

**Announcement of 100 ICCR Scholarships Slots globally under
Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (A 309)
for the academic year 2023-24**

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), a cultural arm of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has announced **100 Scholarships** slots under **Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme** for pursuing study of Indian culture such as dance, music, theater, performing art, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisine, etc. at Indian Universities / Institutes for the academic year 2023-24.

2. The applications from interested international students for academic year 2023-24 are invited online through ICCR's A2A *Scholarship Portal* <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>. The timeline for the admission process is as under:

30-April-2023	Last date of application to be submitted by students.
31-May-2023	Last date of Universities to inform the decision (if confirmed, intimation to Embassy; if rejected, intimation to students)
30-June-2023	Last date for allocating scholarship and generating Offer Letters by Indian Embassy
15-July-2023	Last date of acceptance by students.

3. Only Universities / Institutes having excellent academic reputation and providing requisite facilities to host foreign students have been selected. According to A2A process, applications will be directly sent by students to respective universities. Applicants have the option to apply to 5 Universities / institutes in the order of their preference of study. The admission, as far as possible, shall be given as per applicant's preference.

4. For admission, applicant will have to write a 500-word essay in English to ascertain English proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL / IELTS etc. Standardised Test scores, if available.

5. Applicant must be between 18-30 years of age.

6. The scholarship slots include return economy class air-fares to the nearest airport and 3rd AC Train fare to the place of study, if so required.

7. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance Policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum.

8. For any further clarification/query in this regard, **Mr. Balbir Raj Saini, First Secretary (PIC)** may be contacted at pol.tallinn@mea.gov.in.