Mandatory requirement related to English proficiency for the ICCR Scholarship applicants from AY 2027-28

From the Academic Year 2027-28, all the applicants for ICCR Scholarship are required to meet minimum standard of English proficiency. The minimum standard required will be:

(i) IELTS — overall band 6.0 or above; or
(ii) TOEFL — CEFR B2 / Higher Intermediate or above.

2. To help applicants meet this standard, ICCR has introduced a three-month Online Advanced English Learning Course. Routes2Roots will conduct the course, which will cover advanced English and basic conversational Hindi.

3. Participation in the Routes2Roots Online Programme is purely voluntary. However, IELTS/TOEFL certification will be mandatory for scholarship award from 2026-2027, except for the Indian language course.

4. Following are the details of the Online Advanced English Course -

- **Date of Commencement - 26 October 2026**
- **Frequency of Classes - Thrice a week (Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday)**
- **Total Number of Classes - 36 (12 Weeks/3 months)**
- **Duration of Each Class - 90 Minutes**
- **Time Slots –**

  1230-1400 Hrs (IST) - Monday/Wednesday/Friday
  2330-0100 Hrs. (IST) - Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday
- **Course Content - Advanced English teaching for understanding the academic lectures in Indian Institutions and Basic Hindi conversational teaching to handle situations of day-to-day life in India**
- **Who can enroll - Any foreign national having basics of English language (Read/Write/Speak)**
- **Link for Registration - https://ngo.routes2roots.com/language-registration/2026**
- **Course Fee - US$ 50 (USD Fifty)**
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