

# **Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund)**

## **Details (Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund))**

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## **Objectives (Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund))**

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## **Important Features (Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund))**

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## **Benefits (Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund))**

- Financial Assistance and Purpose Marriage of Daughter: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- Major/Minor Operation/Medical Treatment for Self or Family: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- Funeral Expenses of the Journalist: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- Travel/Incidental Expenses for Treatment: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- Medical Reimbursement for General Expenses: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- Scholarship/Incentives for Wards Pursuing Higher Education: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- Financial Assistance for Self
- employment Ventures: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- House Repair/Construction Due to Natural Calamities: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- Lump sum Grant on the Death of the Journalist to Next Kin: Up to ₹2,00,000/
- \*All disbursements are made through cheques. Conditions for Disbursement Original bills and photocopies of hospital/institution documents must be submitted for medical claims. For super specialty treatment, bills must be submitted within three months.

## **Eligibility (Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund))**

- The applicant should be a journalist.
- The applicant should have been born and brought up in Goa.
- The applicant should be working in a newspaper establishment in Goa for at least three years continuously.
- The applicant should be registered with the Department of Information and Publicity, Government of Goa, and renew registration by June 30th every year.
- The applicant should not be engaged in any other profession.

## **Application Process (Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund))**

- Step 1: The interested applicant should take print of the prescribed format of the application form.
- Step 2: In the application form, fill in all the mandatory fields, paste the passport-sized photograph (signed across, if required), and attach copies of all the mandatory documents (self-attest, if required).
- Step 3: Submit the duly filled and signed application form along with the documents, within the prescribed period (if any), to the Director of Information and Publicity, Government of Goa.
- Post-Application Processes Step 1: The Director will scrutinize the application and forward it to the Sub-Committee for review.
- The Sub-Committee will decide the quantum of assistance and seek government approval.
- Step 2: Once approved, the financial assistance will be disbursed via cheque to the eligible applicant.

## **Documents Required (Patrakar Kritadnyata Nidhi Scheme (Journalist Benevolent Fund))**

- Proof of Working in an Established Newspaper/periodical Magazine for at Least Three Years (Certificate From Employer). Birth Certificate or Proof of Working in Goa for Three Years. Declaration Stating No Financial Assistance Has Been Availed From Other Government Schemes. Original Bills and Photocopies of Hospital/institution Documents (for Medical Claims). Doctor's Certificate for Specific Treatments (if Applicable). Recommendation Letters From Two Persons/institutions With Technical Knowledge of the Applicant's Work. Attested Copy of Birth Certificate. Details of Dependents (Name
  - Age
  - Relationship
  - Occupation
  - Income).

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