



National Overseas Scholarship Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, Indians who have been sent abroad to study through the **National Overseas Scholarship Scheme** have sent their gratitude towards the Indian Government for the scholarship programme.

What is the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme?

- **About:**
 - **National Overseas Scholarship Scheme** is a **Central Sector Scheme** to facilitate the **low income students** belonging to the **Scheduled Castes, Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes**, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans category to obtain higher education by studying abroad.
 - The Scheme provides **financial assistance to the selected candidates** for pursuing **Masters level courses** and Ph.D. courses abroad in the Institutions/Universities accredited by the Government/an authorized body of that country in any fields of study.
 - In each Selection Year, **125 fresh awards**, subject to availability of funds, will be given under the Scheme.
- **Implementing Agency:**
 - **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**, under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- **Reservation:**
 - 30% of the awards for each year are **earmarked for women candidates**.
- **Eligibility:**
 - At least **60% of marks or equivalent grade** in the qualifying examination.

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