



Government of India
Ministry of Textiles

Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

SUBJECT: INVITING FRESH APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN INDIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE YEAR 2025-26.

The office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) invites applications from the eligible Master Craftsperson who have completed the age of 60 years on or before 31st December, 2025 for the year 2025-26 for Financial Support in Indigent Circumstances @ Rs.8,000/- (Rs. Eight thousand Only) per month as per the guidelines as detailed below: -

1. Master craftsperson who are the recipient of Shilp Guru Award, National Award, Merit Certificate or State Award in Handicrafts will be eligible for being considered for financial assistance.
2. The annual income of the artisans should not exceed Rs. 1,00,000/-. An income certificate for the financial year 2025-26 issued by the Office of District Magistrate/ Revenue Department /Tahsildar/ Collector/ Circle officer of the concerned state is necessary as proof of income.
3. The applicant should not be a recipient of similar financial assistance from any other source.
4. The artisans should not be less than 60 years of age as of 31st December 2025. Age may be relaxed in the case of artisans with disabilities at the discretion of the Committee.
5. Details of the applicant, filled in The Online application, should be verified as per the guidelines of the scheme and his/her photo on the Online Application Form and Award Certificate should be verified by the concerned officer of Handicrafts Service Centre/Regional Offices, before recommending and forwarding the Online Application to headquarter office of O/o the DC(Handicrafts).
6. The award certificate and photograph should be verified by the concerned Assistant Director /Regional Office of the office of DC(Handicrafts). The regional language certificate should be submitted duly translated either English/Hindi.

The interested eligible Master craftsperson may submit their Online Application through the website (<https://indian.handicrafts.gov.in>) of this office, latest by **02.04.2026**, and the concerned HSC may forward the same with their comments /recommendation to Regional Offices latest by **10.04.2026**. The same may be recommended or forwarded to the Headquarter office in New Delhi, latest by **20.04.2026**. The details of the scheme/guidelines, as well as other requisite details, may be obtained from Handicrafts Service Centre(s) / Regional Offices and can also be downloaded from the office website: <http://handicrafts.nic.in>

The addresses and telephone numbers of the Regional Offices of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) are detailed below for seeking any information

1. Regional Director (Central Region), Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Kendriya Bhawan, Aliganj, 7th Floor Sector H, Lucknow-226024 (UP) Phone no. 0522-2324033. 2326703
2. Regional Director (Western Region) Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), A-3 Wing, 3rd Floor, C.G.O Complex, Belapur, CBD, Navi Mumbai-400614 Phone no. 022-22663854, 022-22661959
3. Regional Director (Northern Region) Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), West Block no. 8, R.K.Puram, New Delhi-110066. Phone no.011-26175784, 26109760
4. Regional Director (Southern Region), Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Shastri Bhawan, 26, Haddows Road, Chennai-600 006 (Tamil Nadu) Phone no. 044-28276321, 044-28237908
5. Regional Director (Eastern Region) Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), CGO Complex 3rd Floor, A Wing, DF Block, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700064 (West Bengal) Phone no.033-23596744.
6. Regional Director (North Eastern Region), Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Central Block, 2nd Floor, Housefed Office Complex, Beltola Bashista Road, Guwahati-781006 (Assam) Phone no. 0361-2230367 / 0361-2266123

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