



Financial Assistance Schemes for Older Persons in Gujarat

At Elderly Care India it is our constant endeavour to compile resource and information which can help Older People (Senior Citizens) to become aware of their Social Welfare Rights that can help them avail the various schemes, programmes and other benefits offered by the Central Government and State Governments.

The below schemes have been collated from various sources (like myScheme by GoI) so that Older People who are poor, underprivileged, destitute, widowed, disabled can access certain financial schemes which can help them support their existing financial status.

Since the document has been compiled as an individual, hence it is suggested that due diligence should be done by the Senior Citizen.

In case there are any inputs, suggestions or corrections which needs to be made, please write to us at care@elderlycareindia.org or elderlycareadvisor@gmail.com or visit <https://elderlycareindia.org/>

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State / UT	Gujarat		
Scheme Name	Senior Fellowship in the Field of Fine Arts		
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Scheme Description	1) Scheme by the Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities Department, Government of Gujarat, aims to nurture artistic talent and provide financial support for experimental, research-based, or revival-focused projects in the fields of painting, sculpture, and graphic arts. 2) The scheme benefits both junior and senior artists of Gujarat by awarding them monthly stipends, thereby helping them undertake advanced training, revive endangered Indian or folk arts, and develop their careers in art.		
Eligibility	1) The applicant should be a resident artist of Gujarat. 2) The applicant should be actively engaged in the field of painting, sculpture, or graphic arts.		
Central / State Scheme	State Level Scheme		
Implementing Agencies	Implemented by the Gujarat State Fine Arts Academy.		
Scheme Details	Under this scheme, 5 senior artists will be provided with a monthly stipend of ₹3,000/ and 10 junior artists will be provided with a monthly stipend of ₹2,000/- for one year.		
Documents Required	1) Educational Qualification Certificates in the Field of Art 2) Project Report (related to experimental, training, or research work) 3) Photograph or Colour Slide (as proof of past work in the relevant art field)		
Further Information / Process	1) The interested applicant should download the prescribed format of the application form for the "Publication Support Scheme for Fine Arts" scheme. 2) Website: https://lalitkalaacademy.gujarat.gov.in/		



State / UT	Gujarat		
Scheme Name	Financial Assistance to Helpless Artists		
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Scheme Description	The scheme aims to provide financial security to artists who are aged, physically disabled, and living in extreme poverty.		
Eligibility	1) The applicant must be a resident of Gujarat. 2) The applicant must be an artist who has made significant contributions in the field of art and literature. 3) The applicant must be 60 years of age or above. 4) The applicant must have a monthly income of less than ₹600/- (₹7,200/- annually). 5) The applicant must be physically disabled. 6) The applicant must be in poor economic condition.		
Central / State Scheme	State Government		
Implementing Agencies	Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities Department, Government of Gujarat		
Scheme Details	Monthly financial assistance is provided to artists and their dependents who are physically disabled, above 60 years of age, have a monthly income of less than ₹600, and are unable to sustain themselves due to age or disability.		
Documents Required	1) Aadhaar Card 2) Birth Certificate 3) Income Certificate 4) Ration Card 5) Age Proof 6) Identity Card 7) Passport Size Photo		
Further Information / Process	Submit the duly filled and signed application along with the documents to the Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities Department.		



State / UT	Gujarat		
Scheme Name	Financial Assistance to Destitute Elderly and Disabled Person		
Compiled by	Pankaj Mehrotra, Founder – Elderly Care India	Month/Year	Jan 2025
Scheme Description	Welfare scheme by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Gujarat. The scheme aims to support economically vulnerable elderly individuals and persons with severe disabilities.		
Eligibility	1) Aged 60 years or more and does not have a son aged 21 years or above. 2) Or, aged 45 years or more and has a disability of more than 75%. 3) OR, listed in the BPL category (Score 0–20) in rural areas or included in the urban BPL list. 4) Annual Family Income must be: ₹1,20,000 or less for rural residents and ₹1,50,000 or less for urban residents.		
Central / State Scheme	State Government, Social Justice and Empowerment Department		
Implementing Agencies	Social Justice and Empowerment Department		
Scheme Details	1) For beneficiaries aged 60 to 79 years: ₹1,000/- per month 2) For beneficiaries aged 80 years or more: ₹1,250/- per month		
Documents Required	1) Aadhaar Card 2) Age Proof 3) Bank Passbook/Cancelled Cheque 4) Birth Certificate 5) Identity Card 6) Income Certificate 7) Passport Size Photos 8) PH Certificate from Civil Surgeon 9) Ration Card		
Further Information / Process	The interested applicant should visit the Mamlatdar office and request a hard copy of the prescribed format of the application form.		

State / UT	Gujarat		
Scheme Name	Award of Fellowship to Most Eminent Artist		
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Scheme Description	1) Scheme by the Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities Department, Government of Gujarat, aims to recognize and financially assist artists aged 60 years or above who have retired from professional artistic practice and have made distinguished contributions in the field of plastic arts at the national level. 2) The fellowship is intended to support such artists by enabling them to acquire necessary equipment and continue contributing meaningfully to the arts.		
Eligibility	1) The applicant should be an artist. 2) The applicant must be 60 years or older. 3) The applicant should be retired from the professional field of plastic arts. 4) The applicant should have attained national-level fame and established a distinct identity through excellence in painting, sculpture, or graphic arts.		
Central / State Scheme	State Level Scheme		
Implementing Agencies	Implemented by the Gujarat State Fine Arts Academy		
Scheme Details	In this scheme, 10 artists are given a monthly fellowship of ₹5,000/- for one year, and it is extendable for a maximum of two years, depending on the quality and impact of the artist's continued work.		
Documents Required	1) Proof of Age (Government-issued ID showing age 60 years or above) 2) Proof of Retirement from Professional Art Practice. 3) Career Details in the Field of Art. 4) Photographs or Colour Slides of Artworks.		
Further Information / Process	1) The interested applicant should download the prescribed format of the application form for the "Award of Fellowship to Most Eminent Artist" scheme. 2) Website: https://lalitkalaacademy.gujarat.gov.in/		

State / UT	Gujarat		
Scheme Name	Antyeshthi Sahay Yojana		
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Scheme Description	1) Welfare scheme launched by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Gujarat. 2) The scheme aims to support the families of deceased senior citizens who were beneficiaries of old-age assistance. 3) Upon the death of such a senior citizen, a one-time financial aid is provided to the legal heir to help cover funeral and related expenses		
Eligibility	1) The applicant must be a resident of Gujarat. 2) The applicant must be the heir of a deceased senior citizen. 3) The deceased must have been a beneficiary of old-age assistance		
Central / State Scheme	State Level Scheme		
Implementing Agencies	Implemented by Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Gujarat		
Scheme Details	1) One-time financial assistance of ₹5,000/- is provided to the heirs of a senior citizen who was receiving old-age assistance at the time of their death. 2) This assistance is intended to help with funeral expenses		
Documents Required	1) Old age assistance sanction order/online registered pension number or bank account number where pension is deposited 2) Death Certificate 3) Copy of Ration Card 4) Copy of the applicant's Bank Passbook 5) Applicant's Aadhaar Number 6) Consent Form of all the heirs (In case there is more than one heir)		
Further Information / Process	1) The interested applicant should visit the Mamlatdar office and request a hard copy of the prescribed format of the application form . 2) Website: https://mariyोजना.gujarat.gov.in/		