

# Sishu Saathi

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## Benefits (Sishu Saathi)

- Health Screening in Schools: Free health check
- ups in government schools to detect heart ailments at an early stage among children. Free Cardiac Surgeries: Completely free cardiac surgeries for children up to 12 years of age who are diagnosed with heart ailments, ensuring no financial burden on families.

## Eligibility (Sishu Saathi)

- All children from 0 to 18 years are eligible. Applicable to children residing in both rural and urban areas of West Bengal. There is no income criterion
- the scheme is open to all children regardless of their family's financial capacity. The child must be diagnosed with a cardiac ailment requiring surgical intervention.

## Application Process (Sishu Saathi)

- Step 1: Children diagnosed through Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram or other health check-ups are referred for further treatment.
- Step 2: Parents or guardians can contact government hospitals or partner private hospitals for free surgery under the scheme.
- Step 3: Hospitals handle the registration and approval process for eligible children.

## Documents Required (Sishu Saathi)

- Child's birth certificate or age proof (below 18 years). Medical records or diagnostic reports showing the heart ailment. Identity proof of parents or guardians (Aadhaar card
- Voter ID
- etc.). Any other documents as required.