

**Proactive Disclosure under Section 4(1)(b)(xvi) of the Right to  
Information Act, 2005**

**Such other information as may be prescribed**

## Other Useful Information

### I. Citizen Charter

### II. Grievance Redressal Officer

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### IV. Details of RTI Application and Appeals Received and Disposed Off for the Year 2026

Total number of RTI Applications received 0

Total number of RTI Applications disposed 0

Total number RTI Applications rejected – 0

Total number RTI Applications not collected by the Applicants 0

Total number of Appeals made for the year 2025 02

RTI APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR 2024

Sr. No.	Inward No. & Date of receipt by PIO	Name of Applicant & Address Category (BPL/others)	Brief description of information sought	Date of information provided	Remarks	Whether Appeal made against the decision

V. List of completed/ongoing schemes/projects/Works

VI. Information of Works contracts

VII. CAG and PAC Paragraphs

VIII. Various Schemes under the Goa Education Development Corporation

**1. INTEREST FREE EDUCATION LOAN (IFEL) SCHEME**

**1. Objectives of the scheme.** — (i) The main objectives of the scheme are to promote pursuit of higher education and technical education by younger population of Goa.

(ii) To ensure that economic conditions and financial difficulties do not come in the way of such pursuit of higher education and technical education.

(iii) To assist eligible candidates by way of interest free loans to undertake approved degree and diploma courses at undergraduate and post graduate levels in India or abroad.

**2. Eligibility.**— Any person below the age of 30 years, who has been a resident of Goa for a period of 15 years, shall be entitled to apply for, and receive, loans under the scheme provided he fulfills all the following conditions:

(i) Has passed the qualifying examination i.e. (a) Std Xth or XIIth for professional/ /non professional courses at diploma/ /degree level from any of the recognized institutions situated from Goa.

(b) Graduation from recognized institutions in Goa for postgraduate courses.

(c) Graduation from institutions outside Goa only if both the parents are residing in Goa for 15 years.

(d) Postgraduation for PhD. Courses

(ii) Percentage criteria

(a) Studies in India has obtained 55% or more marks in the qualifying examination. (For candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC categories, the qualifying marks will be relaxable by 10%).

(b) Studies abroad (outside India): Has obtained 60% or more marks in the qualifying examination. (For candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC categories, the qualifying marks will be relaxable by 10%).

(iii) Meets the prescribed eligibility conditions relating to economic/financial constraints.

(a) Applicants whose total family income, including the income of both the parents not exceeding Rs. 12,00,000 per annum shall be eligible to apply for loans under this scheme for undertaking courses within India. In the event that a brother or sister of the applicant is also pursuing studies at higher/technical education level (whether or not such sibling has applied for, or availed, loan under this scheme), the eligibility limit for family income will be raised to Rs. 13,00,000 per annum. In case of entitled fees beyond Rs. 1 lakh; relaxation of upto Rs. 1.00 lakh in the income ceiling may be granted by the Government on case to case basis.

(b) For pursuing higher or technical education in an institution located outside India, the family income limit for eligibility to apply for loans will be Rs. 20,00,000 per annum. In the event that a brother or sister of the applicant is also pursuing studies at higher/technical education level within India or abroad (whether or not such sibling has applied for, or availed loan under this scheme), the relevant eligibility limit for family income shall be raised to Rs. 23,00,000 per annum. In case of entitled fees beyond Rs. 6 lakhs; relaxation of upto Rs. 1.00 lakh in the income ceiling may be granted by the Government on case to case basis.

(iv) Approved Courses.— The following conditions must be fully met:

(a) The course requires full time attendance.

(b) The entitled fees payable to the institution for undertaking the course should be more than Rs. 10,000/- p.a.

(c) The course is recognized by any of the following institutions/authorities:— (i) University Grants Commission (UGC).

(ii) All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE).

(iii) Medical Council of India (MCI).

(iv) Dental Council of India (DCI).

(v) Architectural Council of India (ACI).

(vi) Board of Technical Education, Goa. Any other recognizing authority approved by Government of India or Government of Goa or any other State Governments in the union of India.

(d) In respect of educational courses offered by institutions located outside India. The list as maintained and updated by [www.shanghaieranking.com/](http://www.shanghaieranking.com/) [www.usnews.com/qsranking](http://www.usnews.com/qsranking) for global universities shall be considered. Only the top 500 universities of the world or top 100 universities in a particular Continent shall be considered for the courses that are ordinarily not available in India. The Sanctioning Committee constituted under this scheme shall have the powers to consider additional universities for exceptional/specialised course after obtaining the necessary details relating to that particular university/course

3. **Quantum of financial assistance.**— Following table provides information regarding the maximum amount of loan that can be availed by a candidate in a year:—

Sr.no	Max entitled fee charged by the Institution	Maximum loan per year
1	10,000 & above	Actual “Entitle fees*” subject to a maximum of ` 2.00 lakhs per annum (Max Rs. 10 lakhs disbursed over 5 year).
2	For studies abroad	Actual “Entitle fees*” subject to a maximum of Rs. 8.00 lakhs per annum (Max Rs. 16 lakhs disbursed over 2 year).

\*Entitled fees includes tuition fees, laboratory fees, development fees, hostel fees and any other fees that is associated with laboratory fees.

For more details visit the Official Website – <https://gedc-goa.org/node/3>

## **2. SANT SOHIROBANATH AMBIYE DNYANVRUDDHI SHISHYAVRUTTI (BURSARY SCHEME)**

The Goa Education Development Corporation (GEDC) has been implementing the “Sant Sohirobanath AMBIYE Dnyanvrudhhi Shishyavrutti” (Bursary Scheme) since 2014 onwards, every year around 600 Goan students benefit under the scheme. Upto Rs. 40,000/- is disbursed to needy students whose family income

is below Rs. 5.00 Lakhs and studying in educational institutions located in the State of Goa. The students pursuing diploma courses after S.S.C., Graduation courses after H.S.S.C and P.G. courses after Graduation can apply under the scheme provided, they fulfil the eligibility criteria listed under the scheme.

This scheme for the grant of financial assistance towards the fees paid for various courses under Higher and Technical Education or any other recognizing authority approved by Government of India or Government of Goa has been formulated so that Higher and Technical Education does not become the privilege of the selected few.

**General conditions and eligibility. —**

- (i) Students pursuing College (General and Professional) Education in the State of Goa including post-graduation shall be eligible to receive the benefits under the Bursary Scheme, provided they meet the eligibility criteria laid down in this scheme.
- (ii) The actual grant would be calculated on the basis of the fees paid as per clause 4 (ii) for each of the course/program and will be limited to the payment of fees and other charges given to the College/Institution.
- (iii) The concerned student shall pay the requisite fees for the course that student pursues. The eligible quantum of fees shall be reimbursed through direct transfer to the student's Bank Account.
- (iv) In order to be a beneficiary under the scheme, the student should have completed/passed his/her:
  - a. Std. Xth in case of Diploma students from an institution in Goa.
  - b. Std. Xth, XIIth or Diploma (as applicable) and/or last qualifying examinations in case of graduation from an institution in Goa.
  - c. Std. Xth, XIIth or Diploma (as applicable), Graduation and/or last qualifying examinations in case of postgraduation from an institution in Goa.
  - d. For benefit under the scheme, in case of post graduate course, the requirement of graduate degree from College/University from Goa, will be relaxed for degree from Central University, NIT, IIT, IIM etc.
- (v) The institutions where the student pursues studies should be located in Goa and affiliated to Goa University and/or recognized by Directorate of Higher Education/ Directorate of Technical Education or any other

recognizing authority approved by Government of India or Government of Goa.

- (vi) Those students availing the benefits under the Bursary Scheme shall not be eligible to avail similar benefits under any other schemes/scholarships of Government of Goa/India including concession in fees etc. of Government of Goa. The students would however be permitted to exercise their choice of the scheme(s) to avail similar benefits.
- (vii) Scheme will be operated through Goa Education Development Corporation (GEDC). This will also ensure cross checking so that Interest Free Education Loan Scheme beneficiary do not claim under this scheme and vice-versa.

**Financial Assistance under the Bursary Scheme. —**

- (i) Applicants whose total family income from all sources, including the income of both the parents/guardian together should be less than Rupees five lakhs, to be eligible under the scheme.
- (ii) Actual “Entitled fees\*” would be subject to a maximum of Rs. 40000/- per annum. \*Entitled fees include University Registration Fees, Tuition fees, Library Fees, Lab/Laboratory Fees, Gymkhana Fees, IT Lab Fees/InfoTech Fees/Information Technology Charges and Practical Fees; and any other fees/charges approved by the sanctioning committee that is constituted for the purpose of the scheme. Also, entitled fees will include the expenditure incurred for the purchase of Textbooks/Reference books for the course up to Rs. 5000/-.
- (iii) Courses with maximum 5 years duration from Institutions located in the State of Goa shall be eligible.
- (iv) The course requires full time attendance.

**Procedure for application. —**

- (i) The eligible students shall apply for the scheme (Fresh/Renewal) through the online Bursary Portal alongwith the required documents before the last date of the application as intimated by the GEDC.
- (ii) The Head of the institution shall verify and authenticate all such applications as per the timelines defined.

- (iii) The following documents are required to be submitted alongwith the application form:
- a. In case of Diploma students from an institution in Goa: Std. X marksheet.
  - b. In case of graduation students from an institution in Goa.
    1. Std. Xth marksheet.
    2. Std. XIIth or Diploma marksheet (as applicable).
    3. Marksheets of last qualifying examinations.
  - c. In case of post-graduation students from an institution in Goa.
    1. Std. Xth marksheet.
    2. Std. XIIth or Diploma marksheet (as applicable).
    3. Graduation marksheet.
    4. Marksheets of last qualifying examinations.
  - d. Proof of annual income: Total Family Income from all sources (Income Certificate) issued by Competent Authority.
  - e. Proof of Admission to the course/ programme and bonafide student Certificate issued by the Head of Institution.
  - f. Fee Receipts issued by the institution and Fee Structure duly certified by the Head of Institution.
- (iv) If there is any compliance to be made on the part of applicant, the application will be reverted back to the applicant for correction. The student will also receive intimation for correction through SMS. Student should comply within the due date.
- (v) For renewal of application, marksheets of last qualifying examinations, Bonafide Certificate, Income Certificate issued by the Competent Authority and Fee Receipt duly authenticated by the Head of Institution needs to be uploaded.

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### **3. THE MUKHYAMANTRI SAMUPADESHAN YOJANA**

“The Mukhyamantri Samupadeshan Yojana” is a scheme of Directorate of Education and implemented through Goa Education Development Corporation from the year 2013. The total sanctioned strength of Counsellors and Supervisors is 150 and 25 respectively. Presently 71 Counsellors and 23 Supervisors are

employed on contractual basis and are deployed in Government and Government Aided High Schools and Higher Secondary schools across the state of Goa.

The Counsellors deputed deal with Health Difficulties, Emotional Difficulties, Behavioral Difficulties, Study Difficulties, Learning Difficulties Social Difficulties at School, Social Difficulties at Home, Reproductive Sexual Health (RSH) Issues, Career Issues, Substance Abuse, Harassment and Violence. Various workshops and awareness programs are conducted every month and the beneficiaries are students, teachers and parents.

During the Covid -19 pandemic, upon instruction of Directorate of Education Counsellors and Supervisors were deployed in the shelter homes to cater to the psychological needs of the migrant laborers in April 2020. Again in the month of May 2021 the Counsellors and Supervisors were called upon for Covid-19 duty and deployed in various PHC and CHC across Goa.

**Achievements of the Scheme from 2013 till March 2025.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
2013-14	Total 9,327 students with 15,447 issues have been handled.
2014-15	Total 9,565 students with 15,052 issues have been handled.
2015-16	Total 8,355 students with 14,086 issues have been handled.
2016-17	Total 8,062 students with 20,057 issues have been handled.
2017-18	Total 6,492 students with 13,846 issues have been handled.
2018-19	Total 12,267 students with 33,158 issues have been handled.
2019-20	Total 11,815 students with 25,377 issues have been handled.
2020-21	Total 7,183 students with 12,965 issues have been handled.
2021-22	Total 2,400 students with 4,122 issues have been handled.
2022-23	Total 8,968 students with 19,302 issues have been handled.
2023-24	Total 9,607 students with 20,486 issues have been handled.
2024-25	Total 11,377 students with 23,432 issues have been handled.

**Implementation and Review of Scheme:**

- 1. Counselling Cell:** The Counselling cell consist of 07 members including Chairman GEDC, Managing Director GEDC, General Manager GEDC, two Psychiatrist, one Educationist and one Psychologist. The role of the Counselling Cell is to guide the counsellors and Supervisors in dealing with difficult cases, conduct monthly meetings of the Counselling Scheme to discuss cases/issues faced by Counsellors and Supervisors, to visit the Schools as and when required, conduct surprise visits to the weekly meetings of the Supervisors as and when felt necessary, conduct yearly appraisals for the Counsellors and Supervisors and also to supervise the implementation of Counselling Scheme and suggest necessary improvements.
  
- 2. Weekly Meetings among Counsellors and Supervisors:** Every supervisor is assigned four to five counsellors under him/her to supervise their work/reporting and provide guidance. Supervisor along with their counsellors conduct the Weekly Meetings to discuss the cases, difficulties faced in schools, or any other issues related to counselling.
  
- 3. Monthly Meeting with Counselling Cell:** Counselling Cell meeting along with Counsellors and Supervisors is scheduled every month to discuss the various cases related to students, issues /difficulties faced by the counsellors and Supervisors in school/HSS and take review on the work done by the Counsellors and Supervisors.
  
- 4. Annual Appraisal of Counsellors and supervisors:** At the end of the academic year, appraisals are conducted based on the appraisal forms submitted by the Counsellors/Supervisors along with the feedback received from their respective schools. Counselling cell members take review on the work done by the Counsellors and Supervisors and based on the appraisals further extension in contract is decided.

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#### **4. SCHEME OF VALUE EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.**

This scheme is implemented through GEDC from the year 2016. Wherein a NGO from Pune (Shantilal Muttha Foundation) had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Government of Goa, Directorate of Education for assisting this Corporation to implement the Scheme in all the Government Primary Schools across Goa. Necessary training in Value Education is provided to the teachers teaching in the concerned Government primary schools. The Scheme is extended to Aided Primary Schools. Necessary training in Value Education is provided to the teachers teaching in the concerned Aided primary schools. Books prepared by NGO, Shantilal Muttha Foundation, Pune and approved by SCERT are adopted. The Scheme is extended to middle Government & Aided Schools. Middle School Teachers training scheduled in Academic year 2025-26.

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#### **5. ENHANCEMENT OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

##### **Background:**

During the review meet of Mulyavardhan dated 21st April, 2017, Shri. Manohar Parrikar, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Goa had suggested to have a more intensive and focused intervention in the areas of Sanitation and Waste Management, as aligned to the objectives of the Swachha Bharat Abhiyaan. A similar thrust was also felt to be given on the aspect of Traffic Awareness and Road safety.

The Content was developed for Enhancing Civic Engagement on Traffic Awareness and Road Safety, Sanitation and Hygiene, Waste Management by NGO Shantilal Muttha Foundation, Pune and approved by SCERT.

Goa Education Development Corporation has implemented the Scheme in all Government and Government Aided High Schools with the help of Pune based NGO Shantilal Muttha Foundation along with various other Departments viz Directorate of Education, SCERT and Directorate of Transport. The topics

Sanitation and Hygiene, Waste Management are incorporated in the text books of Schools. Presently, only Traffic Awareness and Road Safety books are printed and distributed for Standard 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th every year.

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## **6. SCHEME OF YOG EDUCATION IN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE STATE**

The scheme has been created to introduce Yog Education in Primary School system in a formal manner. Necessary training in Yog Education is provided to the teachers teaching in the concerned primary schools. The Scheme is being implemented jointly by the Directorate of Education, SCERT and Goa Education Development Corporation.

The scheme covers all Government Primary Schools in the State. Yog Education covers all school children enrolled in the schools. The scheme is implemented in phases since 2016. Necessary training in Yog Education is provided to the teachers teaching in the concerned primary schools. Specially developed khel khel me Yog books based prepared by Patanjali Yog peeth from std I to std. IV, are adopted. Yog Education Scheme is extended to Aided Primary Schools from the Academic year 2025-26.

For more details visit the Official Website – <https://gedc-goa.org/node/3>

## **7. INTEREST FREE EDUCATION LOAN RECOVERY**

1. under IFEL scheme Repayment of the loan shall start one year after the minimum period of course duration. Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI shall become payable on 1st day of every month and must be paid by last day of each month in order to claim exemption from payment of interest. Failure to make regular and timely repayments in accordance with the

repayment schedule during Pay Back Period (PBP) will make the loanee liable to payment of interest at a rate of 10% on EMI.

2. In case the loanee fails to repay the loan by end of payback period, the interest on the outstanding amount will be charged until the dues are settled.
3. Any loan amount or a part thereof shall be recoverable from loanee or the surety as if it were arrears of Land Revenue.
4. In the event of the unfortunate death of the borrower, during the course of his studies or after the repayment has started, but before the entire loan has been paid, the outstanding amount of loan as on date of death may be written off after examining on case to case basis, on written request submitted along with the death certificate from the concerned parent.
5. In the event the borrower suffers a terminal illness, become insane or suffer from medical condition that makes him unfit to pursue a career/job during the course of his studies or after the repayment has started, but before the entire loan has been paid, the outstanding amount of loan as on date of such ailment proven, may be written off after examining on case to case basis; on written request from the concerned parent after verifying the medical report issued by GMC/PIHB.
6. Issuance of Repayment Schedules.
7. Tracking the defaulters and taking actions against them as per scheme.
8. Issuance of Reminders letters for the repayment of Loan.
9. For Defaulters Beneficiaries Interest of 10% is Charged as per scheme and intimate them accordingly.
10. Issuance of Reminders letters for the repayment of Loan.
11. Home visits are conducted if the beneficiary does not report or comply to the reminders issued to them.

12. Even after Home visits the beneficiary does not reply than case along with the Recovery Certificate is moved to the respective Mamlatdar for Recovery under Land Revenue Code.

13. Issuance of No Dues Certificate.