

CENTRAL SCHEME FOR ARTISTS

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The Directorate of Art and Culture has informed that the Government of India implements 'Scheme for 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.6000/- per month. Such allowance given to artists under the State-Centre will be shared by State and Central Government.

Artists who are already getting the benefits from 'Kala Samman Scheme' can avail the said central scheme by submitting the duly filled form to the Directorate of Art and Culture. Those artists who are not availing Kala Samman scheme can also avail this Central scheme by applying directly to the Zonal Cultural Centre, Ministry of Culture (West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur). Those interested can visit Department of Art and Culture, Panaji during working hours Monday to Friday or can go through the official website of Ministry of Culture, <https://indiaculture.gov.in/scheme-financial-assistance-veteranartists> for more information about the Central Scheme and apply for the same.

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