The inaugural launch of "PRERANA" by Shri Naveen Patnaik, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Odisha set another milestone for Government of Odisha in the ICT arena of the state.
Initiating the programme, Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, SSD & BCW Dept. delivered the welcome address. He described “PRERANA” as the major source of inspiration for the underprivileged ST, SC, OBC / SEBC and Minority students of Odisha, in terms of financial assistance.

Shri A. K. Hota, Technical Director, NIC, Odisha, presenting the process flow of the application highlighted major features & deliverable of the application.

Addressing on the occasion Shri Lalbihari Himirika, Hon’ble Cabinet Minister, Shri Ramesh Chandra Majhi, Hon’ble Minister of State, Shri Bijay Kumar Pattanaik, IAS, Chief Secretary, Odisha wished that PRERANA would facilitate easy access, speedy and timely disbursal of scholarship to the needy students maintaining the transparency, accountability and responsibility in implementation of the scheme.

Hon’ble Chief Minister delivering Inaugural Address, described the event as of much importance as per the commitment of the Govt. to the ST, SC, OBC/SEBC and Minority people of Odisha. He wished that the Tribal and Backward classes would certainly be benefited from this online system. He appreciated the effort of NIC in designing & developing such an effective system, which would definitely facilitate timely and accurate delivery of the scholarship.
Shri S.K.Panda, Sr.TD & SIO, NIC, Odisha State Unit, conferring the Vote of thanks, extended his sincere gratitude to the Hon’ble Chief Minister and Hon’ble Cabinet Minister and Hon’ble Minister of State, Esteemed Chief Secretary & Guests on the Dias, Media Persons & other officers who were present throughout for making the programme a success.

He expressed heartfelt thanks for the continuous support & guidance of the Secretary to the NIC-team which could enable NIC to bring such a huge and complex project live.

He appreciated the hard work, sincerity and continuous effort of NIC- Odisha team comprising Shri A. K. Hota, TD, Shri D. K. Mandhata, Scientist-D, Shri S. P. Dash, Scientist-C and NIC-MP team comprising Shri Sunil Jain, TD, Shri Sanjay Garg, Scientist-C, for making the project happen.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion include senior officers from various departments, Institutes, NIC, Media etc. The entire programme was successfully coordinated by Shri Bisar Kumar Nayak, Jt. Secretary to Govt., assisted by Smt. Sandhya Minj, Under Secretary to Govt., Govt. of Odisha.

Views of the dignitaries present on the occasion
Print Media Coverage

Post-matric Scholarship Online

Express News Service

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha Government on Saturday put online its post-matric scholarship and widened its scope to encourage students from the disadvantaged sections pursue higher education.

Called ‘Prerana’, the e-scholarship programme will bring in transparency, accountability and responsiveness, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said after its launch.

“Post-matric scholarship has been a major scheme to facilitate higher and technical education among the weaker sections such as ST, SC, OBC, SEBC and minority students,” he said.

Prerana allows online registration for the scholarship as students can log on to http://ori.nic.in/odishapms. Naveen said the State Government has, over the past few years, already taken a number of special measures to promote education in the schools meant for SC and ST students. “The Government is trying to bring the SC and ‘PRERANA’ ALLOWS ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP AS STUDENTS CAN LOG ON TO HTTP://ORI.NIC.IN/ODISHAPMS

ST people to the mainstream by providing them quality education,” he said and added so far 1.5 lakh students have benefited from the scholarship programme.

Chief Secretary BK Patnaik said the Government would monitor the implementation of the e-scholarship programme and expand it for the school students in future.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary, SC/ST Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department, Santosh Sarangi said that there was no cap on the number of applicants in case of ST and SC students under the scholarship scheme. For the OBC, SEBC and minorities, it will be on first-come-first-serve basis.

The students will have to submit the personal details in the online application form along with passport size photo, caste and income certificates. The completed forms will go to institutes for verification and then to the District Social Welfare Officer whose approval will lead to sanction of the scholarship. The scholarship amount will directly be deposited in the bank account of the student.
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