

## Dr. Punjab Rao Deshmukh SARTHI Domestic Higher Education Scholarship Scheme

The Government of Maharashtra, through SARTHI (Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Research, Training and Human Development Institute), Pune, has implemented the “**Dr. Punjab Rao Deshmukh SARTHI Domestic Higher Education Scholarship Scheme**” from the academic year 2022-23. This scheme is applicable as per the Government Resolution of the Social Justice and Special Assistance Department dated 08 November 2017, to the students belonging to the targeted groups of **Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, and Kunbi-Maratha communities**.

Sr. No.	Points	Explanation
1	<b>Objective</b>	To provide financial assistance to meritorious boys and girls belonging to the targeted groups for pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate degree education in India.
2	<b>Scope</b>	The scheme is applicable to full-time undergraduate, postgraduate degree, and postgraduate diploma courses (excluding preparatory courses at IITs) in 200 recognized higher education institutions listed in Annexure “B” of the Government Resolution.
3	<b>Age Limit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum age for undergraduate courses: <b>25 years</b></li> <li>Maximum age for postgraduate degree/diploma courses: <b>30 years</b></li> </ul>
4	<b>General Terms and Conditions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant must belong to Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, or Kunbi-Maratha community.</li> <li>The applicant must be a <b>resident of Maharashtra</b>.</li> <li>The applicant should not have availed of any other scholarship from the State Government, Central Government, or other State Governments for the same level of study.</li> <li>Admission must be taken as a <b>full-time student</b> in the prescribed universities/institutions. The student must complete the course within the prescribed duration.</li> </ol>
5	<b>Income Limit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The total annual family income of the applicant from all sources must not exceed <b>₹8.00 lakh</b>.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of income (Income Certificate issued by Tahsildar/Naib-Tahsildar, Form No.16, and Income Tax Return, if applicable) must be submitted.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Educational Eligibility</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The applicant must have passed 10th and 12th examinations from the Maharashtra State Board or an equivalent recognized board within Maharashtra.</li> <li>2. For undergraduate courses: Minimum 55% marks in Class 12 examination are required. Selection will be merit-based.</li> <li>3. For lateral entry (Diploma holders into 2nd year of UG courses): Minimum 55% marks in Diploma examination are required.</li> <li>4. For postgraduate courses: Minimum 55% marks in undergraduate degree (aggregate percentage of all semesters) are required. CGPA/GPA must be converted into percentage with an official conversion certificate.</li> <li>5. Admission must be secured through the prescribed entrance examinations of the respective universities/institutions.</li> </ol>
7	<b>Benefits under the Scheme</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Full tuition fees, examination fees, registration fees, gymkhana, library, computer, development, and laboratory fees as charged by the concerned university/institution.</li> <li>2. For students residing in the hostel of the concerned university/institution: Hostel and mess charges will be covered.</li> <li>3. An amount of ₹10,000/- per annum (₹5,000/- for books and ₹5,000/- for educational material/other academic expenses).</li> </ol>
8	<b>Application Procedure</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applications are to be submitted to SARTHI Headquarters, Pune.</li> <li>2. Documents required with the application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domicile Certificate of Maharashtra</li> <li>• Caste Certificate (issued by competent authority)</li> <li>• Caste Validity Certificate</li> <li>• Income Certificate (Form No.16, ITR, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School/College Leaving Certificate of Class 12</li> <li>• Admission confirmation letter from the concerned institution</li> <li>• Aadhaar Card</li> <li>• Parent's PAN Card</li> <li>• Aadhaar-linked bank account details</li> </ul> <p>3. Applications are invited by SARTHI, Pune, generally during July–August every year. Out of the received applications, 300 eligible students are selected annually on the basis of prescribed criteria.</p>
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