



## SHREYAS Scheme

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The [Scholarships for Higher Education for Young Achievers Scheme \(SHREYAS\)](#) has been a significant initiative by the Indian government to support higher education for marginalised communities.

- Recent updates reveal substantial investments and the broad reach of the scheme, reflecting its critical role in promoting educational advancement for [Scheduled Castes \(SCs\)](#), [Other Backward Classes \(OBCs\)](#) and [Economically Backward Classes \(EBCs\)](#).
- The SHREYAS Scheme comprises two distinct programs designed to support higher education for different groups: SHREYAS for SCs and SHREYAS for OBCs and EBCs.
  - **Total Expenditure:** Rs. 2708.64 crore spent for 97,928 SC beneficiaries from 2014-15 to 2023-24.
    - Rs. 585.02 crore spent for 38,011 OBC and EBC beneficiaries over the same period.
  - **SHREYAS for SCs:** Scholarships provided to SC students for studies in 266 premier institutions like IITs, IIITs, IIMs, and AIIMS.
    - [National Overseas Scholarship](#) under this annual scholarship for 125 SC students to study in the top 500 [QS Ranking institutions abroad](#).
    - 2000 fellowships are offered annually for PhD studies in India, in addition to the regular UGC Fellowships.
  - **SHREYAS for OBCs and EBCs:** Free Coaching was provided for 3500 economically disadvantaged SC and OBC candidates each year, aiding in competitive exams and higher education admissions.
- **Other education schemes in India include** [National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning](#), [Beti Bachao Beti Padhao](#), [PM SHRI Schools](#) and [National Means cum Merit Scholarship \(NMMS\)](#).

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