

**Criterion VII  
Institutional Values and Best Practices**

**BEST PRACTICE 2  
Scholarships for Empowerment**

**1. Title of the Best Practice : Scholarships for Empowerment**

**2. Objectives of the Practice**

Hindusthan College of Engineering and Technology has grown to greater heights in the field of higher education over the last two decades. The success can be attributed to the commitment not only to produce skilled graduates but also to help graduates who are in need of financial assistance with the motto of the institution as Education, Ethics and Excellence. This trend is evident from the functioning of the college in every aspect. The students of HiCET are extended with the financial support by the institution management, Government and NGOs. This support is extended with the main idea of providing world class education to one and all equally and there by empowering the students to face the future confidently.

**3. The Context**

With a view to **extending a helping hand to the students from the weaker section of the society**, the institution made education affordable to all. It also helps those who hail from economically poor backgrounds to become graduates and post graduates. To quote an example, the children from orphanages like AGARAM, YAVARUMKELEER, CORA, MATRAM are given 100% free education. **The institution encourages and motivates the students to secure high grades in their achievement and make them eligible to avail the institution scholarships.** The college also helps to enhance the learning ability of the students so that they can concentrate on their studies without worrying about financial matters.

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**The institution offers financial assistance to class toppers and meritorious students.**

In addition to the institution scholarships, all the eligible students of the **economically weaker section** and **OBC/SC/ST category** are encouraged and assisted to receive scholarships from the Government.

**4. The Practice**

**Institutional Scholarships:**

- Students under **Sports category**
- Students with **80% cutoff based on Class 12 marks**
- **Class Toppers**
- **Achievers in Talent Tests**
- **Girl Students**
- **Students joining from sister institutions** for their higher studies
- **Wards of Employees**

**Government Scholarships:**

- **AICTE Pragati Scholarship Scheme for Girl Students**
- **Prime Minister's Scholarship schemes**
- **State Government BC/MBC/SC/ST Scholarships**
- **State Government First Graduate Scholarships**
- **State Government Tamil Medium students studied in Government Schools**

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**Workers Welfare Association Scholarships:**

Scholarships from **Workers Welfare Associations** like Tamilnadu Police Centenary Association, Tamil Nadu Unorganized Workers Welfare Board etc. are arranged.

**Non-Government Organizations Scholarships:**

Scholarships from **NGOs** like Agaram Foundation, Shanthi Social Services, Sitaram Jindal Foundation, Moovar Nattukottai Cettiyar Association, Tamilnadu Police Centenary Association, Unorganized Workers Welfare Board, etc. are arranged.

**5. Evidence of Success**

**Academic Year 2021-2022**

Number of beneficiary under Institution's Schemes : 1542

Scholarship amount : Rs 1,14,60,500/-

Number of beneficiary under Government Schemes : 2481

Scholarship amount : Rs 4,95,51,320/-

Number of beneficiary under Non-Government Schemes : 2

Scholarship amount : Rs 1,60,000/-

**Academic Year 2020-2021**

Number of beneficiary under Institution's Schemes : 1438

Scholarship amount : Rs 2,17,36,403/-

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Number of beneficiary under Government Schemes : 2729

Scholarship amount : Rs 1,99,31,525/-

Number of beneficiary under Non-Government Schemes : 3

Scholarship amount : Rs 1,73,800/-

**Academic Year 2019-2020**

Number of beneficiary under Institution's Schemes : 1285

Scholarship amount : Rs 2,48,14,564/-

Number of beneficiary under Government Schemes : 2666

Scholarship amount : Rs 3,05,32,160/-

Number of beneficiary under Non-Government Schemes : 21

Scholarship amount : Rs 5,83,200/-

**Academic Year 2018-2019**

Number of beneficiary under Institution's Schemes : 194

Scholarship amount : Rs 61,73,100/-

Number of beneficiary under Government Schemes : 2917

Scholarship amount : Rs 3,02,95,475/-

Number of beneficiary under Non-Government Schemes : 22

Scholarship amount : Rs 5,28,800/-

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**Academic Year 2017-2018**

Number of beneficiary under Institution's Schemes : 233

Scholarship amount : Rs 64,40,700/-

Number of beneficiary under Government Schemes : 3141

Scholarship amount : Rs 3,48,87,150/-

Number of beneficiary under Non-Government Schemes : 20

Scholarship amount : Rs 5,00,000/-

**The last 5 years, a sum of Rs 23,77,68,697 (Rupees Twenty-Three Crores Seventy- Seven Lakhs Sixty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-Seven only) were provided to 18,694 students for their higher education support.**

**6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required**

- Scholarships have specific eligibility criteria such as academic performance and economic status. Some students face difficulties to meet the requirements.
- Scholarships are often highly competitive, and there may be many applicants for a limited number of awards.
- Missing a scholarship deadline can disqualify a student from consideration, so it is important to keep track of the deadlines and submit all required documents on time.

The following resources are required to overcome the issues.

- Time and effort to research and apply for scholarships.
- Access to the internet and information about scholarships and their

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requirements.

- Help from guidance counsellors, teachers or family members in understanding the application process and preparing the required documents.
- Financial resources to cover application fee or other costs associated with the scholarship process.

**7. Notes**

Scholarships for students can have a significant impact on their education and future success. Some of the benefits of scholarships include increased access to education, improved graduation rates, better career opportunities, increased social mobility and improved mental health for students.

***Overall, scholarships can have a transformative impact on students' lives, helping them achieve their full potential and make a positive impact on their communities and the world.***