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**PRESS RELEASE**

**PRESS RELEASE LATA MANGESHKAR DANCE & MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27**

The Embassy of India, Bamako is glad to announce the **Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (formerly known as ICCR Scholarship Scheme for Studies in Indian Culture)** for the academic year 2026-27. These scholarships, offered by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), are available to international students, including Malian nationals, for pursuing studies in Indian Culture such as **dance, music, theatre, performing art, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisines and Yoga** at selected Indian universities/institutes.

2. For **AY 2026-27 ICCR has revised discipline-wise allocation** the global allocation of the 100 available slots based on specific disciplines:

- **75 slots** are reserved for courses in the fields of **performing and visual arts** (including Dance, Music, Theatre, Sculpture, Indian Language, and Indian Cuisine) with a restriction of 10 slots per country.
- **25 slots** are specifically allocated for a one-year Yoga Diploma course at four prominent institutes: (a) Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya, Uttarakhand; (b) Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute, Maharashtra; (c) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi; and (d) S-VYASA, Bangalore. This is restricted to a maximum of 2 candidates per country.
- Please note that for the 2026-27 cycle, slots will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis

2. **Interested candidates can apply online through A2A portal (<https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>) of the ICCR. The portal will be open for applications from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The last date for submission of applications will be 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

3. For undergraduate/postgraduate courses, applicants must be between 18 to 40 years of age (18 years as on 01/07/2026). For Ph.D., applicants should not be more than 50 years of age. A valid passport for the duration of the course is essential for successful submission of applications.

4. Applicants have the option to apply for five universities/institutes in the order of the preference of study. Candidates are advised to visit the respective university websites to check eligibility criteria and specific course details before applying. Relevant documents, as required by the university, must be submitted along with the basic application.

5. Applications will not be considered without English translations if the original documents are in a language other than English. Incomplete applications may be summarily rejected. Therefore, students are advised to check their applications thoroughly before submission.

6. Students are required to submit medical certificates supporting their physical and mental wellness at the time of the final award of scholarships.

7. For any further queries on the India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme, interested applicants may contact the Education Wing of the Embassy of India, Bamako by e-mail to [edu.bamako@mea.gov.in](mailto:edu.bamako@mea.gov.in).

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