

Scheme Name	Senapati Dhanaji Jadhav Sarthi-Farmer Drone Pilot Training Program
Scheme Start	2023-24
Target Beneficiaries	880
Scheme Objective	To provide DGCA-approved drone pilot training to members of Sarthi's target group at Remote Pilot Training Organizations (RPTOs).
Scheme Details	Technology dissemination, residential training.
Training Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri. ii) Vasantao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani. iii) Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli.
Training Duration/Phases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the 7-day drone pilot training at Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, ₹35,000 per trainee is paid to the training institute and up to ₹4,000 is paid to the students for accommodation, food, and breakfast. The amount is paid after the students submit self-attested bills for accommodation, food, and breakfast upon completing the training. 2. For the 7-day Small Rotorcraft Category training program at Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, ₹37,620 is paid per trainee, and for the Medium Rotorcraft Category, ₹47,620 is paid per trainee to the university. This includes training fees, student accommodation, breakfast, and food expenses 3. For the 180-day training program at Vasantao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani, ₹99,000 per student is paid to the training institute. Additionally, a maintenance allowance of ₹8,000 per month per student is paid based on their attendance, provided it is at least 90%. For the 7-day training, ₹42,000 per trainee is sanctioned.
Beneficiary Eligibility	<p>To avail benefit of this scheme, members of the target group must apply on the sarthi-maharashtragov.in website.</p> <p>Education: For the 7-day training, a minimum of 12th pass is required; graduates will be given priority. For the Professional Certificate Course on Drone Agriculture, a degree in science or engineering is required, or a Drone Pilot Certificate (RPC).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age limit: minimum 18 years and maximum 55 years.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a resident of Maharashtra. The applicant must belong to the Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, and Kunbi-Maratha communities in Maharashtra. • The family's annual income must not exceed ₹8 lakh. • The applicant should not have previously benefited from this program under Sarthi, Pune. • After online application, Sarthi's divisional office will conduct an online verification of the application and documents. • If all documents meet the scheme's terms and conditions, an online recommendation will be made. • If there are any discrepancies in the application, it will be sent back to you. The discrepancies must be resolved online. • If the scheme's terms and conditions are not met, the application will be deemed ineligible. • • The trainee must have a valid passport / voter ID / driving license / ration card. A medical fitness certificate is required.
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"> • For Kunbi-Maratha, a Kunbi and Kunbi-Maratha caste certificate is required. • For Maratha, a school leaving certificate or a caste certificate is required. • Income certificate: Non-Creamy Layer certificate / EWS certificate / Tahsildar's income certificate for the previous year stating the income is not more than ₹8 lakh. Aadhaar card, birth certificate, or school leaving certificate. • Bank account details. • Domicile certificate. • Code of Conduct bond (for 180-day training).
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. • The selection of eligible applicants will be prioritized on a first-come, first-served basis.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The beneficiaries will be informed about the training date and selection based on the class capacity. • A maximum of one member from a family will be selected for the training. The training will be free.
Benefits	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the 7-day drone pilot training at Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, ₹35,000 per trainee will be paid to the training institute. Additionally, up to ₹4,000 will be paid to students for accommodation, food, and breakfast after they submit self-attested bills upon completing the training. 2. For the 7-day Small Rotorcraft Category training program at Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, ₹37,620 per trainee, and for the Medium Rotorcraft Category, ₹47,620 per trainee will be paid to the university. This includes student accommodation, breakfast, and food expenses. 3. For the 180-day training program at Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani, ₹99,000 per student will be paid to the training institute. 4. For the 180-day training, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) maintenance allowance of ₹8,000 per month per student will be paid into their account at the end of each month, provided they have a minimum attendance of 90%. The amount will be disbursed only after the institute provides a satisfactory monthly progress report and after the successful completion of the course. ii) The responsibility of completing the course lies with the student. iii) If a student leaves the course incomplete after 1 month or later, the entire course fee will be recoverable from them. iv) If a student is absent for 15 days after the training starts, they will not be able to complete the remaining training, and a new student may be issued an order. If a student does not inform about their absence, they will not be selected for this training again.
About the Training Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, provides a 7-day training for the Small Rotorcraft Category.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vasantryao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani, provides a 180-day training. • Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth provides a 7-day training for both Small and Medium Rotorcraft Categories.
Disqualification Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incomplete documents or failure to submit them within the specified period. • Filling out false or incorrect information in the online application. • Having previously benefited from this training under this program. • Not meeting the age criteria. • Violation of rules.
Beneficiary Numbers 2023-24 to 2024-25	311 (7-day training) , 24 (180-day training).