



Ministry of Culture's Initiative to Promote of Art and Culture

Why in News?

The [Ministry of Culture](#) has implemented a Scheme to **protect all genres of artists, including folk song artists**, called the '**Scheme of [Scholarship and Fellowship for Promotion of Art and Culture](#)**'.

- This scheme has three components that aim to support **young artists, outstanding persons in different cultural fields**, and those conducting cultural research.

What are the Components of the Scheme?

- **Award of Scholarships to Young Artists in Different Cultural Fields (SYA):**
 - Provides a scholarship for a period of 2 years to selected beneficiaries in the **age group of 18-25 years**.
 - Candidates should have undergone training under **any Guru or Institution for a minimum of 5 years**.
- **Award of Senior/Junior Fellowships:**
 - Senior Fellowship is provided to **selected Fellows in the age group of 40 years and above** for 2 years for cultural research.
 - Junior Fellowship is provided to selected Fellows in the age group of 25 to 40 for 2 years.
 - Up to 400 Senior & Junior Fellowships are awarded in one batch year.
- **Award of Tagore National Fellowship for Cultural Research (TNFCR):**
 - Candidates are selected under two categories, [Tagore National Fellowship](#) and **Tagore Research Scholarship**, to work on cultural research by affiliation under different participating institutions in 4 different groups.
 - Selection of Fellows and Scholars is made by the **National Selection Committee (NSC)**.
- **Additional Component:**
 - Under the scheme of **“Project Grants to Individuals for Research in the Performing Arts”**, the [Sangeet Natak Akademi](#) provides financial assistance to individuals on recommendation of the **Advisory Committee**.

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