



PM-YASASVI Strengthens Educational Empowerment of OBC, EBC and DNT Students

Rs 15,555.53 Crore Released under Various Components of the Scheme from 2014-15 to 2025-26: Dr Virendra Kumar

More than 1069 Lakh Beneficiaries Supported through Scholarships, Hostel Infrastructure and Top Class Education

Over 45,000 Students Supported under Top Class Education in Schools and Nearly 38,000 Students Covered at College Level

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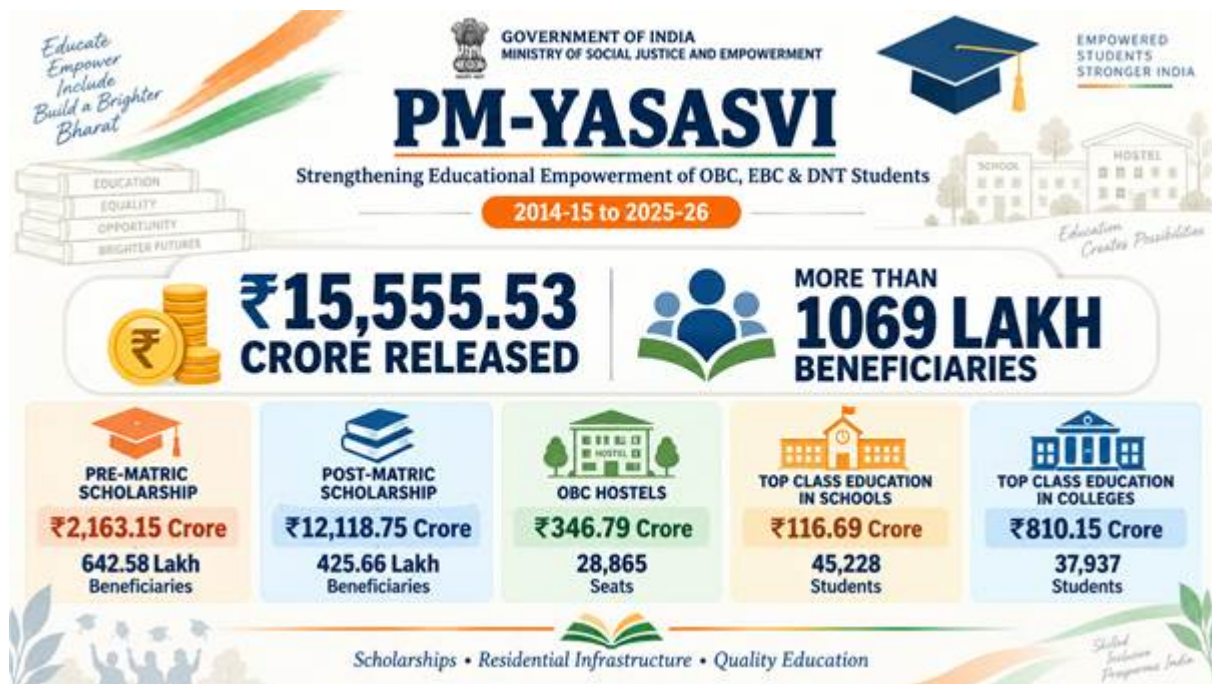
The Central Government of India has strengthened educational opportunities for students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Economically Backward Classes (EBCs), and Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNTs) through PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India (PM-YASASVI).

PM-YASASVI comprises Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships, construction of hostels for OBC boys and girls, and Top Class Education initiatives at the school and college levels.

Union Minister of Social Justice And Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar said the Scheme continues to advance inclusive education and empower students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT communities to participate meaningfully in the country's academic, social and economic development. He said the Scheme seeks to promote educational continuity, reduce dropout rates and facilitate access to quality education through targeted scholarship assistance, residential infrastructure and support for meritorious students studying in leading schools, colleges and institutions.

Dr Virendra Kumar stated that from 2014-15 to 2025-26, the financial assistance amounting to **Rs 15,555.53 crore** has been released under the various components of PM-YASASVI, with overall support to more than **1069 lakh students** and beneficiaries across the country.

Dr Kumar said the Pre-Matric Scholarship component provides financial assistance to students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT communities that is aimed at enabling students from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to continue their education and reducing the risk of school dropouts. He informed that from 2014-15 to 2025-26, a total of **Rs 2,163.15 crore** was released under the component, covering **642.58 lakh beneficiaries**. During 2025-26, **Rs 252.21 crore** was released and **25.22 lakh students** were provisionally covered, he said.



The Minister said that for expanding access to higher education, the Post-Matric Scholarship component supports students belonging to OBC, EBC and DNT communities pursuing post-matriculation and higher education that helps students meet educational expenses and improves their access to advanced academic and professional opportunities.

Dr Kumar informed that between 2014-15 and 2025-26, an amount of **Rs 12,118.75 crore** was released under this component, benefiting **425.66 lakh students**. In 2025-26, the fund release stood at **Rs 1,138.88 crore**, with provisional coverage of **31.29 lakh beneficiaries**, he added.

The beneficiary figures reported for 2025-26 under the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarship components are provisional as on date. The actual data is being compiled by States and Union Territories along with their proposals for 2026-27.

Recognising that lack of suitable accommodation can restrict students' access to educational institutions, the Minister said the PM-YASASVI aims to cover and support the construction of hostels for OBC boys and girls adding that from 2014-15 to 2025-26 the Government released **Rs 346.79 crore** for the creation of **28,865 hostel seats**. In 2025-26 alone, **Rs 21.06 crore** was released for the creation of **3,700 seats**, he added.

The Minister noted that the hostel component is helping strengthen residential educational infrastructure and enabling students from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue education away from their places of residence.

The Minister said the Top Class Education in Schools component, implemented from 2022-23, provides financial assistance to meritorious OBC, EBC and DNT students studying in identified top schools across the country. He further said since its introduction, **Rs 116.69 crore** has been released and **45,228 students** have benefited from the initiative. He added that the coverage increased substantially from **1,275 beneficiaries in 2022-23** to **27,007 beneficiaries in 2025-26**. During 2025-26, **Rs 75.63 crore** was released under the component, he said.

Dr Kumar said the Top Class Education in Colleges component, implemented from 2023-24, assists meritorious students from OBC, EBC and DNT communities pursuing higher education in identified premier colleges and institutions.

He stated that during the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26, an amount of **Rs 810.15 crore** was released benefiting **37,937 students** and in 2025-26, the component supported **17,295 students** through a fund release of **Rs 368.86 crore**.

The Minister noted that through its integrated approach covering scholarships, residential facilities and access to leading educational institutions, PM-YASASVI reflects the Government's commitment to ensuring that social or economic disadvantage does not prevent talented students from pursuing their educational aspirations.

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