

To,

**Prof. Sivaji Bandyopadhyay,  
Director, National Institute of Technology, Silchar**

Respected Madam/Sir,

**Sub:** Scholarship support for Students with Disabilities pursuing education in Govt. recognized Institutes of National Importance (INI) located in North-East India.

Bharti Infratel Scholarship Program (BISP) is a CSR initiative of Bharti Infratel Ltd. It was launched in 2016 in association with Shishu Sarothi (Center for Rehabilitation and Training for Multiple Disability), a rights-based, non-profit organization based in Guwahati (Assam), with the objective of promoting inclusion in the education and professional mainstream in North East India.

In 2020-21, BISP scholarships will be awarded to 120 deserving students with disabilities who wish to pursue or are pursuing higher education in academic & professional courses at levels ranging from Higher Secondary to Post Graduation, primarily to students from North East India.

However, the program has reserved 10% of the total number of scholarships for students with disabilities from other states in India, who are studying in colleges / educational institutions/universities, located in NE India, and identified as Institute of National Importance by the Government of India. This will also promote the NE region as a destination for quality education and remove inhibitions in the minds of prospective students from the rest of the country about the region.

Thus **12 selected students/beneficiaries/scholars** will receive financial support to cover educational expenses/fees paid till the completion of their courses. Additionally, some needy but deserving students will also be provided support for specific requirements of study materials, assistive equipment and devices, conveyance allowance and hostel fees to facilitate and motivate them to complete the course of study.

Shishu Sarothi has partnered with local organizations across the 8 NE states of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura for dissemination of information, application support to candidates and monitoring and mentoring of selected students locally.

We thus request you to send in recommendations for such students whom you find deserving of the assistance and financial support. These students should apply under 2<sup>nd</sup> Category listed on [bisp.shishusarothi.org](http://bisp.shishusarothi.org). All details about the scholarship are available on the website. Last date of applying is **10th September 2020**. For any queries students can also call on HELPLINE: +91 70862 68549 between 10 am-5 pm on working days.

We further request you to list this notification on your institution's Notice Board/Intranet or alternative for information of the student/s.

Regards,

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