

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Higher Education Department; Civil Secretariat,
Srinagar/Jammu

Subject: Full fee waiver to undergraduate students from AAY families studying in Government Degree Colleges of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Government Order No: 209-JK(HE) of 2026
Dated: 08-07-2026**

Whereas, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir through the medium of publicizing the Budget announcements for the year 2026-27 whereunder one of the Mega Announcement pertaining to the Higher Education Department envisages "Full Fee Waiver for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) Students studying in undergraduate classes from Semester 1st to 8th in Government Degree Colleges of J&K" as a welfare measure for promoting equitable access to education;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of above and in the interest of promoting inclusive education, the Government hereby orders as under:

1. Short Title and Commencement:

This Order shall be called the Jammu & Kashmir Full Fee Waiver for AAY Students studying in undergraduate classes from Semester 1st to 8th in Government Degree Colleges of J&K Order, 2026 and shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. Applicability:

The provisions of this Order shall apply to all Government Degree Colleges of J&K functioning under the Administrative Control of Higher Education Department of Jammu & Kashmir.

3. Eligibility:

The benefit of fee waiver shall be admissible to students:

- a. studying in undergraduate classes from Semester 1st to 8th in Government Degree Colleges of J&K;
- b. belonging to households covered under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY); and
- c. possessing a valid AAY Ration Card or any other document as may be prescribed by the Government.

4. Extent of Fee Waiver:

Eligible students shall be exempted from payment of all fees leviable by Government Degree Colleges, subject to the condition that the students shall not be in receipt of any other scholarship assistance. Provided that fees payable to any outside statutory authority or examining body, wherever not within the competence of the Higher Education Department to waive, shall continue to be governed by the rules applicable thereto unless specifically exempted by the competent authority.

5. Verification:

The DDO/Head of Institution shall verify the eligibility of each beneficiary before granting the fee waiver and shall maintain proper records for audit, inspection and verification.

6. Budgetary Support:

The financial implications arising out of the implementation of above instructions, if any, shall be worked out by the Directorate of Colleges, J&K and communicated to the Administrative Department for seeking reimbursement from the Finance Department under the relevant Head of Account.

7. Implementation:

The Director Colleges, J&K shall issue detailed operational guidelines for implementation of this order, including verification of beneficiaries, maintenance of records, monitoring and submission of periodical reports.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O No. FD-BDGT0D-27/2/2022-(7077855) dated 07-07-2026.

By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir.

Sd/-

Ram Niwas Sharma (IAS)
Commissioner/Secretary to Government
Higher Education Department
Dated: 08-07-2026

No: HED-ACCT0JMU/47/2026-04/ 7766972

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