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PREFACE

It is with immense pride that the KILA Child Resource Center unveils this comprehensive handbook – a one-stop guide to all the child-focused schemes available across Kerala.

Children are the cornerstones of our future, and nurturing their well-being is paramount. This state, renowned for its progressive social initiatives, has once again demonstrated its commitment to child welfare by compiling this invaluable resource.

This compilation gives us a bird's eye view of the various initiatives initiated by the Government of Kerala in its efforts at achieving a child friendly state. There are at least 64 departments, agencies, missions and institutions having programmes to this effect. Convergence of all these as well as that of schemes and resources will definitely take the state to reach the child friendly status. With the efforts of local governments to become child friendly, the journey becomes faster and simpler.

This book goes beyond mere listing. It presents a clear and concise overview of a vast array of schemes offered by various departments and institutions. Encompassing everything from vital areas like survival and development to crucial aspects like protection, participation, recreation, and financial assistance, it empowers children and their caregivers with knowledge about their rights and available support.

The accessible factsheet format simplifies navigation, making it easy for children, parents, and stakeholders to identify the most relevant schemes. This empowers them to access resources that can significantly improve a child's life trajectory.

We at KILA are confident that this book will be a valuable tool for all those invested in the well-being of Kerala's children. It equips them with the knowledge to unlock a world of opportunities, ensuring a brighter future for every child in our state.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the departments and institutions whose

dedication is reflected in these schemes. We also acknowledge the efforts of the KILA team in compiling and presenting this information in such a user-friendly manner.

Together, let us leverage this resource to create a Kerala where every child thrives, reaching their full potential in a safe and nurturing environment.

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Background: A Child's Guide to Schemes and Support

KILA – Child Resource Center (KILA CRC) has a longstanding commitment to strengthening child-friendly local governance in Kerala. This commitment culminated in a pivotal consortium meeting of various stakeholders, with a clear objective: to ensure every child in the state has access to the knowledge and support they deserve.

The meeting brought together representatives from over 64 different departments and institutions across the state. Each participant presented the various schemes and programs their organization implements to support children's well-being. These programs spanned crucial areas like survival, development, protection, participation, recreation, and financial assistance.

While the sheer volume of existing support programs was encouraging, a critical issue emerged. There was a noticeable lack of integration and awareness amongst the agencies themselves, and more importantly, amongst the general public, regarding the comprehensive nature of these services.

Recognizing this gap, the KILA CRC proposed the creation of a user-friendly compendium. This compendium, now presented as "Kerala: A Child's Guide to Schemes and Support," aims to bridge the information gap and empower both children and the community as a whole.

The development of this handbook would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of various government departments, agencies, missions and institutions. Throughout the process, these departments actively participated and provided crucial information and support. The KILA CRC extends its sincere gratitude to all those who played a role in bringing this resource to life.

This "Child's Guide" serves as a testament to the collective effort of the KILA CRC and government departments in Kerala. It signifies a commitment to ensuring that every child in the state has access to the knowledge and support they deserve to thrive.

Women And Child Development Department

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR CHILDREN EXCELLING IN ARTS

AT A GLANCE

- SC Students
- Economically disadvantaged students
- Encouraging participation

DESCRIPTION

The financial assistance scheme offers support to talented SC students excelling in dance by providing up to Rs. 1000. This aid aims to enable economically disadvantaged students to participate in youth festival competitions and showcase their artistic abilities. The assistance is specifically targeted towards those demonstrating proficiency in dance, fostering their artistic development and encouraging their participation in cultural events. By providing financial support, the scheme aims to alleviate financial barriers that may otherwise prevent these students from showcasing their talents on a broader platform. Ultimately, this initiative seeks to empower talented SC students to pursue their passion for dance and excel in cultural competitions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

The financial assistance scheme offers support to talented SC students excelling in dance by providing up to Rs. 1000.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders. The Distrcit

Website: wcd.kerala.gov.in

BALANIDHI

AT A GLANCE

- ICPS
- Child-support
- Well-wishers
- Care
- Reduce Vulnerabilities

DESCRIPTION

To address the needs of vulnerable children, the government has initiated the Balanidhi program, providing a platform for donations to support their welfare. Financial constraints often hinder efforts to assist these children, prompting the government to seek support from well-wishers. Through the Balanidhi account and online portal, individuals can contribute towards the care and protection of children, with transaction fees waived in collaboration with SBI.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Beneficiaries include children in childcare facilities, those without homes, street children, victims of exploitation and abuse, child labourers, and others facing economic or social challenges.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals can visit the dedicated online portal and follow the instructions for making donations (balanidhi.kerala.gov.in).

Contact: ICPS, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram, Telephone No: 0471-2342235 0471-2346508,2346534

Email Id: icpskerala@gmail.com

BETI BACHAO BETI PADHAO

AT A GLANCE

- Gender equality
- Girl child welfare
- Education scholarships
- Healthcare services
- Awareness programs
- Community participation
- Government support

DESCRIPTION

The Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme aims to address the declining girl child sex ratio in India, promoting women's empowerment and improving their status in society. It is a collaborative effort of the Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare, and Human Resource Development ministries. The initiative was launched due to concerns over the decreasing child sex ratio and the rising crimes against women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated the scheme in 2014, seeking to abolish female foeticide and ensure a brighter future for the girl child. Its beneficiaries primarily include children, striving to create a more gender-equal society.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheme primarily targets girls and women in India, seeking to enhance their standing and prospects. Furthermore, families and communities reap benefits from the program's endeavours to advance gender parity and foster a secure atmosphere for girls.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals can contact the relevant government agencies for information on available services like education scholarships or healthcare.

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CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS (CCI)

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Rehabilitation
- Special Home
- Place of Safety
- Aftercare Services

DESCRIPTION

A crucial establishment operated by the State Government, voluntary organizations, or NGOs across districts, providing essential care and support for children in need. In cases where rehabilitation is necessary during Juvenile Justice Act investigations, the Juvenile Justice Board may direct children to special homes. Should additionally discipline or care be required, children may be transferred to a Place of Safety, such as Thrissur Ramavarmapuram. After-care services ensure that children leaving these institutions at age 18 receive financial support for their successful reintegration into society. These institutions play a vital role in safeguarding the well-being and future prospects of vulnerable children.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children who may be orphaned, abandoned, abused, neglected, or otherwise vulnerable.

HOW TO AVAIL?

lindividuals should contact the institution or social welfare departments to provide necessary information about a child's situation for assessment and approval, ensuring they receive necessary care and support.

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Email Id: icpskerala@gmail.com -JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD (JJB) Kerala State

CHILD HELP LINE

AT A GLANCE

- Child Welfare & Protection
- Toll-free: 1098
- 24/7 Assistance
- Vulnerable Children
- National Emergency Service
- WCD

DESCRIPTION

CHILD HELP LINE (1098) is a national emergency toll-free service dedicated to protecting children in need, backed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. Operated by the CHILD HELP LINE India Foundation (CIF), it collaborates with various stakeholders to offer care and support to vulnerable children, including runaways, child labourer's, and those facing abuse. With a focus on emergency response, rehabilitation, and advocacy for child rights, CHILD HELP LINE has served over 15 million calls since its inception. Plans are underway to expand its reach nationwide, ensuring every child receives the protection they deserve.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children in India facing distress, abuse, exploitation, or abandonment, irrespective of their background or circumstances.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals in India can dial the toll-free number from any phone, and trained professionals are ready 24/7 to respond and provide support to children in distress.

Contact: Directorate of Women & Child Development, Poojappura P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala Pin: 695012 Child HELP Line (1098) Services in Kerala: http://wcd.kerala.gov.in/service-info.php?service_category_sl=MTQ=

DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTRES.

AT A GLANCE

- Child-friendly hubs offering interventions, referrals, training, and expert consultations.

DESCRIPTION

District Resource Centres (DRCs) function as child-friendly hubs, offering a range of services such as personalized interventions, referral systems, training programs, and access to expert consultations. These centres deliver essential scientific interventions and expert advice to children within the district. Each district has its own expert committee tasked with overseeing these services and ensuring that children receive the necessary support and guidance tailored to their needs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children residing within the district who require support, interventions, or expert consultations for various issues related to their well-being, development, and welfare.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the District Resource Centre either directly or through local authorities, such as schools, social workers, or community organizations.

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FBNC SERVICE

AT A GLANCE

- FBNC Service: Units in 25 hospitals, Stabilization Units in 68, Care Corners at delivery points; reducing infant mortality.

DESCRIPTION

The FBNC Service comprises Sick New born Care Units in 25 designated hospitals, New born Stabilization Units in 68 facilities, and New born Care Corners established at all government delivery points. These initiatives aim to enhance new born care, contributing significantly to the decline in infant mortality rates. The services provided have been instrumental in improving the health outcomes of new born and ensuring their well-being. Through these units and corners, specialized care and support are extended to new born in critical conditions, fostering a comprehensive approach to infant healthcare and reducing the risk of mortality during the crucial early stages of life.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All newborn infants requiring care and stabilization are eligible for the services provided by the FBNC Service, regardless of their medical condition or background.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To access the FBNC Service, parents or caregivers can bring new borns requiring care to any of the designated hospitals with Sick New born Care Units or New born Stabilization Units. Additionally, new born Care Corners are available at all government delivery points for immediate assistance and support during childbirth.

Contact, Phn: 0471 2301181 Fax: 0471 –2302784, Email: arogyakeralam@gmail.com
General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (ICDS)

AT A GLANCE

- Development Services
- Anganwadi Programs
- Holistic Well-being for Children, Adolescents, and Women

DESCRIPTION

ICDS, or Integrated Child Development Services, is a comprehensive program designed for holistic child development. It includes crucial components like Anganwadi for Early Childhood Care, Immunization Activities, and specialized programs for Adolescent Girls. Emphasizing a child-centered approach, ICDS prioritizes mental well-being through Psycho-Social Services, addresses educational needs with the School Counselling Programme, and ensures essential nutrition through the Supplementary Nutrition Scheme and Take Home Ration Strategy. This integrated framework aims to foster children's overall well-being and promote healthy development.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children under six, pregnant and lactating women, and adolescent girls.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Contact local ICDS or Anganwadi center, confirm eligibility, and engage in programs like nutrition and health services. Provide necessary documents and stay informed about updates from local ICDS authorities.

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Email: directorate.wcd@kerala.gov.in

INTEGRATED CHILD PROTECTION SCHEME (ICPS)

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Rights Focus Care
- Goals: Reduce Vulnerabilities, Quality
- Legal Safeguards

DESCRIPTION

The Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) aims to safeguard children's rights and prioritize their well-being, particularly those in need of care or in legal conflicts. Through local Child Protection Units, ICPS works to improve the lives of vulnerable children and prevent abuse and exploitation. It focuses on identifying their needs, creating protection plans, providing swift care and rehabilitation, and ensuring legal safeguards. Additionally, ICPS promotes high-quality services, supports alternatives like sponsorship and foster care, raises awareness about children's rights, monitors data on troubled children, and facilitates collaboration among child welfare stakeholders.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children who need help because they've been abandoned, orphaned, abused, neglected, or exploited can get support under ICPS. Also, kids who are involved in criminal activities can receive assistance through the program.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Contact the local Child Welfare Committee or Child Protection Unit. Explain the situation, and they will assist in obtaining the necessary support for the well-being and protection of the child.

Contact: ICPS, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram, Telephone No: 0471-2342235
Email Id: icpskerala@gmail.com

JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD (JJB)

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Child-friendly environment
- Legal representation
- POCSO Act
- Observational homes

DESCRIPTION

The Juvenile Justice Act 2015 mandates a three-member system to handle cases involving children who fail to comply with the law or are accused of delinquency. The system includes a first-class judicial magistrate, two social workers, and at least one female representative. Meetings are held within 24 hours of a child's apprehension, typically at observation homes or specialized arrangements. The Board ensures free legal representation for non-compliant children and child-friendly proceedings, emphasizing confidentiality and sensitivity, especially in cases involving mental or physical disabilities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children under the age of 18 who are accused of breaking the law or unable to conform to it.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Report the child's situation to the police or District Child Protection Unit, who will arrange for the child to appear before the Board for help.

Contact: ICPS, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram, Telephone No: 0471-2342235
Email Id: icpskerala@gmail.com -JUVENILE JUSTICE BOARD (JJB) Kerala State

KAVAL AND KAVAL PLUS.

AT A GLANCE

- Kaval Scheme: Rehabilitates CCLs with psycho-social methods.
- Kaval Plus Scheme: Targets CNCP and CSA survivors; community-based rehabilitation with psycho-social

DESCRIPTION

The Kaval scheme focuses on the rehabilitation and social reintegration of children in conflict with the law (CCL) using a psycho-social approach. Launched initially in three districts in 2016, it expanded state-wide. Each district ensures a child-friendly family environment with support from the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB). Technical assistance is provided by the Department of Psychiatric Social Work at Nimhans. Collaborators include the Kerala Judiciary, Police, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, NGOs, Education and Health Departments, Local Self-Government, and the Excise Department. Notably, recidivism decreased from 13% to 5% post-intervention. The Kaval Plus scheme extends community-based rehabilitation and reintegration for survivors of Child in Need of Care and Protection (CNCP) and Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) using a similar psycho-social approach.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children in conflict with the law (CCL) who require rehabilitation and social reintegration support.

Children in conflict with the law (CCL) who require rehabilitation and social reintegration support.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the relevant authorities responsible for implementing the schemes. This could include local Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs), government departments involved in child welfare, or community-based organizations.

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KAVAL PLUS

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- WCD
- Rehabilitation
- Psychosocial care
- Community-based support

DESCRIPTION

A special program in Kerala that helps children who need care and protection, especially those who have faced abuse. It has two main components: One helps these children get back on their feet and back into society, while the other supports survivors of abuse. By working together with different groups like NGOs and government agencies, KAVAL PLUS makes sure these children get the help they need quickly and can start feeling safe again.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or are otherwise vulnerable and require support and survivors of child sexual abuse living in the community. Additionally, Parents.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The program connects with local communities through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are overseen by the child welfare committee and district child protection unit.

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KAVAL

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- WCD
- Personalized Support
- Community Partnership
- Innovative Interventions

DESCRIPTION

A collaborative effort between the Department of Women and Child Development and the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru, provides comprehensive care for child sexual abuse survivors through personalized care plans. It offers services like home visits, counselling, parent training, group activities, and life skills sessions to address the needs of 1977 children. During the lockdown, KAVAL partnered with local authorities to ensure ongoing support for vulnerable children. Through innovative strategies, it aims to empower survivors and foster a safer environment for their recovery, including physical activities and targeted interventions for mental health and familial issues.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Particularly non-institutionalized children facing various challenges, within the community.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The program connects with local communities through Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that are overseen by the child welfare committee and district child protection unit.

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http://wcd.kerala.gov.in/offices_hq.php

MIDWIFERY CENTRE

AT A GLANCE

- Women in tribal communities
- Reproductive health services
- Maternity services
- Pregnancy
- Childbirth
- Postpartum period
- Midwives

DESCRIPTION

Healthcare institutions created especially to offer maternity and reproductive health services to tribal groups are referred to as "midwifery centres for tribes". Offering complete care to women in tribal communities is the main goal of these centres, especially during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. The word "midwifery" highlights the function of midwives, who are educated experts with a focus on assisting women during childbirth. Three centres are functioning in Wayanad district and one centre in Kollam district.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Women in tribal communities

HOW TO AVAIL?

Avail through ASHA workers or local health care departments.

Contact: www.stdd.kerala.gov.in , Arogya Keralam, Office of the Mission Director, NRHM building, General Hospital Jn., Trivandrum, 695035, 0471-2301181

MITHRA 181 WOMEN HELPLINE

AT A GLANCE

- MITHRA 181 – Toll-free
- Women Helpline
- Kerala
- 24/7 Assistance
- Empowerment
- Accessibility

DESCRIPTION

The MITHRA 181 Women Helpline, established by the Kerala State Women's Development Corporation, operates as a 24/7 emergency support service following the Ministry of Women and Child Development's guidelines. It aims to provide comprehensive assistance, including government intervention during emergencies, toll-free support for victims of violence, information on support services and schemes, and counselling for emotional distress. Additionally, the helpline ensures follow-up on complaints and accessibility for disabled women.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All women and girls in Kerala, including adolescents, victims of domestic violence, and transgender individuals, are eligible for assistance from the MITHRA 181 Women Helpline.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals simply need to dial the toll-free number, 181, at any time of the day or night.

Contact: Smt. Bindu V C, Managing Director, 1st Floor, Transport Bhavan, KSRTC Building, Eastfort, Attakulangara P.O, Thiruvananthapuram-695023, Phone: 0471-2454585 Email: md@kswdc.org , head@kswdc.org website: https://kswdc.org/

NIRBHAYA CELL

AT A GLANCE

- One Stop Crisis Cells
- Victim Support Services
- Rehabilitation Programs
- Gender Violence Prevention
- Multi-Sectoral Approach

DESCRIPTION

Established by the Department of Social Welfare in 2012, it plays a crucial role in addressing sexual assault against women and children in Kerala. Managed mainly by Vigilance Committees, it oversees prevention, protection, and prosecution measures, reflecting the state's commitment to combatting sexual violence and trafficking. Additionally, the Nirbhaya Cell manages 2 Shelter Homes and coordinates 21 One Stop Crisis Cells across the state, providing essential support and assistance to victims. Moreover, initiatives like Nirbhaya Enterprises and a multi-sectoral prevention campaign aim to ensure comprehensive rehabilitation, reintegration, and societal awareness regarding gender violence.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Women and children at risk of sexual assault, sex trafficking, or exploitation, as well as individuals and groups involved in prevention and protection efforts.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals can reach out directly to the designated Vigilance Committees or seek assistance through the One Stop Crisis Cells located in government hospitals across the state for essential services and aid to victims of sexual assault, facilitating their protection, legal recourse, and rehabilitation. Call the toll-free number provided (1800 425 1400) for assistance and support services.
http://wcd.kerala.gov.in/DOCUMENTS/Downloadables/SOP/Protocol/12010.pdf

Contact: Nirbhaya House No. 40, Chempaka Nagar, Bakery Junction, Thiruvananthapuram, www.wcd.kerala.gov.in , email: nirbhayacell@gmail.com
Phone 0471 2331059, Toll Free No: 1800 425 1400

NUTRITION AND HEALTH EDUCATION

AT A GLANCE

- Students
- Women (15–45years)
- Anganwadi Center Visit
- Health Education
- Support

DESCRIPTION

Anganwadi centers are vital to Kerala's Integrated Child Development Programme (ICDS), offering health education and nonformal nutrition. These centers provide crucial nutrition support to pregnant and nursing mothers, as well as children under six. Children under three receive three meals daily: breakfast, midday porridge, and evening feeding. Evening feedings are especially beneficial for expectant and nursing mothers. Led by Anganwadi workers in collaboration with health department professionals, this initiative aims to enhance health and nutrition awareness among women aged 15 to 45, ultimately benefiting their families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Women aged 15 to 45

Children aged three years and below

HOW TO AVAIL?

Visit nearby Anganwadi center to register and join health education and nutrition sessions led by Anganwadi workers. Talk to them for personalized guidance and support.

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHILDREN (ORC)

AT A GLANCE

- ICPS
- Behavioural Support Program
- Child Well-being Initiative
- School-based Intervention
- Community Collaboration

DESCRIPTION

A collaborative effort led by the District Administration and District Child Protection Unit, involves various stakeholders like the Police, Education, Social Justice, Health, and Local Government Institutions, as well as parents and community groups. Under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme in Kerala, ORC's primary aim is to develop children's overall skills and provide assistance to those with special needs. Initially piloted in Kozhikode City, ORC has expanded to cover 304 Government/Aided schools statewide, focusing on addressing behavioural, emotional, learning, and social issues while encouraging effective parenting techniques. Through its partnership-driven model, ORC presents an innovative approach to improving child welfare and fostering social integration, which could be replicated throughout India.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children enrolled in the selected Government/Aided schools in Kerala, along with parents, teachers, and community members.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals can reach out to their local Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) office or inquire through educational institutions. Through partnerships with various stakeholders, including teachers, parents, and civil society, the program provides support and resources for addressing behavioural, emotional, and mental health issues among children in Kerala.

Contact: Our Responsibility to Children, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Opp Prison head Quarters, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 0471 - 2342235 +91 8086 18 1111 Email: orc.icps@gmail.com Website: http://www.orcindia.org/

ORT WEEK OBSERVATION

AT A GLANCE

- ORT week
- Paediatricians
- Medical officers
- ASHA workers
- Anganwadi workers

DESCRIPTION

The main activities and objectives of this program, at the school level, are the dissemination of the message of the ORT week in the assembly by paediatricians, doctors, casualty medical officers, and staff. Awareness classes will also be conducted. All of the health workers and ASHA/Anganwadi workers organize awareness classes.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Every students in government schools

HOW TO AVAIL ?

No special process for availing this programme

Phone: 0471-2342235 Mail: icpskerala@gmail.com
Web site: wcd.kerala.gov.in

ONE STOP CENTER

AT A GLANCE

- Ensuring Protection and support
- Providing awareness
- Preventing violence
- Women empowerment
- Legal assistance

DESCRIPTION

The scheme was established with the primary goal of supporting women affected by violence across various spheres, whether in private or public spaces, encompassing issues within the family, community, and workplace.

These centers aim to provide assistance to women facing physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, and economic abuse, irrespective of their age, class, caste, education status, marital status, race, or culture. Specialized services are offered to women experiencing various forms of violence, including attempted sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, trafficking, honour-related crimes, acid attacks, or witch-hunting.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

All women including girls below 18 years of age affected by violence, irrespective of caste, class, religion, region, sexual orientation or marital status.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Contact through nearest OSC or through Women Helpline. There are one OSC in each 14 districts. Contact the concern OSCs or approach WCD.

District wise contact details available on the website : sakhiosctvm@gmail.com

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

- ORC: Identifies and integrates children into society; in 445 schools and CCIs; refers serious cases to DRCs; assesses with "I Know My Card"; SMART 40 program for life skills.

DESCRIPTION

Our Responsibility to Children (ORC) is a comprehensive program aimed at identifying and addressing the developmental and social challenges faced by children. Implemented across 445 government and aided schools, as well as Child Care Institutions (CCI), it emphasizes integration into mainstream society. The scheme facilitates referral of children with significant issues to District Resource Centers (DRCs). Through the "I Know My Card" system, it identifies behavioral, emotional, learning, and mental health concerns. The SMART 40 Life Skills Education Program caters specifically to children with moderate to severe challenges, focusing on Smart, Motivated, Able, Responsible, and Talented (SMART) attributes for holistic development.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children facing developmental, behavioural, emotional, or learning challenges.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through the official website of ORC– www.orcindia.org

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PARENTING CLINIC

AT A GLANCE

- Uses existing clinics.
- Offers parenting advice.
- Operates Saturdays.

DESCRIPTION

The Parenting Clinic debuted in February 2021 within the state, leveraging existing nutrition clinics. It offers expert advice to parents and children on parenting matters, utilizing the expertise of trained school counsellors. Operating exclusively on Saturdays, it also oversees and evaluates the activities of DCPOS. Additionally, starting from January 2022, outreach clinics at the Panchayat level have been initiated on Saturdays. These clinics aim to extend the reach of the program to local communities, providing essential guidance and support to parents and children.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Parenting Clinic is open to all parents and children seeking guidance and support in parenting matters.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To access the Parenting Clinic's services, individuals can visit the clinic during its operating hours on Saturdays. They can inquire about appointments or walk-in for guidance and counselling on parenting matters provided by trained counsellors.

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PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION (PSE)

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Preschool Learning
- Anganwadi centers
- Child-Friendly environment

DESCRIPTION

Pre-school Education (PSE) is a crucial part of the ICDS scheme, helping kids aged three to six get ready for school through fun activities at Anganwadi Centres. This program aims to create a positive attitude towards learning. Under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), children under six receive a bundle of services, including good food, health care, and pre-school education, ensuring their overall well-being.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children between three to six years old are generally eligible for PSE program. However, the precise eligibility criteria may differ, influenced by factors like location and local guidelines.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To join the program, parents of kids aged three to six can check eligibility at their local ICDS or Anganwadi centers. Children can engage in fun activities at Anganwadi Centres to prepare for formal education.

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PSYCHOSOCIAL SERVICES FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS

AT A GLANCE

- Girls
- Adolescent Health Clinics
- Counselling Programs,
- School Collaboration

DESCRIPTION

Psychosocial services for adolescent girls are provided through initiatives such as Adolescent Health Clinics and Counselling Programs, often in collaboration with selected schools. These programs offer health check-ups, nutrition education, and guidance services. Efforts also include installing sanitary napkin vending machines in schools to ensure affordable access to menstrual hygiene products. This comprehensive approach aims to support the holistic well-being of adolescent girls, addressing their physical, mental, and emotional health within the framework of ICDS Kerala.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Adolescent girls who attend schools where these programs are conducted.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Inquire at the school attended by the adolescent girl to see if these programs are available. If they are, the girl can participate in the services provided within the school setting.

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REFERRAL SERVICES

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Health Services
- Anganwadi Centers
- Timely Interventions

DESCRIPTION

ICDS prioritizes the well-being of children under six, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. Routine health check-ups within this initiative lead to swift referrals for any identified health issues to hospitals or primary health centers. The specialized training of Anganwadi workers in the ICDS system includes early detection of disabilities in children, ensuring timely interventions and comprehensive healthcare support for both mothers and young children. This approach emphasizes the holistic well-being of these vital population groups.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

ICDS is designed for children under six, pregnant women, and lactating mothers. Eligibility factors, including economic status and vulnerability, can vary, and individuals should contact local ICDS authorities or Anganwadi centers for specific criteria.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To benefit from ICDS, contact your local Anganwadi center, check eligibility, and join programs for nutrition and health support. Keep track of schedules and announcements for ongoing participation.

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SARANABALYAM

AT A GLANCE

- Targets child labour/begging,
- Focuses on exploitation,
- DNA testing for exploited children.

DESCRIPTION

Saranabalayam aims to eradicate child labour and begging within the state, with a strong focus on combating exploitative activities involving children. It places particular emphasis on safeguarding children during the Sabarimala Pilgrimage. Notably, the organization conducts comprehensive DNA testing for any child suspected of exploitation on the streets. Following the test, efforts are made to identify the biological parents. Additionally, two rescue officers are designated in every district to facilitate swift intervention and rescue operations in cases of child exploitation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Typically determined by the need for assistance in combating child labour, begging, or exploitation within the state.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out through designated channels such as helplines, local offices, or government agencies involved in child welfare like Women and Child development Department.

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'VIGYANDEEPTHI' STATE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Financial assistance
- Rehabilitation
- Transition support

DESCRIPTION

Vigyandeepthi, a state government initiative under the Juvenile Justice Act, provides financial aid to selected children until they turn 18 or for a maximum of 3 years. Priority is given to institutionalized children who can return home with sponsorship support. This program assists families by offering additional resources for their children's healthcare, nutrition, and education needs, with a focus on both rehabilitation and prevention. Eligible children receive Rs. 2,000 per month per child, deposited into a designated bank account, and benefit from regular supervision and monitoring to ensure their well-being and educational attendance.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Selected children who are in need of financial assistance under the Juvenile Justice Act & children living in institutions who can potentially return home with sponsorship funding.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible children, especially those in institutions, are identified and enrolled through an application process. Approved beneficiaries receive financial assistance deposited into a designated account, managed by their guardians, to support their well-being

Contact: Department of Women and Child Development, Govt of Kerala, ICPS, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram, Telephone No: 0471-2342235

Email Id: icpskerala@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Kerala
- Sponsorship Scheme
- District Child Protection Unit
- Financial Support
- Nurturing Environment

DESCRIPTION

The sponsorship program in Kerala offers vital assistance to underprivileged children by assisting them in finding nurturing family placements. Funding, managed by the District Child Protection Unit, guarantees the provision of resources to address the various requirements of sponsored children, such as education and healthcare. This endeavor underscores Kerala's dedication to protecting the rights and well-being of its vulnerable young populace. By fostering cooperation between government bodies and local community stakeholders, the sponsorship program seeks to enhance the general welfare and living standards of children throughout the state.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children under the age of 18 and who have been in child care institutions for more than 6 months continuously.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals or families can contact the District Child Unit for guidance and submit an application detailing their financial status and ability to provide care. Upon approval, the District Child Unit will facilitate co-financing to support the sponsored child's needs within a nurturing family environment.

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HOW TO AVAIL?

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STATE ADOPTION RESOURCE AUTHORITY

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Adoption
- Rehabilitation
- Protection
- Juvenile Justice
- Online Registration and Documentation
- Midwives

DESCRIPTION

It plays a crucial role in ensuring the welfare and future prospects of children in need of care and protection. Through the provision of special homes and places of safety, the authority ensures rehabilitation and support for vulnerable children. Additionally, it facilitates the adoption process, recognizing the fundamental right of every child to a family. Regardless of marital status or existing children, anyone willing to provide a nurturing environment can adopt. The adoption procedure involves online registration and submission of various documents, followed by a thorough assessment of the prospective adoptive parents' suitability. This meticulous process aims to safeguard the well-being of the children and ensure their placement in loving and supportive homes.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To individuals or couples of legal ages, mentally and physically fit to care for a child, regardless of marital status.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals can register online, submit necessary documents, and undergo a home study evaluation. Upon approval, prospective adoptive parents or caregivers receive guidance for the adoption process or placement of a child in their care, ensuring a smooth transition. Aftercare services are also available to support the child's integration into the family and society.

Department of Women and Child Development, Contact: State Adoption Resource Authority, ICPS, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram, Telephone No: 0471-2342235
website: https://cara.wcd.gov.in

SUPPLEMENTARY NUTRITION

AT A GLANCE

- Children (6 month –3 years)
- Pregnant, Lactating Women
- Anganwadis
- Department of Women and Child Development

DESCRIPTION

The Supplementary Nutrition program in the ICDS Scheme ensures that young children (6 months to 6 years) and pregnant or lactating mothers get the nutrients they need. Local institutions oversee this program, providing Amrithum Nutrimix, a nutritious powder, to children aged 6 months to 3 years twice a month. For children aged 3 to 6 years attending anganwadis, a set feeding schedule is in place. Pregnant and lactating mothers receive a Take Home Ration of raw food as per Government of India norms.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children aged 6 months to 6 years and pregnant or lactating mothers who enrolled in Anganwadis to receive Supplementary Nutrition.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Register at the local anganwadi center if you have children aged 6 months to 6 years or if you are a pregnant or lactating mother. Anganwadi worker and helper are required to provide the service of Supplementary Nutrition.

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MISSION VATSALYA

AT A GLANCE

- Scheme for child care services in India.

DESCRIPTION

The Department of Women and Child Development's "Mission Vatsalya" initiates the scheme in India to support children in challenging circumstances by fostering holistic development. It focuses on tailored solutions, innovation, and convergent actions. The scheme strengthens service delivery structures, enhances institutional and community-based care, and offers emergency outreach services. Its components include training, institutional services like adoption, sponsorship, and foster care. The Sponsorship and Foster Care Approval Committee (SFCAC) oversees preventive arrangements. Government and private scholarships, along with CNCP under Mission Vatsalya, ensure support. The scheme provides a monthly grant of Rs. 4000 for rehabilitation and prevention.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children who are orphaned, abandoned, or facing challenging circumstances and are in need of care, protection, and support are primary beneficiaries of the Vatsalya scheme.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the relevant local authorities, such as the Department of Women and Child Development offices.

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Social Justice Department

Kerala Social Security Mission (KSSM)

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM (CDMRP)

AT A GLANCE

- Free medical services provided
- Accessible healthcare
- Special care and attention for people with disabilities

DESCRIPTION

CDMRP is a project implemented by the Department of Psychology, University of Calicut, in the districts of Calicut, Malappuram and Kannur, to establish disability clinics in collaboration with local self-government institutions for people with intellectual disabilities who need special care and attention in society.(Community Disability Management and Rehabilitation Programme). Under this scheme, 10 Community Clinics are functioning in three districts and an Advanced Disability Management Clinic with modern facilities is functioning under the Department of Psychology, University of Calicut. Free medical services are provided in these clinics.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children with various disabilities

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Visit SUNEETHI, Online Service Application Portal

Phone: +919526340222, Mail: cdmrpuoc@gmail.com

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN OF PRISONERS

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance for children
- Support scheme for children
- Financial support
- Encouraging pursuit of higher education
- Inclusive support for all levels of education

DESCRIPTION

The scheme aims to help the children of prisoners, which provides educational assistance to children of prisoners up to degree-level courses.

The assistance are mainly provided to children from 1st standard to those who pursuing degree-level professional courses in Government / Aided colleges. Considering the different types of fee structures for education, State Government has fixed the assistance amount of Rs.300 to ₹100,000/- per month for children studying from 1st class to degree-level professional courses in Government / Aided colleges including annual fees & hostel fees.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- The applicants should belong to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category.
- The applicant must be the child of a prisoner sentenced to life imprisonment or death sentence.
- Those applicants who have been admitted to courses through merit basis
- Applicant must have secured 70 % or above marks in Higher secondary level exams.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

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Website: http://sjd.kerala.gov.in/

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN OF SURVIVORS

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance for children
- Support scheme for children
- Financial support
- Encouraging pursuit of higher education
- Inclusive support for all levels of education

DESCRIPTION

In order to strengthen the victim support services in the State, the Government of Kerala has launched this scheme which provides educational assistance for children of survivors (victims) of crime.

Implemented by the Department of Social Justice, it strives to provide financial assistance for those children from 1st standard to PG level courses ranging from Rs.3000 to Rs.15000.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- The applicant should be a native and resident of Kerala State.
- The children/dependents of survivors (victims) of crime .
- The combined annual income of the families should be less than ₹1,00,000/-.
- The children pursuing a degree and higher education courses in government and aided institutions and admitted to merit seats in unaided institutions.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

The joint application of the child and the present parent must be accompanied by a certificate from the ward councilor member of the place of residence or the chairperson of the panchayat municipality or the station house officer of the place or Visit SUNEETHI, Online Service Application Portal.

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HASTHADANAM

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Age of 12
- Below-Poverty-Line families
- 50% differently abled
- Fixed deposit programme

DESCRIPTION

Children aged up to 12 from families living below the poverty line, with at least a 50 percent disability, qualify for a fixed deposit program of Rs. 20,000. Under this scheme, Rs. 20,000 is deposited in the children's accounts and will earn interest, which they can access upon reaching 18 years of age.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

50 percent differently abled children up to the age of 12 from BPL family

HOW TO AVAIL?

Application form must be submitted to concerned District Social Justice Officer along with the attested copy of Disability certificate from Medical Board and the Income certificate from the concerned Village Officer.

Contact: Directorate Of Social Justice, 5th Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Palayam, Trivandrum, 695033, 0471-2302887, www.sjd.kerala.gov.in

LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Legal guardianship provision
- Support for decision-making and advocacy
- Safeguarding assets and interests of individuals with disabilities

DESCRIPTION

Under the National Trust Act, 1999, legal guardianship is provided to persons affected by autism, cerebral palsy, dementia and multiple disabilities by finding a legal guardian. A parent is the legal guardian of a child up to the age of 18. Persons with disabilities covered by the National Trust Act are not required to be able to take legal decisions after the age of 18. Legal guardianship must be granted to represent them in relation to their property and other matters. The Local Level Committee of the National Trust is chaired by the District Collector. The guardian is found and given legal guardianship.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Individuals with Disabilities above the age of 18years

HOW TO AVAIL ?

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MATRU JYOTHI

AT A GLANCE

- Free medical services provided
- Accessible healthcare
- Special care and attention for people with disabilities

DESCRIPTION

Under the scheme, financial assistance of ₹2,000/- will be provided to differently-abled mothers until the child gets two years, coming under the purview of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016. As per the scheme, financial assistance will be provided to differently-abled mothers until the child turns two years for the nurturing of the baby after delivery and for the preparation of basic amenities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- The applicant should be a native and resident of Kerala State.
- The applicant should be a differently abled mother who has a child less than two years old.
- The applicant's annual family income should not exceed ₹1,00,000/-.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

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Website: http://sjd.kerala.gov.in/

MOBILITY MISSION

AT A GLANCE

- Free medical services provided
- Accessible healthcare
- Special care and attention for people with disabilities

DESCRIPTION

The Social Justice Department and the Malappuram Valanchery VKM will identify children with intellectual and physical disabilities, including cerebral palsy, and provide possible medical care (including corrective surgery), rehabilitation, training to parents to prevent them from going into severe disabilities, enabling them to walk on their own or with the help of assistive devices, and providing suitable training equipment. Mobility Mission Kerala is a joint initiative of Special Schools. Children with disabilities are referred by doctors to Kozhikode Medical College and MES Medical College, Malappuram.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children with various disabilities

HOW TO AVAIL ?

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NERVAZHI

AT A GLANCE

- Detering repeat offenses
- Employment opportunities
- First-time offenders
- Drug addiction treatment
- Psychosocial support
- Social reintegration

DESCRIPTION

Nervazhi is a government-initiated project aimed at modernizing and enhancing the probation system in Kerala. The objective is to mentally and socially rehabilitate offenders through the probation system, ultimately transforming them into productive members of society. It provides employment opportunities aged 18 and above first-time offenders along with training, counseling and drug addiction treatment, psychosocial support and works towards the family's social reintegration of first-time offenders to deter re-offending.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals in the age range of 18 to 25 who are awaiting trial. Beneficiary target group also includes offenders between age group 18 and 21 who have not committed serious offences, under trial prisoners, remand prisoners, young offenders released on bail, first accused between 18 to 25 years, ex-prisoners and family, Borstal school residents and family members and children of prisoners.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Special probation assistance are provided in the District probation offices.

Contact: District probation office

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Email id: swdkerala@gmail.com

DISTANCE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Inclusive education initiatives.

DESCRIPTION

An initiative by the Govt. of Kerala to uplift Differently abled children by providing necessary assistance.

Under the scheme, differently abled students pursuing Degrees, and PG courses through Open Universities, distance education, or Private registration (Universities inside Kerala) are eligible to apply for scholarships. The scholarship is being provided for meeting the expenses of Registration fee, Course fee, Tuition fee, Exam fee, Purchase of books, study materials, etc. Further, financial assistance will be granted only for the duration of the course concerned. The amount of assistance is provided up to a maximum of ₹10,000.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- The applicant should be a permanent resident of Kerala.
- The differently abled students pursuing Degrees, PG courses through Open universities, Distance education, or through Private registration (Universities inside Kerala)
- The annual family income of the student should not exceed ₹1,00,000/-.
- Only those students who are appearing for the exam each year will be eligible for further financial assistance.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

The duly filled application forms have to be submitted to the concerned Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) or through SUNEETHI Portal

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Website: http://sjd.kerala.gov.in/

SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Inclusive education initiatives.

DESCRIPTION

An initiative by the Govt. of Kerala to uplift Differently abled children by providing necessary assistance.

Under the scheme, the differently abled students studying in Schools, Colleges, and those who attend Professional, PG courses and technical training are being given scholarships by Social Justice Department. The disability category of students with a disability of 40% or more and who obtain 40% marks in the examination in the previous year are eligible to apply for the scholarships.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- The applicant should be a permanent resident of Kerala.
- The differently abled students (Blind / Deaf / Orthopedically handicapped/ Mental Retardation). should have a disability of 40 % or more.
- Students with disabilities who have secured at least 40% marks in the previous year.
- The annual family income of the applicant should be below ₹36,000/-.

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HOW TO AVAIL ?

The applications must be submitted after the commencement of Academic year (within 3 months). The duly filled application forms must be submitted to the concerned District Social Justice Officer.

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Website: http://sjd.kerala.gov.in/

SELF-EMPLOYMENT FINANCING SCHEME FOR DEPENDENTS OF PRISONERS

AT A GLANCE

- Self-Employment
- Financial Support Program
- One-time Assistance
- Incarcerated Individuals' Families
- Encouraging Independence
- Promoting RehabilitationV

DESCRIPTION

A program has been established to offer financial support to the relatives of individuals serving lengthy prison sentences, aiding them in pursuing self-employment. A one-time financial assistance of 15,000 is provided to the families of those who are incarcerated to help them establish self-employment opportunities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To offer financial support to the relatives of individuals serving lengthy prison sentences, aiding them in pursuing self-employment.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To access the financial assistance program, applicants can submit their applications through the 'Suneethi' Portal, specifically at the respective District Probation Office.

Contact: Portal- SUNEETHI- Online Service Application Portal.
https://suneethi.sjd.kerala.gov.in/

VIDHYAJYOTHI

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Inclusive education initiatives.

DESCRIPTION

A great initiative by the Govt. of Kerala which provides Financial Aid for Uniforms and Study Materials to Physically Handicapped (PH) Students.

The Vidyajyothi scheme is being implemented for the educational upliftment of children with disabilities. The scheme also provides Financial assistance for study materials and uniforms. Rupees 500 to 3000 are avalied to 50 students from class 9 to PG/ diploma courses of each districts.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- The applicant should be a permanent resident of Kerala.
- The applicant studying in Government / Aided Institution in Kerala.
- Students who are studying in Class 9th to Post-Graduation.
- The applicant who has 40% or more disability is eligible to apply under the scheme.

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HOW TO AVAIL ?

The duly filled application form has to be submitted to the concerned District Social Justice Officers.

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EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN OF PRISONERS

AT A GLANCE

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- Support scheme for children
- Financial support
- Encouraging pursuit of higher education
- Inclusive support for all levels of education

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'KATHORAM'- UNIVERSAL HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

AT A GLANCE

- Autistic children
- Early Scientific interventions
- Screening
- Training programs
- Holistic Development

DESCRIPTION

The State Initiative on Disabilities has been implementing the facility of hearing screening as soon as a child is born since 2014 to detect hearing problems in children at the earliest and take necessary interventions.

A device called Auto Acoustic Emission Screener (OAE) and the services of a trained Junior Public Health Nurse have been made available. A postnatal hearing test is done before the mother and baby leave the hospital. Equipment for this activity, wages for JPHNs, training, etc. are provided by the State Initiative on Disabilities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Services are available to all children born in government maternity hospitals.
- Children born in other hospitals can also benefit from this service.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to government maternity hospitals who provides these services

Dept of Kerala Social Security Mission Phone: 1800 120 1001, 0471-2341200,
Mail: Snehapoorvamonline@gmail.com.
Website: https://socialsecuritymission.gov.in/

MITTAYI

AT A GLANCE

- Provision of insulin
- Continuous glucose monitoring device
- Accessible healthcare services
- Support for diabetes management tools
- Patient education and awareness

DESCRIPTION

A unique initiative by the Govt. of Kerala which provides educational to Children of Disabled Parents who are economically deprived.

Children with type-1 diabetes mellitus are given insulin, insulin pen, glucometer strips, lancet, needle, urine ketone strips, insulin pump, its consumables, continuous glucose monitoring device, etc.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children under the age of 18.

Yearly income should be less than 2,00,000 (2 lakhs).

Applicants should be residents of Kerala.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Register through the official portal of "Mittayi" scheme

Kerala Social Security Mission,

Web site: https://www.mittayi.org/ Phone: +91 495 2359352, +91 940 006 1163, Mail:mittayi2018@gmail.com

REGIONAL EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRES

AT A GLANCE

- Childhood disabilities
- Early interventions
- Prevention of debilitating conditions
- Screening
- Training programs
- Holistic Development

DESCRIPTION

The departments of Health and Social Justice launched a major joint initiative to tackle childhood disabilities through the early identification of developmental delays and disabilities and early interventions so that these conditions do not become permanent or debilitating.

It involves screening, early intervention, various therapies, training and treatment are provided through these centres. Each centre is staffed by audiologist, speech therapist, clinical psychologist, optometrist, staff nurse, developmental therapist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, special educator and social worker.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children up to the age of 18 years with various disabilities (especially intellectual disabilities).

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Kerala Social Security Mission, Phone: 4071-2341200

Mail: socialsecuritymission@gmail.com Web site: www.socialsecuritymission,gov.in

SHRUTHI THARANGAM

AT A GLANCE

- "Shruthitharangam"
- Cochlear implantation
- Holistic development
- Hearing loss

DESCRIPTION

The "Sruthitharangam" project is an initiative by the Kerala government to provide free cochlear implantation surgery for children in the age group of 0-5 years who are hearing impaired. Early identification and intervention procedures, ideally initiated within six months of age, are crucial for the holistic development of a child with hearing loss. Cochlear implants are a proven and effective option for treating profound hearing loss.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children from poor families whose annual family income is below Rs. 2 lakh is eligible to get the benefit of this scheme.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To avail of the benefits of the scheme, the application form is duly filled and the necessary documents are to be submitted directly to Executive Director, of Kerala Social Security Mission.

Phone: 4071-2341200 Mobile: Mail: socialsecuritymission@gmail.com

Web site: www.socialsecuritymission.gov.in

SNEHAPOORVAM SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Financial assistance for orphans
- Prioritizing children
- Community support
- Social inclusion

DESCRIPTION

Providing financial assistance to orphans who are living in the family, with their relatives, friends, or the support of the community under the Social Welfare Department implemented through Social Security Mission. The mission has initiated this scheme that aims at bringing these children to the mainstream of society.

The scheme helps in prioritizing children in the greatest need by providing social protection to highly vulnerable groups of orphans by strengthening traditional family and community systems for protecting and absorbing orphans. Improves the basic education, social integration, and nutrition of the most vulnerable groups of orphans towards the levels of other children in the community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- The child who has lost either father or mother or both.
- Children below 5 years and the students from the first standard to degree classes are eligible to apply under the scheme.
- The family protecting the child should belong to BPL category or have an annual income of Rs.20,000/- in rural areas and up to Rs.22,375/- in urban areas.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The application form duly filled and necessary documents should be submitted to the head of Aided/Govt. institutions (Schools and Colleges)

Dept of Kerala Social Security Mission Phone: 1800 120 1001, 0471-2341200,

Mail: Snehapoorvamonline@gmail.com.

Website: https://socialsecuritymission.gov.in/

THALOLAM

AT A GLANCE

- "Thalolam"
- Kidney diseases
- Cerebral palsy
- Government Medical colleges
- Bone diseases

DESCRIPTION

The "Thalolam" Scheme, launched in 2010 by the Kerala Social Security Mission, aims to provide free medical treatment for children under 18 suffering from chronic and serious conditions. This includes kidney diseases, heart problems, cerebral palsy, bone diseases, blood disorders, developmental disabilities, birth defects caused by pesticides, and surgical emergencies. The program covers government medical colleges and a few other designated hospitals across Kerala.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All children below the age of 18

HOW TO AVAIL?

The "Thalolam" Scheme doesn't require a formal application. Instead, hospital social workers (Safety Mission counsellors) assess children's needs during treatment at designated hospitals.

Kerala Social Security Mission, Phone: 4071-2341200

Mail: socialsecuritymission@gmail.com Web site: www.socialsecuritymission,gov.in

SPECIAL ANGANWANDIS

AT A GLANCE

- Special care at the pre-school level
- Training and care provision
- Integration into mainstream schools
- Parental involvement
- Community support

DESCRIPTION

Identifying children with mental retardation, growth and development problems and who need special care in pre-school level and provide appropriate training and care to send maximum number of children to general schools.

Special Anganwadis are created related to ICDS program in different districts. They strive to provide services of a special educator and necessary special training materials for their holistic development.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Children with Disability/Disabilities

HOW TO AVAIL?

Services can be obtained by visiting convenient Special Anganwadis related to ICDS projects in the districts.

Mail: keralaudid@gmail.com, Website: https://www.swavlambancard.gov.in/

V CARE

AT A GLANCE

- Care Plan
- Accesses to health care services
- Providing support for vulnerable populations

DESCRIPTION

The care plan addresses critical medical needs, including life-saving treatments, necessary surgeries, and relevant therapies, while considering the associated costs and conditions. Financial assistance is provided according to specific eligibility criteria, primarily targeting individuals earning less than Rs. 2 lakhs annually and those falling under the Below Poverty Line (B.P.L.) category.

Funds allocated under the We-Care Scheme are solely designated for medical purposes and are directly transferred to the concerned hospital or institution.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The applicant should be a permanent resident of Kerala.

Individuals earning less than Rs. 2 lakhs annually and those falling under the Below Poverty Line (B.P.L.) category.

Only one person in a family will be eligible for the scheme.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The duly filled application forms have to be submitted to the concerned Mission Office along with supporting documents.

Kerala Social Security Mission, Phone: 4071-2341200

Mail: socialsecuritymission@gmail.com Web site: www.socialsecuritymission,gov.in

3.Health Services Department
National Health Mission - Arogyakeralam

ADOLESCENT FRIENDLY HEALTH CENTRES.

AT A GLANCE

Prioritize holistic well-being, offer free counselling, integral to district health centres, address unique needs, foster healthier youth.

DESCRIPTION

Adolescent Friendly Health Centres prioritize the holistic well-being of adolescent children, catering to their mental and physical health needs. These centres offer a range of services aimed at promoting their upliftment and overall wellness. Services provided by healthcare professionals, including counselling is offered free of charge at these centres. They operate as integral components of selected health centres within districts, ensuring accessibility to quality healthcare services for adolescents. By focusing on both mental and physical health, these centres play a crucial role in addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by adolescents, fostering a healthier and more empowered younger generation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Adolescents are eligible to access services provided by Adolescent Friendly Health Centres.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Adolescents can directly visit the designated centres within their districts.

Ph: 0471 2301181 Fax: 0471 -2302784, Email: arogyakeralam@gmail.com
General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

AMMA MANASS.

AT A GLANCE

Free mental health support for pregnant women & mothers: counselling & treatment provided to reduce stress.

DESCRIPTION

A program has been established to safeguard the mental well-being of expectant mothers and new moms. Its aim is to alleviate the psychological strain experienced by pregnant women and mothers by offering complimentary counselling and medical assessments as needed throughout their journey. Through this initiative, essential services are extended without charge, ensuring that pregnant women and mothers have access to the support and treatment necessary to maintain their mental health. The program prioritizes reducing stress levels and promoting overall mental wellness among expectant and new mothers, recognizing the importance of their emotional health during this significant phase of life.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Pregnant women and mothers are eligible.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

To avail of the program, pregnant women and mothers can inquire at healthcare facilities or community centers for information.

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General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

AROGYAKIRANAM

AT A GLANCE

- Healthcare Initiative for Children
- Reducing financial barriers to healthcare access
- Improving health outcomes for children

DESCRIPTION

Under this initiative, it caters to health care needs of 0 to 18-year-old children, in government hospitals of Kerala.

The scheme offers free diagnostic testing and medical care for ailments not included in the 30 diseases covered by Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). With a focus on impartiality, this program exemplifies the State Government's commitment to advancing Universal Health Coverage in order to meet sustainable development goals.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children until the age of 18 years

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program

Phone: 0471 4063121, Website: www.arogyakeralam.gov.in

BHUMIKA

AT A GLANCE

Bhumika centres in district hospitals offer free medical, counselling, and legal aid to prevent violence against women and transgender individuals.

DESCRIPTION

Bhumika centre operate to prevent violence against individuals, encompassing women and transgender persons, offering complimentary medical assistance, counselling, and legal support. These field centers are operational within every district hospital across the state. They strive to create safer environments and provide comprehensive services to those affected by violence, regardless of gender identity. The centers aim to address the multifaceted needs of survivors by offering holistic care and assistance, including medical attention, therapeutic interventions, and legal guidance. Through their presence in district hospitals, Bhumika centers ensure accessible support for individuals impacted by violence, fostering empowerment and healing.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals, including women and transgender persons, who have experienced violence are eligible to seek assistance and support from Bhumika centers in district hospitals.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals who have experienced violence can directly visit the centers. They can inquire about the available medical, counselling, and legal aid services and receive assistance as needed.

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General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

FBNC SERVICE

AT A GLANCE

- FBNC Service: Units in 25 hospitals,
- Stabilization Units in 68, Care Corners at delivery points; reducing infant mortality.rogramme

DESCRIPTION

The FBNC Service comprises Sick New born Care Units in 25 designated hospitals, New born Stabilization Units in 68 facilities, and New born Care Corners established at all government delivery points. These initiatives aim to enhance new born care, contributing significantly to the decline in infant mortality rates. The services provided have been instrumental in improving the health outcomes of new born and ensuring their well-being. Through these units and corners, specialized care and support are extended to new born in critical conditions, fostering a comprehensive approach to infant healthcare and reducing the risk of mortality during the crucial early stages of life.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All newborn infants requiring care and stabilization are eligible for thm

HOW TO AVAIL?

To access the FBNC Service, parents or caregivers can bring new borns requiring care to any of the designated hospitals with Sick New born Care Units or New born Stabilization Units. Additionally, new born Care Corners are available at all government delivery points for immediate assistance and support during childbirth.

Contact, Ph: 0471 2301181 Fax: 0471 –2302784, Email: arogyakeralam@gmail.com
General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

HRIDYAM

AT A GLANCE

Free heart disease treatment for children up to 18 years.

DESCRIPTION

The program offers complimentary treatment for heart conditions in children up to 18 years. Individuals can register directly for the scheme at www.hridyam.kerala.gov.in. It includes free services from specialized doctors like Cardiologists and surgeries in chosen Government or private hospitals. Post-operative care is provided by DEICs and RBSK nurses at the field level, ensuring comprehensive support for children after surgery.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children up to 18 years old with heart diseases are eligible for free treatment under the scheme.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

To avail of the scheme, individuals can register directly at www.hridyam.kerala.gov.in .

Phn: 0471 2301181, NHM Fax: 0471 –2302784, Email: arogyakeralam@gmail.com
General Hospital Jn TVM 695035, Website : www.arogyakeralam.gov.in, www.hridyam.kerala.gov.in

IDAM

AT A GLANCE

Ensures queer-friendly health facilities with the help of transgender link workers in selected districts, gradually expanding state-wide.

DESCRIPTION

The IDAM Health Awareness Campaign endeavours to render health facilities to queer individuals and ensure their access to healthcare services. As a component of this initiative to create LGBTQIA-friendly health facilities, transgender link workers have been designated in specific health centers across Kozhikode, Thrissur, Ernakulam, and Thiruvananthapuram districts. This endeavour is gradually being expanded to encompass all districts in a phased manner. Through the inclusion of transgender link workers, the campaign aims to bridge gaps in healthcare access and foster an inclusive environment where LGBTQIA individuals feel respected and supported in seeking essential health services tailored to their unique needs and identities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Queer individuals, including LGBTQIA+ groups

HOW TO AVAIL?

Queer individuals can visit the centers directly or inquire about available support and assistance.

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General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

WEEKLY IRON FOLIC ACID SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME.

AT A GLANCE

Schools give blue iron tablets once weekly (Mondays) to adolescents(grades 6-12).

DESCRIPTION

The Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation Program (WIFS) aims to address iron deficiency among adolescents enrolled in grades 6 to 12. As part of this initiative, schools distribute blue iron tablets once a week, specifically on Mondays to students. The tablets contain iron and folic acid supplements tailored to correct blood iron levels. By implementing this program, authorities target the critical age group of adolescents, ensuring regular supplementation to combat iron deficiency and promote overall health and well-being. Through consistent weekly distribution of iron tablets, WIFS endeavors to enhance the nutritional status and vitality of school-going adolescents, fostering better learning outcomes and long-term health benefits.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Adolescents enrolled in grades 6 -12 are eligible.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Eligible adolescents can simply attend their schools on designated days, typically Mondays, where the blue iron tablets are distributed.

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General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

JANANI SURAKSHA YOJANA.

AT A GLANCE

Financial aid for hospital deliveries in government and approved private hospitals.

DESCRIPTION

The Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY), with its 83250 scheme, operates in government and authorized private hospitals to eliminate maternal and child mortality rates while boosting hospital deliveries. Rural women delivering in government hospitals receive Rs 700, and urban counterparts receive Rs 600 as financial aid. The funds are directly deposited into the beneficiary's bank account. To avail themselves of this benefit, individuals must provide copies of their Aadhaar Card and Bank Passbook to Asha workers in advance. This initiative aims to incentivize hospital deliveries, ensuring financial support for women during childbirth, thus contributing to improved maternal and child health outcomes.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Women in both rural and urban areas who choose to deliver in government hospitals or approved private hospitals.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Eligible women need to deliver their babies in government hospitals or approved private hospitals. They must provide copies of their Aadhaar Card and Bank Passbook to Asha workers beforehand.

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General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website : www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

SHALABHAM COMPREHENSIVE NEWBORN SCREENING.

AT A GLANCE

Free new born screening in Kerala government hospitals detects and treats early health issues in infants.

DESCRIPTION

The Shalabham Comprehensive New born Screening is a health examination service offered to infants delivered in government hospitals across Kerala. Its purpose is to promptly identify and address any potential defects or health issues in new born. This screening facilitates early detection and treatment of conditions, ensuring the well-being of new born babies right from the start. Free tests available as part of this: VBD screening, Pulse Oximetry Screening/ Focused Cardiac Physical Screening, Hearing tests, Metabolic screening.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All new born babies delivered in Kerala government hospitals are eligible for the free new born screening service.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Parents of new born need to present their babies for screening at any Kerala government hospital.

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General Hospital Junction Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website: www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

ASHADHARA SCHEME.

AT A GLANCE

Govt. hospitals treat haemophilia, sickle cell anaemia, thalassemia; preventive care for kids; free treatment for elderly; 96 centres; emergency care in selected taluk hospitals.

DESCRIPTION

The Ashadhara Scheme is designed to facilitate the treatment of illnesses such as haemophilia, sickle cell anaemia, and thalassemia exclusively through government hospitals. It offers preventive care to children up to 18 years old. Elderly individuals experiencing bleeding receive free treatment in government hospitals according to treatment protocols. Currently, 96 centres offer treatment facilities. Furthermore, a mechanism is established to promptly treat patients with bleeding disorders or suspicions thereof upon their arrival at the emergency department of selected taluk district level hospitals, ensuring immediate care and support for those in need.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children up to 18 years old for preventive care and elderly individuals experiencing bleeding disorders.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals can approach government hospitals where treatment facilities are provided.

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General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website: www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

JANANI SHISHU SURAKSHA KARYAKRAMAM (JSSK)

AT A GLANCE

Free antenatal care, hospital delivery expenses, including obstetrics, medication, tests, and transportation for pregnant women to government hospitals.

Comprehensive care for mothers and newborns

Essential care within 48

DESCRIPTION

JANANI SHISHU SURAKSHA KARYAKRAMAM (JSSK) (Mother and Child Safety Scheme), offers complimentary antenatal care and covers hospital delivery expenses for women delivering in government hospitals until their child reaches one year old. The scheme includes obstetric services such as caesarean sections, medications, blood tests, laboratory examinations, and scans. Additionally, it provides free transportation for pregnant women to and from the hospital for delivery, known as Matruyanam. This initiative aims to support maternal and child health by ensuring access to essential healthcare services without financial barriers, thereby promoting safe deliveries and enhancing the well-being of mothers and infants.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Pregnant women admitted in a government hospital.

Infants up to 30 days

HOW TO AVAIL?

The pregnant women can be referred by the competent staff of the public health facility.

Contact: NHM Arogya Keralam, Phone: 0471 2301181 Fax: 0471 –2302784,

Email: arogyakeralam@gmail.com

General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website: www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

VIVA KERALA

AT A GLANCE

Viva Kerala: Screens women, girls (15-59) for anaemia, provides essential treatment.

DESCRIPTION

The Viva Kerala initiative aims to address the decline in health by focusing on women and adolescent girls, screening them for anaemia and guaranteeing they are anaemia-free. It mandates screening all females aged 15 to 59 for anaemia and provides necessary treatment for those identified with the condition. This program underscores the importance of proactive healthcare measures, particularly for vulnerable groups like women and adolescent girls, ensuring early detection and intervention to combat anaemia's adverse effects on health and well-being. Through systematic screening and treatment protocols, Viva Kerala endeavours to uplift the overall health status of the targeted demographic, promoting vitality and vitality.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Women and adolescent girls aged 15 to 59 years.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

They can inquire about the screening process and access the necessary treatment through healthcare facilities or outreach programs associated with the Viva Kerala program.

NHM Arogya Keralam, Phn: 0471 2301181 Fax: 0471 -2302784, Email: arogyakeralam@gmail.com

General Hospital Jn Thiruvananthapuram 695035, website: www.aarogyakeralam.gov.in

General Education Department

BARRIER FREE SCHOOL

AT A GLANCE

- Barrier Free Schools
- Differently Abled Students
- Skill Development

DESCRIPTION

Barrier Free-Schools Scheme has been envisaged to make schools differently-abled friendly with an allocation of Rs.15 crores. Scheme aims to appropriately ramp up the skill development of differently abled students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

These funds are for schools to improve their infrastructure and facilities to make them more accessible for students with disabilities in general.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through the relevant school authorities implementing the scheme.

Phone: 0471 232 5106 E-mail ID: director.ge@kerala.gov.in Website: education.kerala.gov.in

BIODIVERSITY PARK

AT A GLANCE

- Biodiversity Park
- Environment Conservation
- Schools
- School Faculty

DESCRIPTION

Biodiversity Park is a project conceived to inculcate environmental conservation and love of nature in students. The school faculty and students are expected to oversee the maintenance of the park. They are expected to make the best use of the space they already have.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

For all government schools in Kerala

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through the respective schools in which students enrol.

Phone: 0471 232 5106 E-mail ID: director.ge@kerala.gov.in Website: education.kerala.gov.in

NATIONAL TEACHERS WELFARE FOUNDATION (N.F.T.W) CASH AWARD AND CERTIFICATE

AT A GLANCE

- Cash Awards
- Tangible Recognition
- Uplift and Motivate Teachers

DESCRIPTION

This scheme offers a cash award of Rs. 1000 to children of teachers in government-aided schools who achieve an 'A plus' grade in their SSLC and Plus Two exams. It serves as a form of recognition and incentive for academic excellence among these students. By rewarding the children of teachers, the scheme also acknowledges the dedication and commitment of educators in government-aided schools. The cash award provides tangible support and encouragement to both students and their families. Ultimately, this initiative aims to promote academic achievement and uphold the value of education within the teaching community.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This is a scheme to give a cash award of Rs.1000 to children of teachers in government aided schools who get 'A' plus in SSLC and Plus Two exams.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone: 0471-2325106 / 2324601 Website:- https://education.kerala.gov.in/

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIALNEEDS IN CLASSES 1-8

AT A GLANCE

- Financial assistance
- Ensuring equal opportunities
- Inclusive education
- Empowering children

DESCRIPTION

Financial assistance is being provided to support children with special needs who are enrolled in classes 1-8. This aid is aimed at easing the financial burden associated with education for families of children with special needs. By offering financial support, the project aims to ensure that these children have equal opportunities to access education and related resources necessary for their development. This initiative recognizes the importance of providing inclusive education for all children, regardless of their abilities or disabilities. Ultimately, the goal is to empower children with special needs to thrive academically and achieve their full potential.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

40 percent or more disabled, hearing impaired, visually impaired, autism. This is a scheme that provides financial assistance to children with orthopedic disabilities.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Website:- www.samagra.education.gov.in

FREE ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

- Insurance
- Colloboration
- Risk managemnt

DESCRIPTION

Many schools now offer a free accident insurance scheme for their students to provide a safety net in case of unforeseen accidents on school premises or during school activities. This scheme typically covers medical expenses resulting from accidents that occur within the school's jurisdiction, such as during sports events, field trips, or regular school hours. Parents often appreciate this added layer of protection, knowing that their children are covered in case of emergencies while at school. Schools may collaborate with insurance providers to tailor these schemes to meet the specific needs and risks associated with school environments. Overall, such initiatives aim to promote a sense of security and well-being among students and their families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The scheme provides financial assistance of Rs 50,000 in case of accident and Rs 1,00,000 in case of death to children of classes 1 to 10 in government and aided schools regardless of APL or BPL.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone:0471- 2325106, 2324601

E-mail:- director.ge@kerala.gov.in Website: www.education.kerala.gov.in

GIFTED CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

- Skill Development
- USS Examination
- Students

DESCRIPTION

This is a skill development program for the students who perform best in academics. The scheme is implemented by including 40 children who have secured the highest rank in the USS examination in each educational district.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Top 40 scorers from each educational district in the USS exam.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Selected as per the USS rank list in each educational district

Phone: 0471 232 5106 E-mail ID: director.ge@kerala.gov.in Website: education.kerala.gov.in

INSPIRE AWARD

AT A GLANCE

- Award of Rs. 5,000
- interested in science subjects
- District and state science fairs

DESCRIPTION

An award of Rs 5,000 each is given to the children focussed in science selected in the science fairs. Every year, with the intention of finding and promoting two lakh science talents at the national level, two children from each school who are interested in science subjects are directly selected and the district and state science fairs are organized with their participation and the district winners participate in the state level competition and the state level winners participate in the science fair held at the national level. The list of winners of district and state level competitions is provided to the Director of Public Education through the Deputy Director of Education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

An award of Rs 5,000 each is given to the talentd children selected in the science fairs

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Website : www.online-inspire.gov.in

LOWER SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP (LSS)

AT A GLANCE

- Targeted Levels
- Financial Assistance
- Access to Quality Education

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala LSS USS Scholarship is a government initiative aimed at providing financial assistance to deserving students in the state of Kerala, India. This scholarship program is designed to support students pursuing their studies at the Lower Secondary Scholarship (LSS) and Upper Secondary Scholarship (USS) levels. By offering financial aid, the program aims to encourage academic excellence and ensure that deserving students have access to quality education

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Kerala LSS USS Scholarship program is open to students belonging to specific beneficiary categories. These categories include Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Other Backward Classes (OBC). By targeting these categories, the program aims to ensure that students from marginalized communities have equal opportunities to pursue their education and fulfill their potential.

HOW TO AVAIL?

It helps alleviate the financial burden associated with education, enabling students to access quality schooling and encouraging academic excellence. The applicants can reach out to their school authorities or the respective department for availing the scheme.

Phone: 91 471 254 6800

Website: www.pareekshabhavan.kerala.gov.in
www.pareekshabhavan.kerala.gov.in
www.pareekshabhavan.kerala.gov.in

MID DAY MEAL SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Improving the nutritional status
- Encourages children
- Holistically contributes

DESCRIPTION

The National Programme of Mid Day Meal in schools, popularly called the Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS) is one of the key flagship programmes designed to improve the nutritional status of children in the age group of 6 to 14 years and studying in primary and upper primary classes. The Programme encourages children to come to school and take part in the learning process without worrying for their meal. The Programme was conceived on the basis of the philosophy that "when children have to sit in class with empty stomachs, they cannot focus on learning". The programme in its holistic manner helps to enhance enrolment, attendance and retention of school children while simultaneously contribute to their physical and mental development.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students must be enrolled in either primary (classes 1–5) or upper primary (classes 6–8) government or government-aided schools.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Website: https: pmposhan.education.gov.in

SCHOOL SOCIAL SERVICE SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Schools
- Social Service
- Social Awareness
- Students

DESCRIPTION

School Social Service Scheme is a newly launched scheme for the year 2022-23. Guidelines have been prepared for implementation of the scheme. This project is designed to inculcate social awareness and interest in social service among the students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

For selected government schools in Kerala

HOW TO AVAIL?

Students can enrol in the same through the school authorities.

Phone: 0471 232 5106 E-mail ID: director.ge@kerala.gov.in Website: education.kerala.gov.in

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF VARIOUS SUBJECTS

AT A GLANCE

- English Enrichment
- Languages
- School
- Students

DESCRIPTION

1) Various projects for the promotion of Arabic, Urdu and Sanskrit languages.

2) Various schemes for improving the quality of English education are implemented through the District Center for English

3) The English Enrichment Program is being implemented to improve the English language of students of classes 5 and 6

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students of classes 5 and 6 in various schols across the state.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Project initiated for all government schools.

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FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM PLAN +STITCHING CHARGE

AT A GLANCE

- Handloom school uniforms
- Covers 10 lakh children
- Initiative aimed at providing free uniforms to students

DESCRIPTION

Handloom school uniform distribution to school students for the next academic year will be completed before the mid-summer vacation. As part of the free handloom school uniform scheme, two pairs of uniform cloth will be given to students from classes 1 to 7 in government schools, and to those from classes 1 to 4 in aided schools. The first phase of the distribution will cover a total of 10 lakh children, with 42.5 lakh meters of uniform cloth being allocated.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Two pairs of uniform cloth provided to students in government schools from classes 1 to 7 and in aided schools from classes 1 to 4.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone :- +91 471 2525444, 2525430 Website:https://kerala.gov.in/

ZONAL GAMES

AT A GLANCE

- Two zones
- National Games competition.
- Talented athletes

DESCRIPTION

The 14 districts are divided into two zones, each hosting zonal games in 13 events. These zonal competitions serve as the platform for identifying players to participate in the National Games competition. Additionally, qualification for the State School Games Championship is determined based on performance in these zonal competitions. The zonal structure ensures a systematic approach to talent identification and selection for higher-level competitions. Through this process, talented athletes have the opportunity to showcase their skills and progress to higher levels of competition.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Players who participate in the National Games competition are identified. Qualifying for the State School Games Championship is also from the said zonal competition.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Websitehttps: www.edudel.nic.in

Scheduled Castes Development Department

ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL/ENGINEERING ENTRANCE COACHING

AT A GLANCE

Students

Eligibility: Grades above B+

Science subjects

SSLC Examination

Financial help

Long-term

Medical/engineering entrance coachingTop of Form

DESCRIPTION

Students who get grades above B+ in science subjects on the SSLC Examination are eligible to receive financial help in the sum of 20,000/- for long-term medical/engineering entrance coaching. The centres that they want to be coached can be chosen by the students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students whose parent's annual income should not exceed Rs. 4.5 lakhs.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications should be submitted to the District Development Officer for Scheduled Castes along with caste certificate, Salary certificates and copies of the mark list.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

SHRI. AYYANKALI TALENT SEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Students up to 10th standard
- Scholarship
- Rs. 4500 per year
- Performance
- Eligibility
- Nutritious food.

DESCRIPTION

Students up to the 10th standard are awarded a scholarship of Rs. 4500 per year, determined by their performance in the 4th and 7th standards. To be eligible, the annual income of parents should not surpass Rs. 1,00,000. Additionally, students whose parents' annual income is below Rs. 12,000 receive Rs. 2,000 for purchasing study furniture. Furthermore, students are provided Rs. 100 per month to support the acquisition of nutritious food.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Two pairs of uniform cloth provided to students in government schools from classes 1 to 7 and in aided schools from classes 1 to 4.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The application to be submitted to the District Development Officer for Scheduled Caste along with Caste Certificate, income certificates and grade certificates.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

BOARDING GRANT

AT A GLANCE

- Nurturing talents and supporting academic excellence
- Ensuring access to resources and support
- Advocacy for educational equity and social justice

DESCRIPTION

The Department offers boarding school facilities to exceptionally talented students belonging to the SC community. Additionally, eligibility for this facility is contingent upon the annual income of the student's parents not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/-. This initiative aims to provide educational opportunities to gifted students from marginalized communities, ensuring that their talents are nurtured and they receive the support necessary to excel academically. By offering boarding school facilities, the Department strives to create an environment where talented SC students can thrive and reach their full potential, regardless of their socio-economic background.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students belong to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Eligible Communities (OEC)

Annual income of the student's parents not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/-.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Submit the applications to the District Secretary of the Local Self Government Department (LSGD), accompanied by the grades obtained in the 4th standard examinations.

Phone: 0471- 2737253, Mail: sc.directorate@gmail.com ,

Website: www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

BOOK BANK SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

Two students

Professional courses

Concerned institution

Set of reference books

Worth Rs. 2400–7500

Almirah

worth Rs. 4,000

Storing books.

DESCRIPTION

Two students enrolled in professional courses at the concerned institution, each receive a set of reference books (worth between Rs. 2400 and Rs. 7500). Additionally, an almirah (worth Rs. 4,000/–) is provided for storing the books.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students studying in professional courses.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit your application to the concerned institution (college or university).

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nan davana Road, Thiruvanathapuram–695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in, District Secretary of Local Self Government Department (LSGD)

INSTITUTE FOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION TRAINING SOCIETY (ICSETS) TRIVANDRUM

AT A GLANCE

- Comprehensive training facilities
- Preparation for various civil service examinations
- Providing resources and support for aspirants

DESCRIPTION

The Department operates a civil service training institution in Trivandrum aimed at preparing individuals interested in civil service examinations. Admissions are granted to candidates who successfully clear the state-level preliminary examination. The institution offers comprehensive training facilities including a well-established library, accommodation, and food services.

Additionally, students receive a textbook allowance of Rs. 3000/- to support their studies. Since 2018-2019, training has been conducted through the Kerala Civil Service Academy, ensuring a structured and effective approach to preparing candidates for civil service examinations.

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Candidates who successfully clear the state-level preliminary examination, who belong to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Eligible Communities (OEC)

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Submit through online portal or submit the applications to the concerned authorities along with necessary documents.

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Website: www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARALLEL COLLEGE STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

- Department
- Financial aid
- Scheduled Caste students
- Enrolled
- Lump Sum grant
- Stipend
- Additional cost

DESCRIPTION

The Department provides financial aid to Scheduled Caste students who were not admitted to government or assisted colleges and were enrolled in plus two, degree, and postgraduate courses at parallel colleges. Like regular students, they qualify for the same Lump Sum grant and stipend. There are additional costs for exams and tuition fees.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students who were not admitted to government or assisted colleges

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications should be submitted to the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer, along with necessary certificates.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

ENFORCEMENT OF PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES ACT

AT A GLANCE

- Protection of Civil Rights Act 1989
- Constitutional protection
- Marginalized sections of society
- Special Benches
- District Courts
- Atrocities Act

DESCRIPTION

The Protection of Civil Rights Act and the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, provide constitutional and legal protection for marginalized sections of society. Special Benches are established in District Courts for handling cases under the Atrocities Act. The scheme includes compensation, rehabilitation, legal aid, inter caste marriage grants, and travel allowances for witnesses. A 50% State Share of Rs 115.00 lakh is provided for the scheme during 2022–23, with Rs 15.00 lakh for special court establishment and expenditure.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes

HOW TO AVAIL?

If you are a victim of an atrocity, you can file a complaint with the police. Special Courts and Exclusive Special Courts are established to try individuals charged with atrocities against STs. These courts ensure speedy trials and justice for victims.

Contact: National Helpdesk for Prevention of Atrocities, www.nhapoa.gov.in Toll free no. 18002021989

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS FOR STUDYING ABROAD

AT A GLANCE

Director

Scheduled Caste Development Department

Applications

Scheduled Caste students

Financial aid

Study abroad

Qualify

Rs. 2,500,000

DESCRIPTION

The Director of Scheduled Caste Development Department considers applications from Scheduled Caste students seeking financial aid for study abroad. Students from Scheduled Caste who qualify will receive up to Rs. 2,500,000 in support.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Applicants must belong to the Scheduled Caste category.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications should be submitted to the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer, along with necessary certificates like income, caste, admission letter from the foreign institution, passport details etc.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

GOLD MEDALS FOR RANK HOLDERS

AT A GLANCE

- Providing tangible rewards for academic excellence
- Promoting education and academic success
- Enhancing opportunities

DESCRIPTION

SC students who achieve remarkable feats such as securing the first rank in Medical or Engineering entrance examinations or obtaining A+ grades in all subjects for SSLC and Plus 2 examinations are honored with prestigious gold medals. This recognition underscores their exceptional academic achievements and serves as a testament to their dedication and hard work.

By acknowledging and rewarding outstanding accomplishments, the Department aims to encourage a culture of academic excellence and empower students to reach their full potential despite any socio-economic challenges they may face.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students who secure first rank in Medical or Engineering entrance examinations

Secured A+ grades in all subjects for SSLC and Plus 2 examinations

Students belong to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Eligible Communities (OEC)

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Submit through online portal or submit the applications to the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer through the institution's head along with necessary documents.

Phone: 0471- 2737253, Mail: sc.directorate@gmail.com ,

Website: www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

INITIAL EXPENSES TO THOSE ADMITTED TO ENGINEERING/MEDICAL COURSES

AT A GLANCE

Med/Eng courses

Students

Admitted

Department

Financial support

Rs. 10,000 for medical students

Rs. 5000 for engineering students.

DESCRIPTION

For students admitted to Med/Eng courses, the department offers financial support at a rate of Rs. 10,000 for medical students and Rs. 5000 for engineering students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students whose parent's annual income should not surpass Rs. 1,00,000.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications should be submitted to the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer, along with necessary certificates like income, caste and relevant papers showing the admission details.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

DISTRIBUTION OF LAPTOPS

AT A GLANCE

- Financial assistance for students
- Support for professional courses
- Enhancing opportunities
- Promotion of digital literacy students

DESCRIPTION

First-year SC students pursuing various courses such as B.Tech, M.Tech, MCA, Diploma (CS), BSC (CS), MSC (CS), MSC (Electronics), MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BHMS, BVSC, AH, B.Arch, M.Phil, and PhD are eligible to receive financial assistance of up to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- for purchasing a laptop.

This support aims to facilitate students' access to necessary technological resources for their academic pursuits, ensuring they have the tools required to excel in their studies. By providing financial assistance for laptops, the Department aims to promote digital literacy and empower SC students to fully engage with their educational programs, ultimately contributing to their academic success and future opportunities.

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

First-year SC students pursuing various professional courses, who belong to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Eligible Communities (OEC)

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Submit through online portal or submit the applications to the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer through the institution's head along with necessary documents.

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LUMPSUM GRANT

AT A GLANCE

Students

Plus-one and above

Financial Aid

Department

Educational needs

DESCRIPTION

Students studying in grades plus-one and above are eligible to receive financial aid from the SCD Department for educational needs.

Rate of Lump sum grant is stated below:

Plus-two	-	Rs. 1130/-
Degree	-	Rs. 1190/-
PG	-	Rs. 1570/-

Professional Courses - Rs. 440/- to 3130/- according to the course

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students studying in grades plus-one and above.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications need to be submitted to E-Grantz portal along with Caste Certificate, Income Certificate, copy of the SSLC and certificates proving the educational qualifications of the student. Following the online application, original copies of certificates are to be submitted to the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer through the head of the institution.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum, Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

AT A GLANCE

- Aimed at enhancing the learning environment
- Support for students
- Educational opportunities
- Alleviating financial constraints for familie

DESCRIPTION

The Department operates nine Model Residential Schools aimed at providing enhanced educational opportunities to students starting from standard 5. Admission to these schools is determined through a state-level entrance examination administered by the department. Announcements regarding this examination are typically made during the months of January and February.

It's imperative that the annual income of the student's parents does not exceed Rs. 1,00,000/-. This rigorous selection process ensures that deserving students from diverse backgrounds have access to quality education and the resources necessary to excel academically.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students belong to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Eligible Communities (OEC)

Annual income of the student's parents not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000/-.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Submit the applications to the District Development Officer along with necessary documents including caste certificates, income certificates and an eligibility certificate from the head of their current educational institution.

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Website: www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR SC_ST STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

Model residential schools
Ashramam schools
Weaker tribal sections
Ekalavya schools
Physical education
6th grade

DESCRIPTION

Many Scheduled Tribe individuals lead traditional lifestyles, often isolated from mainstream society, hindering their access to quality education. Model residential schools offer a solution by providing comprehensive facilities for students to reside and learn. The Scheduled Tribe Development Department manages 22 MRSs, while the Scheduled Caste Development Department oversees 11. Admission to 5th grade is granted based on examination results. Special weaker tribal sections may gain admission to Ashramam schools, while Ekalavya schools, focusing on physical education, admit students in 6th grade. New Ekalavya schools have been established in Attappadi and Kasaragod. Ayyankali Memorial MRAs in Vellayani, Thiruvananthapuram, achieved a 100% pass rate in the Plus examination.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

SC and ST students. Annual Income of parents must not exceed 1, 00, 000/-.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Admission of the students will be based on the marks obtained by the students in the state level examination conducted by the department. Notification regarding this will be announced during the months of January and February. Apply with caste certificates, Income certificates along with the eligibility certificate from the head of the present institution where the student is studying.

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www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

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MONTHLY STIPEND

AT A GLANCE

Students

Vulnerable Communities

Vedan

Arunthathiyar

Chakkiliyan

Kalladi

Nayadi Communities

Stipend.

DESCRIPTION

Students from vulnerable communities (vedan, Arunthathiyar, Chakkiliyan, kalladi, and nayadi communities) receive the following stipend:

LP – Rs. 130/–

UP – Rs. 160/–

HS – Rs. 190/–

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students from vulnerable communities

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit the applications to the District Development Officer for SC along with caste certificate, income certificates and grade certificates.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

POST - MATRIC EDUCATION

AT A GLANCE

- Alleviating financial burdens for marginalized communities
- Promoting education and academic success
- Emphasizing inclusivity and equal opportunities

DESCRIPTION

The Department offers financial assistance for educational purposes to students studying in classes +1 and above, distributed through online platforms via E-grants systems.

The lump sum grant rates vary according to the level of education: Rs. 1130/- for Plus Two, Rs. 1190/- for Degree, Rs. 1570/- for PG, and amounts ranging from Rs. 440/- to Rs. 3130/- for Professional Courses, depending on the course pursued. Additionally, students receive a monthly stipend of Rs. 630/- if residing within 8 kilometers and Rs. 750/- if residing beyond 8 kilometers, aiming to alleviate financial burdens and promote continued education among marginalized communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students from classes +1 and above who belong to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Eligible Communities (OEC)

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Submit through online portal or submit the applications to the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer through the institution's head along with necessary documents.

Phone: 0471- 2737253, Mail: sc.directorate@gmail.com ,

Website: www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

PRE-MATRIC EDUCATION

AT A GLANCE

Students

6 to 15 years

Academic year

Headmaster

Lumpsum grant

DESCRIPTION

Within 15 days at the start of the academic year, students enrolled in government, aided, and approved unaided schools get the Lumpsum grant from their respective headmasters.

Lumpsum grant rates:

LP (1–4) – 320/–

UP (5–7) – 630/–

HS (8–10) – 940/–

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students studying in classes up to SSLC

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit the applications to the District Development Officer for SC along with caste certificate, income certificates and grade certificates. Depending on the conditions of the grant, the money may be given to the student or the school directly.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram–695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR 9TH AND 10TH SCHEDULED CASTE STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

Special scholarships

CSS

SC students

9th & 10th grade

Maximum income

Rs. 25,000.

DESCRIPTION

Special scholarships under Central Sector Scheme (CSS) are awarded to SC students enrolled in 9th and 10th grade. Maximum income of Rs. 25,0000. The scholarship's rate is listed below:

For Day scholars - Rs. 3500/-

Hostelers - Rs. 7000/-

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students studying in classes 9 and 10

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through E-Grantz portal

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

PRE-MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP TO THE CHILDREN OF THOSE ENGAGED IN CLEANING AND PRONE TO HEALTH HAZARDS

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Caste Development Department

Financial support

Kids

Parents

Cleaning

Risk of Health problems

Regardless of caste/ religion

DESCRIPTION

Regardless of their caste or religion, the Scheduled Caste Development Department is giving financial support to kids whose parents work in cleaning and are at risk for health problems.

The scholarship's rate is listed below:

Day scholars – Rs. 3500/–

Hostelers – Rs. 8000/– (for class 3–10)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students whose parents are engaged in cleaning and prone to health hazards.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Application should be submitted to the concerned Scheduled Caste Development Officer through the head of the school along with the certificate issued by the Village Officer/Secretary LSGD for proving their eligibility.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram–695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

AT A GLANCE

Department
Nursery schools
Elementary education
Uniforms
Instructional materials
Daily meal charges
Lump sum payment
General category
Seat reservation

DESCRIPTION

The Department oversees 87 nursery schools for elementary education. The department provides uniforms, instructional materials, and daily meal charges. Each student receives a lump sum payment of Rs. 500, uniform costs of Rs. 600, and daily meal charges of Rs. 30. Every school may hold up to thirty students. Of these, 25% of the seats are set aside for students who fall under the general category.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students belonging to Scheduled Caste

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Scheduled Caste Development Department

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100 www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

PRIMARY/SECONDARY EDUCATION AID

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Caste Students

Classes 1–8

Rs. 2,000/–

Uniforms, Bags, Umbrellas

Programme

2014–15

E–grants site

DESCRIPTION

Scheduled Caste students in classes I through VIII were granted Rs. 2,000 to spend on things like uniforms, bags, and umbrellas. This new programme was launched in 2014–15 and is administered online via the e–grants site.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students studying in classes 1–8

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit the applications to the District Development Officer for SC along with caste certificate, income certificates and grade certificates.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram–695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

SECURE ACCOMODATION & FACILITY ENHANCEMENT.

AT A GLANCE

Financial aid to complete housing construction.

SC and ST, ensuring safety and adequate facilities.

Accomplished 8000 houses in the first year.

DESCRIPTION

The state government has initiated the SAFE scheme to ensure the secure completion of housing construction for individuals belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, residing in homes lacking safety and sufficient amenities. This program offers financial assistance of 2 lakhs for Scheduled Castes and 2.5 lakhs for Scheduled Tribes. The funds are allocated for essential improvements such as roof strengthening, plastering, plumbing, and wiring, aiming to make the residences fully habitable. Notably, achieving the completion of 8000 houses in the inaugural year of this project stands as a significant accomplishment, reflecting the commitment to enhancing living conditions for marginalized communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who reside in houses with inadequate safety features and facilities.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to local government offices, tribal welfare departments to inquire about the application process.

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E mail id: office@unnathikerala.org , info@unnathikerala.org

SPECIAL INCENTIVE SCHEME FOR SC STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Caste Students
Financial support
Encouragement
Kerala
Special Incentive Scheme
Rewards
Scholarships

DESCRIPTION

Students from Scheduled Caste backgrounds receive financial support and encouragement through Kerala's Special Incentive Scheme for SC Students. By providing rewards and scholarships, the programme seeks to encourage education among SC students.

Cash award rates vary based on the level of achievement and the course pursued, ranging from Rs. 1500/- to Rs. 10000/-.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students with a total annual family income from all sources up to Rs. 8 lakhs are eligible

HOW TO AVAIL?

Students can apply through the E-grantz 3.0 platform along with necessary documents.\

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in www.scholarships.gov.in

SHRI. AYYANKALI MEMORIAL GOVT. MODEL RESIDENTIAL SPORTS SCHOOL -TRIVANDRUM

AT A GLANCE

- Specialized training
- Nurturing talents and supporting academic excellence
- Promoting physical fitness and well-being
- Providing opportunities for future athletes.

DESCRIPTION

The sports school located at Vellayani in Trivandrum is established with the primary objective of providing specialized training to students from standard 5 onwards who exhibit exceptional talent in sports.

The selection process involves region-wise trials to identify promising athletes. Each class admits a total of 30 students. The curriculum is aligned with the state syllabus and spans up to the 12th grade. To facilitate the students' training regimen, a mess charge of Rs. 200/- per student per day is levied to cover their dietary requirements. This sports school serves as a platform for nurturing athletic talent and fostering holistic development among students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Selected Athletes belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Other Eligible Communities (OEC)

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Submit the applications to the District Development Officer along with necessary documents.

Phone: 0471- 2737253, Mail: sc.directorate@gmail.com ,
Website: www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

STUDY TOUR ASSISTANCE

AT A GLANCE

- Rs. 4,000
- Awarded to students
- Professional programs
- Higher secondary programs
- Study tours
- Relevant universities

DESCRIPTION

A maximum of Rs. 4,000 is awarded to students enrolled in professional or higher secondary programmes for attending study tours led by the relevant universities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Caste students studying in Higher Secondary or Professional courses.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Application with necessary certificates should be submitted to the concerned District Scheduled Caste Department Officers.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Caste Development Department, Museum Nandavanam Road, Thiruvanathapuram-695033 Ph: 0471 2737100, www.scdd.kerala.gov.in

6.Scheduled Tribes Development Department

BHARAT DARSHAN: STUDY TRIP FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

- Exposure
- Cultural
- Historical
- Geographical aspects
- Tribal students

DESCRIPTION

The programme Bharat Darshan seeks to introduce participants to a range of geographical, historical, and cultural facets of India. Students—including tribal students—who have the chance to travel to many parts of our unique nation will particularly benefit from it. The actual expenses for their study tour are sanctioned under this scheme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Brilliant students belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Scheduled Tribe children can avail this benefit through Tribal Welfare Departments.

Contact: https://www.stdd.kerala.gov.in Directorate of STDD,4th floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram , keralatribes@gmail.com, 04712305494

ENHANCEMENT OF FACILITIES IN SCHEDULED TRIBE AREAS

AT A GLANCE

- Upgrade
- essential facilities
- Underdeveloped Scheduled Tribe regions
- Hospitals
- Schools
- Access to treatment
- High-quality

DESCRIPTION

The plan intends to upgrade the essential facilities in the most underdeveloped Scheduled Tribe regions, including hospitals and schools. Ensuring access to treatment and high-quality education is the goal of this project. The programme makes improvements to amenities possible at hospitals, Scheduled Tribe hostels, and schools with at least 20% of Scheduled Tribe students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes, especially students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Tribal Welfare Department and other related institutions.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department Email id: keralatribes@gmail.com Phone no. 0471-2304594

ENSURING HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION

AT A GLANCE

- Scheme
- Improve
- Quality education
- Scheduled Tribe students
- Academic standards

DESCRIPTION

The scheme aims to improve the quality of education of Scheduled Tribe students by ensure 100% admission in schools, increasing hostel facilities, conduct tests to determine academic standards, starting special coaching centres, providing guidance for appearing in entrance exams and placing talented students in reputed schools. EMRS counsellors are also appointed through this scheme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students from Schedued Tribe category

HOW TO AVAIL?

Scheduled Tribe students can avail this benefit through Scheduled Tribe Welfare Departments, Tribal Extension Officers and educational institutions.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471-2304594, 0471-2303229

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHEDULED TRIBE WELFARE INSTITUTIONS

AT A GLANCE

- Scheduled Tribe Welfare
- Monetary support programme
- Priyadarshini Tea Estate
- Ambedkar Memorial Village Development Institute
- Attapadi Co-operative Farming Society

DESCRIPTION

This programme attempts to support Scheduled Tribe Welfare Institutions monetarily. This scheme provides funds to Priyadarshini Tea Estate in Mananthavadi for agricultural maintenance; it also gives money to Ambedkar Memorial Village Development Institute in Wayanad district for vocational skill training; it offers money to Attapadi Co-operative Farming Society; necessary financial assistance for the operation of Chindaki school and hostel at Attapadi. Offers support to Scheduled Tribe Co-operative Societies in the scheduled tribe area for operations.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Scheduled Tribe Development Departments

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department Email id: keralatribes@gmail.com Phone no. 0471-2304594

FOSTER CARE

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Child-friendly environment
- Legal representation
- POCSO Act
- Observational homes

DESCRIPTION

It offers temporary housing for children unable to be legally adopted, allowing birth parents to retain their rights. This arrangement caters to children facing crises like illness or desertion by a parent, with the aim of eventual reunification with their biological families. Foster care ensures the child's physical custody until they can return to their family, typically within a year. The system emphasizes family stability and aims to prevent institutionalization in challenging circumstances. Overall, foster care in Kerala prioritizes the well-being and eventual reunification of children with their families.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children in need, with eligible foster parents being married couples, single parents, or extended family members, prioritizing kinship. Selection focuses on emotional stability, adequate income, and commitment to nurturing the child's well-being.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Prospective foster parents must register with their Local District Child Protection Unit(DCPU) and submit required documents. They undergo counseling and assessments conducted by designated officers before filing an application with the Children's Court. The final placement decision for eligible children is made by the Child Welfare Committee based on assessments and reports.

Contact: Directorate of Women & Child Development, Poojappura P.O., Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala Pin: 695012, Phone: 0471-2346508,2346534 , Email: directorate.wcd@kerala.gov.in Web: Schemes - WCD Kerala

FREE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIPS

AT A GLANCE

Kerala pioneers free library memberships for SC and ST students, expanding access and promoting cultural and intellectual development.

DESCRIPTION

Kerala, as the pioneering state in India, offers free library memberships to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students. State libraries under the State Library Council extend complimentary memberships to students from these communities. In areas lacking library infrastructure, the government plans to establish libraries through community initiatives, ensuring book collections in Social Studies Centres under the Scheduled Tribes Development Department and setting up digital libraries where internet access is feasible. This initiative aims to elevate Scheduled Tribe members to prominent societal roles, fostering cultural and intellectual awareness among them, thus enhancing their societal standing and sense of belonging.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Students from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can approach their respective libraries under the State Library Council in Kerala and apply for membership.

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FREESHIP CARD

AT A GLANCE

- Freeship Card for SC students, covering various fees and scholarships;
- Aadhaar linkage for specific courses;
- attendance-based scholarship portal implemented for higher education.

DESCRIPTION

The government introduced the Freeship Card for SC students, facilitating admission to educational institutions without prior registration. Moreover, it covers tuition, examination, and special fees for distance, online, part-time, and evening courses. Additionally, 76% of fellowship amount scholarships, contingent grants, and Aadhaar linkage for Ph.D., M.Phil., M.Tech, and M.Litt courses are provided for those ineligible for UGC GATE Scholarships. This administration also established attendance-linked scholarship portals for higher education students, streamlining scholarship disbursement processes and promoting educational access and equity among marginalized communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility typically extends to SC students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible SC students should inquire with educational institutions or relevant government departments.

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GOTHRA JEEVIKA

AT A GLANCE

- Sustainable Livelihood Generation Programme
- ST Community
- Gothra jeevika
- Skill gaps
- Tribals
- Skill development training

DESCRIPTION

The Sustainable Livelihood Generation Programme for Scheduled Tribe Community, known as 'Gothrajeevika', aims to address skill gaps among tribals in fourteen districts of the state by providing skill development training and encouraging self-employment through forming societies. The programme offers various training categories, including dress making, carpentry, construction, driving, plumbing, wiring, and masonry, with 1170 beneficiaries provided with benefits, food, and travel allowances.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through local authorities and offices working for the welfare of the community within the respective areas (Eg .Tribal Extension Office)

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Trivandrum
Email id: keralatribes@gmail.com Phone no. 0471-2304594

GOTHRABANDHU- ENGAGING TRIBAL TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

AT A GLANCE

- Educated tribal teenager
- TTC/B.Ed degree
- Mentor teacher
- Primary schools
- Tribal dialect
- Malayalam
- Appropriate education

DESCRIPTION

One educated tribal teenager (men or women) with a TTC/ B.Ed degree from the same community who is fluent in the tribal dialect and Malayalam is chosen and trained to serve as a mentor teacher in primary schools in order to guarantee that tribal children receive an appropriate education.

These educators are tasked with helping tribal children with their language barriers, lowering dropout rates, and guaranteeing 100% enrolment.

In accordance with the plan, 241 eligible tribal youth were assigned to the Wayanad district in 2017-18. In Palakkad district, 26 persons have been appointed as mentor teachers in Attapadi area and 20 persons elsewere.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students from Scheduled Tribe category

HOW TO AVAIL?

Students can avail this:

- Through the Animators in the locality
- Through the SC Promoters

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471-2304594

GOTHRAVALSALYANIDHI

AT A GLANCE

- Project
- Tribal girls
- Social and economic security
- Complete development
- Birth through all stages of life
- Health

DESCRIPTION

The project aims to give tribal girls social and economic security, which will contribute to their complete development from birth through all stages of life, including health and scholastic achievements. This is an endowment plan with a long maturation period; it matures only once the child turns 18 and has completed at least one grade. The insurance amount can be used for higher education and settling in life. This scheme includes cash pay-outs during immunization and school admission stages. Insurance against death of parents and permanent disabilities is also included.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Girls belonging to Scheduled Tribes

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Tribal Welfare Departments and other related institutions.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department Email id: keralatribes@gmail.com Phone no. 0471-2304594

HOME FOR HOMELESS

AT A GLANCE

- Programme
- Financial support
- Building homes
- Homeless Scheduled Tribes
- Equal payments
- Life Mission programme
- Commencement in

DESCRIPTION

This programme offers financial support for building homes for homeless Scheduled Tribes. The sum is paid in five equal payments. Housing funding is being offered under the Life Mission programme starting 2018-19. Housing funding under this scheme is Rs.6 lakh for scheduled tribes residing inside sanctuaries and Rs.4 lakh for those residing outside. In the most underprivileged locations, an additional 20 percent of funding may be authorised.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Homeless families belonging to Scheduled Tribes.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Visit the official website of Life Mission Kerala and submit the application along with the certificates like Ration Card, Aadhaar Card, Caste certificate, Income certificate, and Medical certificate for physically and mentally challenged, Widowed families must submit the death certificate of the deceased head of the family.

Contact: Secretaries of respective Gram Panchayats in which ST families reside.
Website : https://lifemission.kerala.gov.in/ml/life-project

HOUSEHOLD ORIENTED MICRO-PLANNING FOR EMPOWERMENT.

AT A GLANCE

To uplift vulnerable populations through micro-level planning, addressing housing, land, education, and self-employment.

DESCRIPTION

Initiated by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Department, 'HOME' (Household Oriented Micro-planning for Empowerment) is a micro-level planning project aimed at liberating vulnerable populations from extreme poverty. In collaboration with people's representatives, various departments and local bodies, the project seeks to assess the current situation of Scheduled Tribes and Praktana Tribes households. By collecting detailed information, the objective is to identify areas of backwardness and develop tailored plans to address specific needs, including housing, land, vocational training, agricultural land, infrastructure development, improved child education, and self-employment. This comprehensive approach aims to uplift and empower the weaker sections of society.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribes and Praktana Tribes households

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to tribal welfare departments, or the Unnathi mission to enquire about the application process.

Phone no: 0471 251 8274, ST Dept Website: https://unnathikerala.org/

E mail id: office@unnathikerala.org , info@unnathikerala.org

INCENTIVE TO PARENTS OF ST STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

- Parents
- ST children
- LP classes
- 75% attendance
- Academic year
- Monthly payment

DESCRIPTION

Parents whose ST children attend LP classes with 75% attendance during the academic year receive a monthly payment of Rs. 50/-.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Parents of Scheduled Tribe students

HOW TO AVAIL?

Parents of Scheduled Tribe students can avail this benefit through Scheduled Tribe Welfare Departments.

Contact: stdd.kerala.gov.in, tgrantz.kerala.gov.in (website)

Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471-2304594, 0471- 2303229

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES

AT A GLANCE

- Scheduled Tribe Development Department
- Model Training Centres
- Special training
- Scheduled Tribe students

DESCRIPTION

The Scheduled Tribe Development Department provides 12 model training institutes that offer vocational training in weaving and tailoring to prepare Scheduled Tribe students for specialised technical employment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students belonging to Scheduled tribe category

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Scheduled Tribe Development Departments at the various levels in the state.

Contact: stdd.kerala.gov.in (website), tgrantz.kerala.gov.in (website)

Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471-2304594, 0471- 2303229

JANANI-JANMA RAKSHA

AT A GLANCE

- Tribal health
- Health Department
- Nutrition needs
- Mother and child
- Scheme
- Payment

DESCRIPTION

The nutrition needs of mother and child are one of the main considerations in the development path of ensuring tribal health. The scheme provides for providing timely support through an amount of Rs 2,000/- per month for a period of eighteen months, starting in the third month of pregnancy and ending in the month when child becomes one years old. A bank account is used to make payments to the beneficiaries.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This scheme is only available to pregnant women from ST Category who are above 19 years of age.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit the applications to the Scheduled Tribe Development Department along with address proof, Aadhaar card, bank details, passport size photo etc.

Contact: www.stdd.kerala.gov.in , Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com, Phone no. 0471-2304594

KAITHANG SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Increased financial aid for orphaned Scheduled Tribe students.
- Rs.1500 to Rs.2000 per month.

DESCRIPTION

The Kaithang project has been institutionalised to provide greater support, particularly focusing on the financial aid for Scheduled Tribe students who have lost their parents. Under this scheme, the assistance has been increased from Rs. 1500 to Rs. 2000 per month. This increase underscores a commitment to better address the needs of vulnerable students belonging to Scheduled Tribes, ensuring they receive adequate support in their educational pursuits. The adjustment in financial aid acknowledges the challenges these students face and aims to alleviate some of the burdens associated with their circumstances, ultimately fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for their academic journey.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Orphaned Scheduled Tribe students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible Scheduled Tribe students who have lost their parents can typically apply through designated Government or educational institutions.

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KATADI (KERALA ACCELERATED TRIBAL ABILITY DEVELOPMENT & INCLUSION INITIATIVE).

AT A GLANCE

Aids differently-abled Scheduled Tribe members with free modern equipment and livelihood support in Kerala.

DESCRIPTION

'KATADI' (Kerala Accelerated Tribal Ability Development & Inclusion Initiative) aims to uplift differently-abled Scheduled Tribe members with free modern equipment and livelihood support in Kerala. The scheme offers free access to contemporary equipment like mobility aids and hearing aids, facilitating their livelihood opportunities. It is projected to impact hundreds of Scheduled Tribes, empowering them with tools for improved mobility and communication while fostering avenues for sustainable livelihoods. This initiative underscores the state's commitment to the welfare and inclusion of marginalized communities, particularly focusing on addressing the needs and enhancing the quality of life for differently abled members of Scheduled Tribes across Kerala.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Differently-abled Scheduled Tribe members in Kerala.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Tribal Welfare offices situated in the districts.

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KERALA TRIBAL PLUS – MGNREGS

AT A GLANCE

- HST Development Department
- Kerala Tribal Plus Programme
- Additional Wage Employment Programme
- MGNREGS initiative
- Commissionerate of Rural Development

DESCRIPTION

The ST Development Department launched the Kerala Tribal Plus Programme, an Additional Wage Employment Programme, under the MGNREGS initiative in order to give tribal families more work opportunities. Tribal families receive 100 days of employment under this programme, which is an additional 100 days from MGNREGS. The Commissionerate of Rural Development will have access to the funds needed for the initiative. The ST Department, working with the MGNREGS Mission, may organise a special drive to enrol more tribal families under the programme. This drive would guarantee 200 days of employment for all tribal members, particularly in districts where tribes predominate, such as Wayanad, Palakkad, Idukki, Kasargod, and Kannur.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribes

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through local Scheduled Tribe Development Department.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Trivandrum
Email id: keralatribes@gmail.com Phone no. 0471-2304594 www.stdd.kerala.gov.in

MIDWIFERY CENTRE

AT A GLANCE

Women in tribal communities

Reproductive health services

Maternity services

Pregnancy

Childbirth

Postpartum period

Midwives

DESCRIPTION

Healthcare institutions created especially to offer maternity and reproductive health services to tribal groups are referred to as "midwifery centres for tribes". Offering complete care to women in tribal communities is the main goal of these centres, especially during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period. The word "midwifery" highlights the function of midwives, who are educated experts with a focus on assisting women during childbirth. Three centres are functioning in Wayanad district and one centre in Kollam district.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Women in tribal communities

HOW TO AVAIL?

Avail through ASHA workers or local health care departments.

Contact: www.stdd.kerala.gov.in , Arogya Keralam, Office of the Mission Director, NRHM building, General Hospital Jn., Trivandrum, 695035, 0471-2301181

MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Tribes Development Department

Model Residential Schools, Hostels

Scheduled Tribe Students

High quality education

Centres of excellence

DESCRIPTION

The Scheduled Tribe Development department oversees 22 Model Residential Schools, six of which use the CBSE Syllabus, to offer ST children with a high-quality education. These colleges also offer other academic facilities. The ST department maintains model residential schools that are centres of excellence that have continuously produced remarkable outcomes in the SSLC and Plus Two exams over the years. All educational expenses like accommodation and food will be free for all children admitted in MRS.

Rate of food expenses:

1–10th std – 3000/–

11–12th std – 3450/–

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit the applications to the student management portal of Scheduled Tribe Development Department along with caste certificate, income certificates, grade certificates and other personal information. Academic performance, category, and other relevant considerations are taken into account throughout the selection process.

Contact: www.stdd.kerala.gov.in , www.stmrs.in

Website: www.education.kerala.gov.in

NURSERY SCHOOLS

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Tribes Development Department

Nursery schools

Pre-primary education

DESCRIPTION

The Scheduled Tribes Development Department oversees 13 nursery schools that provide pre-primary education. This department covers the wages and other benefits of nursery school instructors and caretakers as well as the cost of the children's midday meals.

Daily cost of food for each child: 40/-

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students

HOW TO AVAIL?

Scheduled Tribe students can avail this through Tribal Welfare Officers.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471-2304594, 0471-2303229

PERIPATETIC INSTITUTIONS

AT A GLANCE

Education

Scheduled Tribes

Support

Indigenous communities

Isolated places

DESCRIPTION

Peripatetic institutions are primarily defined as educational or training establishments that relocate or shift locations in order to offer services especially created for communities of Scheduled Tribes. These organisations seek to connect with and support the educational needs of indigenous communities, many of which reside in isolated or underdeveloped places.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students

HOW TO AVAIL?

Scheduled Tribe students can avail this benefit through Scheduled Tribe Welfare Departments and Tribal Extension Officers.

Contact: www.stdd.kerala.gov.in , www.tgrantz.kerala.gov.in (website) Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471–2304594, 0471– 2303229

POST-MATRIC HOSTELS

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Tribes Development Department

10 hostels

Students

Education

DESCRIPTION

The Scheduled Tribes Development Department oversees ten post-matric hostels for Scheduled Tribe students enrolled in classes above plus two.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students doing coursework beyond the 12th grade

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit the applications to the Scheduled Tribe Development Department Officer along with caste certificate, income certificates and grade certificates

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471-2304594, 0471-2303229
stdd.kerala.gov.in (website)

PRE-MATRIC HOSTELS

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Tribes Development Department

108 hostels

Students

Education

DESCRIPTION

Pre-matric hostels are essential for assisting students from Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes in completing their elementary and secondary education. The Department of Scheduled Tribe Development oversees 108 pre-matric hostels. In hostels, all educational costs, including accommodation, food and study materials are covered at no cost.

Rate of food expenses of hostel inmates:

1-10th std - 3000/-

11-12th std - 3450/-

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students

HOW TO AVAIL?

Scheduled Tribe students can avail this through Tribal Welfare Officers.

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Vikas Bhavan, Trivandrum, keralatribes@gmail.com , 0471-2304594, 0471-2303229

PRODUCTION TRAINING CENTRE

AT A GLANCE

Production Training Centre

Special training

Scheduled Tribe students

DESCRIPTION

Special training for Scheduled Tribe students is being provided at a production training centre located in Chonanpara, Thiruvananthapuram district.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Scheduled Tribe Development Department

Contact: stdd.kerala.gov.in (website)

ONLY IN KERALA "NOT OUT" SCHOLARSHIP FOR ALL

AT A GLANCE

Central denies scholarships based on income; so, state provides for all SC students.

DESCRIPTION

The central government restricted post-matric scholarships for SC students with income over Rs 2.5 lakh, while the state ensured scholarships for all SC students. Additionally, the central government limited scholarships for backward students to classes 9 and 10, but the state budget allocated funds to reinstate scholarships for classes 1 to 8. Despite 40% reduction in central scholarship funds for backward class students and 30% reduction in outstanding amounts, the state covered the entire shortfall, prioritizing students' uninterrupted education. The state government settled outstanding scholarship dues of 104.3 crore rupees from previous years, ensuring timely disbursement.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

SC students with income below a specified threshold and backward class students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

SC students should apply through state channels, whereas backward class students can seek assistance from respective state scholarship programs.

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SCHOLARSHIP FOR NEW GENERATION COURSES.

AT A GLANCE

Scholarships available for merit/reservation students autonomous institutes, including TIM, IIT, NIFT, CA, ICWA, Company Secretary, private universities, vocational institutes, and out-of-state studies, expanding opportunities.

DESCRIPTION

The government has updated regulations to extend scholarships to students admitted on merit or reservation basis in autonomous educational institutions such as TIM, IIT, and NIFT, as well as those pursuing courses like CA, ICWA, and Company Secretary. Scholarships are now accessible for students attending chartered universities, private universities endorsed by the government, vocational training institutes, and out-of-state studies. This revision ensures broader scholarship coverage, benefiting more students and facilitating their access to financial support for education across various prestigious institutions and specialized courses recognized by the government.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students admitted based on merit or reservation in autonomous institutes, including TIM, IIT, NIFT, and various professional courses like CA, ICWA, Company Secretary, along with those enrolled in private universities, vocational institutes, and out-of-state studies, benefiting from the revised scholarship norm.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible students must follow application procedures outlined by respective educational institutions or scholarship programs, adhering to updated norms for scholarship eligibility.

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SPECIAL INCENTIVES NOW 'VERY SPECIAL'

AT A GLANCE

Increased incentives for exam winners, meritorious awards for full marks and top positions by SC/ST Development Departments.

DESCRIPTION

The Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Departments have raised the incentive amounts for winners of public examinations. Additionally, meritorious incentives will be awarded to students achieving full marks in their exams and securing the top three positions. This initiative aims to recognize and reward academic excellence among marginalized communities, encouraging students to strive for exceptional performance. By increasing incentives and introducing merit-based rewards, the departments seek to motivate students from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to excel academically, fostering a culture of achievement and empowerment within these communities through tangible recognition of their accomplishments.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible students should inquire with the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Departments.

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www.stdd.kerala.gov.in E mail id: office@unnathikerala.org , info@unnathikerala.org

GREAT DEMOCRACY

AT A GLANCE

FDSJ promotes parliamentary democracy & social justice; initiatives include Youth Parliament, Students' Council for student involvement in development activities.

DESCRIPTION

Forum for Democracy & Social Justice (FDSJ) is being formed at the school and college levels to impart the values of parliamentary democracy based on social justice to the younger generation and to prepare platforms for democracy and social justice.

Youth Parliament/Model Parliament: Various competitions are being organized for students as part of Youth Parliament/ Model Parliaments at school college levels.

Students' Council: Preparations for organizing an innovative program called Students Sabha have been completed as part of enabling the involvement of the student community in the on-going development activities in the Legislative Assembly Constituency. Through this, it will be possible for the students to directly interact with the people's representatives regarding their views on the development activities going on in the country and their hopes for the future of the country.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students and individuals associated with schools and colleges who are interested in promoting parliamentary democracy and social justice values among the youth.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Students can participate through the schools and colleges.

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THE STUDY ROOM SCHEME.

AT A GLANCE

Study room scheme expands to include more grades & Kendriya Vidyalayas; 5000 students allotted classrooms in 2022-23.

DESCRIPTION

The study room program, previously exclusive to eighth through twelfth-grade students, now encompasses fifth to seventh graders and those attending Kendriya Vidyalayas. In the fiscal year 2022-23, 5000 students were assigned classrooms under this extension. This expansion aims to provide academic support and resources to a broader range of students, fostering a conducive learning environment across various grade levels and school types. The inclusion of younger students and those from Kendriya Vidyalayas reflects a commitment to equitable education access and the recognition of diverse educational needs. This initiative signifies efforts to enhance educational opportunities and facilitate holistic student development.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students in fifth to twelfth grades, including those attending Kendriya Vidyalayas.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible students can inquire with their school authorities or relevant educational departments for application procedures.

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SUBSIDIZED HOSTELS

AT A GLANCE

- Scheduled Tribe Development Department
- Scheduled Tribe students
- Boarding grants

DESCRIPTION

Boarding grants are given to students from Scheduled Tribes residing in hostels that are run by organisations certified by the Department of Scheduled Tribe Development by Kerala Govt.

Boarding grant rates:

1–10th std – 700/–

11–12th std – 800/–

Uniform allowance:

1–9th std – 500/–

10–12th std – 700/–

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students who residing in subsidized hostels.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Scheduled Tribe Development Department, Kerala

Scheduled Tribe Development Department Kerala

Contact: https://www.stdd.kerala.gov.in/

SUPPLY OF LAPTOP TO STUDENTS

AT A GLANCE

Education

Scheduled Tribes

Laptop

Professional courses

DESCRIPTION

The scheme aims to give laptops to ST students enrolled in professional courses at authorised universities and institutions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled tribe students for this initiative include those pursuing postgraduate degrees in M. Tech, MBA, M.Sc. Computer Science, MCA, MBBS, BDS, BAMS, BHMS, BVSc & AH, and other disciplines.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Scheduled Tribe students can avail this benefit through Scheduled Tribe Welfare Departments and Tribal Extension Officers.

Contact: scdd.kerala.gov.in, tgrantz.kerala.gov.in (website)

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VIDHYAVAHINI.

AT A GLANCE

Scheduled Tribes Development Department ensures school attendance by providing transportation for students in tribal areas, to eliminate dropouts.

DESCRIPTION

The Scheduled Tribes Development Department is executing a program designed to enhance school attendance and eradicate dropout rates among students in Scheduled Tribes regions. This initiative intends to provide transportation services for students, ensuring they commute from their residences to schools and vice versa. By facilitating access to education through transportation support, the scheme endeavours to mitigate barriers to attendance and foster academic continuity among Scheduled Tribes students. The initiative underscores the department's commitment to promoting education equity and inclusivity, addressing logistical challenges that hinder educational participation, and striving for the holistic development of students in tribal areas.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students in Scheduled Tribes regions.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The schools in the tribal region can contact the Scheduled Tribes Development Department.

Scheduled Tribes Development Department Kerala

Phone no: 0471 251 8274 Website: https://unnathikerala.org/

https://stdd.kerala.gov.in/guidelines-vidhyavahini

VIKASANOTSAVAM.

AT A GLANCE

Student development in SC/ST areas. Drug-free communities with Save Clubs, cultural events, development showcases, health camps, anti-drug campaigns, career counselling, and efforts against school dropouts.

DESCRIPTION

Vikasanotsavam 2023 was held in Scheduled Caste Villages and Scheduled Tribe Towns to foster cognitive, mental, and physical development of students during summer break. To create drug-free communities, Save Clubs were formed, and cultural events were initiated by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Departments, led by State and Local Self-Government Bodies. Activities included showcasing ongoing development projects, health camps, anti-drug campaigns, sanitation drives, film screenings, seminars, career counselling, extracurricular competitions, honouring talented students and seniors, and efforts to prevent school dropouts. The state will extensively organize these events to promote holistic development and social well-being.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students and community members residing in Scheduled Caste Villages and Scheduled Tribe.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Organised through Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribe development Department.

Scheduled tribe development Department, Phone no: 0471 251 8274

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

AT A GLANCE

Program

Vocational Training

NCVT

Approved courses

DESCRIPTION

The aim of this programme is to provide vocational training through NCVT (National Council for Vocational Education and Training) approved courses. There are two Vocational Training Institutes for Scheduled Tribe students functioning at Thiruvananthapuram (Kuttamala) and Idukki (Nadukani).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Scheduled Tribe students

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit the applications to the student management portal of Scheduled Tribe Development Department along with caste certificate, income certificates, grade certificates and other personal information. Academic performance, category, and other relevant considerations are taken into account throughout the selection process.

Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Kerala

Contact: stdd.kerala.gov.in, education.kerala.gov.in (website)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO THE MOST BACKWARD SCHEDULED TRIBES

AT A GLANCE

- Scheduled Tribes
- Stable source of income
- Department
- Programs
- Thirteenth five-year plan
- Family job
- Skills development

DESCRIPTION

In order to give the scheduled tribes a stable source of income, the department has been putting several programmes into place. The stated goal of the Thirteenth five-year plan is to give at least one member of a family a job. The development of skills and the promotion of traditional employment are the primary areas of attention for Scheduled Tribe human capacity building. In the interest of skill development, the department chooses those mentioned institutions, offers training, and makes sure students are placed.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Persons belonging to Scheduled Tribes

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Scheduled Tribes Development Departments

Contact: Directorate of Scheduled Tribes Development Department
Email id: keralatribes@gmail.com Phone no. 0471-2304594

WINGS

AT A GLANCE

Scheme offers aviation opportunities to SC, ST, and backward category students.

DESCRIPTION

Previously, only one student per year from scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and backward categories received a scholarship for the costly commercial pilot course, enabling them to become aviators. However, the government introduced a new program named WINGS, granting opportunities to 3 SC, 2 ST, and 1 OEC student annually to pursue commercial pilot training. Additionally, the Scheduled Tribes Development Department trained and employed 150 ST students in Airport Airline Management courses, marking a significant achievement. These initiatives symbolize the state government's intervention in uplifting communities historically marginalized, paving the way for aspirations beyond their forebears' wildest dreams.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals belonging to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, and backward categories.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications has to be submitted through the 'Unnathi Portal' of ST development department of Kerala Government.

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Minority Welfare Department

THE C.H. MOHAMMED KOYA (GIRLS ONLY) SCHOLARSHIPS

AT A GLANCE

- Girls Only
- Financial Aid
- Eligibility Criteria
- Direct Disbursement

DESCRIPTION

The C.H. Mohammed Koya (Girls Only) Scholarships provide financial aid to girls pursuing degrees, post-graduation, professional courses, and hostel accommodations. Eligibility is for girls from Muslim, Latin, or converted Christian backgrounds enrolled in government-aided institutions or colleges secured under government quotas, with an income limit of Rs. 4.5 lakhs annually.

A	No Of Scholarships	Scholarship Amount (Rs)
Degree	3000	5000
Post-graduation	1000	6000
Professional Courses	1000	7000
Hostel Stipends	2000	13000

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Girls from Muslim, Latin, or converted Christian backgrounds enrolled in government-aided institutions or colleges secured under government quotas, with an annual family income not exceeding Rs. 4.5 lakhs.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Girls should apply after completing their first-year admissions. They need to provide their bank account details for direct disbursement of funds. The scholarships are typically sanctioned and disbursed in November/December each year.

Website: https://scholarship.minoritywelfare.kerala.gov.in/dmw_ma/dmw_ind.php

Contact: Director, Directorate of Minority Welfare, 4th Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram, 695033, Phone: 0471 2300524, 2302090 Email: scholarship.mwd@gmail.com

APJ ABDUL KALAM SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Kerala residency
- Merit-based admission
- Application process
- Required documentation

DESCRIPTION

The Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Scholarship provides an annual grant of Rs.6,000 for students undertaking 3-year diploma courses in Government/Aided/Government-approved self-financing polytechnics within Kerala. Eligibility criteria include belonging to the Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Parsi, or Jain communities, with a family income not exceeding 8 Lakhs per annum. Applicants must also be residents of Kerala, gain admission based on merit, and enroll in Government/Aided/Government-approved self-financing polytechnics. Priority is given to students from Below Poverty Line (BPL) backgrounds.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Scholarship, you must belong to specific religious groups, have a family income under 8 Lakhs, be from Kerala, secure admission in a merit seat at certain polytechnics, and BPL students are given preference.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Candidates must apply through the designated application process, submitting all required documentation accurately and on time.

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website:

FREE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CAREER GUIDANCE TRAINING SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Career Guidance Training
- Minority Students
- District-Level Support
- Educational Equity
- Free training

DESCRIPTION

This scheme offers tailored career guidance classes at the district level, aiding students in selecting suitable courses and higher education paths aligned with their interests. With a primary focus on minority students in SSLC, Plus Two, and Vocational Higher Secondary courses, the initiative prioritizes inclusivity and equity, particularly for those from the BPL section. Eligibility for higher secondary students is determined by marks from the SSLC examination, ensuring access to resources for personal and professional growth. Through this scheme, students are empowered to make informed decisions, fostering a more inclusive educational environment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Minority students in SSLC, Plus Two, and Vocational Higher Secondary courses, with priority for those from the BPL section, are eligible, with consideration given to higher secondary students' marks in the SSLC examination.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible students simply need to inquire about enrollment procedures at their respective district-level education offices or centers.

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MINORITY PREMATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Scholarship.
- Empowerment
- Academic excellence

DESCRIPTION

The Minority Prematric Scholarship aims to support students from minority communities in pursuing their education. This scholarship provides financial assistance to cover pre-matriculation expenses such as tuition fees, books, and other educational materials. It is designed to empower minority students and encourage them to excel academically. By alleviating financial burdens, this scholarship enables students to focus on their studies and achieve their educational goals. Through initiatives like the Minority Prematric Scholarship, opportunities for educational advancement become more accessible to underrepresented communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This scholarship is given to the children of Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist and Parsi minority groups on the basis of family income and academic performance. Children from 1st to 10th class are included in this scheme. Applicant's annual household income limit is Rs.1,00,000. This scholarship is not eligible for other central/state scholarships. As per this, Rs.500 per annum (for day-scholars and students studying in hostels) is allowed from Vth-Xth towards admission fee and tuition fee.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Website: https://minorityaffairs.gov.in

MOTHER TERESA SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Merit Seat Admission
- Nursing Diploma/Paramedical
- Minority communities
- Female Preference
- Financial assistance

DESCRIPTION

Scholarship offers Rs.15,000 per year to eligible candidates pursuing Nursing Diploma or Paramedical courses in Kerala. To qualify, applicants must belong to specified religious communities, with a family income not exceeding 8 Lakhs and admission secured in a merit seat. The scholarship targets students from Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, and Parsi communities, with priority given to those admitted in state merit quota. Selection is based on annual family income and marks, with 50% reserved for girls and remaining scholarships also available for boys. Candidates must apply through the online portal, ensuring eligibility criteria are met and required documentation is provided.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Candidates belonging to specified religious communities, with a family income not exceeding 8 Lakhs, studying in Kerala's merit-based Nursing Diploma or Paramedical programs.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit their applications through the online portal, ensuring they meet all specified criteria and provide necessary documentation.

Website:
https://www.scholarship.minoritywelfare.kerala.gov.in/dmw_ma/dmw_ind.php

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Email: scholarship.mwd@gmail.com,
website:https://www.scholarship.minoritywelfare.kerala.gov.in/dmw_ma/dmw_ind.php – dialog

PROF. JOSEPH MUNDASSERY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (PJMS)

AT A GLANCE

- Meritorious Students
- Minority Backgrounds
- Academic Achievements
- BPL Priority
- Income Limits
- Application Process

DESCRIPTION

The Prof. Joseph Mundassery Scholarship is awarded to meritorious students from minority backgrounds who have achieved A+ grades in SSLC, V H.S.E., and maintained 80% marks in graduation and 75% marks in post-graduation. The scholarship provides Rs. 10,000 for students and Rs. 15,000 for undergraduate and postgraduate students, prioritizing BPL students based on merit and income limits. In the absence of BPL students, other minority students within an income limit of Rs. 6 lakhs are also eligible for this scholarship.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Meritorious students from minority backgrounds who have achieved A+ grades in SSLC and V H.S.E., along with 80% marks in graduation and 75% marks in post-graduation. Priority to BPL students. In their absence, other minority students with income limit below 6 lakhs are eligible.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Students must apply through their educational institutions, providing proof of academic achievements and minority status.

Website:https://www.scholarship.minoritywelfare.kerala.gov.in/dmw_ma/dmw_ind.php?#dialog

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URDU SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

A+ Grades

SSLC

Higher Secondary

Cash Award

Students

Application

DESCRIPTION

The Urdu Scholarship offers a cash award of Rs. 1000 to SSLC and Higher Secondary students who achieve A+ grades in all subjects with Urdu as their first language. This financial assistance aims to recognize and encourage academic excellence among students proficient in Urdu. Eligible recipients of this scholarship are those who excel in their studies while demonstrating proficiency in the Urdu language. Through this initiative, deserving students are rewarded for their dedication and success in their educational pursuits.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

SSLC and Higher Secondary students who achieve A+ grades in all subjects with Urdu as their first language.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through the application portal in the official website of Minority Welfare Kerala.

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Email: scholarship.mwd@gmail.com

Website:
https://www.scholarship.minoritywelfare.kerala.gov.in/dmw_ma/dmw_ind.php

Backward Classes Development Department

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MUSLIM/NADAR/ANGLO INDIAN/OTHER BACKWARD CLASS GIRLS

AT A GLANCE

- Targeted Financial Support
- Overcoming Financial Barriers
- Promoting Inclusivity
- Empowerment
- Addressing Socio-economic Disparities

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Cashew Workers Relief and Welfare Board offers targeted financial support to girls from minority communities like Muslims, Nadars, Anglo-Indians, and other backward classes. This assistance is specifically tailored to help them overcome financial barriers and access education opportunities. By focusing on these marginalized groups, the board aims to promote inclusivity and empower girls from diverse backgrounds. This initiative plays a crucial role in addressing socio-economic disparities and fostering equal opportunities for education. Ultimately, it contributes to building a more equitable society where all individuals have the chance to thrive.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Girls studying from class 4 to class 10 belonging to families whose annual income is less than Rs 25,000.

HOW TO AVAIL?

This initiative aims to address socio-economic disparities and promote inclusivity, ultimately fostering a more equitable society. Reach out to relevant authoritie for more information.

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Website https: bcdd.kerala.gov.in

OBC PREMETRIC SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Scholarship
- OBC
- Government schools
- Aided schools

DESCRIPTION

The OBC Premetric Scholarship in Kerala is a financial assistance program for students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) who are studying in classes 1 to 10 of government or aided schools in the state.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

The students studying in classes 1 to 10 of Govt/Aided schools can apply. The beneficiary selection is based on the percentage of marks and annual family income according to the availability of funds. 80% above marks should be scored in the annual examination of previous year and the annual income should be below 2,50,000

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Applications are typically announced through official channels like the Department for Backward Classes Development website (https://bcdd.kerala.gov.in/en/schemes/educational-schemes/obc-postmatric-

Phone: 0471-2727378 Mail: obcdirectorate@gmail.com

Web site: www.bcdd.kerala.gov.in

OBC POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- OBC
- Financial assistance
- Higher education
- E – Grantz

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala government provides financial assistance to OBC students through the OBC Post Matric Scholarship for their post-secondary education (after 10th grade). This scholarship caters to OBC students in various situations: those studying outside the state in National Importance Institutions they secured admission to through all-India processes, those pursuing CA/ICWA/Company Secretary courses within Kerala, and even higher secondary students studying in Kerala (check the department website for specific details). Applications are submitted online via the e-grants portal.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

This scholarship caters to OBC students in various situations: those studying outside the state in Nationally Important Institutions in which they secured admission to through all-India processes, those pursuing CA/ICWA/Company Secretary courses within Kerala, and even higher secondary students studying in Kerala and the annual income should be below 2.5 lakhs

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Online application through E- Grantz portal

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Web site: www.bcdd.kerala.gov.in

OEC PREMATRIC SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- SCHOLARSHIP
- OEC
- GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS
- AIDED SCHOOLS

DESCRIPTION

The OEC Prematric Educational Assistance scheme provides financial aid to students from Other Eligible Communities (OEC) and Other Equivalent Communities in Kerala, India. It supports students from grades 1 through 10 who are enrolled in government, aided, or even unaided schools. The amount of aid increases with the student's grade level, ranging from ₹750 for grades 1–4 to ₹900 for grades 5–17 and 1000 for 8–10. There is no income limit for OEC communities, but students from Other Equilavent Communities must come from families with an annual income below ₹6 lakh.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The students should belong to the Other Eligible Communities (OEC) & Other Equivalent Communities of Kerala State. The students should be studying in government/Aided/Recognized Un-Aided/C.B.S.E/I.C.S.E Affiliated Schools and Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala state. The students must be studying in Class 1st to 10th. There is no annual family income limit for the students who belong to OEC Communities.

5. The annual family income should be ₹6,00,000/- for the students who belong to Other Equivalent Communities.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To get the benefits of the scheme, the students do not have to submit separate applications. The School authorities should make an online entry through the scholarship portal within the prescribed time. The concerned Educational Officer should do on-time verification of the details entered by the Un-aided/ Affiliated Institutions. The school authorities will apply online for the scheme and financial assistance reaches the eligible students' bank account through Direct Beneficiary Transfer (DBT).

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Sports And Youth Affairs Department

3D DIGITAL THEATRE.

AT A GLANCE

3D digital theatre, anti-drug awareness, training, youth, immersive films, substance abuse prevention.

DESCRIPTION

At the Ernakulam Excise Complex, a 3D digital theatre is inaugurated to conduct effective training sessions and raise awareness among students and youth about the detrimental effects of intoxicants. The theatre accommodates 75 chairs and features advanced 3D movie capabilities. It is equipped with state-of-the-art technology aimed at producing immersive 3D films centred on anti-drug themes, specifically targeting school and college students. This initiative is anticipated to breathe new life into the fundamental program, offering an innovative platform to educate and engage individuals in the battle against substance abuse. The establishment of the 3D digital theatre represents a significant step forward in enhancing outreach and impact in promoting drug-free lifestyles among the youth.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

School- college students.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Directly contact with Ernakulam Excise Department.

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Web site: www.vimukthi.kerala.gov.in

VIMUKTHI IN THE DIGITAL WORLD.

AT A GLANCE

Drug awareness programs disseminated via VICTERS Channel, social media, FM radio, TV, cinemas, print media, Vimukthi Mission's website, Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram.

DESCRIPTION

Efforts to raise awareness about drug abuse, particularly targeting students, involve the creation and distribution of programs detailing the adverse effects of drug abuse and potential remedies. These initiatives are disseminated through platforms like the VICTERS Channel and various social media channels. Messages advocating against drug use are crafted and broadcasted across FM radio, prominent television networks, cinemas, and print media. Furthermore, they are shared via the Vimukthi Mission's website, as well as on Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram. This multifaceted approach aims to reach a wide audience and effectively communicate the dangers of drug abuse while promoting preventive measures.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Includes students and the wider society.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Individuals can tune in to VICTERS Channel or follow social media platforms.

Facebook: VimukthiKerala , YouTube: @vimukthi1810 ,

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/vimukthikerala?igsh=eHozMWZjZGwyc3hs

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ART & LITERARY COMPETITIONS.

AT A GLANCE

Competitions in various creative fields to prevent drug abuse among students, fostering awareness and creativity through prizes and recognition across the state.

DESCRIPTION

Vimukthi Mission, in collaboration with Anti Narcotic Clubs, organizes competitions in essay writing, elocution, drawing, poster designing, and manuscript preparation on drug-related topics to foster students' development into responsible citizens. Prizes are awarded to students acknowledging their creative endeavours. These competitions aim to engage students in creative pursuits while raising awareness about drug abuse, safeguarding them from falling prey to substance use. The initiative encourages creative expression and cultivates anti-drug sentiments among participants. Across the state, 207 essay writing competitions, 255 drawing competitions, 54 manuscript preparation competitions, and 66 other contests like elocution and painting were conducted as part of the campaign to promote the anti-drug message.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

They can inquire about the competition details and submission procedures through their schools.

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Web site: www.vimukthi.kerala.gov.in

ART FORMS AS DEFENCE.

AT A GLANCE

Utilize art forms to combat drug effects proliferation.

DESCRIPTION

Department of Excise officials utilize art forms as a strategy to combat the proliferation of drug-related harm. They arrange and present dramas, one-act plays, and 'Ottanthullal' performances in various settings, including schools, colleges, student camps, and public venues. Through these artistic endeavours, they aim to raise awareness and educate the public about the adverse effects of drugs. This initiative underscores the department's proactive approach in engaging communities and utilizing cultural platforms to address the challenges posed by substance abuse. By leveraging the power of art and performance, they strive to instil a deeper understanding of the risks associated with drug use and promote healthier lifestyles.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

School-College students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

By associating with Excise Department of same district.

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DRUG- FREE VILLAGE

AT A GLANCE

- Tribal areas,
- Drug-free villages,
- Holistic interventions,
- Daily needs, eradication,
- Traditional occupations, sports competitions, physical training.

DESCRIPTION

In tribal areas, endeavours are underway to create drug-free villages by targeting hamlets and colonies. Special emphasis is placed on addressing the daily needs of tribal communities to steer them away from drug dependency. Interventions aim to completely eradicate drug use, facilitating the realization of drug-free villages. Supporting traditional occupations, organizing sports competitions, and providing physical training are integral components of this initiative. These activities allign with the overarching goal of fostering self-sufficiency and promoting healthy lifestyles among tribal populations, contributing to the establishment of drug-free environments within their communities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Residents from Tribal areas and hamlets across the state.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

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DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

AT A GLANCE

- Anti-drug clubs
- Sraddha committees
- Nerkkoottam Committees

DESCRIPTION

Anti-drug clubs are formed in schools, and as of now, Anti-Narcotic clubs have been formed in 6287 schools and 899 colleges. Sraddha committees are formed in college hostels and Nerkoottam committees are formed at College level .

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

For all students at school and college level.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Initiated at all Government schools and colleges in Kerlala

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FITNESS CENTRES.

AT A GLANCE

To integrate tribal and coastal youth through sports training, diverting their focus from drug use.

DESCRIPTION

The project targets children and youth in tribal and coastal regions, aiming to integrate them into mainstream society through sports training. Emphasizing sports training shifts the focus of these individuals away from developing negative habits and drug use, contributing to the formation of a drug-free younger generation. Through engagement in sports activities, the project seeks to divert the attention of children and youth in these marginalized areas, fostering positive habits and healthier lifestyles while promoting their inclusion and well-being in society.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children and Youth of the tribal and coastal areas.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Contact the Excise office nearby.

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Web site: www.vimukthi.kerala.gov.in

GOTRA GLOSS.

AT A GLANCE

- Academic achievements
- Combat drug abuse,
- Educational initiatives and community development

DESCRIPTION

Attappadi Janamaithri Excise, in collaboration with the Valliyamma Foundation, hosted an event to commend tribal students for their success in S.S.L.C and Plus Two exams as part of Vimukthi Mission activities. Since its inception in 2013, Janamaithri – Excise has undertaken diverse endeavours for tribal welfare, including awareness campaigns against alcohol and drug abuse, and providing educational classes, arts, sports, and skill development opportunities. PSC coaching aids educated unemployed youth across 12 hamlets, while efforts focus on reintegrating dropouts into classrooms. High-achieving students are encouraged to pursue higher education, fostering social, cultural, and anti-drug efforts in Attappadi, nurturing a community dedicated to progress and resilience against substance abuse.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Tribal students who have excelled in their S.S.L.C and Plus Two examinations and educated unemployed youth residing in Attappadi.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the Attappadi Janamaithri Excise or the Valliyamma Foundation, the organizers of the program, to inquire about the application process and participation requirements.

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Web site: www.vimukthi.kerala.gov.in

JANAMAITHRI SQUADS

AT A GLANCE

- Drug/alcohol abstinence,
- Integrate tribes, offer training and facilitate community development

DESCRIPTION

Special emphasis is placed on promoting drug and alcohol abstinence programs in tribal areas through the formation of Janamaithri Excise Squads. These squads intervene in the daily lives of tribal people to steer them away from harmful activities and integrate them into mainstream society. Currently operational in Devikulam, Attappadi, Nilambur, and Mananthavady districts, the squads conduct regular home visits and offer training for competitive exams to tribal youth. Additionally, they encourage traditional farming methods, facilitate sports team formation and training, and organize medical camps, all coordinated through the Janamaithri Excise Squad offices.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Tribal individuals residing in areas where Janamaithri Excise Squads operate, particularly those seeking support for drug and alcohol abstinence, participating in competitive exams, engagement in traditional farming, sports.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the respective squad offices in Devikulam, Attappadi, Nilambur, or Mananthavady districts.

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ONLINE COMPETITIONS.

AT A GLANCE

School competitions promote creative pursuits, instilling anti-drug messages and awareness among students.

DESCRIPTION

In schools, diverse competitions are organized to nurture students' latent talents, redirecting their energy positively and fostering the ability to discern good from bad. The project aims to engage children in creative pursuits, steering them away from negative influences. Drawing, short story, poetry writing, elocution, debates, and troll image-making competitions are held on occasions like World Anti-Tobacco Day, Reading Day, Anti-Drug Day, and Gandhi Jayanthi, centred around the theme 'life itself is spirit'. Winners receive trophies, certificates, and books, embedding anti-drug messages into their minds. These endeavours seek to empower students creatively while promoting awareness about crucial social issues.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

All students within the school community, typically ranging from primary to secondary levels.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Students typically need to register or sign up through their school administration or designated coordinators. They can inquire about participation criteria, deadlines, and registration procedures through school announcements.

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SCHOOL-COLLEGE-LEVEL ANTI-NARCOTIC CLUBS

AT A GLANCE

Purify and strengthen the personality through guidance against Drugs.

DESCRIPTION

Children and youth are easy preys when it comes to drug abuse. It is in this context the Vimukthi Mission targets on Educating our youth and children about the harmful effects of drugs, in order to protect them from addictions. At present there are 899 clubs at the college level and 6073 club set at the school level functioning to get rid of the menace of drug abuse. Anti-narcotic clubs formed in schools, have been conducting anti-drug awareness classes in association with the PTA, school development committee, experts and voluntary associations.

- To spread awareness to ensure a drug/ substance free campus.
- To engage the students in anti- drug activities.
- Motivate students to become volunteers of anti-drug activities in their life.
- Ensure no sale of drugs or alcohol in school/college premises.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

School/College students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Students, Parents and Teachers can inform through the club volunteers or directly to the club dignitaries.

School/College development committee can approach the Excise department to start a club.

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NERKOOTAM, SHRADHA COMMITTEES AT THE COLLEGE-LEVEL.

AT A GLANCE

Review student drug abuse complaints and information by providing necessary counselling and treatment for suspected cases.

DESCRIPTION

College-level committees, 'Nerkoottam' and 'Sradha', are being established to combat drug abuse in college campuses and hostels. These committees, led by teachers, parents, students, local self-governing bodies, and excise officials, review complaints and provide counselling and treatment. The Sradha/ Nerkoottam committees meet every month and conduct reviews of available complaints and information about drug abuse among students. Subsequently necessary counselling and treatment will be extended by Vimukthi Mission in suspected cases. The aim is to implement this model in all professional colleges in the State.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Teachers, parents, students in the college level.

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SPORTS-EUPHORIA: A REMEDY AGAINST DRUG-INTOXICATION

AT A GLANCE

To discourage drug use among young people.

DESCRIPTION

In an attempt to keep young people away from drugs, the Vimukthi Mission in collaboration with the Sports Council and many sports and gaming clubs under the motto "Sports euphoria against intoxicants," events for football, cricket, volley ball, and kabbadi have been held. The Mission has also organized anti-drug abuse walkathons and bikeathons.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Youth and Children.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through Sports council and sports and gaming clubs.

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UNARVU

AT A GLANCE

- Vimukthi
- Unarvu
- Drug Free Society
- Local Self Governments
- Arts and Sports

DESCRIPTION

Vimukthi's 'Unarvu' scheme is being implemented under the Excise Department to make a positive intervention in schools to eliminate the increasing use of drugs among school students. The plan is to correct the undesirable tendencies in the students and divert their attention and time to studies and other artistic and sporting activities. The exercise will involve teachers of the selected schools, parents, excise officials, representatives of local self-governments in the area, residents of the neighbourhood and the business community in the area. Children suspected of drug abuse will be provided counselling/treatment at Vimukthi Mission centres. To develop the art and sports skills of the students, art and sports training systems will be set up in the schools according to the specialities of each region.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

It's an initiative targeting entire schools.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The Excise Department chooses schools, likely prioritizing areas with higher drug concerns.

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VIMUKTHI DE-ADDICTION CENTRES.

AT A GLANCE

Vimukthi Mission collaborates with the Department of Health, establishing 14 De-Addiction centres across Kerala's districts.

DESCRIPTION

While conducting society-wide awareness campaigns against drug abuse, it is crucial to offer treatment and support to those already struggling with addiction, aiding their return to normalcy. In collaboration with the Department of Health, Vimukthi Mission established 14 De-Addiction centres across all districts of Kerala, operated in conjunction with district/taluk hospitals since November 2018. Approximately 65,000 patients received outpatient treatment, while 5,485 others received inpatient care through these centres. Each centre employs one medical officer, clinical psychologist, psychiatric social worker, three staff nurses, three security personnel, and cleaning staff, ensuring comprehensive support for individuals seeking recovery from addiction.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Individuals struggling with drug addiction and seeking treatment

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the nearest Vimukthi De-Addiction centre.

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VIMUKTHI JWALA

AT A GLANCE

Anti-drug community, education, awareness, outreach, pamphlets, discussions, prevention.

DESCRIPTION

The 'Vimukthi Jwala' campaign mobilizes officials, students, teachers, and local leaders to distribute anti-drug pamphlets during household visits across the state. Evening discussions in village libraries further disseminate the mission's message against drug addiction. Through grassroots engagement and targeted education, the campaign aims to combat substance abuse comprehensively. By involving diverse stakeholders and utilizing community spaces, it addresses societal and health challenges posed by drug misuse. 'Vimukthi Jwala' fosters a collective commitment to drug prevention and promotes healthier lifestyles within communities through collaborative efforts and public participation

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Excise officials, students, teachers, prominent community members, and local leaders who are committed to combating drug addiction and promoting awareness in their communities.

HOW TO AVAIL?

By contacting Students, Teachers, Excise officials and prominent persons of an area.

Excise Department Kerala, Phone: 0471-2322825 Mobile: 9447178000, 9061178000

Mail: cru.excise@kerala.gov.in

Web site: www.vimukthi.kerala.gov.in

Excise Department

KERALA AUTO RICKSHAW WORKERS WELFARE FUND SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Funding Mechanism
- Benefit Programs
- Support System

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Auto Rickshaw Workers Welfare Fund Scheme is a government initiative aimed at providing financial support and welfare benefits to auto rickshaw drivers in Kerala. The scheme offers assistance for medical expenses, educational support for their children, and pension benefits during old age. Auto rickshaw drivers contribute a portion of their earnings to the fund, which is managed by the government. This scheme aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of auto rickshaw workers and ensure their well-being. It underscores the state government's commitment to the welfare of the working class in Kerala.

Educational Scholarship: The scheme provides financial assistance of Rs.300 to Rs.800 to members' children studying in classes 8, 9, 10 and +2.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Members having memberships with the board. The benefits of the scheme will be available to those who register for the employee benefits and pay the subscriptions correctly.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Jayam Building, MWRA
Mundakkal West
Kollam-691001

Phone: 0474- 2742818,0474- 2741288 Mail:- motor.worker@gmail,com Website:- www.kmtwwfb.org

KERALA CASHEW WORKERS RELIEF AND WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Skill Development Initiatives
- Employment Opportunities
- Improving Living Standards
- Advocacy and Representation
- Community Support
- Government Collaboration

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Cashew Workers Relief and Welfare Board is an organization dedicated to supporting the welfare of cashew workers in the state. It provides various assistance programs and relief measures to alleviate the challenges faced by cashew workers, including financial aid, healthcare support, and educational assistance. The board also undertakes initiatives aimed at skill development and employment opportunities for cashew workers and their families. Through its efforts, the board aims to improve the living standards and socio-economic conditions of cashew workers across Kerala. Additionally, it serves as a platform for advocating the rights and interests of cashew workers within the state. Scholarships upto Rs 2000 for students post their higher secondary education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Cashew industry workers can become members.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Through the office of the board.(Situated at Mundakkal West, Kollam)

Phone: 0474- 2743469 E-mail:- chiefofficecashew@gmail.com

Website https://keralacashewboard.com/

KERALA HANDLOOM WORKERS RELIEF AND WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Financial Aid
- Healthcare Benefits
- Skill Development Programs
- Educational Support

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Handloom Workers Relief and Welfare Board is dedicated to supporting the welfare and interests of handloom workers across the state. Through various initiatives and schemes, the board aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of handloom weavers and their families. Assistance provided by the board may include financial aid, healthcare benefits, skill development programs, and educational support. Registration with the board enables handloom workers to access these benefits and resources tailored to their specific needs. Overall, the board plays a vital role in preserving the traditional handloom industry while ensuring the well-being of the artisans who contribute to Kerala's rich cultural heritage. Under the fund, gold medal and cash award to the children of the members who gets the highest marks at the state level

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A grant of Rs 500 to Rs 5,000 is given to the children of the members of the Handloom Workers Welfare Board for their education from high school level onwards including professional courses.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The members can avail the same through the state office at Kannur or through respective district executive offices at Trivandrum, Ernakulam and Calicut

Phone: 0497-2702995,0471-2331958,0484-2374935 E-mail:-
handloom.worker@gmail.com

Website https://lc.kerala.gov.in//

KERALA HEADLOAD WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Higher Education loan.
- Scholarship
- Educational assistance

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Headload Workers Welfare Fund Board is dedicated to improving the welfare of headload workers in the state. This board provides various benefits and assistance to registered headload workers and their families. Benefits may include financial aid, healthcare support, education assistance, and housing benefits. The board also organizes skill development programs and training initiatives to enhance the livelihoods of headload workers. Through its efforts, the Kerala Headload Workers Welfare Fund Board aims to uplift the living standards and ensure the well-being of headload workers across the state.

- Education loan of up to Rs.25,000 is sanctioned to the children of the members of the Board of Load Workers Welfare Fund.
- Rs 350 to Rs 10,000 per year is allowed for children studying from school level to professional courses.
- Rs 400 per month for two years as educational grant is allowed to the children who secure high marks in SSLC.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All the workers in the sector can be members of the Board.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications can be submitted to the respective District offices

Phone:0484-2401448 E-mail:-khwwboard@gmail.com Website www.khwwb.org

KERALA JEWELLERY WORKER WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Support services
- Social impact
- Role in sustaning traditional craft

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Jewellery Worker Welfare Fund Board is established to cater to the welfare needs of jewellery workers across the state. This board provides various benefits and assistance schemes aimed at improving the living and working conditions of jewellery artisans. Eligible workers can access financial support, healthcare facilities, and educational assistance through this welfare fund. The board typically oversees the collection and management of funds contributed by employers and the government to support jewellery workers. By ensuring the well-being of jewellery artisans, the board plays a crucial role in sustaining and nurturing this traditional craft in Kerala. Scholarships of Rs 500 to Rs 2,000 is allowed for the children of workers depending on the courses

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Workers who make ornaments and ornaments using gold, silver, pearl, coral, etc. can become members.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applicants can contact the Board office at Trivandrum.

Phone: 0471- 2574651

Website https://lc.kerala.gov.in//

KERALA AGRICULTURE WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Scholarships
- Educational Support
- Document Submission

DESCRIPTION

The scheme strives to improve the welfare of agricultural workers statewide by offering membership and a range of support services. Notably, the Education Funding Scheme provides scholarships to outstanding students, spanning from primary to post-graduate education levels. These scholarships are awarded at the district level based on academic merit. By prioritizing education and assistance for the families of its members, the board aims to uplift and empower agricultural workers across Kerala.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Workers related to agriculture and their children are eligible for the Education Funding Scheme.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals need to submit required documents including academic mark lists, welfare passbook, Aadhaar card, bank passbook, ration card for relationship proof, and a union certificate confirming their status as agricultural labourers along with the application form.

Contact: Chief Executive Officer, Kerala agriculture workers welfare fund board, S N Park, Ayyanthole, Thrissur-4, Phone: 0487-2386871 Email: agri.worker@gmail.com

KERALA MIGRANT LABOUR WORKERS FUND SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Financial assistance.
- Healthcare support
- Educational aid
- Skill Development Programs
- Commitment to Rights and Well-being
- Socio-economic Integration

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Migrant Labour Workers Fund Scheme aims to address the welfare needs of migrant laborers employed in various sectors across the state. Eligible migrant workers can benefit from financial assistance, healthcare support, and educational aid provided through this scheme. Registration and identification processes are typically facilitated to ensure migrant workers can access the scheme's benefits effectively. Skill development programs may also be offered to enhance the employability and livelihood opportunities of migrant laborers. The scheme reflects Kerala's commitment to safeguarding the rights and well-being of migrant workers, contributing to their integration and inclusion within the state's socio-economic framework. Education grant for member's children: Rs.1,000 to Rs.3,000 is provided under the scheme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Workers in the age group of 18-60 years who are born and raised in India outside Kerala and are residing in the state for employment and are self-employed or under contractors can get an identity card as a member.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Contact the relevant authorities or the Labour department for more information.

Phone: 0471-2337941, 0471-2337943 E-mail:- kbopwwboard@gmail.com Website: https://lsgkerala.gov.in/

KERALA BUILDING & OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Support and Assistance
- Government Oversight
- Role in Welfare
- Contribution and Funding
- Awareness and Outreach

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Fund Board provides support and assistance to workers employed in various categories within the construction sector. These categories may include masons, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, laborers, and others involved in building and construction activities across Kerala.To become members of the fund board, workers need to fulfill certain criteria typically set by the state government. These criteria may include proof of employment in the construction sector within Kerala, such as employment records or identification documents. Under the fund, cash incentives are provided to children of the members securing highest marks at the district level in the SSLC exams. Also, Rs 5000 assistance is given to the children for pursuing entrance coaching.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All categories of workers working in the construction sector can become members.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone: 0471-2337941, 0471-2337943 E-mail:- kbopwwboard@gmail.com

Website: https://lsgkerala.gov.in/

KERALA MOTOR TRANSPORT WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Benefit Coverage
- Regulatory Role
- Support System

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Motor Transport Workers Welfare Fund Board is an institution dedicated to the welfare and betterment of motor transport workers in Kerala, India. It operates various schemes and initiatives aimed at improving the living and working conditions of transport workers across the state. The board collects contributions from employers and workers and utilizes these funds to provide a range of benefits such as healthcare, education support, financial assistance during emergencies, and housing assistance to eligible workers and their families. Additionally, it plays a crucial role in implementing and enforcing labor laws and regulations specific to the motor transport sector to ensure the rights and safety of workers. 500 to 7500 rupees per annum depending on the course for children of members studying courses from school level to post graduation level

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

The benefits of the scheme will be available to those who register for the employee benefits and pay the subscriptions correctly .

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Applications can be submitted to the respective District offices. The State address is as follows:

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Jayam Building, MWRA
Mundakkal West
Kollam-691001

Phone: 0474- 2742818,0474- 2741288

Mail :- motor.worker@gmail,com Website:- www.kmtwwfb.org

KERALA SHOPS & COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Funding
- Welfare Schemes
- Social Security
- Government Oversight

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Shops & Commercial Establishment Workers Welfare Fund Board is a statutory body established by the Government of Kerala. Its primary objective is to provide welfare measures for workers employed in shops and commercial establishments across the state. The board manages funds collected through contributions from employers and employees, which are utilized for various welfare schemes and benefits. These may include healthcare assistance, education support, housing schemes, and other welfare initiatives aimed at improving the lives of workers and their families. The board plays a crucial role in ensuring the well-being and social security of workers in the retail and commercial sectors in Kerala.

Education Benefit: Rs 750 to Rs 6,000 on merit basis from SSLC to professional graduate courses.

Cash award of Rs 3,000 will be given to students who secure A+ in SSLC, plus all subjects.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All employees of all establishments registered under the Shops & Commercial Establishments Act can become members.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applications are to be submitted to the respective District offices.

Phone: 04741- 2572758,0471-2572189 Website:- www.peedika.kerala.gov.in

KERALA SMALL PLANTATION WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Social Security
- Socio-Economic Upliftment
- Equity and Sustainability

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Small Plantation Workers Welfare Fund Board is an organization dedicated to the welfare and support of small plantation workers in the state of Kerala, India. Established to address the needs of workers in the small plantation sector, the board focuses on initiatives such as healthcare, education, housing, and financial assistance. By providing various schemes and benefits, the board aims to improve the livelihoods and well-being of these workers and their families. It plays a crucial role in ensuring social security and uplifting the socio-economic status of small plantation workers across Kerala. Through its efforts, the board contributes to creating a more equitable and sustainable environment for these marginalized workers.

The board provides scholarship upto Rs 2000 for the children of members.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Workers in small plantations not covered under the Plantation Labor Act can become members.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

CEO, Azad Lane, Kottayam-686001

Phone: 0481- 2566672 Mail:- cipkottayam@gmail,com Website:- www.plantationworker.kerala.gov.in

KERALA TAILORING WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Financial assistance
- Healthcare benefits
- Social security measures
- Skill Development and Training

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Tailoring Workers Welfare Fund Board is an organization dedicated to the welfare of tailoring workers in the state of Kerala, India. Established to address the needs and concerns of tailors, the board focuses on providing financial assistance, healthcare benefits, and other social security measures. Through various schemes and programs, the board aims to improve the quality of life for tailoring workers and their families. Overall, the Kerala Tailoring Workers Welfare Fund Board plays a vital role in safeguarding the interests and well-being of tailors across the state. The schemes include:

Cash award of Rs 1000 is given to children of members securing A+ in SSLC exams.

Scholarships ranging from Rs 1000 – 5,000 is provided from class 11th to professional courses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Tailors and those who have taken up tailoring as self-employment can become members.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone: 04741- 248791,0471-2448592 Website: www.tailorewelfare.in

KERALA TODDY WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Holistic Development
- Marginalized Workforce
- Social Security
- Financial Assistance

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Toddy Workers Welfare Fund Board is a government body established to cater to the welfare needs of toddy workers in the state of Kerala, India. Its primary objective is to provide social security, financial assistance, and other welfare measures to the toddy tapping community. The board aims to improve the living standards and address the socio-economic challenges faced by toddy workers and their families. Through its various programs and schemes, the board endeavors to uplift the marginalized toddy tapping workforce and ensure their holistic development.

Scholarships and Cash Awards: Scholarships ranging from Rs.750 to Rs.5,600 are sanctioned to children of blacksmiths studying in government schools or government-recognised institutions. Professional Degree/PG students are also given laptops

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Those workers engaged in toddy tapping can become members of the board. Also gold medals are awarded to those receiving highest marks in SSLC exams. Cash awards are given to those securing highest marks at the district level.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone: 04741- 2448093, 0471-2442287 Mail:- ktwwfboard.tvm@gmail,com

Website:- www.toddyworkerswelfare.kerala.gov.in

KERALA UNORGANISED SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Target Population
- Quality of Life Improvement
- Access to Essential Services

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Unorganised Social Security Board is an institution established by the Government of Kerala to address the welfare needs of workers in the unorganised sector. It aims to provide various social security benefits such as pensions, healthcare, and insurance to workers who often lack formal employment contracts or benefits. Through its initiatives, the Kerala Unorganised Social Security Board strives to create a more secure and supportive environment for vulnerable workers across the state.

Educational assistance of Rs 750-2000 under the relevant provisions of Aam Admi Bima Yojana is provided under the fund.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Self employed persons between the age of 14-59 and not enrolled in other welfare schemes can become members of the same.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone: 0471 -2994660 Mail:- : kssplimited@gmail.com Website:- https://kssplitd.kerala.gov.in/

KERALA BAMBOO, KATTUVALLI AND PANDANUS LEAF WORKERS WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Institution Purpose
- Welfare Fund
- Legal Framework
- Administration
- Awareness and Outreach

DESCRIPTION

Workers in the cane, katuvalalli, and thaja industries are eligible to become members of the respective workers' unions or associations that represent their interests. These industries typically involve manual labor in harvesting and processing natural materials like cane, katuvalli (a type of reed), and thaja (a type of palm). Under the fund, a scholarship amount of Rs 1000 is provided to the children of the members.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Kerala bamboo, kattuvaly and pandanus leaf workers.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone:0484-2454443 Website: https://dashboard.kerala.gov.in/

KERALA LABOUR WELFARE FUND BOARD

AT A GLANCE

- Welfare schemes
- Implementation of labour laws
- Promotion of social justice

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Labour Welfare Fund Board is an organization established to ensure the welfare of laborers in the state of Kerala, India. The board collects contributions from employers and utilizes these funds to provide benefits such as medical assistance, education support, and housing assistance to eligible workers and their families. Overall, the Kerala Labour Welfare Fund Board plays a vital role in promoting social justice and equitable opportunities for the labor force in Kerala. Financial Assistance for High School Education: Up to Rs.600 per year is given to children studying in classes 8 to 10. Also , the board provides financial assistance during higher studies starting from Plus one (Rs 800) right upto PG courses including professional courses. Also , computer trainings for interested members at subsidised rates as well as monthly allowances for PwD candidates are provided by the board.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Establishments licensed by the Factories & Boilers Department, workers falling under Section 2(g) of the Motor Transport Workers Act, workers falling under Section 2(f) of the Plantation Labor Act, and workers in establishments having more than 20 workers under the Societies Registration Act, 1960 and can become members.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Applicants can contact the state office located at Vanchiyyor, Trivandrum.

Kerala Labour Welfare Fund Board,
Vanchiyoor, Thiruvananthapuram- 695 035

Phone: 0471- 2463769 Mail:- welfare.labour@gmail,com Website:- www.labourwelfarefund.in

Labour And Skills Department

CAPACITY BUILDING

AT A GLANCE

- Career Guidance
- Training Initiative
- Enhancing access to employment opportunities
- Promoting inclusivity in the workforce

DESCRIPTION

Under this initiative, motivation and adequate training on soft skills, entrepreneurship are provided to individuals those who are registered under Employment exchange portal.

This enables youths to achieve healthier career, it aims to help in developing various skills.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Individuals whose names are registered in District/Regional Employment exchange portal

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program or Visit National Employment Registration Portal

Phone: 0471- 2301389, Mail: deker.emp.lbr@kerala.gov.in ,

Website: www.employment.kerala.gov.in

TRAINING FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMS

AT A GLANCE

- Career Guidance
- Training Initiative
- Enhancing access to employment opportunities
- Promoting inclusivity in the workforce

DESCRIPTION

Under this initiative, It is intended to assist them at various stages from the time they apply for vacancies notified in government and semi-government or in public sector undertakings to the time they reach their goal and provide them with the necessary further training to be able to appear for competitive examinations.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Individuals whose names are registered in District/Regional Employment exchange portal

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program or Visit National Employment Registration Portal

Phone: 0471- 2301389, Mail: deker.emp.lbr@kerala.gov.in ,
Website: www.employment.kerala.gov.in

VOCATIONAL AND CAREER GUIDANCE

AT A GLANCE

- Career Guidance and Training Initiative
- Enhancing access to employment opportunities
- Promoting inclusivity in the workforce

DESCRIPTION

Under this initiative, Career guidance, motivation and adequate training are provided to individuals those who are registered under Employment exchange portal.

For this, a data Bank will be prepared on the basis of the nature,eligibility, interest of persons with disabilities whose names are already registered with the employment exchange . This enables youths to achieve healthier career, aims to help students make more informed and better educational and career choices.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children whose names are registered in District/Regional Employment exchange portal

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program or Visit National Employment Registration Portal

Phone: 0471- 2301389, Mail: deker.emp.lbr@kerala.gov.in ,

Website: www.employment.kerala.gov.in

National Employment Service

BRIGHT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP (B.S.S)

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Ex-servicemen
- Academic Excellence
- Financial Eligibility
- Annual Examination
- Government Assistance

DESCRIPTION

The Bright Student Scholarship (B.S.S) offered by the state government aims to support the academic endeavours of children from ex-servicemen families. Ranging from Rs. 2,500 to Rs. 4,000 annually, this scholarship caters to students from 10th standard to post-graduation who exhibit exceptional academic performance. Eligibility criteria include maintaining an annual family income below Rs. 3 lakhs and securing a minimum of 50% marks in the annual examinations, ensuring assistance reaches those most in need while fostering educational excellence.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children of ex-servicemen who demonstrate academic excellence from 10th standard to post-graduation, with a family income not exceeding Rs. 3 lakhs annually and securing a minimum of 50% marks in the annual examinations.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Candidates must apply through the designated application process provided by the state government, submitting necessary documents such as academic records, proof of family income, and certificates verifying the status of the ex-serviceman.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO , Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

CASH AWARD TO SSLC, CBSE, ICSE TOP SCORERS

AT A GLANCE

- Cash awards
- Ex-servicemen's children
- Academic achievement
- A+/A1 grades
- SSLC/CBSE/ICSE
- District office application

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Sainik Welfare Board provides cash awards to the children of Ex-servicemen who achieve A+/A1 grades in all subjects of SSLC, CBSE, or ICSE Class 10th and +2 examinations. Students receive Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 5,000/- respectively for their outstanding academic performance.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students who are children of Ex-servicemen and achieve A+/A1 grades in all subjects of SSLC, CBSE, or ICSE Class 10th and +2 examinations are eligible for the cash awards. The scheme applies to both State and Central board students.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Candidates can avail of the scheme by applying through district offices, submitting required documents such as identification and mark sheets.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO, Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF HOUSE DESTRUCTION DUE TO NATURAL CALAMITIES

AT A GLANCE

Financial assistance
Natural calamities
Ex-servicemen
Vulnerable beneficiaries
Sainik Welfare Board
Lump sum grant

DESCRIPTION

In the wake of natural disasters causing the destruction of homes, the government extends vital support through a dedicated financial assistance program. This initiative provides a lump sum amount of Rs. 20,000 to the most affected, including 100% disabled ex-servicemen, widows (up to Havildar rank), and orphan girls (of all ranks).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

100% disabled ex-servicemen, widows up to the rank of Havildar, and orphan girls across all ranks, who have suffered house destruction due to natural calamities.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible individuals need to complete the application form and provide necessary documents, including their identity card, discharge book, income certificate, and engineer's estimate of rebuilding costs, submitting them to designated authorities within the financial year for processing.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO , Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

- Monetary prizes
- Rewards acknowledge winners
- Financial incentives

DESCRIPTION

The Sainik Welfare Board Department of Kerala provides a monthly financial assistance scheme for mentally challenged children of ex-servicemen (I.Q below 40). Under this initiative, eligible candidates receive Rs. 3,000/- per month. Application for the scheme can be made through district offices using form DD-40, accompanied by required documents like retired servicemen's ID card, discharge book copy, medical certificate, and proof of relationship, income, and unemployment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children who are mentally disabled, born to ex-servicemen, and have a disability of at least 40%. Additionally, their parents must be unemployed, and their family's yearly income should not exceed Rs. 500,000/-.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Application for the scheme can be made through district offices using form DD-40, accompanied by required documents like retired servicemen's ID card, discharge book copy, medical certificate, and proof of relationship, income, and unemployment.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO , Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CHILDREN OF EX-SERVICEMEN FOR COACHING CLASSES

AT A GLANCE

- Financial assistance
- Ex-servicemen's children
- Competitive exam coaching
- Annual income threshold
- Application process
- Career advancement

DESCRIPTION

The initiative offers financial support to the children of ex-servicemen aiming to pursue coaching classes for competitive exams. Eligible candidates, with an annual family income below Rs. 4,00,000/-, receive Rs. 35,000/- to cover expenses for coaching programs such as SET, NET, JRF, KWA, CA, KAS, and Civil Services Exam preparation, empowering them to pursue higher educational and career goals.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children of ex-servicemen with an annual family income below Rs. 4,00,000/- are eligible for the financial assistance scheme to pursue coaching classes for competitive exams.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applying through the designated process outlined by the scheme's administering authority, submitting necessary documentation to demonstrate eligibility and need for coaching classes support.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO , Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

LUMP SUM GRANT FOR CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

Children

Ex-servicemen

Sainik schools

Kerala Sainik Welfare Board

DESCRIPTION

The State Sainik Board's Amalgamated Fund Programme, offers a significant support system for the offspring of ex-servicemen. Under this initiative, a substantial grant of Rs.10,000/- is extended to children enrolled in Std X at Sainik schools, irrespective of any additional criteria. Through this initiative, the State Sainik Board aims to ensure that the educational pursuits of these deserving children remain uninterrupted, fostering a brighter future for them and honouring the service and sacrifice of their parents in defending the country.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The offspring of ex-servicemen who are currently enrolled in Std X at Sainik schools are eligible. This grant is not contingent upon any additional conditions.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible candidates simply need to submit proof of their status as children of ex-servicemen along with their enrollment details at Sainik schools. They can then inquire directly at the State Sainik Board or their respective Sainik school authorities for precise guidance on the application process.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO, Thiruvananthapuram- 695033 Tel: 0471-2304980 Email: dswkerala@gmail.com
Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

MONTHLY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF BLIND VETERANS

AT A GLANCE

Blind ex-servicemen, their spouses, widows, and dependent children

Sainik Welfare Board

DD-40 application form

Ex-servicemen ID card

Medical certificate

DESCRIPTION

The Sainik Welfare Board in Kerala extends a monthly financial assistance program designed for blind veterans. This initiative provides Rs. 2,000/- to pensioners and Rs. 4,000/- to non-pensioners, exclusively available to 100 percent blind ex-servicemen, their spouses, widows, and dependent children. Applicants can access this support by completing the DD-40 application form at district offices and submitting copies of the Ex-Serviceman ID card along with a medical certificate confirming blindness.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

100 percent blind ex-servicemen, blind spouses, widows, and dependent children of ex-servicemen.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals need to complete the DD-40 application form available at district offices. Additionally, they must submit copies of the Ex-Serviceman ID card and a medical certificate confirming blindness along with their application.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO , Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

MONTHLY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

Financial assistance

Physically challenged children

Ex-servicemen offspring

Disability support

Monthly stipend

Income limit

DESCRIPTION

The Sainik Welfare Board Department in Kerala provides monthly financial assistance to physically challenged children. Eligible recipients are offspring of ex-servicemen with a disability of 40% or more, receiving Rs. 3,000/- per month, with an annual income limit of Rs. 500,000/-.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Physically challenged children of ex-servicemen with a disability of 40% or more and whose parents are unemployed are eligible for the scheme. Their family's annual income should be below Rs. 500,000/-.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Candidates must submit Form DD-40 along with required documents, including the retired servicemen's ID card, medical certificate, and proof of income and unemployment, to the district offices.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO , Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Scholarship program
- Ex-Servicemen children
- Professional education
- Financial assistance
- Application process
- Marksheets

DESCRIPTION

This program is for children of Ex-Servicemen enrolled in Professional, Vocational, or Technical Courses. Eligible candidates can receive financial support ranging from Rs 3000/- to Rs 10,000/- per year from the Amalgamated Fund, without any annual income limit, provided they meet specific conditions set by the scheme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children of Ex-Servicemen enrolled in Professional, Vocational, or Technical Courses are eligible for the scholarship program. There is no annual income limit for eligibility.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Candidates must obtain the application form from district offices and submit it along with copies of their marksheets, Ex-Servicemen ID, and discharge book. These documents are necessary to demonstrate eligibility and facilitate the processing of the scholarship application.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO, Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com, Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

THE MEDICAL AFTER CARE (AIDS) GRANT

AT A GLANCE

AIDS Grant

Medical After Care

Ex-Servicemen

Monthly allowance

DD-40

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Sainik Welfare Board offers a monthly allowance of Rs. 1,500/- to eligible individuals such as Ex-Servicemen, their spouses, widows, or dependent children. This grant serves as crucial financial support for those affected by AIDS, aiming to assist with medical care and related expenses, ensuring continued well-being and access to necessary treatment.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Ex-Servicemen, their spouses, widows, or dependent children.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applicants must obtain and complete the DD-40 application form from the district office. Along with this form, they need to submit copies of their Ex-Serviceman ID card, medical officer's certificate verifying AIDS diagnosis, discharge sheet copy, income certificate, and unemployment certificates attested by village

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THE ORPHAN GRANT

AT A GLANCE

Financial assistance

Ex-servicemen's children

Kerala Sainik Welfare Board

Income certification

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Sainik Welfare Board provides The Orphan Grant, offering monthly financial assistance of Rs. 3,000/- to orphaned children of ex-servicemen. Eligibility extends to boys up to 25 years old and girls up to 30 years old, with an annual income limit of Rs. 500,000/-. Interested applicants can apply by submitting necessary documentation as per board requirements.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Orphaned children of ex-servicemen are eligible for The Orphan Grant provided by the Kerala Sainik Welfare Board. Boys up to 25 years old and girls up to 30 years old are eligible for monthly financial assistance of Rs. 3,000/-, subject to an annual income limit of Rs. 500,000/-.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals must submit a request letter along with required documents, including an income certificate, death certificate of the ex-serviceman or spouse, certificate proving orphan status, and age verification certificate.

Contact: Director, Directorate of Sainik Welfare, Vikas Bhavan PO , Thiruvananthapuram- 695033, Tel: 0471-2304980, Email: dswkerala@gmail.com , Website: https://www.sainikwelfarekerala.org/?p=2680&lang=en

Sainik Welfare Department

CM SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Promoting Academic Excellence

DESCRIPTION

The scholarship is provided to students from economically and socially disadvantaged backgrounds and communities who are enrolled in higher secondary and equivalent levels. This assistance is extended to students whose families have an annual income below 2 lakhs.

Furthermore, students who have demonstrated academic potential by achieving a minimum of 50% marks in the previous year's qualifying examination are also considered for scholarships. These scholarships, provided by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, serve as a means to reward and encourage academic excellence among students from economically weaker sections..

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students who have obtained 75% marks in their 3/4/5-year degree courses

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program

Website: http://www.scholarships.gov.in/.

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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ENCOURAGING TALENT IN SPORTS

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Inclusive education initiatives.
- Encouraging Sports

DESCRIPTION

The government extends scholarships to students enrolled in Government Arts and Science/Teachers Training/Music/Physical Education colleges. These scholarships are specifically awarded to individuals who demonstrate exceptional performance in physical activities during their post-secondary education, spanning from PLUS 2 to higher degree levels, including undergraduate and postgraduate studies.

This initiative is designed to recognize and support students who exhibit outstanding abilities in sports and physical education alongside their academic endeavors.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Based on the athletic achievements of students in the previous year.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program

Website: https://www.dcescholarship.kerala.gov.in

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Inclusive education initiatives.

DESCRIPTION

Students who have completed their studies in SSLC or THSLC subjects as per the state syllabus and achieved an A+ grade in all subjects are eligible for scholarships when they enroll in higher education courses such as HSC, PLUS2, ITI, VHSE, or Polytechnic.

These scholarships aim to provide financial support to deserving students pursuing further education. The scholarships cover expenses like tuition fees and educational materials. Eligible students can receive scholarship assistance for up to seven years while continuing their education in the specified courses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students who have completed their studies in SSLC or THSLC subjects as per the state syllabus and achieved an A+ grade in all subject.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program

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Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

NATIONAL MEANS CUM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Scholarship
- Cash award
- Reservations

DESCRIPTION

A scholarship scheme by the Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education wherein 1,00,000 scholarships is offered to the gifted or meritorious students whose parental income is not more than ₹3,50,000/- per annum from all sources at the time of selection of awardees for a scholarship. Each State /UT has a fixed quota of scholarships for the concerned age group of class 7th and 8th. The scheme will provide reservations to different categories of students as per the State/UT norms; as different States/UTs have their own norms of reservation. The scholarship is being implemented since 2008 with an objective to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections to arrest their drop out at class 8th and encourage them to continue their studies at the secondary stage. The scheme has been approved for continuation for another 5 years during the period of the 15th Finance Commission cycle from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Under this scheme, 1,00,000 fresh scholarships @ Rs. 12,000/- per annum (₹1,000 per month) are awarded to meritorious students every year at the Class IX level, which can be continued up to Class 12th.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Website: http://www.scholarships.gov.in

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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CENTRAL SECTOR SCHOLARSHIP (NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP)

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Promoting Academic Excellence

DESCRIPTION

Central Government offers scholarships for further studies after completing VHSE (Vocational Higher Secondary Education) or Higher Secondary exams. Students who score more than 80% marks in the VHSE/Higher Secondary exams and have achieved additional marks are eligible for an annual scholarship of up to 4.5 lakhs rupees. To renew the scholarship, students must have obtained an additional 50% marks in the previous exam.

This initiative aims to assist deserving students in pursuing higher education by elevating financial barriers and promoting academic excellence.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students should score more than 80% marks in the VHSE/Higher Secondary exams.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program

Website: http://www.scholarships.gov.in/.

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR MINORITIES (CS)

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Inclusive education initiatives.

DESCRIPTION

The Scholarship are provided to students from economically and socially disadvantaged background and communities , who enolled in higher secondary and equivalent levels. This assistance is extended to students whose families have an annual income below 2 lakhs.

Furthermore, students who have demonstrated academic potential by achieving a minimum of 50% marks in the previous year's qualifying examination are also considered for scholarships. These scholarships, provided by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, serve as a means to reward and encourage academic excellence among students from economically weaker sections.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students must be enrolled in higher secondary and equivalent levels.

The annual income of the student's family should be below 2 lakhs rupees.

Students should have achieved a minimum of 50% marks in the previous year's qualifying examination.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program

Website: http://www.scholarships.gov.in/.

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Inclusive education initiatives.

DESCRIPTION

The Scholarship are provided to students with disabilities, who enrolled in higher secondary and equivalent levels. This assistance is extended to students whose families have an annual income below 2.5 lakhs.

The aim of this initiative is to provide financial assistance to differently abled students, enabling them to pursue higher education without being hindered by financial constraints.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- Students with disabilities/ disadvantaged communities
- Students must be enrolled in higher secondary and equivalent levels.
- The annual income of the student's family should be below 2.5 lakhs rupees.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program

Website: http://www.scholarships.gov.in/.

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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RESEARCH AWARD (ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP)

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Encouraging research

DESCRIPTION

Internship opportunity were provided for postgraduate (PG) and doctoral (PhD) students enrolled in Government or Aided colleges. This internship typically lasts for a duration of one to four months and is directly related to their academic field of study. During this internship period, students engage in research activities, or other professional development opportunities that complement their academic coursework.

The stipend amounts vary depending on the duration of the internship and the location. For internships conducted within the state of Kerala, stipends range from 8,000 to 32,000 rupees. If the internship is conducted outside Kerala, stipends range from 10,000 to 40,000 rupees.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- Students pursuing PG and PhD in GOVT/Aided Colleges
- Students should have a minimum attendence of 75%

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program .

Website: http://www.scholarships.gov.in/.

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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STATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Diverse Academic Offerings
- Financial Assistance
- Holistic Education Approach
- Enhancing Academic Aspirations

DESCRIPTION

Scholarships are provided on the basis of the marks obtained in the Plus Two examinations by students, enrolled in Government/Aided colleges pursuing Arts, Science, Music, or Sanskrit courses.

This aid is extended to students who have continuously studied in colleges from the fifth level of the degree program onwards for a year. This support aims to encourage and facilitate the continued pursuit of higher education among deserving students across various disciplines, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder their academic aspirations.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- Students with marks above or equal to 95% or 90% and above
- An annual income limit of 2.5 lakhs
- Students from BPL category with marks above or equal to 85%

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Website: https://www.dcescholarship.kerala.gov.in

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in 0471-2303548

Collegiate Education Department

ENCOURAGE TALENT AWARD (STATE SCHOLARSHIP)

AT A GLANCE

- Educational assistance program
- Financial support
- Encouraging talents

DESCRIPTION

Scholarships are provided for students who achieve an A grade in competitions held at university/higher secondary school youth festivals. These scholarships are available for students studying in government/aided higher secondary schools or government-aided colleges. The scholarship amount is 10,000 rupees.

These scholarships aim to recognize and reward students for their outstanding performance in cultural and academic competitions, providing financial support to further their education and encourage their continued participation in extracurricular activities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students who obtained A Grade in Youth Festivals.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program.

Website: http://www.scholarships.gov.in/.

Collegiate Education Department Website: www.collegiateedu.kerala.gov.in

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Kerala State Lotteries Department

AWARDS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

AT A GLANCE

- Students
- Kerala Lottery Department
- Educational Excellence
- Welfare Fund
- SSLC and HSC Examinations

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala Lottery Department acknowledges educational excellence by awarding prizes to children of welfare fund members who achieve high marks in SSLC and HSC exams. Prizes include first, second, and third place with amounts of 2000/-, 1500/-, and 1000/- rupees respectively. Interested candidates must complete the prescribed form available at the district welfare office and submit it with their SSLC certificate and course certificate to the District Welfare Officer within the specified deadline. Applications are processed according to the notice inviting applications issued annually.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children of Kerala Lottery Department welfare fund members who achieve high marks in SSLC and HSC examinations are eligible.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Candidates must submit the application form, SSLC certificate, and course certificate to the District Welfare Officer by the specified deadline.

Contact: Kerala State Lottery Agents and Sellers welfare Fund Board, 3rd Floor KSRTC Building, Thampanoor, Thiruvananthapuram -695001, Phone: 8330010855, 0471-2325582E mail: kslaswfbho@gmail.com Website: https://statelottery.kerala.gov.in/English/index.php/c

SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

AT A GLANCE

- Kerala State Lottery Agents and Sellers Welfare Fund Board
- Higher Education
- District Welfare Office
- SSLC and Course Certificates

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala State Lottery Agents and Sellers Welfare Fund Board provides financial aid for various academic disciplines, with maximum beneficiary amounts specified. Eligible applicants, including children of members who paid affiliation fees, must submit a form and certificates to the District Welfare Officer. This aid facilitates access to higher education opportunities.

Degree	Maximum Beneficiary Amount
Medicine	25000
Engineering	15000
Nursing	15000
Para Medical	15000
MBA/MCA	15000
PG	7000
Degree	5000
3 Year Engineering Diploma	3000

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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children of members who have maintained affiliation for at least one year with the Lottery Department.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Applicants must fill out the prescribed form from the district welfare office and submit it along with the SSLC certificate and course certificate to the District Welfare Officer within the specified application deadline.

Contact: Kerala State Lottery Agents and Sellers welfare Fund Board, 3rd Floor KSRTC Building, Thampanoor, Thiruvananthapuram –695001, Phone: 8330010855, 0471–2325582 E mail: kslaswfbho@gmail.com Website: https://statelottery.kerala.gov.in/English/index.php/c

Fisheries Department

CAREER GUIDANCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF FISHERIES WORKERS

AT A GLANCE

- Career guidance
- Department of Fisheries
- Higher education opportunities
- Job-oriented education awareness

DESCRIPTION

This programme emphasizes higher education opportunities and awareness of job-oriented education options. The Department of Fisheries implements programs directly through district offices, offering classes covering subjects like personality development and communication skills. Each year, 100 students benefit from these initiatives, aimed at empowering them for future success. Additionally, support services are provided to assist students in navigating their educational and career paths effectively.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children of fisheries workers, if their parent is registered with the Department of Fisheries and they have completed graduation with at least 50% marks.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible candidates need to submit required documentation such as proof of parental registration with the Department of Fisheries and their graduation certificate to the respective district offices.

Contact: Directorate Of Fisheries, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram, Phone No. 0471 - 2525200, 0471-2303160, Email: fisheriesdirector@gmail.com
Website: https://fisheries.kerala.gov.in/en

VIDYATHEERAM

AT A GLANCE

Fishermen's children
Higher education
Coaching centers
Residential training
Fisheries Department

DESCRIPTION

It is a scheme launched by the State Fisheries Department to provide higher education opportunities to economically disadvantaged fishers' children. Under this initiative, selected candidates receive training at coaching centers approved by the Fisheries Department, with all study and accommodation expenses covered by the department. The program focuses on preparing students for various competitive exams such as medical entrance, banking, civil service, and PSC, with a final beneficiary list prepared at both district and state levels based on priority criteria.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children of registered fishermen aged between 17 to 20, achieving 90% or above marks in Plus Two, VHSE, or equivalent examinations, provided they agree to residential-based training and have not previously benefited from the program.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Candidates must apply through their district fisheries office with required documentation. Selected candidates receive training at designated coaching centers arranged by the Fisheries Department.

Contact: Contact: Directorate Of Fisheries, Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram, Phone No. 0471 - 2525200, 0471-2303160, Email: fisheriesdirector@gmail.com
Website: https://fisheries.kerala.gov.in/en

Industries And Commerce Department

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLUB (ED CLUB)

AT A GLANCE

- Entrepreneurial Culture
- Youth Empowerment
- Skills Development
- Entrepreneurship Awareness
- Financial Assistance
- Industrial Sensitization
- Talent Development

DESCRIPTION

Serves as a pivotal platform within schools and colleges, fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among the youth. Designed to imbibe them with the requisite skills, techniques, and confidence, these clubs empower students to become catalysts of entrepreneurial innovation. A financial grant of Rs. 20,000 is allocated to ED Clubs, facilitating the organization of programs aimed at instilling entrepreneurial qualities, enhancing awareness of the state's industrial landscape, nurturing latent entrepreneurial talents, and fostering a global perspective on successful entrepreneurship. Through such initiatives, ED Clubs play a vital role in shaping the future leaders of the entrepreneurial landscape.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Includes students, faculty, and staff of schools and colleges where the club is established, who demonstrate an interest in entrepreneurship and a commitment to engaging in club activities.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals can typically register as members through the school or college and participate in club activities to access resources and support for fostering entrepreneurial skills and mindset.

Contact: Directorate of Industries & Commerce, 3rd Floor, Vikas Bhavan, Vikas Bhavan P O, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala 695033, Tel: 91 471 2302774

Email: industriesdirectorate@gmail.com Web: www.industry.kerala.gov.in

Agriculture Development And Farmers Welfare Department

FREE VEGETABLE SEED KITS

AT A GLANCE

- Promotion of self-sustainability
- Facilitating access to fresh and nutritious products

DESCRIPTION

Free vegetable seed kits valued at Rs. 10/- each will be distributed to students, housewives, and families as part of a vegetable distribution program. This initiative aims to encourage and support individuals and families in cultivating their own vegetables, promoting self-sustainability and healthy living.

By providing access to vegetable seeds at no cost, the program empowers recipients to grow their own produce, thereby enhancing food security and promoting a culture of gardening and agriculture.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- Students, Housewives and Families

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out the concerned local authorities or communities

Phone: 0471- 2304480, Mail: krishidirector@gmail.com ,
Website: www.keralaagriculture@gmail.com

Dairy Development Department

FINANCIAL AID FOR EDUCATION

AT A GLANCE

- Financial Assistance
- Providing resources for educational advancement

DESCRIPTION

Financial assistance of Rs. 1000/- is extended to children of members of the Welfare Fund who demonstrate excellence in their studies. This support is provided to students from SSLC, higher secondary, graduation to professional courses.

Additionally, children of members of the Dairy Farmers Welfare fund are eligible for financial aid to support their education. These initiatives aim to alleviate financial burdens and promote educational opportunities for deserving students, ensuring that they can achieve their academic aspirations irrespective of economic constraints

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- Students from SSLC, higher secondary, graduation to professional courses.
- Children of members of the Dairy Farmers Welfare

HOW TO AVAIL?

Submit through online portal or submit the applications to the concerned authorities along with necessary documents.

Phone: 0471- 2440853, Mail: dir.dairy@gmail.com ,
Website: www.kdfwf.org

Animal Husbandry Department

KUNJU KAYYIL KOZHI KUNJU

AT A GLANCE

- Fostering entrepreneurial spirit
- Promoting agricultural education in schools
- Supporting holistic development of students
- Providing resources for poultry farming

DESCRIPTION

The initiative spearheaded by the Kerala State Poultry Development Corporation (Kepco) entails the distribution of five chickens and their accompanying feed to 50,000 students ranging from grades 8 to 9 across various government and aided schools.

The primary aim is to cultivate a heightened interest among children in the field of poultry farming while simultaneously fostering their self-reliance and promoting overall health and well-being. Through this practical approach, students are empowered to take an active role in sustainable agricultural practices while also potentially laying the groundwork for future entrepreneurial endeavors.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Selected students from each Govt/Aided Schools.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

School authorities should reach out to concerned KEPCO authorities or visit their online portal

Phone: 0471- 2478585;2468585, Mail: kspdc@yahoo.co.in,
Website: http://kepco.co.in/

SCHOOL POULTRY CLUB

AT A GLANCE

- Fostering entrepreneurial spirit
- Promoting agricultural education in schools
- Supporting holistic development of students
- Providing resources for poultry farming

DESCRIPTION

The initiative spearheaded by the Department of Animal Husbandry entails the distribution of five chickens and their accompanying feed to students ranging from grades 5 to 9 across various government and aided schools.

The primary aim is to cultivate a heightened interest among children in the field of poultry farming while simultaneously fostering their self-reliance and promoting overall health and well-being. Through this practical approach, students are empowered to take an active role in sustainable agricultural practices while also potentially laying the groundwork for future entrepreneurial endeavors.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

- Selected 50 students from each Govt/Aided Schools.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

School authorities should reach out concerned Animal Husbandry department or Visit their online portal

Phone: 0471- 2303683, Mail: ah.ker@nic.in ,
Website: www.ahd.kerala.gov.in

AGENCIES

ANGANWADIS THE CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE.

AT A GLANCE

Enable informed decisions and strategic improvements to Anganwadi service.

DESCRIPTION

To transform Anganwadis into centres of excellence state wide, it's essential to assess their current physical state. Thus, directives were issued to gather information about all Anganwadis in every district through the Department of Women and Child Development. Data collection follows a specially designed format, enabling the monitoring of Anganwadi activities. This initiative aims to comprehensively understand the conditions of Anganwadis across the state, facilitating informed decisions and strategic improvements. By evaluating their physical infrastructure and operational effectiveness, authorities can enhance the quality of services provided, ensuring Anganwadis serve as optimal centres for childcare, early education, and maternal support.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children between the ages of 0 to 6 years are eligible to attend Anganwadis to receive early childhood care and education, nutrition, and health services.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

By the Anganwadis nearest.

Phone: 0471 2326603 E mail : childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in
Website : www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in

KERALA FREE OF CHILD LABOUR.

AT A GLANCE

- Making Kerala child labour-free
- Primarily, migrant workers' children.

DESCRIPTION

The Commission has initiated various endeavours to eradicate child labour in Kerala, striving to establish the state as child labour-free. In January 2023, a consultative meeting with state-level duty bearers aimed to formalize this designation. Data gathered between April 2021 and March 2022 revealed the liberation of 13 children from child labour, primarily offspring of migrant labourers. Remarkably, even children from Kerala's disadvantaged regions are not engaged in such labour practices. These efforts underscore the commitment to safeguarding children's rights and ensuring they are protected from exploitation, irrespective of their background or geographical location within the state.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children who are engaged in or at risk of engaging in child labour, particularly those from vulnerable populations such as migrant workers' families.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Suspected cases may be informed directly to the commission or to the Police Department.

Phone: 0471 2326603 E mail : childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in

Website : www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in

CHILD MARRIAGE FREE KERALA

AT A GLANCE

Discussion with state-level stakeholders.

Making Kerala child marriage-free.

DESCRIPTION

The Commission has initiated efforts to eliminate child marriage in Kerala, striving to declare the state as child marriage-free. In January 2023, a thorough discussion occurred with state-level stakeholders towards this objective.

Reported cases indicate a decline: 7 in 2019, 8 in 2020, 12 in 2021, and 4 in 2022. Positive interventions by the State government has contributed to this reduction. As a result, the Commission directed the formulation and execution of an action plan to officially declare Kerala as a child marriage-free state, emphasizing continued efforts to prevent and address this issue effectively.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Individuals directly affected by or at risk of child marriage, such as children, families, and communities, may also benefit from the scheme's interventions.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reporting to the concerned Government institutions like CWC, DCPU, Police Etc. The authorties can proceed under the relevant provisions of The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

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KERALA STATE COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS (KESCPCR)

AT A GLANCE

Children
Child Rights
Education
Safeguarding
Well-being
Advocacy

DESCRIPTION

The Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KeSCPCR) is committed to protecting and advancing the rights of children in the state. Through monitoring, investigating, and reporting on child rights issues, the commission actively reviews child welfare schemes and provides advice to the government. In alignment with key legislations, including the Juvenile Justice Act and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, the commission works collaboratively with various entities to ensure a rights-based approach and greater awareness about child rights at all levels in Kerala.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children, parents, concerned citizens, NGOs, advocacy groups, and government agencies involved in matters related to child rights.

HOW TO AVAIL?

KeSCPCR launched the 'Online Complaint Management System (OCMS) (https://childrights.kerala.gov.in/index.php/ComplaintRegistration) to quickly process child rights violation complaints. You can register cases on their website or submit written complaints with details and documents via email, post, or in person.

Contact: Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,
phone: 91-471-2326603/04/05 E-mail: childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in

ONLINE COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

AT A GLANCE

Online Complaint System for swift redressal of violations.

JJ, RTE, and POCSO Acts related to children are included in the site in a simplified manner.

DESCRIPTION

On April 5th, 2023, the Kerala State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights launched an Online Complaint Management System. Its primary objective is to expedite the resolution process for complaints concerning violations and misconduct related to child rights. Complaints can be lodged through the Commission's website, www.childrights.kerala.gov.in, or via the dedicated online services link, www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in. The system allows for the submission of digital evidence alongside complaints. Upon registration, applicants receive a complaint number on their mobile devices, enabling them to track the Commission's subsequent actions. Additionally, the system features a dashboard to facilitate the Commission's assessment and management of complaint-related statistics.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Anyone who witnesses or knows about violations of child rights in Kerala is eligible to utilize the Online Complaint Management System provided by the Kerala State Commission for the Protection of Child Rights.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Individuals can visit the commission's official website at www.childrights.kerala.gov.in or access the online services link at www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in.

Phone: 0471 2326603 E-mail : childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in

Website : www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in, www.childrights.kerala.gov.in

POCSO DISTRICT LEVEL MONITORING COMMITTEE.

AT A GLANCE

District-level monitoring committees in 11 districts.

Ensure clear evidence for deceased victims, reporting drop boxes in schools.

DESCRIPTION

A state-level consultative meeting was convened to enhance coordination among departments enforcing the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act and to establish district-level monitoring committees. Organized by the Women & Child Development Department, Home Affairs, Health, Education, and Kerala Legal Services Authority, the meeting led to the formation of monitoring committees in 11 districts as per the Commission's directives. Key discussions included obtaining clear medico-legal evidence reports for deceased victims and implementing drop boxes in schools for abuse reporting. Moreover, high school students would receive cyber safety and sex education, while vigilance committees would be empowered. District medical officers were urged to treat survivors in a child-friendly manner, with specific attention to cases involving Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under relevant legislation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children belongs to the under 18 age group.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Inform directly to the women and child development department / protection of child rights commission.

Phone: 0471 2326603 Email : childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in

Website : www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in

SPECIAL JUVENILE POLICE UNIT (SJPU)

AT A GLANCE

- Children
- Child-friendly environment
- Legal representation
- POCSO Act
- Observational homes

DESCRIPTION

The Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU) plays a crucial role in safeguarding children, particularly in instances of sexual assault. Adhering to child-friendly procedures, the SJPU promptly records reports of such incidents and takes necessary steps, including arranging medical care or shelter within 24 hours. In cases where the child is vulnerable, such as living with an abuser or lacking parental support, the SJPU ensures their immediate presentation before the Child Welfare Committee. Moreover, if urgent medical attention is required, the SJPU coordinates transportation to the nearest hospital and promptly notifies the special court. Through its swift and child-focused approach, the SJPU diligently strives to protect the well-being of children experiencing distressing circumstances.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Law enforcement officers trained to handle cases involving children, especially those related to sexual assault or abuse. They are selected based on their experience and understanding of child-friendly procedures, and may undergo specialized training to ensure effective handling of cases involving minors.

HOW TO AVAIL?

To access the services of the Special Juvenile Police Unit (SJPU), individuals or concerned parties should report child-related issues, such as sexual assault or abuse, to their local police station or directly to the SJPU if available, where the police will

Contact: Kerala State Commission for Protection of Child Rights,

Phone: 91-471-2326603/04/05 Email: childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in

-SPECIAL JUVENILE POLICE UNIT (SJPU) Kerala State

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

AT A GLANCE

- Covid-19 Review: Child safety measures proposed
- Substance abuse: Stakeholders' meeting
- Child Welfare Police: Training on child-friendly approach
- Missing children: Departments meeting
- Adoption process: Departments

DESCRIPTION

The third wave of Covid-19 Review meeting - Due to concerns that the upcoming Covid-19 wave could impact children. The Commission proposed safety measures to safeguard children's well-being.

Drug usage among children; Special meeting of Stakeholders and heads of departments -to ensure protection against substance abuse among children.

A meeting of police officers -Child Welfare Police Officers across all police stations in Kerala have been instructed to provide training to prioritize children's well-being and handle situations in a child friendly manner.

Meeting of Heads of Departments for tracing missing children.

Adoption process: A meeting of heads of departments was held.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Avail through the appropriate department or contact directly the commission.

Phone: 0471-2326603 E-mail: childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in
Website: www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in

TRAINING CHILDREN TO FACE ADVERSITIES.

AT A GLANCE

The Commission mandated the training for all state schools to empower children to handle challenges.

DESCRIPTION

The Commission acknowledges that children, regardless of gender, face exploitation in society. In response, a state-level consultative meeting took place in September 2022, preceding a planned training program for schools. The objective is to empower children with the ability to handle adverse situations wisely. Both the Police and Education Departments actively participated in this initiative. The Commission has mandated the implementation of training sessions in all state schools to equip children with the necessary skills.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

School children.

HOW TO AVAIL?

By the commission through state schools.

KeSCPCR, Phone: 0471 2326603 E mail: childrights.cpcr@kerala.gov.in
Website: www.kescpcr.kerala.gov.in

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE(CDC)

AT A GLANCE

- Child Development centre
- Disabilities
- Speech therapy
- Assessment

DESCRIPTION

Child Development Centres (CDCs) cater to children's well-being, offering daycare, education, and specialized services. General CDCs provide a safe and stimulating environment for typical development through play and age-appropriate activities. On the other hand, specialized CDCs focus on children with developmental delays or disabilities. These centers offer assessment by professionals, early intervention therapies like occupational or speech therapy, and family support to navigate a child's specific needs.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

These typically have no strict eligibility requirements. They may prioritize children based on factors like working parents or those in need of childcare support.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Appointments must be made in advance at all CDC clinics.

Phone: 0471 2553540, 2447061 Mail: cdckerala@rediffmail.com, cdc.tvpm@kerala.gov.in

Web site: cdckerala.org.in

BALAPANCHAYATH

AT A GLANCE

- Balapanchayath
- Balasabaha
- Children
- Self empowerment
- Kudumbasree

DESCRIPTION

Children's Gram Panchayat – "Bala Panchayat" is the local platform for self-empowerment and social support of children. As the third level of Bal Sabhas, the President and Secretary of the Bal Samithi form the Bal Panchayats/Bal Municipal Councils at the Panchayat/Nagar Sabha level. The Bala Panchayat/Bala Municipal Corporation is the representative body for coordinating Bala Sabha activities at the local self-government level. Every Bala Panchayat/ Bala Nagarasabha should be affiliated to Kudumbashree District Mission.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

President and Secretary of the Bal Samithi: These are the two individuals eligible to form the Bala Panchayat/Bala Municipal Councils.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

The President and Secretary of the Bal Samithi form the Bal Panchayats/Bal Municipal Councils

Phone: 91-471-2554714, Mobile: 0471-2335714 Mail: info@kudumbashree.org
Web site: www.kudumbashree.org

BALASABHA

AT A GLANCE

- Balasabha
- Children
- Kudumbasree
- Neighbourhood

DESCRIPTION

Balasabha is a small study group or non-discriminating community that gathers together in an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm and joy for fun-based learning. Balasabha is an association of all the children in the Kudumbashree neighbourhood. There are 10 to 30 children in each Bala Sabha. Children between 5 to 9 years are included in the Junior category and children between 10 to 18 years are included in the Senior category. Physically and mentally challenged children (who deserve special attention) should be identified and made to participate in Bal Sabha activities or a special Bal Sabha should be formed for such children. Every Balasabha should be affiliated to Kudumbashree CDS and the affiliation should be renewed every year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All children residing in the Kudumbasree neighbourhood

HOW TO AVAIL?

Balasabha participation is automatic for children in Kudumbashree neighborhoods.

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Web site: www.kudumbashree.org

BALASAMITHI

AT A GLANCE

- Balasabha
- Balasamithi
- Kudumbasree
- CDS

DESCRIPTION

As the next level of the Bala Sabhas, the representatives of the Bala Sabhas come together at the ward level to form the Bala Samiti. There should be at least 3 Bal Sabhas in a ward to form Bal Samithi. The Bal Samithi shall consist of two members (one girl and one boy) selected from among the four office-bearers of each Bala Sabha. Every Bala Samiti should be affiliated to Kudumbashree CDS and the affiliation should be renewed every year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Representatives from Bala Sabhas are eligible to form a Bala Samithi. These representatives are likely the office-bearers (leaders) of their respective Bala Sabhas.

HOW TO AVAIL?

The Bal Samithi shall consist of two members (one girl and one boy) selected from among the four office-bearers of each Bala Sabha

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Web site: www.kudumbashree.org

ASAP

AT A GLANCE

- ASAP
- Skill acquisition
- Artificial Intelligence
- Foreign Language
- Community Skill Parks

DESCRIPTION

Launched in 2012, the Additional Skill Acquisition Programme Kerala (ASAP) is a Government of Kerala company focused on improving the employability quotient of students and facilitating their placement. ASAP serves as a bridge between industry and academia. ASAP has skilled more than 2.5 lakh students. During the Covid-19 pandemic, it also brought skill education to the digital frontier. ASAP provides demand-based industry-led and industry-curated higher-order skill courses online and through its skill development centres in colleges, schools and Community Skill Parks. The courses include Communicative English Trainer, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Business Analytics, Foreign Languages, Artisanal Bakery, Organic Grower etc.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Available for every student, eligibility criteria is based on the specific skill development programmes.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Can be applied for various courses through the official ASAP website

Phone: 9495999709 Mail: info@asapkerala.gov.in
Website: asapkerala.gov.in

BEGINNERS CHESS WORK SHOP

AT A GLANCE

- Chess
- Workshop
- Intellectuality stimulation
- Basic knowledge

DESCRIPTION

The Beginner's Chess Workshop is a comprehensive and interactive workshop aimed at introducing participants to the intriguing world of chess and developing their interest in this intellectually stimulating game. Through fun activities and engaging lessons, we strive to build the basic knowledge and skills needed for a strong chess foundation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Students between the age of 10 and 17 who are not familiar with chess

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Online registration through https://asapkerala.gov.in/course/chess-workshop

Phone: Mobile: tel:+919495999709 Mail: info@asapkerala.gov.in
Website :asapkerala.gov.in

MUSIC CLUB

AT A GLANCE

- Music Club
- Collaboration
- ASAP
- Education

DESCRIPTION

ASAP CSP Music Club is a dynamic platform dedicated to fostering musical creativity, education, and collaboration within the community. Focusing on bringing together music lovers of all levels, the Music Club aims to inspire, educate and provide a supportive environment to explore the magic of melodies and beats.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students above 10 years of age

HOW TO AVAIL?

Contact Sanal Krishnan PV (Senior Lead, Community Connect, Asap Kerala CSPs) or call 9447425521..

Phone: Mobile: 9495999709 Mail: info@asapkerala.gov.in
Website :asapkerala.gov.in

TOURISM CLUB

AT A GLANCE

- Community Skill Park
- Exploration
- Cultural Discovery
- Travel Club

DESCRIPTION

The Community Skill Park's Travel Club has been created to allow people to embark on a journey of exploration, adventure and cultural discovery. The club will serve as a gateway to unforgettable experiences, new friendships, and a deeper connection to the world for members, regardless of whether they are experienced travellers or curious wanderers. The club will help members transcend boundaries, ignite a sense of wanderlust, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Age / Category: Students in the age group of 10 years to 18 years can join the nearest Community Skill Park Club with the consent of their parents.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Contact: Sanal Krishnan PV (Senior Lead, Community Connect, Asap Kerala CSPs) or call 9447425521.

Phone: Mobile: 9495999709 Mail: info@asapkerala.gov.in
Website: asapkerala.gov.in

WELCOME TO VIRTUAL WORLD

AT A GLANCE

- Virtual world
- Virtual Reality
- Discussions
- Technology
- Workshops

DESCRIPTION

Welcome to Virtual World is a VR experiential learning workshop designed for children aged 10-17. Participants will explore various aspects of virtual reality, including its definition, historical context, and key components. They will find a wide variety of applications of VR in gaming, education, healthcare, and more. The workshop provides hands-on experiences, allowing students to interact with virtual objects and environments, stimulating their creativity and problem-solving skills. Discussions on the impact and future of VR, along with an interactive question and answer session, give students an in-depth understanding of the technology. By the end of the workshop, participants will gain valuable insights into virtual reality and its limitless possibilities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students from age 10 to 17 across Kerala interested in engaging with VR.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Online registration through: https://asapkerala.gov.in/course/vr-experiential-learning-for-kids/

Phone:9495999709 Mail: info@asapkerala.gov.in
Website: asapkerala.gov.in

WHAT'S INSIDE

AT A GLANCE

- Electronic devices
- Repair techniques
- Disassembling
- Assembling
- Theoretical Lessons

DESCRIPTION

What's Inside offers training sessions for students of different grade levels to learn about electronic devices, their components, troubleshooting, and repair techniques. The program is divided into three levels, each catering to a specific age group and skill level. Participants will gain practical knowledge by disassembling and assembling various equipment, inspecting components, and solving technical problems. The program also includes theoretical lessons, safety guidelines, and question-and-answer sessions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

For students from class 4 to 10 interested in learing about the various nuances of electronic devices.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Online registration through https://asapkerala.gov.in/course/whats-inside/

Phone: Mobile: tel:+919495999709 Mail: info@asapkerala.gov.in
Website :asapkerala.gov.in

SCHOOL SAFETY

AT A GLANCE

- Disaster prevention
- Students
- Teachers
- Disaster risk
- Response

DESCRIPTION

Various activities related to school safety or school disaster prevention are carried out in all schools as part of the school safety guidelines published by the National Disaster Prevention Act. This follow-up is intended to ensure that students, teachers and others involved in school activities have knowledge about disaster risk and how to respond during a disaster.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

All programs are specifically designed for children eighteen years of age and older. Activities related to School Safety/School Disaster Management are intended for all those associated with educational institutions...

HOW TO AVAIL ?

The activities related to school safety are carried out jointly by the Education Department and the District Disaster Management Authorities. Information about all other activities is available from time to time on the Disaster Management Authority's website and through other social media. The office of Disaster Management Authority can also be contacted through Phone

Phone: +91-471-2778855 Mail: keralasdma@gmail.com

Web site: www.sdma.kerala.gov.in

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RISK REDUCTION DAY

AT A GLANCE

- Risk Reduction
- Disaster Management
- Disaster Preparedeness

DESCRIPTION

As part of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, activities are organized for children, especially those from vulnerable communities, to raise awareness about disaster risk reduction.

Special school assemblies are being held to educate children about disaster risk reduction pathways and to instill in them the importance of disaster preparedness. The aim of these activities, which adapt to different themes every year, is to foster a culture of resilience.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children aged 18 and above throughout the state.

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations or Reach out through website

Website: https://sdma.kerala.gov.in/

SURAKSHAYAANAM / “KUTTIKALUDE KERALEEYAM”

AT A GLANCE

- Disaster Mitigation
- Ensuring Safety
- Skill development

DESCRIPTION

In continuation of the Surakshayaanam program started by the State Disaster Management Authority, the program 'Kuttikalude Keraleeyam' was conducted in Kerala and as part of this, various games related to disaster management were formed and students participated in them. Information such as how to respond to different disasters, groups of people who need to be cared for, how to make an emergency kit, and the phone numbers that need to be known in case of an emergency are all presented through games.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children of age 18 or above

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the concerned authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program or reach out through website .

Website: https://sdma.kerala.gov.in/

PREMATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED CHILDREN

AT A GLANCE

- Protection rights
- Job reservation
- Welfare programs

DESCRIPTION

The State Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities, established in 1999 under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, oversees rehabilitation, rights protection, and full participation of over one lakh disabled individuals in Kerala. Its roles include coordinating government welfare schemes, addressing grievances, preventing exploitation, ensuring proper service delivery, promoting awareness of disability rights laws, including the National Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, and enforcing the 4% job reservation for disabled individuals across sectors. The Commissionerate also monitors welfare programs for the disabled.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A person with a disability having not less than 40% disability and having a disability issued by any competent medical authority.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Reach out to the authorities or organizations responsible for implementing the program by contacting local government offices, community leaders.

Phone: 0471-2720977 E-mail:-scpwdkerala@gmail.com Website: scpwd.kerala.gov.in

NISH(National Institute of Speech and Hearing)

AT A GLANCE

Project for Encouraging Entrepreneurship and Development of Innovative Ideas in Persons with Disabilities (I-YwD)

Project for Mental Wellbeing of Parents of Children with Disabilities(STEPPP)

DESCRIPTION:

Web-based Disability Awareness Seminars (NIDAS), Shruti Tharangam Cochlear Implant Project aimed at evaluating the functional capabilities of children with cochlear implants, and an initiative fostering entrepreneurship and cultivating innovative concepts (I-YwD) for individuals with disabilities in collaboration with Kerala Government Institutions. The NISH Disability Scientific Research Wing is implementing multiple initiatives to enhance the employability of children with disabilities and create a supportive work environment for them. This includes projects like the one focusing on the mental wellbeing of parents with differently-abled children (STEPP), a round-the-clock helpline for individuals with disabilities in collaboration with the State Disaster Management Authority, and the creation of accessible books.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Person with Disabilites, Parents of Children with Disabilities

HOW TO AVAIL?

Application from the PWD will be received by the CMO Office/Medical Authority. Also, the National Disability Helpline 94155 78606 is a round-the-clock Helpline for information, guidance and counseling related to disability. NISH Online Interactive Disability Awareness Seminar (NIDAS) has a website that can be accessed here: http://nidas.nish.ac.in/ and an application that can be downloaded here: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bgi.nidasapp&hl=en .

Contact: NATIONAL DISABILITY HELPLINE 94155 78606
https://www.handicareindia.org/handicare-helpline/, www.nish.ac.in , http://nidas.nish.ac.in/ Email : nishinfo@nish.ac.in , NISH: ++91-471- 2944666, 2596919, 2596920

Toll Free: 18004253323

CEREBRAL PALSY REHABILITATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CPRRC)

AT A GLANCE

- Research center for cerebral palsy rehabilitation
- Therapies and training
- Specialized care
- Multidisciplinary approach

DESCRIPTION

The State Initiative for Improving health outcomes for children with cerebral palsy.

The Centre has been established at the National Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Irinjalakuda, to conduct research in the field of rehabilitation of children with Cerebral Palsy. Cerebral Palsy School also provides therapies and training with the help of modern equipments through these centers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Children with cerebral palsy under the age of 18

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities of NIPMR by contacting local government offices, community leaders .

Phone: 0480-288-1959, +91 7510870111 , Mail:info@nipmr.org.in

Website: https://nipmr.org.in/RARRC.html

REGIONAL AUTISM AND REHABILITATION CENTRE (RAARC)

AT A GLANCE

- Autistic children
- Early Scientific interventions
- Screening
- Training programs
- Holistic Development

DESCRIPTION

The Center which introduced modern facilities has been established at the National Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Thrissur, Iringalakuda, to provide scientific screening interventions, appropriate rehabilitation activities and conduct research in the field of autism with modern facilities available in the field of autism.

It involves screening, early intervention, various therapies, training and treatment are provided through these centers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?

Autistic children up to the age group of 18 years .

HOW TO AVAIL ?

Reach out to the authorities of NIPMR by contacting local government offices, community leaders .

Phone: 0480-288-1959, +91 7510870111 , Mail:info@nipmr.org.in

Website: https://nipmr.org.in/RARRC.html

AUTISM CENTRES

AT A GLANCE

- Autistic Centres
- Therapies and Counselling
- Screening
- Training programs
- Holistic Development

DESCRIPTION

The State Initiative for Improving health outcomes for children with autism.

Government medical college hospitals in different districts provides services to children with autism. The centre provides autism screening, various therapies, training, counselling and medical services. The services of Paediatrician, Audiologist, Speech Therapist, Development Therapist, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Special Educator and Social Worker are available through these centres.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Children under the age of 18 with or suspected of having autism.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Visit the centres directly and follow the procedures including registration.

Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS)

Phone: +91 495 2359352, +91 940 006 1163 , Mail:office@imhans.ac.in

Website: https://imhans.ac.in

SAHYA CHANGE

AT A GLANCE

- State-level collective
- Master trainers
- Teachers, Mentors, Educators
- Sahya Change Team
- RAAP training

DESCRIPTION

A state-level collective of master trainers, including teachers, mentors, and educators, has been formed under the Sahya change Team to provide RAAP training to target groups in Kerala's tribal education system. The team, consisting of 50 passionate individuals, has experience in the public education sector.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Teachers of tribal education system in the state, teachers in model residential schools, mentor teachers, tribal promoters, education activists, teachers in multi-grade learning centres, chairpersons of the standing committee on health and education of local self-government institutions

HOW TO AVAIL?

Since each of these categories cannot be reached within the jurisdiction of SIEMAT-Kerala, it can be utilized through a state-level consortium of master trainers under the Sahya Change team under the Sahya Kanam scheme to provide RAAP training to various target groups.

Contact: State Institute of Educational Management and Training Kerala (SIEMAT-Kerala) 0471-2460343, siemat@kerala.gov.in

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME (SLA-K)

AT A GLANCE

- Education
- Leadership
- National Centre for School Leadership
- School Transformation
- Right to Education Act

DESCRIPTION

The public education conservation campaign has led to significant changes in Kerala's school education, but more work is needed. Strong leadership is crucial, especially with the Right to Education Act in place. School leaders must navigate limited resources and meet parental and societal expectations. The National Centre for School Leadership (NCSL) and the School Leadership Academy Kerala (SLA-K) have been established to support effective school leadership, including developing competencies, creating action plans, intervening in urgent situations, and providing guidance.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

For all school heads of general education and school supporting agencies.

HOW TO AVAIL?

SLAK – will provide a link to join the programme through the SIEMAT Kerala website and SLAK YouTube channel

Phone: 0471-2460343 Mail: siemat@kerala.gov.in

Web site: https://siemat.kerala.gov.in

CORPORATIONS

PROFICIENCY AWARD

AT A GLANCE

Inspiring

Students with disabilities

Kerala State Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation

Proficiency Award

SSLC

Higher Secondary Examination

Best scores

DESCRIPTION

For the purpose of recognising and inspiring students with disabilities, the Kerala State Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation established the Proficiency Award. Winners of the SSLC and Higher Secondary Examination awards are those who obtain the best scores in each district. ₹5,000 is given to each district-level winner.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students with disabilities have passed with B grade or above in all subjects in SSLC and Plus Two

HOW TO AVAIL?

Application form must be submitted to concerned Welfare Officer for differently abled people along with the attested copy of Disability certificate from Medical Board and the Income certificate from the concerned Village Officer.

Contact: Kerala State Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation, Poojapura, Trivandrum, 695012, 0471-2347768, www.hpwc.kerala.gov.in

SAMUNNATHI – COACHING ASSISTANCE SCHEME

AT A GLANCE

- Coaching Assistance Scheme
- Financial aid
- Competitive exam preparation
- Economically disadvantaged
- Forward communities
- Online application

DESCRIPTION

A lifeline for economically disadvantaged students from forward communities in Kerala seeking to excel in competitive exams. With a focus on Medical/Engineering entrances, Civil Services, Banking, and more, this initiative offers essential financial aid to eligible candidates. Ongoing higher secondary students and recent graduates stand to benefit from Rs. 10,000, while those gearing up for banking, UPSC, and PSC exams can access Rs. 6000. Furthermore, specialized financial packages ranging from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 30,000 cater to Civil Service exam aspirants. Applications, emphasizing residency and income eligibility, are conveniently processed online through the official portal.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Economically disadvantaged students from forward communities in Kerala with a family income below 2 lakhs per year, including those preparing for competitive exams like Medical/Engineering entrance, Civil Services, Banking, UPSC, and PSC.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Individuals need to apply online through the official website, ensuring they meet the criteria of being economically disadvantaged students from forward communities in Kerala with a family income below 2 lakhs per year.

Contact: Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities, L2, Kuleena, Jawahar Nagar, Kowdiar PO Thiruvananthapuram– 695003 Phone: +91 471 2311215
E-mail: kswcfc@gmail.com Website: www.kswcfc.org

VIDYA SAMUNNATHI SCHOLARSHIP

AT A GLANCE

- Educational scholarships
- Economic backwardness
- Forward communities
- Financial assistance
- Professional courses

DESCRIPTION

Educational initiative offering scholarships and competitive assistance to economically disadvantaged students from forward communities. Since its inception, the scheme has provided support to students from high school to post-graduation levels, including those pursuing professional courses and studying in prestigious institutions like IIT, IIM, and NIT. Scholarships are tailored to various educational stages, offering financial aid ranging from Rs. 2000 to Rs. 50000 annually, with specific numbers allocated for each category.

Website: https://samunnathi.com/vidyasamunnathi

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who belong to non-reservation forward communities are eligible to apply for Vidya Samunnathi scholarships. They must be residents of Kerala and their family's annual income should not exceed 2 lakhs from all sources.

HOW TO AVAIL?

Eligible applicants from non-reservation forward communities in Kerala can apply online, provided their family's annual income does not exceed 2 lakhs from all sources, and they hold a bank account in a recognized bank.

Contact: Kerala State Welfare Corporation for Forward Communities, L2, Kuleena, Jawahar Nagar, Kowdiar PO Thiruvananthapuram- 695003 Phone: +91 471 2311215
E-mail: kswcfc@gmail.com Website: www.kswcfc.org

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Appendix – 1

List of 64 Stakeholders for Child Friendly Local Governance

1. Home Department
2. Local Self Government Department (Rural)
3. Local Self Government Department (Urban)
4. Kerala State Planning Board
5. Women And Child Development Department
6. Social Justice Department
7. Kerala Social Security Mission (KSSM)
8. Health Services Department
9. National Health Mission – Arogyakeralam
10. General Education Department
11. Scheduled Castes Development Department
12. Scheduled Tribes Development Department
13. Minority Welfare Department
14. Backward Classes Development Department
15. Sports And Youth Affairs Department
16. Excise Department
17. Labour And Skills Department
18. National Employment Service
19. Sainik Welfare Department
20. Motor Vehicles Department
21. Vocational Higher Secondary Education
22. Vidyakiranam

23. Collegiate Education Department
24. Kerala State Lotteries Department
25. Fisheries Department
26. Industries And Commerce Department
27. Agriculture Development And Farmers Welfare Department
28. Dairy Development Department
29. Animal Husbandry Department
30. Forest Department
31. Disaster Management Department
32. Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA)
33. Kerala State Commission For Protection Of Child Rights (KeSCPCR)
34. Child Development Centre (CDC)
35. Kudumbashree
36. Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP)
37. State Commissionerate For Persons With Disabilities
38. National Institute Of Speech & Hearing (NISH)
39. National Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (NIPMR)
40. Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (IMHANS)
41. State Institute Of Educational Management And Training–Kerala (SIEMAT–Kerala)
42. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Mission (MGNREG)
43. State Council Of Educational Research And Training, Kerala (SCERT)
44. Samagra Shiksha Kerala (SSK)
45. State Institute Of Educational Technology (SIET)
46. Kerala State Welfare Corporation For Forward Communities (Samunnathi)

47. Kerala State Handicapped Persons Welfare Corporation
48. Commissionerate Of Rural Development
49. Kerala State Commission For Scheduled Castes And Scheduled Tribes
50. Kerala State Commission For Minorities
51. Kerala State Commission For Economically Backward Classes Among Forward Communities
52. Kerala State Commission For Backward Classes
53. Kerala State Youth Commission
54. Kerala Gram Panchayat Association
55. Kerala Youth Leadership Academy
56. Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS)
57. National Service Scheme (NSS)
58. Student Police Cadet (SPC)
59. Kerala State Bharat Scouts And Guides
60. N. C. C. Department (NCC)
61. State Central Library
62. Indian Council For Child Welfare
63. Disability Welfare Board
64. State Adoption Resource Authority