

Setubandha Scholar Scheme

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Students, who have studied in traditional gurukuls, will now have the opportunity to earn recognised qualifications and receive generous scholarships for research at premier IITs under the Setubandha Scholar Scheme.

About Setubandha Scholar Scheme

- It is the first **national-level programme** to formally **integrate traditional scholars** into the research ecosystem of IITs, without insisting on conventional degrees.
- It aims to **bridge India's age-old gurukul tradition** with modern scientific and academic inquiry.
- It is backed by the **Ministry of Education** and **implemented by the Indian Knowledge System (IKS)** division of the Central Sanskrit University (CSU),
- The scheme **offers fellowships** of up to **Rs 65,000 per month** across 18 interdisciplinary fields – from **ayurveda to cognitive science**, and **architecture to political theory**, grammar to strategic studies, performing arts to mathematics, physics, and health sciences.

- **Eligibility:** It is based on a **minimum of five years** of rigorous study in a recognised gurukul and demonstrable excellence in Shastras or traditional knowledge.
- The maximum age to apply is 32 years.
- Scholars selected **under Category 1** (equivalent to postgraduate level) will receive a monthly fellowship **of Rs 40,000** and an annual **research grant of Rs 1 lakh**.
- Those under **Category 2** (equivalent to PhD level) will be **awarded Rs 65,000 monthly** and an **annual grant of Rs 2 lakh**.
- It is a **major shift in India's education policy**, opening up elite research pathways for scholars from non-formal backgrounds rooted in classical learning.

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