

GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Education, Art and Culture

Higher Education

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Notification

2/79/SHEC Act/2017-18/DHE/Part File/355

In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Goa State Higher Education Council Act, 2018 (Goa Act 14 of 2018), the Government of Goa hereby appoints the 1st day of June, 2020, as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Premraj K. Shirodkar, Under Secretary
(Higher Education).

Porvorim, 30th April, 2020.

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9/99/Goa Scholar/DHE/2019-20

Government is pleased to notify the following scheme i.e.:

"MANOHAR PARRIKAR GOA SCHOLARS SCHEME"

I. Short title & commencement.— This scheme shall be called as "Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholars Scheme" and the same shall come into force from the date of publication of its notification in the Government Official Gazette.

II. Introduction.— Goa has a large student population in the group 18-25 years. To tap their potential and to optimize the demographic dividend, they need to be encouraged and empowered to take up Post Graduate/Doctoral courses in reputed institutions in India and abroad. The qualification, skill and experience they gain shall contribute towards the building up human capital required by the state for its

sustainable development. Therefore to give financial support for such talented brilliant students, present scheme has been framed and shall be implemented to achieve its objectives.

III. Aims and objectives.— 1. To promote pursuit of post-graduate and doctoral studies by talented younger population of Goa by recognizing the meritorious and outstanding candidates by providing scholarship.

2. To encourage the students for taking admission in India and abroad reputed institutions and to motivate them to take up cutting-edge research.

3. To boost the efforts of the State in promoting quality education, research and innovation.

IV. Eligibility conditions.— 1. The age of the applicant for the Scholarship shall not exceed 35 years as on 1st January of the year for which Scholarship is disbursed.

2. The applicant should be resident of Goa for a minimum period of 15 years. However if the applicant is of Goan origin who has pursued his/her academic studies for minimum period of 7 years in Goa out of his/her entire academic career with residence in Goa shall also be considered for the Scholarship.

3. The applicant must have passed the qualifying degree examination from an institution preferably located in Goa. However, Goa Scholar may also be offered to candidates who have passed qualifying degree examination from a reputed institution located in any other parts of India provided the candidate fulfils other conditions of eligibility.

4. The applicant must have scored minimum of 60% marks or equivalent grade in the qualifying degree examination along with minimum 70% aggregate marks as per the criteria detailed at Clause IX of this scheme for shortlisting of the candidates.

5. The applicant must have obtained confirmed admission during the period of the Scholarship.

6. The applicant shall pursue post graduate or doctoral courses in any discipline.

7. Any applicant, who fails to furnish any of the necessary information or furnishes any incorrect or false information, shall be disqualified from the selection process. Any false information submitted by the applicant shall be treated as cognizable offence under IPC.

8. Any candidate who has cleared/passed the Secondary School Certificate (S.S.C.), Higher Secondary School Certificate (H.S.S.C.) or Graduation examination with grace marks shall not be considered as eligible for the purpose of this Scheme.

9. Any form of canvassing and bringing political pressure shall disqualify the candidate out rightly.

V. *Number of Awards.*— 1. Every year, 20 outstanding Scholars shall be selected and awarded under Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholar Scheme. However in certain circumstances for reasons to be recorded, more awards can be granted on the recommendation of the selection committee with the approval of the Government provided the total number of awards shall not exceed 30.

2. The Award shall consist of scholarship amounting to INR 8,00,000/- lakh for pursuing studies in India or USD 25,000/- for studies in abroad and an appreciation certificate. In all cases, the disbursement shall be made in Indian currency (INR). The exchange rate prevalent on the day, the actual minutes of Selection Committee are signed, shall be considered.

VI. *Backlog to be covered under this scheme.*— The backlogs in selection of Goa Scholars for the academic year 2018-19 shall also be considered under the present scheme.

VII. *Application Procedure.*— 1. the Department of Higher Education shall announce the scheme in various local dailies as well as on the website of the Directorate of Higher Education and State Government.

2. Any applicant fulfilling the eligibility conditions may apply for Goa Scholar by filling and submitting the prescribed proforma on or before the last date announced by the Department.

3. All claims made by the applicant shall be supported by documentary evidencies.

4. Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the applicant shall be attached along with the duly filled prescribed proforma.

5. The applicant shall submit a write-up of about 500 words stating "Why his/her name should be considered for Goa Scholar"? The write-up should very clearly chalk out his/her achievements and contributions to his/her educational institution, peers and community at large. The write-up can also mention his/her future plans and how he/she with this higher degree proposes to contribute towards the sustainable development of the State.

6. All applicants shall be issued a registration number. The registration number must be quoted in all the subsequent correspondences.

7. Only candidate whose application is complete in all respect shall be placed before the screening committee.

8. The screening committee shall recommend the list of eligible candidates in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Clause IX, to be placed before the selection committee.

9. The last date for applying for this scheme shall be notified every year by the Directorate of Higher Education. The applicant should apply online in prescribed proforma made available on the website of the Directorate of Higher Education. The applicant shall download the entire application along with filled data and submit the same affixed with his/her signature along with the supporting documents in sealed envelope on or before the last date to the office of the Directorate of Higher Education.

10. The applicant shall number all the supporting documents and shall invariably make a mention about the document and its corresponding page number in the covering letter. Photocopies of the document submitted shall be self-attested by the applicant. Certificates and supporting documents upto the final year of graduation only are to be submitted.

11. In the event that the applicant has been selected for a course that involves deadlines in relation to payment of fees and other charges, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant himself/herself to arrange adequate finance for meeting such deadlines.

VIII. *Screening Committee.*— The Directorate of Higher Education shall constitute a Screening Committee for shortlisting of candidates in accordance with the criteria laid down under the Clause IX of this scheme. The Committee will consist of the following members:

- a) A well-known senior : Chairperson
Academician
- b) Two members nominated : Members
by the Government
- c) The Director, Directorate : Member
of Higher Education Secretary.

IX. *Criteria for shortlisting eligible candidates by Screening Committee.*— The Screening Committee shall shortlist the candidate on following criteria:

1. The candidate shall be evaluated for shortlisting on a 100 point scale.

2. Only curricular/academic achievements shall be considered for shortlisting the candidates.

3. Curricular/academic achievements shall be assigned 100 marks. Marks obtained by the candidate in the SSC (Standard X) examination shall be assigned 40% weightage being a common exam and 30% weightage shall be assigned each to marks obtained in HSSC (Std. XII) and Graduation (Bachelor's degree) examinations, respectively.

4. Any candidate who has cleared/ passed S.S.C., H.S.S.C. or Graduation examination with grace marks shall not be considered for shortlisting. However, participation of the candidates in N.C.C., N.S.S., Sports, Cultural Activities shall be considered by the Selection Committee at the time of interview. No grace marks for NCC, NSS, Sports, Cultural activities shall be considered while shortlisting eligible candidates.

5. The Screening Committee shall recommend top 60 candidates with minimum aggregate score of 70 marks after assigning the above weightages to their academic/curricular achievements for final selection/interview. For the 60th position, if more than one candidate secure same marks, all those with the same marks will be called for the interview.

X. *Selection Committee.*— The Directorate of Higher Education shall constitute a Selection Committee for final selection of the candidates in accordance with the criteria laid down under Clause XI of the scheme. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- a) A well-known senior : Chairperson
Academician of
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- b) Three Experts with : Members
distinguished achieve-
ments in academic
nominated by the
Government
- c) One Expert from : Member
industry/administration
nominated by the
Government
- d) The Secretary (Higher : Member
Education)
- e) The Director, : Member
Directorate of Higher Secretary.
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XI. Criteria for selecting Goa Scholars.—1. The final Selection will be based on the following criteria:

i. The selection shall be based on a 100 points/marks criteria.

ii. Curricular/academic achievements as detailed in Clause IX of the Scheme shall be assigned 45% weightage (i.e. 45% weightage shall be given to the aggregate marks obtained by the candidate based on his/her academic/curricular score as per Clause IX of the scheme).

iii. Extra-curricular/co-curricular achievements/activities shall be assigned 10% weightage (achievements in Sports/Cultural/other extra-curricular activities only at State, National and International level shall be considered for this purpose).

iv. The reputation of the institution in which the applicant has secured admission shall be assigned 15% weightage.

v. The interview either taken in person or through video conferencing shall be assigned 30% weightage. Along with the domain knowledge, the Selection Committee shall also evaluate the personally, confidence, positive attitude, creativity and innovativeness of the applicant. Due weightage shall be also given for the promise of the effective service by the applicant to the State/Country/World in the decades ahead.

2. All the candidates appearing for the interview shall be ranked in the order of merit in accordance of the above guidelines.

3. The Committee shall clearly recommend the number and names of the candidates in order of merit for awarding scholarship under the Manohar Parrikar Goa Scholar Scheme.

XII. *Higher Education Promotion Fund (HEPF).*— 1. A fund by the name of 'Higher Education Promotion Fund' (HEPF) has already been established by the Government. All scholarships sanctioned under this scheme shall be paid out of this fund. The Government

will take steps to replenish the quantum of funds available with HEPF, from time to time.

2. The Directorate of Higher Education shall manage the Higher Education Promotion Fund (HEPF).

XIII. *Framing of Guidelines.*— The Directorate of Higher Education may frame the guidelines as and when required for the effective implementation of this scheme.

XIV. *Pattern of Assistance.*— 1. The scheme shall be admissible to the beneficiary fulfilling the eligibility conditions and completing the application procedure as prescribed in the scheme.

2. The Drawing and Disbursing Officer shall draw the amount available for this purpose under the respective Budget Head at the beginning of the financial year and transfer the same to the Higher Education Promotion Fund for better management of the funds after due approval from the Administrative Secretary.

The amount shall be debited to the Budget Head 2202—General Education, 03—University and Higher Education, 001—Direction and Administration, 03—Goa Scholar Scheme, 34—Scholarships/Stipend under Demand No. 35.

3. The amount shall be drawn from Directorate of Accounts on presenting the bill in prescribed form by Drawing and Disbursing Officer.

4. The Department shall maintain books of accounts and other records in relation to its transactions in such a form and in such a manner may be prescribed from time to time.

5. The scholarship amount shall be transferred in the account of the beneficiary from Higher Education Promotion Fund after due approval from the Government once the selection procedure is finalized and candidates are selected for the Scholarship.

6. The selected candidates shall furnish pre-receipt for the amount sanctioned and their bank account details to facilitate the disbursement of Scholarship.

XV. *Relaxation.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all clauses or conditions of this scheme for reasons to be recorded if it is deemed fit to further the spirit of the scheme.

XVI. *Interpretation.*— If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall be with Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

XVII. *Redressal of Grievances & Disputes.*— In case of any grievance arising out of the implementation of this scheme, the Administrative Secretary shall hear and decide such matters and the decision of the Government in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U.O. No. 1400071247 dated 17-03-2020.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Premraj K. Shirodkar, Under Secretary (Higher Education).

Porvorim, 5th May, 2020.

Directorate of Art and Culture

Notification

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Sub.- Revalidation of the Scheme

1. Read:- "The scheme to provide Financial Assistance in the form of Grant-in-Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institutions for purchase of musical instruments" published in Official Gazette, Series I No. 51 dated 19-03-2009, Series I No. 52 dated 28-03-2013, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014 and Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015.

Whereas the Government has notified a "Scheme to provide Financial Assistance in

the form of Grant-in-Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institutions for purchase of musical instruments" vide notification dated 19-03-2009, and published in the Government Gazette, Series I No. 51 dated 19-03-2009, Series I No. 52 dated 28-03-2013, Series I No. 18 dated 31-07-2014 and Series I No. 15 dated 09-07-2015.

And whereas Government desires to re-notify the scheme with necessary changes.

Now therefore the scheme "To provide Financial Assistance in the form of Grant-in-Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institutions for purchase of musical instruments" is notified as under:—

Notification

The Government of Goa is pleased to frame the following scheme i.e.

1. *Short title/commencement.*— (i) This scheme shall be called "The scheme to provide financial assistance in the form of Grant-in-Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institutions for purchase of musical instruments".

(ii) This amended scheme shall come into force from date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force upto 31st March, 2022.

2. *Introductions.*— The erstwhile scheme provided for centralized purchase and distribution of the musical instruments to the selected bhajani/choir/cultural group/institutions through the department, however, the amended scheme envisages financial assistance in the form of Grant-in-Aid to the Bhajani/Choir/Cultural Group/Institutions for purchase of musical instruments of their choice.

3. *Objectives.*— (a) To encourage and sustain the Bhajani Mandals, Choir groups, Cultural troupes who contribute to a great extent for the preservation of cultural heritage with their cultural and musical performances.

(b) To give financial support for organization/institutions for promotion and preservation of age old culture.