

## HOW TO APPLY

Those eligible students may apply directly to the Director (UHE), Government of Manipur or through the Principals/Heads of their respective Institutions to avail benefits under the Scheme. They should enclose certificates/verification from the competent authority on the effect that they are infected/affected by HIV/Hepatitis-B/Hepatitis-C. They should also submit documents related to their present Institution such as Identity Card and a signed Undertaking/Consent Form that they have no objection in getting listed after the selection.

## SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIARIES

Selection of the beneficiaries under the scheme will be made based on the verification of the genuineness of the applicants by a Screening Committee constituted from time to time. The one time financial aid will be transferred to the Bank Accounts of the beneficiaries through DBT. Smart Phone will be handed over to them through the Principals/Heads of the Institutions.



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**"CHEINGAAK KHONGHOU"**  
*(Supporting the Journey)*

(A Scheme for the Students of HEIs infected/affected by  
HIV/Hepatitis-B/Hepatitis-C)

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## SCHEME BACKGROUND:

**National Education Policy (NEP), 2020** envisions ensuring equitable education to all categories of students with special emphasis to Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs). Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) can be broadly categorized based on gender identities (such as females and transgenders), socio-cultural identities (such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs, and minorities), geographical identities (such as students from villages, small towns, and aspirational districts), disabilities (including learning disabilities), and socio-economic conditions (such as migrant communities, low income households, children in vulnerable situations, victims of or children of victims of trafficking, drug abuse, orphans including child beggars in urban areas, and the urban poor) etc. Manipur is a state affected by the menace of drug trafficking and drug abuse and a sizeable chunk of its population are affected directly or indirectly by this menace.

There are a significant number of students studying in the HEIs who are affected directly or indirectly by HIV/Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis-C in Manipur. Such students generally face stigma, discrimination, financial hardship and emotional stress as many of them are orphans or children of single parents or are neglected children. Because of such socio-economic disadvantages, such students tend to drop out of the colleges midway without completing their studies.

To help such students complete their studies and to put in place an institutional support system, the Department of Higher Education, Government of Manipur is taking up a new Initiative called **“Cheingak Khonghou-Supporting the Journey”** with a view to provide the required institutional support to those students enrolled in Higher Education Institutions who are infected/affected by HIV/Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis-C. This Scheme will accept, support, heal and empower such students pursuing higher education in any of the HEIs in the State.

## SCHEME PERIOD:

The Scheme will be implemented with effect from 2023-24 and will continue till such time as deemed fit by the Government.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME:

- To check dropout of students of the Higher Education Institutes who are infected/affected by HIV/Hepatitis-B and Hepatitis-C from studies;
- To provide educational support to this group of students for continuing studies;
- To provide financial assistance to this group of students to help them continue their studies;
- To build institutional mechanism to spread reness and garner support for students belonging to this group;
- To provide Career Counselling and Skill Development Training to this group of students;
- To provide emotional support to this group of students to lead a better and meaningful life.
- To integrate various initiatives taken up under the **College Students Mentoring Initiative (COSMI)** with this Scheme for holistic growth and development of the students.

## ELIGIBILITY:

Only those students who are infected/affected by **HIV/Hepatitis-B** and **Hepatitis-C** and who are domiciles of Manipur and are admitted in any Programme in a Higher Education Institution in the state are eligible to apply for the Scheme.

## SCHEME COMPONENTS:

The Scheme Components under **‘Cheingak Khonghou’** shall consist of the following:

- Establishment of a Counselling Cell in the colleges for students infected/affected by HIV/Hepatitis-B/Hepatitis-C;
- Organization of Emotional Counselling Programmes & Talks/Lectures for this group of students ;
- Organization of Career Counselling and Skill Development Programmes for this group of students;
- Payment of one time financial aid of Rs. 10,000/-(Rupees ten thousand) per head for the selected students to help them continue studies;
- Providing Smart Phones under **“Chief Minister’s College Maheiroi E-Support Scheme (CMCMESS)”**.