The Punjab Post Matric Scholarship (Ashirwad Scholarship) for SC/OBC students for the year 2017-18 started from 25.09.2017 to 16.10.2017. For further details please visit the http://punjabscholarships.gov.in website. The schedule regarding the same is given below:-

- 2. After making necessary changes as decided in the meetings held on 3.8.2017 and 18.9.2017 with line departments and N.I.C., the N.I.C. has given the demo of the portal on 18.9.2017. On the basis of observations during demo, the following decisions were taken:
 - i) Uploading signed undertaking and Photo by the students should be made mandatory before submission of application.
 - ii) Affidavit duly attested will be made optional in place of the income certificate.
 - iii) E-signature of institution heads and sanctioning authorities before forwarding the applications be made compulsory.
 - iv) No need to upload the copy of Bank Account and UID of the Students while submitting the application online.
- 3. Regarding receiving the scholarship applications and taking further necessary action, the following time schedules was finalized for different levels:-

| Sr.No. | Level | From | То |
|--------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| 1 | Student | 25.09.2017 | 16.10.2017 |
| 2 | Institution | 17.10.2017 | 31.10.2017 |
| 3 | Sanctioning Authority | 1.11.2017 | 30.11.2017 |
| 4 | Line Department | 1.12.2017 | 08.12.2017 |
| 5 | Welfare Department | 09.12.2017 | 15.12.2017 |