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GOVERNMENT OF GOA
Department of Education, Art & Culture
Directorate of Higher Education

Notification

Dev/Scheme/Research Chairs/67/2021/
3399

Government is pleased to frame "A scheme for establishing Research/Academic Chairs at various Educational Institutions 2021" as under:—

I. *Short title & commencement.*— (a) The scheme shall be called "scheme for establishing Research/Academic Chairs at various Educational Institutions 2021".

(b) The scheme shall come into force w.e.f. its notification in Government Official Gazette.

II. *Introduction.*— The Academic and Research landscape has been expanding at an accelerated pace in all disciplines. It is therefore advisable to match the pace while providing opportunities for growth of senior

Department of Tourism

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Notification

3/[3734]2021-DT

Scheme

Government of Goa is pleased to frame the following scheme.

“A Scheme to develop villages in the State for achieving all round sustainability through active community participation, while preserving their cultural values and providing ample economic opportunities for all”.

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (i) The scheme shall be called “Tourist Villages Development Scheme, 2021”.

(ii) The scheme shall come into force from date of publication of the document and shall apply to entire State of Goa.

2. *Introduction.*— The tourism industry in the State of Goa has emerged as a major industry, especially post suspension of the mining activities and is now one of the mainstay sector of the State economy. A major population of the State directly or indirectly depends on tourism for their livelihood. The State of Goa being bestowed with 105 km coastline spanning from North to South with its beautiful palm fringed beaches, its historical temples, churches, age-old ruins, world class cuisine, is a major tourist destination in the world.

As part of the State Government's economic revival plan to make villages self-reliant, “Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swayampurna Goa” initiative was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 1st October, 2020. Government of Goa has the vision to achieve all round sustainability for villages through active community participation, while preserving their cultural values and providing ample economic opportunities for all. Government of Goa plans to develop Tourist villages in the State for promoting rural life, art, culture, heritage, and other unique attractions. It is expected that these villages would serve as a draw for tourists

and increase tourist footfalls in the surrounding area. They are expected to serve as an anchor for a different themed tourism ecosystem to flourish in these areas and would further facilitate in development of a rural circuit by connecting the selected Village Panchayats.

Scope of the Scheme.

(i) Some Village Panchayats (VP), with immense potential for tourism, are unable to take up infrastructural works related to tourism activity in their areas due to paucity of funds. Under this scheme, the Department of Tourism in consultation with the respective Village Panchayat shall facilitate minimal yet enabling tourism related infrastructure development works as per “individual themes” specified in this document, to provide desirable tourism amenities in the village thereby harnessing its tourism potential.

(ii) As the end objective is to create a Village Tourism circuit that acts as an independent and strong tourism product, which has a pull factor for attracting like-minded and responsible tourists to the State, Department of Tourism will develop each identified Village as per the following themes. Any other theme depending on the tourism potential could be added to this list.

- a. Tribal
- b. Pre-Historic
- c. Handicrafts
- d. Fishing
- e. Heritage
- f. Spiritual
- g. Agriculture
- h. Feni Trails
- i. Adventure
- j. Nature Expedition
- k. Backwaters
- l. Wellness

(iii) The Department of Tourism will undertake various tourism infrastructure development works in the initial identified

villages, as per the suitability of the theme across Goa. These Villages would be selected by the Selection Committee (comprising of Secretary Tourism, Director Tourism, Managing Director—GTDC, TTAG and two subject experts appointed by Department of Tourism) based on various factors such as demographics, socio-economic factors, availability of natural attractions/heritage sites, prevalence of arts and crafts, cuisine, Goan music and folkdances, and other tourism potential elements.

(iv) Department of Tourism will allocate the funds for development of tourism infrastructure as per the gaps analysed by the Selection Committee in the selected Village Panchayats, after due consultation with the Village Panchayat, in the following broad areas:

- a. Livelihood
 - Commercial space/Kiosks for sale of local produce, arts, crafts etc.
 - Basic development of Market area
 - Multi-utility hall for organizing local fairs, festivals, live performances etc.
- b. Basic Amenities related to Tourism
 - Enabling infrastructure for promoting Homestays
 - Safety arrangements like barricades etc. near key attractions in the Village
 - Tourist Information Counter along with first aid facilities
 - Water ATMs
 - Seating arrangement/Gazebos
 - Community waste bins
 - Public toilets
 - Wi-Fi facilities
- c. Renewable energy
 - Solar streetlights
 - Solar Pathway lighting
 - Solar charging ports
- d. Transport
 - E-rickshaws/e-autos along with charging infrastructure

e. Marketing

(v) Department of Tourism, either by itself or its associates or any reputed third-party appointed by it, shall identify the list of works that is necessary in the Village, out of the above list, allocate a budget and undertake necessary works in the identified village. The Selection Committee, at its discretion, shall allocate a suitable budget for undertaking the development works. Department of Tourism will not transfer or disburse funds directly to any Village Panchayat.

(vi) The Department of Tourism will form a Task Force. The Task Force will coordinate with the village Panchayat for:—

- a. Awareness generation of the scheme among village Panchayats.
- b. Queries related to filling of project form.
- c. Site visits to the Village Panchayat selected by Committee.
- d. Review proposals received.

3. *Undertaking infrastructural works related to tourism activity.*— The Department of Tourism in consultation with the Selection Committee and respective Village Panchayat shall undertake various infrastructure development works for attracting tourists to village.

A. Eligibility Criteria

The Villages selected under the individual themes by the Selection Committee will be eligible for the scheme.

B. Procedure for undertaking infrastructural works related to tourism activity

(i) Selection Committee will select the VPs, which are to be developed as a Tourist village under this scheme.

(ii) The Task Force shall coordinate with the identified VPs regarding the scheme contours and seek required data and supporting documents needed for identification of development works.

(iii) The respective Village Panchayat has to identify and allocate land for the proposed developmental works or provide an

unconditional and irrevocable NOC from the landowners for undertaking the identified development work(s) in the identified land parcels. The proposal is to be accompanied by a resolution passed by the Village Panchayat in this regard.

(iv) The Village Panchayat shall submit an undertaking stating that the facilities developed under the project would be maintained and managed by the Village Panchayat and that all incidental expenditure thereto, shall be borne by the Village Panchayat.

4. *Pattern of Assistance.*— (i) Financial assistance will be maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs per village.

(ii) The financial support to be granted over and above Rs. 50.00 lakhs in a financial year shall, however, be decided by the Department of Tourism as per the availability of funds.

(iii) In case the assistance is received from other sources, the amount of assistance shall be restricted and reduced proportionately as per the eligible amount.

(iv) The Departments shall exercise reasonable economy and observe all instructions on financial propriety as issued by the Government from time to time while incurring the expenditure.

(v) In case of mis-utilization of the amount granted as assistance the amount so mis-utilized shall be recovered from the grantee.

(vi) The necessary funds as Grant shall be allocated by the Government under this scheme which will be spent on undertaking developmental works under the scheme. The expenditure shall be debited to the Tourist Villages Scheme, 2021:—

Budget Head- 3452—Tourism
01—Tourist Infrastructure;
800—Other Expenditure;
26—Village Development Scheme;
31—Grant-in-aid;
50—Other charges.

5. *Relaxation.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the Clause(s) or conditions of this scheme in genuine cases for sanction of the grant.

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

7. *Redressal of grievance and dispute.*— Grievances or disputes if any, arising out of implementation of this scheme, shall be referred to the Secretary (Tourism) of Government of Goa who shall hear and decide such matters and the decision of the Secretary (Tourism) to the Government in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

The scheme has been issued with the approval of the Government and concurrence of the Finance Department (Expenditure) vide U.O. No. 1400081935 dated 3-9-2021 and administrative approval of the Government under U. O. No. 1400081935 dated 23-08-2021.

By order and in the name of the
Governor of Goa.

Menino D'Souza, Director (Tourism).

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