

Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme

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About Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme:

- It was launched on 15th August 1972 by the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- The scheme provides the grant of pension to **living freedom fighters and their families**; if they are no longer alive, and to the families of martyrs.
- **Eligibility**
 - A person who had suffered a **minimum imprisonment of six months** in the mainland jails before Independence.
 - A person who remained underground for more than six months.
 - A person interned in his home or externed from his district provided the period of internment/externment was six months or more.
 - A person **whose property was confiscated** or attached and sold due to participation in the freedom struggle.
 - A person who became **permanently incapacitated** during firing or lathi charge.
 - A person who lost his job (Central or State Government) and thus means of livelihood for participation in the national movement.

- **Benefits**

- Free lifetime **railway passes** to travel by any train.
 - Free **medical facilities under CGHS** and free medical treatment in hospitals run by PSUs are provided to the Freedom fighters and eligible dependents.
 - Free transit stay with meals at State Bhawan, New Delhi.
 - Collectors/SDMs have been directed to regularly enquire about the well-being of the freedom fighters and resolve their pension related issues.
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Q1: What is the Central Government Health Scheme?

It is providing comprehensive medical care to the Central Government employees and pensioners enrolled under the scheme. It caters to the healthcare needs of eligible beneficiaries covering all four pillars of democratic set up in India namely Legislature, Judiciary, Executive and Press.

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