

**High Commission of India
Victoria, Seychelles**

**Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (A1209)
(formerly known as ICCR Scholarship Scheme for Indian Culture)
for the Academic Year 2025-2026**

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India is pleased to announce 100 Scholarship slots globally under Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (A1209), (formerly known as ICCR Scholarship Scheme for Indian Culture) for pursuing study of Indian culture such as Dance, Music, Theatre, Performing Arts, Sculpture, Indian Languages, Indian Cuisine, etc. for the academic year 2025-26.

2. The applications from interested international students for academic year 2025-26 will be invited online through ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>, **which will be operational from 20th February 2025.**

3. Timeline for admission process:

20 February 2025	Opening of Portal for Inviting Applications from Interested Candidates
30 April 2025	Last date for submitting applications online by students
31 May 2025	Last date of Universities to inform the decision

4. Salient features of the scholarship are as follows:

- All details about the ICCR scholarship are available on the scholarship portal at: <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>
- Interested students may submit their applications by visiting the portal at: <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>
- Last date for submitting online applications by students is **30th April 2025.**

- The applicant should be a citizen of Seychelles (Seychelles passport holder).
- Age criteria:** for Undergraduate/Postgraduate courses: between 18 to 40 Years and for PhD Programmes-50 Years (Maximum).
- Under the scholarship all tuition fees, hostel allowances, etc would be paid by ICCR to students online.
- The scholarship slots include return Economy Class air-fares (tickets) to the airport nearest to the place of study and 3rd AC Train fare from Airport to the place of study, if so required. Students will be provided with Economy Class one-way travel ticket at the time of joining the course.
- 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. However, there may be a scenario when students do not get admission in their preferred Universities/Institutions due to limited number of seats on offer. Students should therefore be prepared to receive admission from any of their five preferences.
- Since Academic Year 2023-24, a 500-word essay in English has been introduced to ascertain English proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOEFL/IELTS etc. Standardised Test scores, if available. There will be no separate English test by Mission.
- Interested students are advised to visit respective University/Institute website regularly courses offered, eligibility criteria and general information about the University/Institute before applying for admission. The students should ensure that they are eligible for the course and meet the eligibility criteria and should submit relevant documentation as required by the University, in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form. They are also advised to refer to the University's Handbook/University Grant Commission's website, etc.
- It is compulsory for all ICCR Scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs

(INR 500,000) per annum. They must have medical insurance coverage on their own either before travel or immediately after reaching India, whichever is convenient.

•For any further queries, interested candidates may contact to the High Commission of India, Victoria at Telephone No.: + 248-4674116 or by email: itec.mahe@mea.gov.in
