

**Department of Women & Child Development
Government of Odisha**

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NOTIFICATION
JASHODA- 2024

1. Introduction

Children are the most valuable asset of the nation. When provided with a nurturing, supportive and an enabling environment, every child has the potential to grow into a productive and a responsible citizen. Ensuring holistic child development is therefore paramount to fostering a progressive and equitable society. The most effective approach to nurture human capital is to invest in the comprehensive well-being and holistic development of every child. Children in difficult circumstances are the most vulnerable segment of the society who are in need of care and protection and have unique needs and vulnerabilities, which require special attention, rehabilitation, and reintegration into society through a child centric and a child friendly approach. To address their needs effectively, it is essential to strengthen and implement preventive as well as protective child care measures that can ensure their access to fundamental rights including education, healthcare, psychosocial support and linkage to social protection schemes.

The Government of Odisha has been implementing an array of targeted interventions, schemes, and policies to safeguard and uplift children in need of care and protection, and those in difficult circumstances. These initiatives not only provide a strong protective safety net but also uphold the dignity, rights, and self -worth of every child. Key interventions such as the Sponsorship Scheme, Ashirbad, and Mission Vatsalya ensure financial support, care, and protection for these vulnerable children.

To further strengthen these initiatives, the Government of Odisha has introduced JASHODA, a state-specific, transformative scheme aimed at empowering vulnerable children by facilitating their seamless integration into mainstream society through education, skill development, and self-reliance programs. Rooted in the principles of child rights and social justice, JASHODA ensures that every child in need receives comprehensive support, protection, and opportunities, enabling them to transition into a secure, dignified, and fulfilling adulthood. The revised guidelines of the JASHODA scheme are designed to streamline its implementation and monitoring, and expand beneficiary coverage ensuring that no child is left behind. JASHODA scheme will be implemented with sub- scheme “Ashirbad” for the specially cared children.

2. Objectives

- To provide comprehensive and sustainable support to vulnerable children, ensuring their holistic development and protection of their rights.
- To mainstream children facing extreme vulnerabilities by equipping them with the skills and resources necessary to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.
- To provide support to the specially cared children, who cover under sub- scheme “Ashirbad”.

3. Targeted Beneficiaries and Coverage

The scheme is operational across all 30 districts of Odisha. This scheme is applicable to the following category of children in orders of priority unless specifically mentioned otherwise:

2.1 CATEGORY A - Children in need of care and protection (CNCP) under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, whether in institutional or non-institutional care, belonging to the following categories:

- Orphans (without biological parents, adoptive parents, or legal guardians).
- Abandoned children
- Children surrendered before the Child Welfare Committee.
- Other Children in need of care and protection whose annual family income is below Rs. 72,000 in rural areas and Rs. 96,000 in urban areas.

2.2 CATEGORY B- Children affected with / infected with HIV / AIDs

2.3 CATEGORY C- A single parent child in extreme difficulty to the personal satisfaction of the Collector concerned not covered under above category.

As far as possible, Children receiving benefits under any other scheme (such as Red Cross, the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund, or Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives) for the same purpose will not be eligible under JASHODA. However, if the financial assistance received under such programs is lower than the stipulated benefit under JASHODA, the child will be eligible for the differential amount.

4. Registration

- 4.1 To avail benefits under this scheme, a child, parent, guardian, Child Welfare Committee (CWC), District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) or Child Care Institution (CCI) may apply for the scheme through an online portal being developed for the purpose. Until then, applications may be submitted offline to the respective District Child Protection Officer (DCPO).
- 4.2 In case of individual application/ application by District Child Protection Unit /Parent, the applicant needs to upload/submit the Aadhaar copy, a recent photograph, and bank account details of the child for whom assistance is claimed.

- 4.3 In case of application of child from Child Care Institute, the institution must submit the Social Investigation Report (SIR) and Child Study Report apart from the documents required in 4.2.

5. Application Process

The applications for support under the scheme shall be processed in the following manner:

- 5.1 If the child has already appeared before the Child Welfare Committee, then the existing Social Investigation report shall be considered as the inquiry report.
- 5.2 If the child has not been produced before the Child Welfare Committee, then the District Child Protection Officer shall conduct a home visit and prepare an SIR within 15 days of the online application submission.
- 5.3 The reports shall be uploaded/submitted within 72 hours of the visit.
- 5.4 Applications, along with the Social Investigation Report, shall be reviewed in the monthly meeting of the District Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee. Eligible cases shall be forwarded to the Collector and District Magistrate for approval. In case of rejection, reasons must be recorded and uploaded in the portal and Notice board.
- 5.5 The Protection Officer-Non-Institutional care shall be responsible for processing applications and maintaining real-time updates on the portal.
- 5.6 After approval of the Collector and District Magistrate, the amount will be transferred to the personal Bank Account of the beneficiary child electronically using IFMS/PFMS unless otherwise specifically mentioned. All beneficiaries will be Adhaar linked and verified.
- 5.7 The Program Officer Non-Institutional Care (PONIC) shall document the activity of each case and upload the progress with photographs in the portal.
- 5.8 The entire application process must be completed within 60 days.

It may be noted that till the complete operationalization of the portal, all the above documents and processes must be maintained in physical formats and file and once the portal is functional, the data would be migrated to it.

6. Assistance to be provided

The scheme intends to provide benefits to the targeted children as defined earlier in the following heads:

- Support for technical / professional/ vocational education
- Coaching facilities for all competitive examinations/NEET/JEE etc.
- Award/prizes for meritorious students in studies/Art / sports or any other field
- Financial Support for girl child (Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana)
- Marriage Assistance
- Periodic survey of orphan children
- Providing Homestead Land / House

➤ Issuance of certificate

6.1 Support for technical / professional/ vocational education

Children of the target group will be provided financial assistance for technical, professional, and vocational courses such as ITI/ Diploma/ Poly Technique/ B. Tech/ MCA/ B. Arch/ B. Pharma/ Hotel Management and Catering Services/ M. B. B.S., Nursing/ Paramedical Courses/ Air-hostess/ Courses affiliated to Rehabilitation Council of India / any other professional or vocational courses to cover admission fees, study materials, and other related expenses, wherever such support is not covered under the “Green Passage” Scheme of the Higher Education Department or any other government-funded programs.

Age criteria: A child in the Target group must secure admission in the above-mentioned courses before the age of 21 and will receive support until the completion of the course.

Sl. No.	Courses		Admission fees / study material / yearly course charges (In Rupees) and additional incidental charges annually (Rs.)
1	Support for Technical/ Professional /vocational Education / Hostel and Mess charges towards admission and study material for +2 and +3 courses wherever not Covered under “Green Passage” scheme of Higher Education Department.	ITI/Other short term skill training or other vocational courses	Max. Rs. 7000/- & Rs. 2000/- (incidental charges)
2		Diploma/ Poly Technique	Max. Rs.10,000/- & Rs. 2000/- (incidental charges)
3		B. Tech/MCA/B. Arch/ B. Pharm/ Hotel Management and Catering Services., Nursing/ Paramedical Courses/ Air- hostess/ Courses affiliated to Rehabilitation Council of India / any other professional courses mentioned above	Max. Rs. 30000/- & Rs. 2000/- (incidental charges)
4		M.B.B.S.	Max. Rs.50000/- & Rs. 2000/- (incidental charges)
5		+2 courses	Max. Rs.10000/- & Rs. 2000/- (incidental charges)
6		+3 courses	Max. Rs.20000/- & Rs. 2000/- (incidental charges)

The assistance under incidental expenses of the scheme shall be provided directly to the Aadhaar-linked bank account of the beneficiary. Additionally, admission and course fees will be credited directly to the bank account of the respective institution, subject to actual fee requirements and verification.

6.2 Coaching facilities for all competitive examinations/NEET/JEE etc.

Support for coaching facilities for children of residing in Child Care Institutes / aftercare facilities, to help them prepare for state level and national level competitive examinations. Detailed guidelines for the same would be issued and the same would be adhered to for this scheme.

6.3 Award /prizes for meritorious students in studies of Art / sports or any other field **Age Criteria** - Eligible children must be up to 18 years of age.

Category:

1. Children from the target group who secure prizes or awards at National Level Competitions:

Amount: Financial Assistance of Rs 5,000/- per child will be awarded as a recognition of the achievement. However, in exceptional cases, the government may prescribe a higher entitlement, which will be extended to the identified beneficiary.

2. Children under Category A of the target group, residing in Child Care Institutes or aftercare facilities, who appear for Class X or XII examinations and secure more than 60% marks (or as per government criteria):

Amount: Financial assistance of Rs. 5,000 per child will be awarded.

6.4 Financial support for girl child: Deposit in Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana

Eligibility –

1. A girl child under Category A of the target group, residing in Child Care Institutes is eligible for enrolment in the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana as per scheme guidelines.
2. A girl child under Category A of the target group, not residing in Child Care Institutes may be enrolled in the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, subject to the approval of the concerned Child Welfare Committee, as per scheme guidelines.
3. A girl child under Category B is eligible for enrolment in the Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana, as per scheme guidelines.

Age: Up to 18 years of the age for girl child.

Amount: Financial Assistance of Rs.5000/- per year from the date of

enrolment in Sukanya Samridhi Yojana, till the age of 18 years, will be directly credited to the Aadhaar-linked scheme account of the girl child.

6.5 Marriage Assistance

Eligibility: A person under Category A & B of the target group, who has resided in a Child Care Institution for a minimum period of 6 months during childhood and has subsequently transitioned into an aftercare program or become self-reliant, is eligible. The child must have successfully completed vocational studies or skill development training and attained the legal age of marriage.

Assistance: Rs. 50,000/- for girls and Rs. 40,000/- for boys.

Period: One-time financial assistance, provided at the time of marriage, upon submission of a self-declaration form.

It is expected that all children shall be facilitated in acquiring skill training or vocational education under existing government schemes or these guidelines to ensure self-reliance before receiving marriage assistance.

6.6 Periodic survey for orphan children

To find out the exact number of Orphans living in the State, a survey on orphan Children will be conducted every four years through the Anganwadi workers of the State for which AWW will get incentive as prescribed by Government from time to time.

6.7 Providing Homestead Land / House

1. A homestead-less orphaned child would be facilitated in obtaining homestead land on attaining majority, in accordance with the revenue laws of the state, as part of the aftercare program, provided they are found eligible under the relevant revenue laws. This shall be done after the receipt of proper documents/proof from the concerned District Child Protection Officer and the Collector.
2. A houseless orphaned child shall be facilitated in availing benefits under various government rural housing schemes upon attaining majority, as part of the aftercare program, subject to their eligibility under the respective schemes. This shall be ensured after the receipt of proper documents/proof from the concerned District Child Protection Officer and Collector.

6.8 Issuance of certificate

The Collector will issue an orphan certificate in the prescribed format to orphaned children who are leaving a Child Care Institution upon attaining 18 years of age, the format for the certificate is attached as Annexure 1.

IFMS/PFMS. The District Child Protection Unit shall maintain a separate bank account in any nationalized bank for the scheme, ensuring strict adherence to guidelines without any deviation.

Every year in December, the District Child Protection Unit shall submit an Annual Project Implementation Plan under the scheme for the subsequent financial year to the Odisha State Child Protection Society (OSCPS). Based on this plan, funds approved/sanctioned by the Government shall be released to the districts through the Odisha State Child Protection Society.

8. Monitoring and Supervision

The Collector /ADM of the concerned district shall monitor and supervise the progress of the scheme on monthly basis. The District Child Protection Officer of the concerned district shall coordinate with institutions for effective implementation of the scheme. The District Child Protection Officer shall also promote awareness about the scheme at all levels within the district, starting from the village level. Additionally, the District Child Protection Officer must ensure the proper maintenance of registers and records related to the execution of the scheme to uphold transparency. He/ She shall submit an online quarterly report on the physical and financial progress of the district under the scheme to the Director, Odisha State Child Protection Society, the reporting formats are attached as Annexure II and Annexure III, respectively.

9. Grievance Redressal

The Collector shall serve as the Grievance Redressal Authority at the district level. Any person aggrieved by the implementation of the scheme may submit a request to the concerned Collector for redressal. At the state level, the Director, Odisha State Child Protection Society shall act as the Grievance Redressal Authority.

10. Forms

Annexture I

Format for orphan certificate

Office of Collector & District Magistrate, (District Child Protection Unit)	
No.	/ Date
This is to certify that Kumari/ Sri _____, born on _____ is an orphan child who was an inmate of the Child Care Institution Named _____, place _____ from dated _____ to _____	
Affix passport size photograph	
Date:	Signature of Collector & District Magistrate, _____

Annexture II

Quarterly Progress Report (Physical)

(Number of beneficiaries under the scheme)

Name of the District:

(To be submitted by the District Child Protection Officer to Odisha State Child Protection Society)

Part-A

Sl. No	Name of the Block	Proposed Activities									
1		Support for Technical Education towards admission and study material wherever not covered under "Green Passage" Scheme of Higher Education Department	Scholarship for meritorious students (studies/art/ sports or any other field) as encouragement		Financial Support For Girl Child w.r.t. Sukanya Samriddhi Account		Marriage Assistance		Coaching facilities		
		Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Seal and signature of the District Child Protection Officer

Annexture III

Budgetary Allocation (Financial)

Part-B

Sl. no	Name of the Block	Proposed Activities									
1		Support for Technical Education towards admission and study material wherever not covered under “Green Passage” Scheme of Higher Education Department.	Scholarship for meritorious students (studies/art/sports or any other field) as encouragement		Financial Support For Girl Child w.r.t. Sukanya Samriddhi Account		Marriage Assistance		Coaching facilities		
		Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Seal and signature of the District Child Protection Officer

Statement of Quarterly Expenditure Part-C						
Sl No	Components of the Scheme	Amount received	Expenditure	Balance	Percentage	Remarks (Indicate Letter No. and Date in which SOE submitted)
		In Rupees				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Support for Technical Education Towards admission and study material wherever not covered under “Green Passage”					
2	Scholarship for meritorious students (studies/art/ sports or any other field) as encouragement					
3	Financial Support for Girl Child Sukanya Samriddhi Account					
4	Marriage Assistance					
5	Coaching facilities					

Seal and signature of the District Child Protection Officer

This will come into force with immediate effect.

By order of the Governor

Principal Secretary to Govt.

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