



**DIRECTORATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
GOVERNMENT OF GOA
DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX
ALTO-PORVORIM-GOA**

SCHEME FOR SELECTION OF “GOA SCHOLARS 2014-15”

I. OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME:-

The objective of the scheme is to promote pursuit of post-graduate studies by younger population of Goa, by way of recognizing the meritorious and outstanding candidates with a Scholarship to undertake Post-graduate and Ph.D studies in Institutions of proven excellence, in India or abroad. This Scheme is not meant to be the financial assistance scheme but will recognize the merit and merit alone.

II. DETAILS OF THE SCHEME:-

1. The Scheme envisages the selection of maximum of twenty ‘Goa Scholars’ annually from among the younger population of Goa in recognition of their merit by providing them scholarship in their pursuit of Post-Graduate and doctoral studies. Intellectual distinction is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for selection as a Goa Scholar. The Selection Committee will seek among the eligible candidates, excellence in qualities of mind and in qualities of person that offer the promise of effective service to the country/world in the decades ahead. The Goa Scholarships, in short, are an investment in human capital-building rather than in project proposals.
2. The scheme lays down the procedure to be followed for the selection of Goa Scholars pursuing post-graduate studies in Institutions of proven excellence, in India or abroad.
3. The Scheme will be managed by the ‘Higher Education Promotion Fund’ (HEPF), that has separately been established by the Government for grant of interest free loan to the eligible candidates.

III. ELIGIBILITY FOR SELECTION AS GOA SCHOLARS:-

1. Any person below the age of 35 years who was born in Goa and/or has been domiciled in Goa for at least 15 years period shall be entitled to be selected as “Goa Scholar” provided he/she fulfils all of the following conditions:-
 - i. Has passed the qualifying undergraduate Degree examination from an Institution located in Goa.
 - ii. Has achieved a meritorious rank/position in the qualifying Degree examination as per the criteria adopted by the Screening Committee.
 - iii. Has obtained admission to an Institution of proven excellence in India or abroad for undertaking post-graduate studies, as approved under this scheme. Top fifty Universities/Institutions in USA/UK, Australia, France, Canada, Germany, Singapore, Switzerland and top fifty Universities/Institutions in India as determined by the Screening Committee based on standard International/National rankings only shall be considered.
2. A certain number of scholarships may be offered to such candidates who have passed the qualifying under-graduate Degree examination from a well-known and reputed Institution located outside Goa, provided the candidate fulfils the other conditions mentioned in Clause III above.

IV. MATTER OF RESERVATION FOR CANDIDATES:-

In order to provide adequate opportunities to women candidates at least $\frac{1}{3}^{\text{rd}}$ of the Scholarships i.e. 7 scholarships in any particular year shall be reserved for women who are eligible and deserving.

If adequate number of women do not apply or are found to be ineligible and non-deserving the number of general seats shall be increased by number of seats reserved for women remaining vacant.

V. APPROVED COURSES:-

1. Selected Goa Scholars can pursue post-graduate studies in any Institution of proven excellence in India or abroad, in the fields of Engineering, Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Architecture, Finance, Law, Fine Arts, Home Science, Management, Environment, Computer Science and Administration or any other field of importance to the State as specified in clause III(1)(iii) above.
2. The following conditions must be fully met: -
 - ✓ The course requires full time attendance.
 - ✓ The institution where the admission is obtained should have been accredited by NAAC or by NBA or similar Accrediting Body in India..
 - ✓ In case of institutions located outside India, only such of the institutions as specified in clause III (1)(iii) above shall be considered for being eligible.
 - ✓ The course offered by the institution is recognized by any of the following Bodies/Authorities:-
 - University Grants Commission (UGC)
 - All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE)
 - Medical Council of India (MCI)
 - Dental Council of India (DCI)
 - Architectural Council of India (ACI)
 - Any other recognizing Authority approved by Government of India or Government of Goa.

VI) AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:-

1. The amount of financial assistance granted to the selected Goa Scholars (National) shall be Rs.**3,00,000/-** per year, tenable for two years. Selected Goa Scholars (International) shall be granted a one- time financial assistance of an amount equal to **US Dollars 20,000**. The Disbursement shall be made in Indian Rupees in all cases.

The Award of Scholarship shall be given as follows:-

Maximum of Twenty applicants shall be selected as “Goa Scholar” and the scholarship of Rs. 3.00 lakhs per annum-tenable for two years and US\$ 20,000 one time respectively, for studies in India and abroad shall be made. The disbursement shall be made in Indian Rupees in all cases. The exchange rate prevalent as on 30th July shall be considered.

2. Any amount received by the selected candidate as scholarship or benefit under any other scheme shall not be taken into account in the grant of financial assistance provided to the Goa Scholars.

VII. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND CALENDAR:-

Applications under the scheme will be invited in a prescribed format every year, for the scholarships and financial assistance to be offered in that year. Applicants, who fail to submit the prescribed form duly filled in with all the necessary documents within the prescribed due date shall not be eligible to be considered for selection as a Goa Scholar, in that year.

The Department of Higher Education will announce the Scheme prominently in various local dailies as well as on the State Government /Department's website.

2. All applications received under the Scheme shall be registered and a registration number will be provided to the applicant. The registration number must be quoted in all the subsequent correspondence and documentation.

4. Procedure for selection of Goa Scholars under the scheme will generally be completed by 31st August every year. Shortlisted applicants, on scrutiny of the applications, will be required to appear for a personal interview before the Selection Committee, and may be required to submit additional details regarding the Institution/Course, should such a need arise.

5. Any applicant, who fails to furnish any of the necessary information or furnishes any incorrect or false information, will be disqualified from being selected as a Goa Scholar under the scheme. In the event that any amount of Scholarship has already been disbursed to such disqualified applicant, such amount shall become re-payable to the Government, immediately. Any false information submitted in the application shall be treated as cognizable offence under IPC.

6. The applicants should write an essay of about 300 words on his/her strengths/personality/achievements and his/her vision for future. The Essay should be typed. The reasons why he/she should be considered for this coveted Scholarship should be included. In the essay, the Selection Committee will particularly look for a realistic assessment of the candidate's possible contribution to the development of the State of Goa.

7. 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. In such cases, the financial assistance granted under the Scheme can be utilized to pay back any such bridging loan obtained by the applicant from relatives, friends or Banks.

VIII. SELECTION PROCEDURE

The procedure for selection of Goa Scholars shall be as follows:-

All the applications received by the Directorate of Higher Education upto a prescribed date shall be processed by the Directorate and the same shall be placed before the Scrutiny Committee constituted for the purpose. The Committee shall consist of the following:

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| 1. A Senior Academician from the State | --Chairman |
| 2. Director of Technical Education | --Member |
| 3. Director of Education | --Member |
| 4. Director of Higher Education | --Member Secretary |

The Scrutiny Committee shall scrutinize the applications and place the same before the Selection Committee constituted for the purpose. This Committee shall consist of the following:

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| 1. An Academician of national repute | -- Chairman |
| 2. Two Experts from the field of Engineering,
Medicine, Management Humanities and Sciences | -- Members |
| 3. One Industrialist from Goa who has
connections with academics | -- Member |
| 4. Director of Technical Education | -- Member |
| 5. Director of Higher Education | -- Member Secretary. |

A quorum of atleast 75% of members shall be required in addition to the Chairman for the Committee to be functional.

IX. HIGHER EDUCATION PROMOTION FUND(HEPF):-

1. A fund by the name of 'Higher Education Promotion Fund' (HEPF) has separately been established by the Government through an initial contribution of Rs.2.5 crores. All financial assistance 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. For Management of HEPF, Government may entrust the work to any Department, Public Sector Undertaking or Corporation, Financial Institution, Co-operative Bank or Commercial Bank. Any management fees charged by such appointment of managing agency/bank shall be paid out of HEPF itself.
3. HEPF will be subject to audit by Comptroller and Auditor General of India, every year.