

# **Shaktidoot Scheme**

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## **Benefits (Shaktidoot Scheme)**

- Financial Support: Up to ₹25,00,000/- per year for Olympic level (2020/2024) athletes.
- Sports Equipment: Custom kits and advanced training tools.
- Medical Coverage: ₹5,00,000/- mediclaim and accidental death insurance.
- Nutrition and Diet Plans: Customized diet plans and financial aid for supplementary nutrition.
- Psychological Workshops: Mental training and focus improvement sessions.
- International Training and Competition: Travel and training expenses for global events.
- Accommodation and Coaching: Expert coaching and necessary arrangements for advanced training.
- Duration of benefits: The initial duration is 2 years, which can be extended for up to 7 years based on the athlete's performance and progress.

## **Eligibility (Shaktidoot Scheme)**

- The applicant must have participated in games recognized by the School Games Federation of India or included in the Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, Afro Asian Games, or Olympics, as determined by a committee appointed by the Government. The applicant must be below 20 years of age. The applicant must have won state level competitions based on their sporting achievements. The applicant must have achieved success in junior or sub-junior categories.
- junior competitions of the open category organized by a recognized All India Federation, prioritized based on their accomplishments. The applicant must not use banned substances or have any impairment that disqualifies them from participation, as such individuals will be immediately dropped from the scheme. Note: The applicant's sports achievements over the previous two years will be considered for selection under the scheme. The above criteria for eligibility will be generally taken into account but the committee may decide to grant such players an exceptional status under this scheme in view of the exceptional achievements of any athlete, in order to expand his talent at the international level and to fully develop his abilities.

## **Application Process (Shaktidoot Scheme)**

- Step-1: The Sports Authority of Gujarat publishes a public tender in daily newspapers, inviting applications for the scheme.

- Step-2: Applicants must ensure they meet the eligibility criteria specified in the scheme before applying.
- Step-3: Interested players must fill out the application form and submit it along with the required documents within the specified deadline.
- Step-4: The Sports Authority of Gujarat verifies the submitted documents and reviews the applicant's achievements and qualifications.
- Step-5: A committee evaluates the applications based on the applicant's performance, potential, and adherence to eligibility criteria.
- Step-6: Selected applicants are informed through official communication from the Sports Authority of Gujarat.
- Step-7: Successful applicants are enrolled in the scheme and begin receiving the specified benefits and support.

## **Documents Required (Shaktidoot Scheme)**

- Proof of residence. Birth certificate. Sports achievement certificates (last two years). Endorsement from recognized sports authorities. Medical fitness certificate. Bank account details for financial transactions. Undertaking of not using banned substances. Any other documents (if required).

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