



Uttar Pradesh Expands Sanskrit Scholarship Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government launched a new scholarship scheme to support [Sanskrit education](#), enhancing eligibility and funding for students.

Key Points

- **Expansion:**
 - The scheme now supports **69,195 students with a budget of Rs. 586 lakh**, a significant increase from the previous 300 beneficiaries.
 - Unlike the prior scheme, which had strict age limits, the new scholarship is open to all qualified Sanskrit students across Uttar Pradesh.
 - CM emphasized **Sanskrit's relevance** to scientific fields such as computer science, encouraging students to view it as a language with broad applications.
- **Support for Traditional Gurukul Education:**
 - Plans to revive [gurukul-style schools](#) were announced, with improved support for residential facilities and hiring of qualified teachers.
 - Establishment of a Vedic science center will facilitate research, integrating traditional Sanskrit knowledge with modern scientific inquiry.

Gurukul

- The 'Gurukul' was a type of education system in ancient India with shishya (students) living with the guru in the same house.
- Nalanda has the oldest university system of education in the world.
- Students from across the world were attracted to Indian knowledge systems.

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