

## **Prerana – Scheme for preparing SC/ST Students for Higher education**

	<b>Objective</b>
(a)	There is an acute shortage of faculty in engineering & polytechnic colleges. The problem can be addressed by promoting degree students of pre-final and final year to go for post graduate courses. This scheme aims at providing financial support to institutes who are willing to put extra efforts for encouraging and training SC/ST students for GATE/GPAT/CAT/CMAT and GRE. The broad objective of the scheme is to help aspiring SC/ST students seeking higher education through admission test like GATE/GPAT/CAT/CMAT/ TOEFL/ IELTS and GRE.
	<b>Eligibility</b>
(a)	AICTE approved Institutes / AICTE approved University Departments.
(b)	Institute/University Departments must be in existence for at least ten years.
(c)	The Institute/ University Departments should have appropriate infrastructure of its own to start the scheme.
(d)	The Institute must have minimum of 50 SC/ST students on an average on roll during last 3 years and comply with the guidelines of Tribal Sub Plan & Scheduled Caste Sub Plan of Govt. of India.
	<b>Duration of the Scheme</b>
(a)	The duration of the Scheme shall be for a period of 2 Years i.e. pre -final and final year of the Graduation.
	<b>Limit of Funding</b>
(a)	Total funding of Rs.10 Lakh.
	<b>Disbursement of the Funds</b>
(a)	100% of sanctioned amount to be released at the time of the award of the Scheme.
	<b>Processing Methodology:</b>
	The proposal shall be assessed by an Expert Committee constituted as follows:
(a)	Three experts not below the rank of Associate Professor.
(b)	At least one member among the experts shall be from the concerned stream.
	<b>Terms and Conditions</b>
(a)	The AICTE shall provide a limited one time financial assistance of Rs.10 lakh under recurring head, required for meeting the expenditure on honorarium to the Eminent Faculty Members invited for conducting sessions @Rs. 2000/- per class of minimum 2 hours. No TA/DA will be paid. Students will be paid the application fee for such exams through this Scheme
(b)	The parent institution shall provide adequate space for conducting the classes for SC/ST students.
(c)	For the scheme to function smoothly and to meet its objectives effectively, it is essential that it has adequate man power in the form of dedicated faculty as Principal Coordinator and support staff.
(d)	The Principal Coordinator shall devise a feed-back mechanism to assess the importance of the programme. The feed-back shall be obtained after each programme from each of the SC/ST students. If need be, the centre can update its course curriculum of these programmes.