

Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development

Details (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

The Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD) scheme is a program launched by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, in 2015. The scheme aims to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts and crafts of minorities and to provide employment opportunities to minority youth in these sectors. Objective To build capacity of master craftsmen/artisans. The USTTAD scheme covers a wide range of traditional arts and crafts, including: Handloom weaving Carpet weaving Embroidery Pottery Metalwork Wood carving Stone carving Painting Sculpture Calligraphy Music Dance Under this, master craftsmen and artisans are provided with training to upgrade their skills and to become trainers. The scheme also provides support for the development of market linkages for the products of the trained artisans. ■ The USTTAD scheme is implemented through Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), which are non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with experience in the field of skill development and traditional arts and crafts.

Objectives (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

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Important Features (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

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Benefits (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

- Free training in a traditional art or craft Stipend during the training period ■ 10,000/
- per trainee for the non residential programme ■ 13,000/
- per trainee for the residential programme Assistance in finding employment after completing the training

Eligibility (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

- USTTAD scheme Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) Societies registered under Societies Registration Act for at least three years, with experience of conducting traditional skill development courses with established market linkages. Private recognized/registered professional institutions of repute conducting traditional skill development courses for at least the last three years with established market linkages. Industry or an association of industries like ASSOCHAM, CII, FICCI etc. who are willing to run training centres as per financial norms of the scheme with a proper plan. Institution of Central/State Governments including Universities, Public Sector Undertakings and Training institutes of Central State Governments including Panchayati Raj Training institutions having the capacity to conduct such training programmes and fulfill the mandatory criteria. ■ USTTAD scheme Eligible Trainees/beneficiaries: Must belong to minority community. 25% candidates belonging to BPL families of non

- minority communities may also be considered. 3% seats will also be reserved for differently abled persons belonging to minority communities. Must be between 14
- 35 years of age. Upper age limit may be relaxed for differently abled persons belonging to minorities. Minimum qualification should be at least Class V. This may also be relaxed for differently abled persons belonging to minorities. More than one member of a family is eligible for training in the same art/craft form, provided she/he fulfills the eligibility criteria

Application Process (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

- To apply for the USTTAD scheme, candidates must contact the nearest PIA .

Documents Required (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)

- Proof of identity: Aadhaar card
- PAN card
- Voter ID card
- or Driving License. Proof of address: Aadhaar card
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- or Driving License. Proof of minority community: A certificate from a religious leader or a caste certificate. Proof of age: Aadhaar card
- School certificate
- or Birth certificate. Educational qualification: School certificate or mark sheet. Disability certificate: If the beneficiary is a person with a disability. Income certificate: If the beneficiary belongs to a BPL family.

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