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2. The Director,
Directorate of Higher Education,
Betim – Porvorim- Goa
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24/10/25
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Dept of Higher Education
Inward No. 10/24
Date 24.10.25

Subject: Submission of Applications under *Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana* and *Merit-Based Award* Schemes – Request for Awareness and Timely Submission.

Sir,

This Directorate had earlier issued a circular No DTW/9/Scheme/6/circular/2025-26/1515 dated 24/06/2025 inviting applications under the scheme namely “*Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana* and *Merit-Based Award*” Schemes for Schedule Tribe students with portal access facilitated through the CM Scholarship portal with last date of application being 15/10/2025.

This department estimated to receive 4000 nos. of applications under “*Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana* Scheme” and 1000 nos. of applications under “*Merit Based Award*”. However, as of date, this office has received only [2021] number of applications under the *Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana* scheme and [596] number of applications under the *Merit-Based Award* scheme.

In view of the low number of applications received so far, it is the responsibility of Nodal Officer of the respective institute to take necessary steps to create awareness among students of the Schedule Tribe (ST) community about the availability and benefits of this scholarship scheme, and also to ensure that applications are submitted on a **daily basis** through CM Scholarship portal and forward to this Directorate in a timely manner for better outreach and benefit to the students.

Presently, the disbursements are made through Aadhar Bridge Payment System. However it is observed that during 1st phase of disbursement that some students have not seeded their aadhar number with their bank account and hence their disbursement are rejected. Institutes are require to educate students about aadhar seeding or spread the necessary message through PTA network.

It is mandatory for every student to complete Aadhaar seeding with their bank in order to receive the benefits of the schemes. Institute Nodal Officer should ensure that the student Aadhar is seeded with Bank Account.

In this regards, now the applications submission date is extended upto 30th November 2025. Therefore it is requested to give necessary direction to the institutions/colleges to ensure that every eligible student shall apply under the scheme and also the necessary instructions may be given to Institute Nodal Officer to facilitate students to seed aadhar with bank and further submit application to Tribal Welfare Department on daily basis for disbursement of timely benefit under the scheme.

Your cooperation in this matter is highly solicited.

Yours Sincerely,




(Nilesh Dhaigodkar)
Director of Tribal Welfare

Copy to

1. The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Welfare,
Secretariat , Porvorim – Goa
2. The Jt . Secretary (Finance Budget) Secretariat, Porvorim-Goa.
3. PA to Secretary (Tribal Welfare), Secretariat, Porvorim - Goa.
4. PA to Secretary Education, Secretariat - Goa.
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CIRCULAR

The Directorate of Tribal Welfare is implementing the Schemes "Financial Assistance to ST students under "Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana" & "Merit Based Award" and recognition of high performance in the Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa.

Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana scheme aims to provide additional financial assistance to the ST students as an additional support to Post Matric Scholarship to meet the expenses on food and travel. It also aims to provide additional allowance to cover the expenses of ST students with disability as an additional support to the Post Matric Scholarship to meet the expenses of disabled students.

It may be noted that a student with disability is entitled for an additional benefit of Rs.9000/-. Hence, the Nodal Officers may please identify such student in their respective institutes and inform them about the same.

Eligibility of the Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana Scheme:

1. ST students must be eligible for Centrally Sponsored Post Matric Scholarship during the current Academic Year.
2. Student should belong to Scheduled Tribes Community in State of Goa. Income of Parents/Guardians should not exceed **Rs. 5.00 lakh** per annum. Student should be regular, full time student studying in a recognized Institution/University. Scholarship for studying in any class will be available for only for one year. If a student has to repeat a class, he/she shall not be eligible to get scholarship for second time in the same class.

Documents required for fresh applications under Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana Scheme:

Note: All documents are required in digital format. Each document size should not to be 200kb.

1. Passport Size Photograph
2. Self attested copies of mark sheet/ Passing Certificate of the exam passed in the preceding Academic year.
3. Income Certificate issued by competent authority for the year.
4. Self attested copy of Schedule Tribes Certificate issued by competent authority.
5. Receipt of Hostel Fees Paid.(In case of Hosteller)
6. Receipt of Fees Paid (Current Year Admission).
7. **Self attested copy of Bank Pass Book seeded with Aadhar card. (National bank account recommended).**
8. Copy of Aadhar Consent Form verified by recognized Institution/ University.
9. Copy of Disability Certificate issued by competent authority (only for Person with Disabilities-PwD).

Documents required for renewal applications under Gagan Bharari Shiksha Yojana Scheme:

For Renewal applications students shall submit the online application by uploading documents and submit the application to concerned Institute. The same are then verified by the Nodal Officers from Institute to complete the application. Department shall then take necessary action to further process the application. Below mentioned documents are required to be uploaded:-

Note: All documents are required in digital format. Each document size should not to be 200kb.

1. Self attested copies of mark sheet/ Passing Certificate of the exam passed in the preceding Academic year.
2. Income Certificate issued by competent authority for the year.
3. Receipt of Hostel Fees Paid.(In case of Hosteller)
4. Receipt of Fees Paid (Current Year Admission).
5. Copy of Disability Certificate issued by competent authority (only for Person with Disabilities-PwD)

The Financial Assistance is as under;

- (a) Additional Maintenance allowance of Rs. 900/- p.m. for day scholar and Rs.1800/- p.m. for those staying in hostel during the academic year (for ten months).
- (b) Additional disability allowance of Rs. 900/- p.m. during the academic year (for a period of ten months) is given.

Objective of the “Merit Based Award” and recognition of high performance in the Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa scheme is to motivate students by giving Merit Based Award on the benchmark of the performance and to provide financial incentives to high performing students are economically weak.

Eligibility of the “Merit Based Award” and recognition of high performance in the Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa:

1. Felicitation of Rank Holder Students:- Under the Schemes, amongst the ST students, First Five Rank Holders of SSC, First Five rank Holder of HSSC board exams (separately for all the streams of Science, Commerce, Arts and Vocational) will be felicitated in public function. There are no restrictions on the basis of income ceiling.
2. Merit Based Award for ST students whose Annual Family Income is less than Rs. 5.00 lakh per annum having secured the requisite bench mark percentage.

Documents Required Under “Merit Based Award” and recognition of high performance in the Board Exams of SSC and HSSC in the State of Goa:

Note: All documents are required in digital format. Each document size should not to be 200kb.

1. Copy of Caste Certificate issued by Competent Authority.
2. Copy of Income Certificate issued by Competent Authority.
3. Copy of Mark Sheet
4. Receipt of Fees Paid
5. **Self attested copy of Bank Pass Book seeded with Aadhar card. (National bank account recommended).**
6. Copy of Aadhar Card along with consent form.

The Financial Assistance is as under;

1. The Benefits is given as **Rs. 20,000/-** for First Five Rank holders of SSC & HSSC Board exams and
2. **Rs. 5,000/-** for **50% to 59.99%** of SSC & HSSC Board exams.
3. **Rs. 8,000/-** for **60% to 69.99%** of SSC & HSSC Board exams.
4. **Rs. 10,000/-** for **70% to 74.99%** of SSC & HSSC Board exams.
5. **Rs. 15,000/-** will be given for **75% & above** of SSC & HSSC Board exams.

It is hereby informed that from the academic year 2022-23 applications under the scheme are invited online on Chief Minister scholarship portal URL <https://cmscholarship.goa.gov.in/>. Please note that no manual forms will be accepted by this Directorate under the Scheme.

All the Heads of the Institutes are requested to assist and cooperate with the eligible Scheduled Tribe students for applying for said schemes online. Nodal Officers appointed in every school under the schemes are requested to verify each application promptly to avoid further difficulties.

Details of opening and closing of portal are as under:-

Opening of Portal	15 th June 2025
Last date for application submission	15 th October 2025
Last date for INO Level Verification	15 th November 2025
Last date for District Level Verification	15 th December 2025

It is mandatory to submit details of Aadhar seeded bank account only.

The payment will not be credited if the Aadhar is not seeded to the bank account.

Institutes are requested to give wide publicity of the timelines to inform the applicants /Verification Officers (Nodal Officers).

This Circular is issued with the approval of the Government Vide UO. No. 2511/F dated 16/06/2025.




(Dipak S. Desai)
Director of Tribal Welfare

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9. The Registrar, Goa University, Taleigao Plateau- Goa.
- 10.Dy. Director Tribal Welfare, North & South.
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