

Scheme Name:	Educational Opportunities in the Emerging Agro-Industrial Sector - Academic Fee Reimbursement Scheme
Scheme Start	2023-24
Targeted Beneficiaries	Eligible students from the target group who have received admission to the Industrial Fermentation and Alcohol Technology (Post Graduate Diploma Course - IFAT) and M.Sc. Wine Brewing and Alcohol Technology (Post Graduate Degree Course - WBAT) courses at Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune.
Scheme Objective	Sarthi implements this academic fee reimbursement scheme to provide educational opportunities in the emerging agro-industrial sector for students from the Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, and Kunbi-Maratha communities whose family's annual income has been within ₹8 lakh for the last 3 years. The objective is to provide educational opportunities to students and encourage them towards employment and self-employment.
Scheme Details	Reimbursement of semester-wise academic fees for students admitted to the Industrial Fermentation and Alcohol Technology (Post Graduate Diploma Course - IFAT) and M.Sc. Wine Brewing and Alcohol Technology (Post Graduate Course - WBAT) at the Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune.
Academic Location	Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Manjari, Pune.
Training Duration/Phases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFAT Course - 22 months. • WBAT Course - 2 years. • Students who have received admission to these courses and fulfill the terms and conditions for availing the scheme will be eligible.
Beneficiary Eligibility	An advertisement for the academic fee reimbursement scheme sponsored by Sarthi for students admitted to the IFAT/WBAT courses at Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune, is published in newspapers in July or August. Students who have taken admission to the IFAT and WBAT courses at VSI Pune must apply online for the scheme. The following documents must be attached :

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student must have passed the entrance exam conducted by Vasantdada Sugar Institute in the second week of July and must have secured admission to the IFAT/WBAT course at VSI Pune. • The caste category must be Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, and Kunbi-Maratha. • The family's annual income for the last 3 years must be within ₹8 lakh. • The applicant must be a resident of Maharashtra.
Required Documents	<p>The applicant must upload clear and legible PDF copies of the following documents when applying online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The admission letter and fee payment receipt if admission has been secured to the IFAT/WBAT course. • Caste certificate. • Tahsildar's income certificate or EWS certificate • . Domicile certificate. • Aadhaar card, birth certificate, or school leaving certificate. • Bank account details. • Domicile certificate.
Beneficiary Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An advertisement for online applications will be published on Sarthi's website and in state newspapers. • After verifying and scrutinizing all documents, students with complete documents will be selected for this scheme. • A maximum of one member from a family will be selected for the training.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the IFAT course, a fee reimbursement of ₹35,000 per semester will be provided for 3 semesters. To receive this amount, the student must submit a progress report from Vasantdada Sugar Institute after passing a semester, along with a request letter, Letter of Award, and a receipt if the previous semester's academic fee reimbursement has been received. From the financial year 2025-26, a 100% academic fee reimbursement will be provided if the student passes each semester on the first attempt, 50% for the second attempt, and 35% for the third attempt.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the WBAT course, a fee reimbursement of ₹57,500 per semester will be provided for 4 semesters. To receive this amount, the student must submit a progress report from Vasantdada Sugar Institute after passing a semester, along with a request letter, Letter of Award, and a receipt if the previous semester's academic fee reimbursement has been received. From the financial year 2025-26, a 100% academic fee reimbursement will be provided if the student passes each semester on the first attempt, 50% for the second attempt, and 35% for the third attempt. For more reference and information, refer to the prospectus available on the Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune website and visit the Sarthi website.
About the Training Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune, runs two courses: Industrial Fermentation And Alcohol Technology (Post Graduate Diploma Course-IFAT) and M.Sc. Wine Brewing and Alcohol Technology (Post Graduate Course-WBAT). Students from Sarthi's target group who have received admission to these two courses can benefit from the academic fee reimbursement scheme.
Disqualification Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incomplete documents or failure to submit them within the specified period Filling out false, incorrect, or incomplete information in the online application. Not receiving admission to the IFAT and WBAT courses at VSI Pune. Violation of rules. If a student fails a semester more than three times, academic fee reimbursement will not be provided. Not securing admission to the course.
Beneficiary Numbers 2022-23 to 2024-25	184.