

Jnanabhumi portal in Andhra Pradesh

Summary:

AP created a state-wide Jnanabhumi portal for higher education institutes. The portal integrates educational scholarship services and builds synergies for students, institutes, and other stakeholders

Objectives and rationale:

The portal was created to address challenges related to scholarship disbursements to students studying in higher education institutes by creating a single stop solution for all students across the state. The process of application, verification, monitoring, and disbursement was integrated

Key stakeholders:

Key Stakeholders	Influence	Role
Government of AP	High	Overall supervision and implementation support
Multiple departments of the state	High	Planning, Funding, monitoring, execution, and risk assessment
Banks	Medium	Integration of financial system and disbursement of funds
Higher Education institutes	Medium	Integration with the portal
Students	Low	Beneficiaries

Implementation strategy :

- A state-wide IT portal was created. All the higher education institutes were mandated to register on the institutes.
- All the students registering in such institutes were asked to register on the portal
- All departments with scholarship programs for students registered on the portal. Banks were tasked to integrate the student Aadhar bank accounts with the portal
- Scholarship module was made part of admission module. Application process was made simple by minimizing documents. Timely verification of documents was done, and subsequent release of scholarship was initiated.

Resource utilization:

Not enough Data.

Impact :

8,535 colleges were registered on the portal along with 15.80 lakh student beneficiaries. 18 implementing bodies and more than 4000 bank branches were integrated to truly make the system universal.

Key lessons learned:

- Usage of IT solution to build transparency in disbursement of benefits
- Integration of multiple stakeholders on a single platform

Sustainability:

The scheme will further improve synergy by introducing common academic calendars, integrating student and teacher information like attendance, and monitoring of hostels.