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Samarth Scheme (Respite Care)

The National Trust funds registered organisations to run Samarth Centres that give respite and residential group home care to persons with disabilities of all age groups.

What you may get

A Samarth Centre gives respite and residential care, with basic medical care, to persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation or multiple disabilities. The National Trust pays a one-time setup cost of Rs 2,90,000 and Rs 5,000 a month for each funded person. For the first 3 months it also pays a sustenance cost, and a work centre can get setup help of Rs 25,000 to Rs 1,00,000.

Who it is for

Organisations registered with the National Trust that run group homes for persons with disabilities of all ages. Families do not apply to the National Trust directly; they enrol the person at a Samarth Centre.

Main conditions

- The organisation must be registered with the National Trust.
- The group home land must be owned by the organisation or leased for at least 5 years with a right to renew.
- It needs 2 years of work with persons with disabilities, of which one year must be in any of the four disabilities the National Trust Act covers.
- It must not be blacklisted by the National Trust or any other government body at the time of enrolment.
- A person must have autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation or multiple disabilities, and must not be enrolled under Disha, Vikaas or Gharaunda at the same time.
- The batch size is 30 persons, and the National Trust funds a centre only when at least 9 persons are enrolled in the month.

Documents

- Registration certificate under the National Trust Act (organisation)
- Ownership documents or lease deed of the group home land (organisation)
- Declaration about experience and about not being blacklisted (organisation)
- Birth certificate of the person or other proof of date of birth
- Disability certificate of the person
- BPL certificate or income certificate of the parent or guardian
- ID proof of the parent or guardian

How to apply

1. The registered organisation logs in to the National Trust website, fills the Samarth application online and uploads the scanned documents.
2. It pays the application fee of Rs 1,000 online and sends the printed form with documents so that it reaches the National Trust within 15 days.
3. The National Trust checks the papers and then inspects the proposed centre. If approved, the organisation gets a scheme ID and the setup cost is processed.
4. Families contact a Samarth Centre. The person is assessed there and enrolled after the enrolment form and documents are verified.

Status

Active

Official source: https://nationaltrust.nic.in/samarth-scheme/
Official PDF: https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3300891a62162b960cf02ce3827bb363c/uploads/2026/04/20260424101313862.pdf
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