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PRESS RELEASE

Announcement of 100 scholarships under Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (A1209) for the Academic Year 2026-27

The High Commission of India, Mbabane is pleased to inform that 100 scholarships are available globally under the Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme for the Academic Year 2026-27 for pursuing study of Indian Culture such as Dance, Music, Theatre, Performing Arts, Sculpture, Indian Languages, Indian Cuisine etc. The process right from Application to Admission for these scholarships is online. Following is the schedule for filing applications and acceptance of the same:

27 Feb 2026	Opening of ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in
15 Apr 2026	Last date for submission of applications on the portal
30 Apr 2026	Last date of universities to inform the decision (if confirmed, intimation to Missions; if rejected, intimation to students)
15 May 2026	Last date of acceptance by students

2. Applications from interested Emaswati students are invited online through ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in. **It may be noted that the above schedule is tentative.**

Highlights of the Scheme/Admission process (for more information, visit http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in)

- 100 Slots Globally as per mentioned below:
  (I) 75 Slots to pursue studies in Indian Culture including Dance and Music, Theater, performing art, Sculpture, Indian Language, Indian Cusine etc. With restriction of 10 slots to each country.
  (II) 25 Slots to pursue one year diploma course in Yoga at anyone of the following 4 Institutes with the restriction of maximum 2 slots to each country:
  a) Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Uttarakhand
  b) Kaivalyadham Yoga Institute,Lonavala, Maharashtra
  c) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi
  d) Swami Vivekanda Yoga,Anusandhana Samsthana, Bangalore
- The process right from Application to Admission for these scholarships is online.
- These scholarships cover from undergraduate to PhD courses.
- Applicants should be between 18 and 35 years at the time of admission for UG/PG Courses. For PhD courses, the age limit is 40 years.
- Applicants have the option to apply to 5 Universities/Institutes in the order of their preference.
- A 500-word essay in English is mandatory to ascertain English proficiency. Students can also submit their TOFEL/IELTS etc. Standardized Test scores, if available. If desired, Universities will directly conduct interview of applicants online.
- Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.
- The scholarships include return economy class airfares.
- Students are advised to visit University/Institute website and do thorough research of course offered, eligibility criteria and general information before applying for admission.
- **Scholarship is awarded only after the High Commission is satisfied that the student intending to study in India has no serious health issues**, has not submitted incomplete/fraudulent documentation or any other such parameters, which may negate the objective of promoting goodwill through these scholarships.
- **Students are advised not to visit the High Commission at this stage for any queries, without prior appointment.** Queries, if any, could be addressed to inf.mbabane@mea.gov.in.

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