, Department of Higher Education is implementing **Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP)** Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University students, which has been onboarded on the National Scholarship Portal since 2015 with an aim to provide a common online platform for the various scholarship schemes of the Central Government and the State Government. National Scholarship Portal is live for inviting the applications for PM-USP CSSS from the students pursuing higher education, since 30.06.2024.

- 2. However, it has been observed that the number of applications from your state is low as compared to number of slots earmarked for your state (attached). Hence, the students from your state need to be encouraged to apply for the scholarship scheme, PM-USP CSSS.
- 3. Further, the applications successfully submitted by the applicants, are pending for verification at the level of Institute Nodal Officer (INO). Hence, you are also requested to get the verification of the applications expedited by INOs to avoid the last minute rush.
- 4. In view of above, you are requested to issue appropriate instructions to the Education Department as well as State Nodal Officers/ Institute Nodal Officers in your State, to encourage students for applying for the scheme, PM-USP CSSS and timely verification of the applications by received. Your active support and coordination in the matter would be greatly appreciated.

With Regards,

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Yours sincerely,

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