

4. Name of the Scheme :- Rajarshi Shahu Maharaj Senior Literary and Artist Honorary Scheme.

1. Whose plan is it :- This scheme is of the Maharashtra Government and is implemented through the Zilla Parishad Kolhapur.

2. Brief information about the scheme :- The scheme to provide honorarium to elderly writers and artists has been implemented by the Maharashtra Government since 1954-55. This scheme provides honorarium to senior artists and writers who have been working purposefully in the field of art and literature for a long time (more than 15 years) and who earn their living solely from their art. Under this scheme, 100 elderly artists are selected as beneficiaries every year from each district.

3. Beneficiary Selection:- For the selection of beneficiaries under this scheme, online applications are required on the website mahakalasanaman.org. Beneficiaries are selected from the online applications received through the District Level Selection Committee headed by the Hon'ble District Collector.

4. Scheme Terms and Conditions:-

1. To avail the benefits of the scheme, the age of the artist must be above 50. The age limit has been relaxed by 10 years for the disabled.

2. Artists must have contributed to the field of literature and art for at least 15 years.

3. The annual family income of the artist should not exceed 60000/-. Artists whose livelihood depends only on art and artists who currently have no income from any other source. The artist must be a resident of Maharashtra.

5. Benefits of the scheme :- Elderly artists who have nurtured the art and culture of Maharashtra and whose livelihood depended solely on art and who currently have no other means of income receive financial assistance to support their livelihood in their old age.
