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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

scientists, even beyond superannuation too. In the absence of these opportunities, eminent academicians and performing senior scientists, at times face challenges to continue research and Academic advising. These scientists possess great amount of knowledge and more importantly the experience that they have accumulated over many years, a non-replaceable treasure that can be lost if avenues are not made available to them.

There are a few Chairs available in the State of Goa instituted by various departments. Considering the limited number of such opportunities, Directorate of Higher Education will be catering to one such scheme, "A scheme for establishing Research/Academic Chairs at various Educational Institutions 2021".

III. *Aims and Objectives.*— The main objectives for establishing Research/Academic Chair in various Educational Institutions in the name of well known personalities, under the scheme, are as follows:—

(a) To provide well-equipped Centre of learning to intellectuals, academicians and students to undertake studies and research with an intention to understand, assess and disseminate ideas and thoughts of great personalities. In achieving this objective, the Chairs will also undertake research that would strive to develop appropriate methodologies to translate their ideas into practical propositions and policy instruments.

(b) To encourage inter-disciplinary research programmes relating to History, Science, Political Economy, Literature, Mathematics, Foreign Policies, Strategic Issues, Ecology and Environment, Social, Economic, Theatre, Music and Cultural Development etc. (not limited to).

(c) To strengthen the role of various Educational Institutions/university/academics in public policy making.

(d) To design and execute short-term capacity-building programmes for teachers in higher educational institutions focussed

towards the designated discipline of the Chair.

(e) To provide a forum for inter university/inter-collegiate-Post Graduate and Research level dialogues, discussion meetings, seminars/summer & winter schools.

(f) To participate in teaching in the Department or School in which it is located.

(g) To educate and train specialists in the chosen field of the Chair.

(h) To build a good research centre with well-equipped facilities.

(i) To design and develop innovative products, processes and technologies.

(j) To establish effective multidisciplinary designs, teams and networks.

(k) To undertake research programmes relevant to the chosen subject.

(l) To incorporate elements of selected subject of the Chair in the post-graduate courses in various disciplines.

(m) To interact with academic and research institutions in India and abroad, involved in the chosen subject of the Chair.

(n) To organize and facilitate holding of seminars, symposia, conferences, "lectures; study circles, summer schools, correspondence courses, etc. and to undertake such other academic activities as contributing to a deeper understanding of the different branches connected with subject of the Chair.

(o) To start an active publication programme and bring out on a regular basis books, monographs, papers and publications.

(p) To initiate research in the educational field in order to widen the horizon so as to make it an effective instrument for social change and national development.

IV. *Scope.*— The scheme envisages establishment of Research/Academic, Chairs at various Educational Institutions in Goa, in the name of great personalities. The scheme

also envisages establishment of Research/Academic Chairs in various other illustrated fields such as History, Science, Art, Political Economy, Literature, Mathematics, Foreign Policies, Strategic Issues, Ecology and Environment, Social, Economic and Cultural Development and other disciplines in the name of great luminaries in near future as per the recommendations of the Government.

V. Procedure for Establishing Research Chairs.— (a) The Directorate of Higher Education shall seek detailed proposals for establishing Research/Academic Chairs from educational Institutions of Goa for establishing Research/Academic Chairs in different fields as decided by the Government.

(b) The Educational Institution shall have a committee for selection of the persons to be appointed on a Chair position, wherein the representative of Directorate of Higher Education is mandatory.

(c) The detailed project proposal for establishing the Research/Academic Chair submitted by the educational institutions shall be submitted to the Government for approval and for deciding the quantum of grant/funds.

(d) On approval of the proposal by the Government, approved amount shall be released as per clause VI (c) of the scheme.

VI. Quantum of Financial Assistance.— (a) Maximum amount of Rs. 50 Lakhs in the form of funds/Grant-in-aid shall be sanctioned annually for each Research/Academic Chair (for a Researcher/Academician from India) on the recommendation and approval of the Government.

(b) Maximum amount of Rs. 75 lakhs in the form of funds/Grant-in-aid shall be sanctioned annually for each Research/Academic Chair (for a Researcher/Academician from abroad) on the recommendation and approval of the Government.

(c) The sanctioned funds/grants for the establishment of Research/Academic Chairs shall be released in two equal installments.

1. The first installment shall be of 50% of the approved amount sanctioned for the establishment of Research/Academic Chair.

2. Second installment of 50% of the approved amount sanctioned for the establishment of Research/Academic Chair shall be released on utilization of 75% of the first installment.

(d) The funds to the Government Institutions for establishing the Research/Academic Chair as approved by the Government shall be allotted by the Directorate of Higher Education as per clause VI (c) and the concerned Government Institutions shall be permitted to draw the amount on A.C. bill and deposit the same in Personal Ledge Account (PLA).

The concerned Government Institution shall incur the expenditure towards the scheme for establishing Research/Academic Chair from the Personal Ledger Account and submit the quarterly expenditure statement and half yearly status report of the same to the Directorate of Higher Education.

The expenditure towards the establishment of Research/Academic Chair in Government Aided Institutions shall be debited to the Budget Head: 2202–General Education; 03–University & Higher Education; 800–Other Expenditure; 40–Establishment of Research Chairs; 50–Other Charges.

(e) For Government Aided Institutions the funds shall be released in the form of Grant-in-aid as per clause VI(c) of the scheme.

The amount shall be drawn from the Directorate of Accounts on presentation of the bill in Form GAR-32 duly countersigned by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Directorate of Higher Education.

The expenditure towards the establishment of Research/Academic Chair in Government Aided Institutions shall be debited to the Budget Head: 2202–General Education; 03–University & Higher Education; 800–Other Expenditure; 40–Establishment of Research Chairs; 31–Grant-in-aid.

VII Evaluation of the Research Chairs.— The activities conducted under each of the respective Research/Academic Chairs or by Visiting Research Professor/Professors shall be

evaluated by the concerned Educational Institution and a detailed six monthly report in this regard shall be submitted to the Directorate of Higher Education.

III *General Terms & Conditions.*— 1. The sanctioned funds/grants for the establishment of Research/Academic Chairs shall be released in two equal installments as per clause VI(c).

2. The concerned Institution shall submit the audited statement of accounts as well as the utilization certificate in form GFR 19A-, of the expenditure incurred out of the grants duly certified by the Chartered Accountant within three months from the close of the financial year.

3. The concerned institution shall follow all the financial rules and procedures as laid down by the Government from time to time.

4. The amount shall be strictly utilized purely for the purpose for which it is granted. The amount so granted shall be liable to be recovered if it is used for the purpose other than as referred above.

5. The assets acquired wholly, substantially or partially out of the this Government grant except those declared as obsolete and unserviceable or condemned with prior approval of the Government in accordance with the procedure laid down in General Financial Rules, shall not be disposed off or encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant was given without prior sanction of Government. Further, the assets so acquired shall revert to Government in ease of winding up of grantee institution. The inventory of assets/articles shall be maintained in appropriate forms as prescribed under General Financial Rules.

6. No grants/funds shall be allowed to be paid to any other institutions/voluntary organizations out of this special onetime grant sanctioned by the Government.

7. The activities conducted under each of the respective Research/Academic chair shall be evaluated by the concerned institute and a detailed six monthly report in this regard

shall be submitted to the Government through the Directorate of Higher Education.

8. The institution must exercise reasonable economy and observe all financial propriety as issued by the Government from time to time while incurring the expenditure.

9. In case of misutilisation of grants, the amount so misutilised shall be recovered from the grantee institution with 5% penal interest.

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

X. *Relaxation.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all the clauses or conditions of the scheme with adequate and justifiable reasons to be recorded in writing.

XI. *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.

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

XIII. *Amendment.*— The Government reserves the right to amend the terms and conditions of the scheme as and when required for better and effective implementation of the scheme.

This issue with the concurrence of the Finance (Expenditure) Department vide their U. O. No. 1400081992 dated 3-9-2021.

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

Tushar T. Halarnakar, Under Secretary
(Higher Education)

Porvorim, 9th September, 2021.