



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Indian (ICCR) Undergraduate Scholarships offered under Nehru Memorial and Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Schemes 2026/27

Applications are invited from eligible Sri Lankans for the award of **60** undergraduate scholarships offered by the Government of India under the Nehru Memorial and Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Schemes for the academic year 2026/27.

01. General Eligibility Requirements:

- (a) Should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Age limit- Between **18-40** years as at **16.03.2026**
- (c) The applicant should have a minimum of three passes at the **2024 G.C.E. (A/L)** examination in the relevant fields conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.
- (d) Should possess a good knowledge of English. (Should have obtained at least a “C” pass in English at the G.C.E. O/L examination and “S” pass at the G.C.E A/L examination or equivalent)
- (e) Should be in good health and ready to live in India during the period of study.
- (f) The applicant should not be registered or following a course at a state university in Sri Lanka as an internal student in a basic degree program (a student selected by UGC based on the G.C.E. A/L results).

02. Fields of study:

Serial No:	Scholarship Scheme	Fields of Study	Number of Scholarships
01	Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme	Engineering (B.E/B. Tech), Science, Business, Economics, Commerce, Humanities and Arts.	50
02	Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme	Engineering (B.E) Technology (B. Tech) Information Technology (IT) * (B.E/B. Tech) courses Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics subjects are compulsory in A/L and it is mandatory requirement for Engineering courses.	10

- **Only one scholarship program, either the Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Program or the Nehru Memorial Scholarship Program, is open to applicants for the Engineering (BE/B. Tech) stream.**
- **The ICCR scholarship council does not arrange admission in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/Anesthesia etc.)/ Fashion Designing and Law.**

03. Medium of instructions: English

04. Terms of award:

- The Scholarship schemes cover full tuition fees for the entire duration of the course, monthly sustenance allowance, and annual grant for books and stationery. In addition, air fare to the nearest destination in India and an annual grant for educational tours to various parts of the country will be provided. Apart from these, several other auxiliary benefits are also offered. Selected candidates would also be provided hostel facility inside the respective campus.

05. Special notes:

- a) Candidates who are awarded this scholarship would not be considered for university admission process of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- b) Award of the scholarship conditions laid down in this notification may vary as per the criteria imposed by Government of India, without prior notice.
- c) Candidates who received scholarships would select the Higher Educational Institutes recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- d) If any student declines the offer after the selection process, he/she shall not be considered for any of the scholarships in future that offered by the Ministry of Education.
- e) Extension of the period of the scholarship will not be recommended by this Ministry.
- f) **Selected candidates must have passport as the passport is mandatory for applying for the scholarship in to a2a portal.**

06. Applications:

- a) Online application is available at: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk>
- b) **The deadline of the submission of the application is 16th March 2026**
- c) **Applicants should submit only one application via aforementioned online portal and not required to send by post.**

- d) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect/false will liable to disqualification at any time and will lead to the withdrawal of the award.
- e) Incomplete in any respect or received late, will be rejected

07. Nominations & selections:

- Candidates will be shortlisted based on their Z score and will be called for a structured interview by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, with a short notice via email in due course.
- The nomination will be forwarded to the ICCR scholarship awarding authority through High Commission of India in Colombo. No candidate should treat his/her nomination for this Scholarship as the confirmation of award and it is a matter entirely within the discretion of the awarding authority.
- Any form of canvassing either written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.

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