Green Passage (Orphans Students)

Department: **Skill Development & Technical Education Department**
Scheme: **Green Passage (Orphans Students)**

The **Green Passage Scheme** is an initiative by the **Government of Odisha** designed to support **orphaned students** by providing them with free education from **Class 1 to postgraduate level**, including **technical and professional courses**. This scheme aims to ensure that orphans in Odisha do not face financial barriers in pursuing education, thereby empowering them to build better futures.

Key Features of the Green Passage Scheme:

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **Orphaned Students**:
   o The scheme is specifically meant for **orphaned children** who have lost both parents or whose parents are unknown or deceased.
2. **Education Level**:
   o The scheme covers students from **primary education (Class 1)** to **postgraduate studies**, including those pursuing professional or technical courses like **engineering, medical, law, and management**.
3. **Institution Requirement**:
   o The student must be enrolled in a **government or government-aided educational institution** in Odisha.
4. **Residence**:
   o The student must be a **permanent resident of Odisha**.

Scholarship Benefits:

1. **Free Education**:
   o Under the Green Passage Scheme, orphaned students are provided with **completely free education** at government and government-aided institutions. This includes:
     ▪ **Tuition fees**.
     ▪ **Examination fees**.
     ▪ **Laboratory fees**.
     ▪ **Library fees**.
     ▪ **Admission and registration fees**.
2. **Free Hostel Accommodation**:
   o For students pursuing higher education, **hostel accommodation fees** are waived to ensure they have a place to stay while studying.
3. **Textbooks and Study Materials**:
   o Students under this scheme are also provided with **free textbooks** and other necessary study materials.
4. **Exemption from Other Fees**:
   o Apart from tuition and exam fees, students are also exempted from other institutional fees, ensuring no financial burden is placed on them throughout their education.
5. **Professional and Technical Courses**:
   o Orphaned students pursuing **professional or technical courses** in recognized colleges or universities, such as **engineering, medical, law, or management**, are also eligible for full fee waivers, making education accessible even at higher levels.

Application Process:

1. **Document Submission**:
   o Orphaned students need to submit certain documents to avail of the benefits of the Green Passage Scheme. These documents may include:
     ▪ **Death certificate** of both parents.
     ▪ **Proof of guardianship** (if applicable).

- ▪ **Certificate from the concerned authority** (such as a child welfare committee or district child protection officer) verifying the orphan status.
- ▪ **Aadhaar card** or other government-issued ID proof.
- ▪ **Admission proof** from the school, college, or university.

2. **Verification**:
   o The relevant authorities, such as the **District Child Protection Officer (DCPO)** or **Block Development Officer (BDO)**, verify the student's orphan status before approving the benefits.

3. **Institutional Support**:
   o Once verified, the educational institution (school or college) will implement the fee waivers and provide the necessary support to the student.

Renewal of Benefits:

- Students enrolled in the scheme are required to maintain **regular attendance** and **satisfactory academic performance** to continue receiving the benefits of the Green Passage Scheme.
- The educational institution will review the student's progress annually to ensure they remain eligible for the fee waivers and support.

Benefits of the Green Passage Scheme:

1. **Financial Relief**:
   o The scheme provides significant financial relief to orphaned students by covering all education-related expenses, making it easier for them to pursue studies without economic hardship.

2. **Educational Opportunities**:
   o By offering free education from **primary school to postgraduate levels**, the scheme opens up educational opportunities that might otherwise be inaccessible for orphaned children.

3. **Empowerment of Orphans**:
   o The Green Passage Scheme empowers orphaned students by helping them build better futures through education, improving their chances of employment and socio-economic growth.

Eligibility Details

Category	Class/Courses	Documents Required
• General • SC • ST • OBC/SEBC • EBC	• I.T.I. / I.T.C. • Polytechnic/ Diploma	• Aadhaar Card of student • Income Certificate of the Parent/ guardian • Copy of passbook of Bank account with account number and IFSC code of the bank branch • Passport size Photograph of student • College Id Card of the Student • Marksheet of last exam passed

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