



Launch of Admissions to Alumni (A2A) ICCR Scholarship Portal

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The External Affairs Minister, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, launched **Admissions to Alumni (A2A) ICCR Scholarship Portal** today on January 17, 2018 at Mutthamma Hall, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

2. Educational cooperation is an integral part of mandate of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). ICCR has its own scholarship schemes and also administers a large number of schemes under various bilateral cooperation programmes. There are 17 scholarship schemes which ICCR administers on behalf of various Divisions of Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of AYUSH. These are important schemes like Special Scholarship for Afghan Nationals, Africa Scholarship Scheme, Mekong-Ganga Cooperation Scholarship Scheme, Border Guard Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme...

3. ICCR offers scholarships for Undergraduate, Post Graduate, M.Phil, and PhD levels, covering wide range of subjects under Science, Commerce, Humanities, Engineering and Management domains. There is huge demand for scholarships to study in India, particularly in science and engineering subjects. In addition to conventional subjects, ICCR offer

scholarships for performing arts under Guru-Shishya Parampara. The programme attract foreign students from all parts of the world. Students from all over the world come to study Indian classical music and dance in prestigious institutes like Kalakshetra, Shriram Bhartiya Kala Kendra, Kathak Kendra, Gandharvamahavidyalaya, Kerala Kalamandalam to name just a few.

4. The 'Admission-to-Alumni' (A2A) portal inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister is an initiative taken by ICCR in coordination with the E-Governance and IT Division of MEA to move from paper based admissions to online scholarship portal. With A2A Portal, systemic needs of implementation structure – from the stage of admissions till the student completes his/her course and leaves the country, including matters related to financial and academic monitoring – will be addressed of this important programme which is aimed at generating goodwill for India.
