From Financial Constraints to Global Academic Opportunities

A Journey of Excellence Through the National Overseas Scholarship

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A significant opportunity came through the **National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)** Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, for a youngster with financial constraints.

During the financial year 2025–26, Mr Rajesh Shedge **(name changed)** received financial assistance under the scheme, enabling him to pursue his academic aspirations at University College London.

Coming from Maharashtra, a young student belonging to the Scheduled Caste community demonstrated strong academic commitment and an aspiration to pursue higher education at an internationally reputed institution.

Despite his dedication and academic ambitions, financial constraints posed a significant challenge to his dream of studying abroad. The high cost of international education, including tuition fees, accommodation, travel and other associated expenses, made pursuing postgraduate studies overseas difficult for his family.

Determined to build a career in the field of infrastructure development, project management and construction economics, he aspired to pursue a postgraduate degree in Construction Economics and Management at University College London (UCL), United Kingdom, a globally recognised institution. However, arranging the substantial financial resources required for international education remained a major obstacle.



Under the National Overseas Scholarship, financial assistance was provided towards tuition fees of £39,800 and a maintenance allowance of £9,900, along with airfare, visa fees, insurance and other admissible academic expenses. This assistance substantially reduced the financial burden on his family and enabled him to access quality international education without the uncertainty of arranging funds for essential academic and living expenses.

With the support of the scheme, Mr Shedge is currently pursuing an **MSc in Construction Economics and Management at University College London, United Kingdom**. He is actively participating in lectures, tutorials and other academic activities, gaining exposure to international education standards, advanced knowledge and professional practices in the construction and infrastructure sectors.

The National Overseas Scholarship has played a crucial role in transforming his educational aspirations into reality. Beyond financial assistance, the scheme has opened avenues for international academic exposure, professional development and enhanced future career prospects.

Mr Rajesh Shedge's journey reflects how targeted educational support can help deserving students overcome financial barriers and access opportunities at leading global institutions.

Through the National Overseas Scholarship, the Government of India continues to promote inclusive access to higher education and empower students from Scheduled Caste communities to pursue academic excellence and contribute to the nation's development.

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