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Government of India  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
(Scholarship Division)

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Jeevantara Building, New Delhi - 110001  
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To

Hol/INO of Universities/Institutes

**Subject: The University/Institutes level verification for National Fellowship Scheme for ST Students (NFST-2025-26) - Extension upto 31.12.2025 – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to say that the portal for inviting application for National fellowship for ST students who is pursuing Ph.D. course has been closed on 15.10.2025. The verification of applications by the respective Universities/Institutes is mandatory and the last date is 31.12.2025.

2. Ministry of Tribal Affairs organized a video conference on 07.11.2025 to explain the process of verification of applications to facilitate timely completion of verification. However, about 12% of the applications are still pending at the University/Institute level resulting in delay in finalization of selection list.

3. In view of above, last time extension up to 31.12.2025 (Wednesday) is allowed to complete the verification by the Universities/Institutes. The unverified applications shall not be considered for the award of fellowship. The responsibility of a candidate not selected due to non-verification of application shall lie on the university/institute concerned.

4. The instruction manual for new registration and the application verification process for Universities/Institutes level is available at: <https://fellowship.tribal.gov.in/> under Resources > Instruction Manuals > Verification Module. In case of any difficulty, please mail to [fellowship.tribal@nic.in](mailto:fellowship.tribal@nic.in) with name, designation and contact number.

5. No further extension will be provided.

Yours faithfully,

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