

KALA SAMMAN SCHEME

The Government of Goa is pleased to frame the following scheme i.e.:—

1) Short title and commencement:-

- (i) This scheme shall be called "Kala Samman Scheme,2016".
- (ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March 2021.

Introduction

The Government of Goa has designed this scheme, to grant financial assistance to eminent artists who are in indigent circumstances as token of respect to them in their contribution in the field of Art & Culture.

Objectives

The objectives of the scheme are as follows:

- (i) To give financial support to the artists in indigent circumstances.
- (ii) To grant monthly financial assistance to the artists who are in indigent conditions to meet their daily needs.
- (iii) To recognize the contribution of artists in the field of Art & Culture.

Eligibility

- (i) Any artist who is in indigent condition is eligible for assistance under this scheme.
- (ii) Artist should attain the age of 60 years at the time of applying for the scheme.
- (iii) Artist must have given contribution in the field of Art & Culture or should have worked in the field of Art & Culture to become eligible under this scheme.
- (iv) The income of the applicant artist should not exceed ₹ 48,000/- per annum. (However this clause shall not be applicable, where the applicant is recipient of 'State Cultural Award').
- (v) Number of cases to be sanctioned shall depend upon the availability of funds for every financial year.

Nature and Quantum of Assistance

- (i) An eligible artist shall be granted financial assistance to the extent of ₹ 2,500/- per month every year.
- (ii) However, recipient of State Cultural Award shall be entitled for Financial Assistance to the extent of ₹ 3,200/- per month every year.

Procedure for application

1. Director of Art & Culture shall release an advertisement on local daily newspapers thereby inviting applications from eligible applicants for availing benefit under this scheme.

2. The interested artist could apply to the Director of Art & Culture in prescribed proforma alongwith latest passport size photograph and following documents:

(a) Attested photocopy of Birth certificate or school leaving certificate as proof of age. In absence of both these documents, copy of Aadhar card or baptism certificate certifying his birth date. In case, the stated date of birth is false or incorrectly presented then the onus will lie on the applicant and action deemed fit will be taken against the applicant.

(b) Income certificate from competent authority.

(c) A resume of the applicant artist giving details of work done by the artist in the field of Art & Culture.

(d) References of two known persons or institutions working in respective field of Art & Culture.

Constitution of Committee

For better implementation of this scheme, Government may constitute a Committee. Committee shall meet as and when required and shall consider all the applications received by the Director of Art & Culture. After careful scrutiny, the Committee shall the names of eligible artists for financial assistance under this scheme and give its recommendations to the Director of Art & Culture.

Disbursement Procedure

Once recommendations are received from the Committee, the Director of Art & Culture shall obtain Government approval to the names ed by the Committee for financial assistance under this scheme and disburse the amount to the eligible artist in the functions organized by the Department of Art & Culture or otherwise.

Framing of Guidelines

For better implementation of this scheme Government may frame guidelines from time to time, if required.

Relaxation

The Government is empowered to relax all or any of the clause provided in this scheme, if found deemed fit, for reasons to be recorded.

Interpretation

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression or entire scheme, then the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government.

Redressal of Grievances

If any grievance arises, out of implementation of this scheme then, the Minister for Art & Culture shall hear and decide such matter and the decision of the Minister for Art & Culture in this regard shall be final.