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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment
(SCD-V Section)

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Dated:-13th May, 2026

To,
Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary/
Additional Secretary/In-charges of Social Welfare Department/
SC/OBC Welfare Department/Educational Department
All States/UTs.

Subject- Dissemination of 'SETU' App information among stakeholders- reg.

Respected Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform that, in coordination with National e-Governance Division, this Department has developed a scholarship application named SETU (Scholarship for Educational Transformation and Upliftment), which serves as a unified digital gateway for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Backward Class students to access the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship Schemes of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

2. The application, integrated with UMANG, facilitates end-to-end scholarship services including One-Time Registration (OTR), application submission, verification, tracking, and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) - enabled disbursement of scholarship amounts in a seamless, transparent, and user-friendly manner. The platform also enables students to access services anytime and anywhere through mobile and web-based interfaces, thereby reducing the need for multiple visits to offices and improving ease of access for beneficiaries.

3. **The Scholarship App is available through SETU on UMANG Portal.** Students may access the portal and complete the face-authentication process using the "eKYC with FaceAuth" service available on the SETU section of the UMANG Mobile App or UMANG Official Portal (**link: <https://web.umang.gov.in/landing/department/setu.html>**). The SETU platform is presently applicable for scholarship applications pertaining to those States/UTs which are onboarded on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the service is available in 13 different languages. The banner of the app along with the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the same are enclosed herewith. For non-NSP States/UTs, the applicants may apply through the respective State Scholarship Portals.

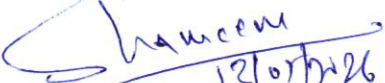
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4. In view of the above, all States/UTs (including NSP on-boarded States and UTs) are requested to undertake necessary awareness and outreach activities among all stakeholders, including educational institutions, district welfare offices, students, and parents, regarding the features and benefits of the SETU platform so that maximum students can take advantage and benefits of this App.

5. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours sincerely

Encl: As above


(Shameem Alam)
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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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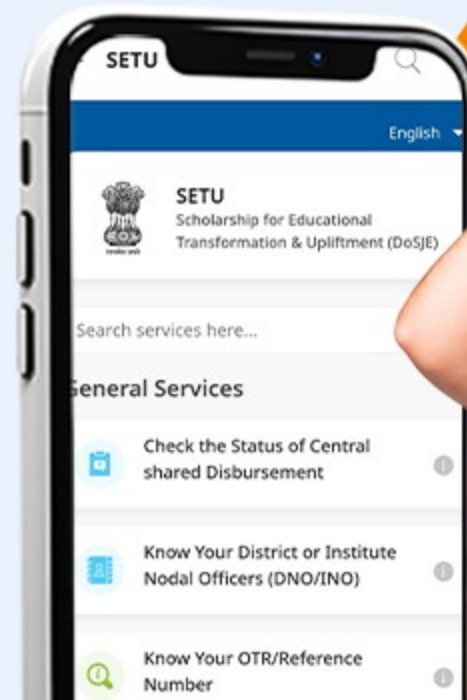
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SETU App

Your Gateway to Scholarship
Schemes – Apply Smarter
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**Read FAQs before accessing SETU*



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is SETU?

The SETU application, integrated with UMANG, serves as a unified digital gateway for Scheduled Caste (SC) students to access government scholarship services. Empowered by the Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, SETU provides end-to-end access to scholarship schemes—from application submission to tracking of disbursement—through a single centralized platform.

2. What are the benefits of SETU?

- Single Unified Platform: One-stop access to all SC scholarship-related services.
- UMANG Integration: Secure and convenient access via the UMANG mobile app and web portal.
- Anytime, Anywhere Access: Mobile-first, user-friendly digital experience.
- No Multiple Department Visits: Eliminates the need to approach different offices.
- Complete Transparency: Real-time visibility of application, verification, and approval stages.
- Timely Disbursement: Seamless DBT-enabled scholarship payment processing.

3. Who is eligible to apply for scholarships through the SETU platform?

Scheduled Caste (SC) students belonging to States that have been onboarded on NSP are eligible to apply for scholarships through the SETU platform.

4. Which states are onboarded on NSP?

Post Matric

States/UTs Onboarded on NSP
Assam
Chandigarh
Delhi
Daman & Diu Nagar and Haveli
Goa
Haryana
Himachal Pradesh
Jammu & Kashmir
Manipur
Meghalaya
Puducherry
Sikkim
Tripura
Uttarakhand

Pre Matric Component 1

States/UTs Onboarded on NSP
Assam
Chandigarh
Delhi
Daman & Diu Nagar and Haveli
Goa
Himachal Pradesh
Jammu & Kashmir
Manipur
Meghalaya
Puducherry
Punjab
Sikkim
Tripura
Uttarakhand

Pre Matric Component 2

States/UTs Onboarded on NSP
Assam
Himachal Pradesh
Punjab
Sikkim
Tripura

5. Which States are currently not onboarded on NSP?

Post Matric

Non NSP States
Andhra Pradesh
Bihar
Chhattisgarh
Gujarat
Jharkhand
Karnataka
Kerala
Madhya Pradesh
Maharashtra
Odisha
Punjab
Rajasthan
Tamil Nadu
Telangana
Uttar Pradesh
West Bengal

Pre Matric Component 1

Non NSP State
Andhra Pradesh
Bihar
Chhattisgarh
Gujarat
Jharkhand
Karnataka
Kerala
Madhya Pradesh
Maharashtra
Odisha
Rajasthan
Tamil Nadu
Telangana
Uttar Pradesh
West Bengal

Pre Matric Component 2

Non NSP State
Andhra Pradesh
Gujarat
Karnataka
Kerala
Madhya Pradesh
Maharashtra
Rajasthan
Tamil Nadu
West Bengal

6. What is One-Time Registration (OTR)?

One-Time Registration (OTR) on SETU platform on UMANG, is a unique number provided to streamline the registration process. Users register with their mobile number and complete e-KYC (electronic Know Your Customer). Once this process is complete, an OTR number is generated and sent to the user's phone. This unique number allows users to log in and access various services without needing to re-register. The OTR number is generated once and remains valid throughout the student's academic career.

7. What are the benefits of One-Time Registration?

One-Time Registration (OTR) offers several advantages:

- It helps in streamlining the registration process as OTR simplifies the registration process by providing SC students with a unique number after completing e-KYC. This eliminates the need for repetitive registration steps across different services.
- It is convenient for the SC students as they only need to register once with their mobile number and complete e-KYC to receive their OTR number. This reduces the hassle of filling out multiple registration forms for various services.
- The OTR number is generated once and remains valid throughout the SC student's academic career, providing a consistent and stable identifier for all related services.
- By eliminating the need for repetitive registrations, OTR enhances the overall user experience, making it more convenient for traceability and tracking to access multiple services.

8. Is **One-Time Registration mandatory for all services on SETU?**

Yes, One-Time Registration is mandatory for all services on SETU platform on UMANG. It serves as the username for logging in and is also required to complete the face authentication process.

9. What documents/information do I need to have ready to create my OTR?

To create your OTR, student shall have: Required

Documents/Information:

I. Active mobile number

II. Aadhaar number

III. Mobile number linked with Aadhaar

IV. NPCI Seeding status (desired)

10. Do I **need to remember multiple application IDs with One-Time Registration?**

No, it is not required nor needed. Using the OTR number, you can retrieve all application IDs linked to it. Each candidate has a unique OTR, and all applications are linked to this single number. Additionally, all the application statuses will be visible, simplifying the process further.

11. Can I use **One-Time Registration across different devices?**

Yes, OTR is designed to be accessible from various devices such as computers, smartphones, and tablets. As long as you have an internet connection, you can access your registered account from anywhere using the OTR No.

12. What is a Reference no?

A Reference no is assigned when SC students provide their own Aadhaar or their guardian's Aadhaar. It is sent to the registered mobile number to complete face authentication (on mobile app on SETU via UMANG) and to generate OTR number.

13. **What are the next steps after obtaining a Reference no?**

Once you have a Reference no, log in to the Face Auth service on SETU department from UMANG app and complete the face authentication process. After successfully completing face authentication, you will receive your OTR number.

14. How long will my Reference no be valid?

Your Reference no will be valid until you complete the face authentication and KYC process. After this, your OTR will remain valid.

15. I have generated my reference no. How to complete my face- **authentication** and generate OTR?

Face-authentication is mandatory for generation of OTR. Through UMANG mobile platform, from SETU department, student is required to follow below steps for face-authentication and generation of OTR:

- 1) Download and install the [Face RD App](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=in.gov.uidai.facerd) from Google Play Store.
(link: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=in.gov.uidai.facerd>)
- 2) Complete the face-authentication using option "eKYC with FaceAuth" service on SETU via UMANG Mobile App.

