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Report of webinar with Shri Chandrakant Patil on revised reimbursement scheme for girl child.

On 25 July 2024 Yashwantrao Bhonsale Institute Of Technology (Degree Section) organised webinar with higher and technical education minister of Maharashtra Chandrakant Patil on fees reimbursement scheme for girls pursuing professional courses. This event was attended by Principal Dr Raman R Bane, Vice- Principal Mr. Gajanan Bhosle, teaching staff and students.

Objective:

1. To convey to students the need of reimbursement scheme to boost enrollment of girls in professional courses.
2. To convey need for strengthening the scheme by increasing the reimbursement amount.
3. Clarify doubts of students with regards to disbursement of reimbursement amount to alleviate student's financial burden
4. To communicate the increase in applicable categories to OBC, EWS, and SEBC categories, including orphans.

Summary:

Hon. Minister of higher and technical education shri Chandrakant Patil interacted with students, discussing about the revised scheme for reimbursement of tuition and examination fees for girls pursuing professional courses.

In continuance to the announcement few days back, that the state government will extend 100% reimbursement of tuition and examination fees for girls pursuing professional courses who come from families having an annual income of up-to Rs.8 lakh.

The rate of enrollment of girls in professional courses is only 34 % in Maharashtra as opposed to 64 % in case of boys. Also previously, girls from OBC and EWS categories received 50 per cent fee reimbursement, while girls from SC and ST categories receive 100 % reimbursement.

Now under the new decision, girls from OBC, EWS, and SEBC categories, including orphans, with annual family incomes upto Rs.8 lakh will now receive 100 % fee reimbursement. The scheme has been introduced to boost enrollment of girls in professional courses such as medical, engineering, pharmacy among others.



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The scheme however was criticized by beneficiaries pointing at problems with the reimbursement system. As per prevalent practice, girls pay the fees at the time of admission and wait for reimbursement from the government. This reimbursement generally gets delayed making it difficult for girls to continue studying.

Many college managements approached the state government with problems to sustain without payment of fees at the time of admission, to address the same the minister said that “the state has tied up with nationalized banks to help colleges get no-mortgage loans. Since at individual college levels these loans are not going to be huge amounts, the interest will be affordable to colleges”.

He also clarified that all those taking admission to professional courses in the 2024-25 academic year will be eligible for this scheme, if they meet the qualifying criteria; including those who may have started education earlier but are still continuing their course and fulfil the condition of minimum of 50 % of attendance from the previous academic year.

Mr. Patil said, “Instead of asking girls to pay fees upfront at the time of admission, colleges are instructed to appoint nodal officers to help eligible girls successfully apply for the scheme so that the first installment can be claimed by September 30.”

Outcome:

1. Students gained clarity on the time frame of reimbursement, eligibility criteria, applicable categories pertaining to the revised scheme of 100% reimbursement for girls pursuing professional courses

Glimpse Of the Event:

