

CENTRAL SCHEME OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERAN ARTISTS

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Directorate of Art and Culture has informed that Government of India wishes to link State Government Scheme with the Central Government Scheme as 'Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists' which is similar to 'Kala Samman Scheme' of the State Government. However to be eligible for this scheme, the applicant should not be less than sixty years of age, the annual income of the applicant including his spouse income should not be more than Rs. 72,000/- (per annum). This excludes pension assistance amount beneficiary is already getting from the State Government. An eligible artist shall be granted maximum financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 6,000/- such allowance given to artists under the state-centre will be shared by State and Central Government.

In view of the this, artists who are already getting the benefits from 'Kala Samman Scheme' can avail the above central scheme by taking recommendation letter from this Department. Those artists who are not availing kala samman scheme can also avail this Central scheme by applying directly to the Zonal Cultural Center, Ministry of Culture (West Zone Cultural Center, Udaipur). Those interested can visit Department of Art & Culture, Panaji Goa during working hours from **Monday** to **Friday** or can go through official website of Ministry of Culture, <https://indiaculture.gov.in/scheme-financial-assistance-veteranartists> for more information about the Central Scheme and apply for same, as informed by the Department of Information and Publicity.

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