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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Scholarship programme for Diaspora Children**

This scheme was introduced by the Government of India in the academic year 2006-07. The Scheme provide for assistance to the wards of Persons of Indian Origin (OIC) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) for pursuing Under Graduate courses in Indian University/Institutes. The scheme is being implemented by Educational Consultants India Limited (EDCIL) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development (GOI) as A Nodal Agency. Financial assistance is administered by MOIA through EDCIL.

2. Under the Scheme 100 scholarships upto US$ 4,000 per annum are granted to the students in the age group of 17 to 21 years from 40 selected countries that have substantial Indian Diaspora population, for the courses in different fields (except medical and related courses) both professional and non-professional in Engineering/Technology, Humanities/Liberal Arts, Commerce, Management, Journalism, Hotel Management, Agriculture/Animal Husbandry etc.

3. The assistance is provided in the form of financial assistance, primarily towards tuition fee, admission fee and post admission services. The assistance is provided to NRI candidates subject to the condition that the total monthly income of the candidate does not exceed an amount equivalent to US$ 2,250 (US Dollar two thousand two hundred and fifty only). The declaration is given by the candidate duly countersigned by the parent/guardian. However, there is no income limit for the PIO candidates.

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