

2. *Amendment of Section 2.*— In Section 2 of the Goa Homoeopathy Council Act, 2001 (Goa Act 63 of 2001) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”), (i) clause (a) shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (b), for the word “Board”, the word “Council” shall be substituted;

(iii) after clause (b), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(bb) “Council” means the Goa Homoeopathy Council established under Section 3 of this Act;”;

(iv) in clause (g), for the word “Board”, the word “Council” shall be substituted.

3. *Substitution of Section 3.*— For Section 3 of the principal Act, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“3. *Establishment of Council.*— (1) The Government may, as soon as may be, by notification in the Official Gazette, establish a Council to be called the Goa Homoeopathy Council. The Council shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal and may by the said name sue and be sued.

(2) The Council shall consist of nine members and shall be constituted in the following manner, namely:—

(a) Six members who have put in at least 5 years practice in homoeopathy, elected by the registered practitioners from amongst themselves.

(b) One practitioner nominated by the Government.

(c) One member from the public having interest in homoeopathy nominated by the Government; and

(d) The Director or a Deputy Director of the Directorate of Health Services of Goa, nominated by the Government.

(3) The election of members referred to in clause (a) of sub-section (2) shall be held at such time and such place and in such manner as may be prescribed.”

4. *Amendment of Section 4.*— In Section 4 of the principal Act and in all other sections, for the word “Board”, wherever it occurs, the word “Council” shall be substituted.

Secretariat,
Porvorim-Goa.
Dated: 19-05-2025.

SANDIP JACQUES
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
Law Department (Legal Affairs).

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Notification

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The Goa Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2025 (Goa Act 12 of 2025), which has been passed by the Legislative Assembly of Goa on 26-03-2025 and assented to by the Governor of Goa on 08-05-2025, is hereby published for the general information of the public.

Dnyaneshwar Raut Dessai, Joint Secretary (Law).

The Goa Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2025

(Goa Act 12 of 2025)

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ACT

further to amend the Goa Private Universities Act, 2020 (Goa Act 4 of 2020).

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*— (1) This Act may be called the Goa Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force on such date, as the Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. *Amendment of Section 2.*— In Section 2 of the Goa Private Universities Act, 2020 (Goa Act 4 of 2020) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”), in clause (xvi),—

(i) in sub-clause (ii), for the expression “the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 (Central Act No. 2 of 1882);”, the expression “the Charitable and Religious Trusts Act, 1920 (Central Act No. 14 of 1920) or the Registration Act, 1908 (Central Act No. 16 of 1908) or under an Act passed by the legislature of any other state for registration of public trust;” shall be substituted;

(ii) for sub-clause (iii), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(iii) a company registered under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 (Central Act No.1 of 1956) or under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013)”.

3. *Amendment of Section 3.*— In Section 3 of the principal Act, in clause (e), for the words “rupees fifty thousand”, the words “rupees fifty lakhs” shall be substituted.

4. *Amendment of Section 6.*— In Section 6 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for clause (ii), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(ii) own or possess on a lease atleast for a period of 30 years, a land not less than 50,000 (fifty thousand) square meters or such land as per the requirement of the regulatory body, whichever is higher.”.

5. *Amendment of Section 8.*— In Section 8 of the principal Act,—

(i) the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1);

(ii) after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

“(2) The land and other movable and immovable properties acquired, created, arranged or built by the sponsoring body for the University within the State of Goa shall vest in the University and shall not be used for any purpose other than the academic and research.”.

6. *Amendment of Section 14.*— In Section 14 of the principal Act, in sub-section (1), for the words “Regulatory Authority”, the words “Regulatory body” shall be substituted.

7. *Amendment of Section 15.*— In Section 15 of the principal Act, after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that if the adequate number of eligible candidates belonging to the reserved categories have not applied for admission to any programme offered by the University, such reserved seats shall be filled by the candidates from the unreserved category.”.

8. *Amendment of Section 16.*— In Section 16 of the principal Act,—

(i) the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1);

(ii) after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) The sponsoring body shall have the power to nominate the first President, the first Vice-Chancellor, the first Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the first Registrar and the first Finance Officer.

(3) The officers of the University nominated under sub-section (2) shall cease to hold their respective offices on the appointment of the President, the Vice Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the Finance Officer under Sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22, respectively or on expiry of a period of two years from the date of notification issued under Section 7, whichever is earlier.

(4) All decisions and actions taken by the officers nominated under sub-section (2) shall be deemed to be the decisions of the respective officers appointed under sections 17, 18, 19, 20 and 22.”.

9. *Amendment of Section 24.*— In Section 24 of the principal Act,—

(i) the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1);

(ii) in sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that the sponsoring body shall have power to constitute the first Governing Body, first Executive Council, first Academic Council, and first Planning Board.”;

(iii) after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) The authorities constituted under sub-section (1) shall cease to exist on the constitution of the Governing Body, the Executive Council, the Academic Council, the Finance Committee and the Planning Board under Sections 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 respectively or after two years from the date of notification issued under Section 7, whichever is earlier.

(3) All decisions and actions taken by the authorities constituted under sub-section (1) shall be deemed to be the decisions of the respective authorities appointed under Sections 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29”.

10. *Amendment of Section 62.*— In Section 62 of the principal Act, in sub-section (5), for the expression, “Section 195 and Chapter 26 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Act No. 2 of 1974)”, the expression, “Section 215 and Chapter 28 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act No. 46 of 2023)” shall be substituted.

11. *Amendment of Section 63.*— In Section 63 of the principal Act, after sub-section (I), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(1A) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

- (i) manner of furnishing information to the Government under clause (I) of Section 3;
- (ii) fees payable under sub-section (I) of Section 4;
- (iii) the manner of conferring honorary degrees or other distinctions under clause (iv) of Section 13;
- (iv) emoluments, allowances and facilities to be provided to the Chairperson, members and staff of the Regulatory Authority under sub-section (9) of Section 39;
- (v) manner of investment in instruments for permanent endowment fund under clause (iv) of Section 50;
- (vi) measures for non-compliance with directions issued by the Government under sub-section (I) of Section 60”.

Secretariat,
Porvorim-Goa.
Dated: 20-05-2025.

SANDIP JACQUES
Secretary to the Government of Goa,
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