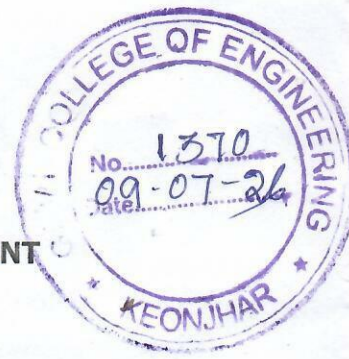


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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

NOTIFICATION

No. SDTE-SD-MISC-0024-2023/ 3686 /SDTE, Bhubaneswar dated, 30/06/2026

Government of Odisha in Skill Development & Technical Education Department have been pleased to amend the guidelines of Chief Minister's Augmenting Soft Skill and Promoting Innovation, Research & Excellence (CM-ASPIRE) scheme issued vide Gazette Notification No.5948 dt. 09.09.2025.

The objective of the amendment is to enable existing eligible PhD scholars who have registered for PhD programme in Government Technical Universities viz. BPUT, Rourkela, VSSUT, Burla, OUTR, Bhubaneswar prior to notification of the CM-ASPIRE scheme to avail benefits under the "Research Fellowship for Government Technical Universities" component of the scheme.

The below-mentioned changes are hereby effected;

(1) In Para 4.2 the following clause shall be inserted below the clause 4.2(e);

4.2(f) Existing PhD scholars who are already registered in the selected university under an approved research guide, and who meet the eligibility criteria specified in points (a) to (e) above, shall be eligible to receive the fellowship. The fellowship shall be granted with effect from the date of notification of the scheme, i.e., 09.09.2025. For the purpose of determining age eligibility, the relevant date shall be the year in which the PhD admission notification was issued and the candidate was selected.

(2) In Para 4.3.2 the following clause shall be inserted below the clause 4.3.2(b);

4.3.2.(c) For existing eligible candidates who were registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to the notification of the scheme, the total duration of fellowship shall be restricted to a maximum of four (4) years from the date of Ph.D. registration. Accordingly, fellowship under this scheme shall be disbursed only from the date of notification of the scheme, i.e., 09.09.2025, and shall continue for the remaining eligible period within the four-year limit or until the award of the Ph.D., whichever is earlier.

(2) In Para 4.3.3 the following clause shall be inserted below the main clause;

Para 4.3.3 (a) Existing candidates who were registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to the notification of the scheme and meet the prescribed eligibility criteria shall also be entitled to receive the applicable contingency grant under the scheme which shall be concurrent with the fellowship tenure.

The amendment shall be called as 1st Amendment of CM-ASPIRE Scheme guidelines and shall have retrospective effect from 09.09.2025.

Order: Ordered that the Notification be published in the Extra-Ordinary issue of Odisha Gazette and copy of the same be supplied to All Departments of Government/ All Heads of Departments/ Assembly Secretariat/ Accountant General (A&E), Bhubaneswar.

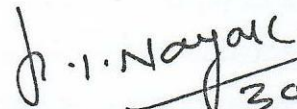
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(Bhupendra Singh Poonia)
Commissioner-cum- Secretary to Government

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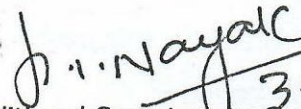
Copy forwarded to Deputy Director, Odisha Secretariat Branch Press, At-Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to publish the notification in an extraordinary issue of the Odisha Gazette at the earliest and supply 20 (Ten) copies to this Department for reference.



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Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 3688 /SDTE, Bhubaneswar 30/06/2026

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Additional Secretary to Government

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J. I. Nayak
30.6.2026
Additional Secretary to Government

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J. I. Nayak
30.6.2026
Additional Secretary to Government