

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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SYA SCHEME IN DIFFERENT CULTURE FIELDS

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Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of young artists from Tamil Nadu benefitted under the 'Scholarships to Young Artists' (SYA) scheme in Different Cultural Fields during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has a monitoring mechanism to ensure timely disbursement of scholarships under the SYA scheme to artists from Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the number of scholars from Tamil Nadu whose payments were delayed due to non-submission of six-monthly progress reports and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any awareness or outreach campaigns in Tamil Nadu to inform young artists about the application process and eligibility criteria under the SYA scheme;
- (e) the steps taken to digitize and simplify the application and reporting process for artists from Tamil Nadu, especially in regional languages; and
- (f) whether the Government has identified any traditional or endangered art forms specific to Tamil Nadu for targeted promotion and support under the said scheme?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) the number of young artists from Tamil Nadu who have benefitted under the 'Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA)' scheme during last five years is given below:-

Sl. No.	Financial Year	No. of benefitted scholars in Tamil Nadu
1.	2020-21	26
2.	2021-22	37

3.	2022-23	18
4.	2023-24	51
5.	2024-25	32

- (b) It has been the constant endeavor of the Government to ensure timely disbursement of scholarships to the selected beneficiary of all States/UTs including Tamil Nadu on receipt of their six monthly progress report and depending upon the budgetary allocation made against the scheme.
- (c) No such case is available.
- (d) Application process and eligibility criteria in detail is provided on the website of the Ministry i.e. <https://www.indiaculture.gov.in/award-scholarships-young-artists-different-cultural-fields>. Wide publicity is given through the advertisements issued by Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) in leading national and regional newspapers across the country from time to time.
- (e) The application and reporting processes are the same for each state, including Tamil Nadu, and are conducted in English. However, advertisements are published in the local newspapers of each state in their respective regional languages, including Tamil Nadu. The interactions and interviews conducted by experts are held online since the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (f) As per the guidelines of the SYA Scheme, many art forms, including Indian Classical Music, Indian Classical Dance, Theatre, Mime, Visual art, Folk, Traditional and Indigenous Arts and Light Classical Music are identified for promotion and support under the scheme. These fields are uniform for entire country including State of Tamil Nadu.
