

## **Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC)**

Government of India has launched a Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (**SPDC**) on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 for the academic year 2017-18.

The **online portal** for the scheme is: **spdcindia.gov.in**.

**Last date of submission of applications** online is 30.09.2017.

**Eligibility** : SPDC is applicable to Children of NRIs/PIOs/OCIs in 66 countries for undergraduate programmes. The scheme is applicable to the following four categories:

- a) Children of Persons of Indian Origin
- b) Children of Non-Resident of Indians
- c) Children of Indian workers working in ECR countries studying abroad &
- d) Children of Indian workers in ECR countries – studying in India

**Number of Scholarship** :150 scholarships will be awarded under SPDC, 50 are reserved for category (c) and (d) above.

**Eligibility criteria**, are mentioned below:

- I. Children of Indians residing in Nepal will be eligible for SPDC on fulfillment of following two criteria:
  - (i) Both parents should be registered in the Mission/Post in Nepal for a minimum period of four years.
  - (ii) The applicant has done at least four years schooling including two years of classes XI & XII in Nepal just prior to application.
- II. Children of PIO/OCI/NRI who have not passed the qualifying examination (12<sup>th</sup>) from a foreign country except in the case of children of ECR country workers (category d above), are not eligible for SPDC.
- III. Cut-off date to decide the NRI status is last date of the preceding financial year i.e. 31.03.2017.
- IV. Applicants should attach the conversion scale so that grade achieved in qualifying exam (Grade 12<sup>th</sup>) could be converted into percentage of marks achieved, wherever required.
- V. For income proof, in addition to the salary certificate from the employer, an undertaking that total monthly income of both the parents does not exceed US\$ 4000 should also be uploaded in the SPDC portal.

