

PRESS NOTE

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Scholarship Money Reaches 87,691 Students Ahead of Schedule

Scholarship money under the Umbrella Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribe (ST) Students for the Academic Year 2025–26 has been disbursed to 87,691 students across Meghalaya. An amount of ₹91.01 crore has been paid out.

While releasing the funds on 27th August 2026 at Shillong College, Shri Conrad K. Sangma, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Meghalaya, had informed students that the money would take about five to six days to reach their accounts. The scholarship has in fact been disbursed within three to four working days, ahead of the time indicated.

This has been possible because the scholarship is now paid through the SNA-SPARSH system, which creates a direct payment route from the Reserve Bank of India to the student's own bank account, without the funds passing through intermediate accounts.

Every student whose Aadhaar was linked and whose application was verified has been paid

Payment has been made to every student whose application was verified and whose Aadhaar was correctly linked to a working bank account. No verified student with a properly linked Aadhaar has been left out.

Of the 96,812 applications verified in the State, 87,691 students have received payment. The remaining 9,121 students could not be paid only because their Aadhaar is not linked to their bank account, or because of similar problems with their bank account details. Their money has not been withdrawn or cancelled. It is being held and will be paid as soon as the bank account details are corrected.

Students who have not yet received the money are advised to visit their respective banks and get their Aadhaar linked to their bank account. Once this is done, the payment will be processed in the next cycle.

Funds position

- A total of 96,812 applications were verified for the Academic Year 2025–26.
- The full requirement for the year is ₹198.43 crore.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has released the Central share of ₹84.55 crore, and the State Government has released its share of ₹9.40 crore, making ₹93.95 crore available.
- Of this, ₹91.01 crore has already been paid to 87,691 students. The balance ₹2.94 crore is under process.
- The remaining ₹104.48 crore required for full payment will be released in the coming instalments.

Under the new system adopted by the State Government, the scholarship is paid to every eligible student in five instalments. Earlier, only about one in five students received the full amount and the rest had to wait for the Central Government to release the next instalment.

District-wise applications received

District	Fresh	Renewal	Total
East Garo Hills	2,532	1,167	3,699
East Jaintia Hills	3,618	2,464	6,082
East Khasi Hills	14,991	10,534	25,525
Eastern West Khasi Hills	2,908	1,951	4,859
North Garo Hills	2,956	1,249	4,205

District	Fresh	Renewal	Total
Ri Bhoi	5,885	3,503	9,388
South Garo Hills	2,742	807	3,549
South West Garo Hills	3,625	971	4,596
South West Khasi Hills	2,929	1,873	4,802
West Garo Hills	7,585	3,016	10,601
West Jaintia Hills	7,287	5,265	12,552
West Khasi Hills	4,136	2,818	6,954
Total	61,194	35,618	96,812

Why the money takes a few days to appear in the account

The Government does not transfer money directly into individual accounts in a single step. Once the payment is approved, it moves through a fixed sequence before it reaches the student:

- The Directorate of Higher & Technical Education prepares the list of students to be paid.
- The Treasury checks and approves the payment.
- The Central and State funds are released against the approved list.
- The Reserve Bank of India processes the payment instructions.
- The students' banks credit the amount into individual accounts. Time taken varies from bank to bank.

Each of these steps is a safeguard. They confirm that the money goes to the right student, prevent duplicate or wrong payments, and keep a complete record of every rupee paid. This is why the amount does not appear in all accounts on the same day, and why a gap of a few working days is normal.

Applications for the Academic Year 2026–27

Applications on the National Scholarship Portal for the Academic Year 2026–27 opened on 3rd July 2026 and will remain open till 30th November 2026. Students are advised to apply well before the last date, and to make sure that their Aadhaar is linked to a working bank account at the time of applying. This single step is the main reason payments get delayed, and it can be settled at the student's own bank branch.

For queries

Students may dial 7005037347 or 9615000269, or write to scholarshipregn@gmail.com.