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MOST IMPORTANT

To:

The Heads of all recognized
Special Primary, Middle and Secondary Schools,
under the Jurisdiction of this Board.

Sub: Regarding Equivalence Certificate for Grade 10 for persons with Intellectual Disabilities.....

Sir/Madam,

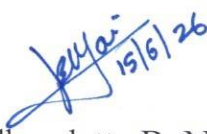
It is informed to all the Heads of all special primary, middle and secondary schools that the Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education is pleased to notify a scheme of equivalence certificate for Grade 10 for persons with intellectual disabilities to take up further education which will give them wage employment or self-employment thereby making them economically independent.

The above scheme has been published in the Official Gazette, Government of Goa, series No. I No. 45 dated 05th February' 2026. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your appropriate action from your part. The aforesaid scheme will come into immediate effect and should be brought to the notice of all concerned.

In this regard, you are requested to attend the sensitization programme as per the schedule given below:

SR NO	DISTRICT	DATE	TIME
1	NORTH GOA	Monday 22 nd June' 2026	3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
2	SOUTH GOA	Tuesday 23 rd June' 2026	3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
3	KUSHAVATI	Wednesday 24 th June' 2026	3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,


(Vidhyadatta B. Naik)
Secretary

Copy to: 1. State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities,
Porvorim, Goa.
2. P.A to Chairman, GBSHSE
3. Establishment Section
4. Guard File

Panaji, 05th February, 2026 (Magha 16, 1947)

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GOVERNMENT OF GOA

Department of Education

Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education

Notification

GBSHSE/ACAD/VTP-EQUI/2025

Date : 20-Jan-2026

The Goa Board of Secondary & Higher Secondary Education, Porvorim, Goa is pleased to frame a scheme of "Equivalence Certificate for Grade 10 for persons with intellectual disabilities" to take up

further education which will give them wage employment or self-employment thereby making them economically independent.

1. *Short title & commencement.*—

1.1 The scheme shall be named as “Equivalence Certificate for Grade 10 for persons with intellectual disabilities”.

1.2 The scheme “Equivalence Certificate for Grade 10 for persons with intellectual disabilities” shall commence with effect from the date of its notification in the Official Gazette.

2. *Objectives.*—

2.1 To give equivalence certificate for Grade 10 for persons with intellectual disabilities.

2.2 To take up further education in skill development.

2.3 To encourage the persons with intellectual disabilities to take up wage employment or self-employment after passing their Grade 10.

2.4 To make them economically independent and self-reliant.

3. *Eligibility.*—

3.1 Candidates or persons with intellectual disability of I.Q 70 or below.

3.2 On completion of 3 years of structural training under the programme will be eligible for equivalence of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) of the Goa Board.

3.3 He/She should be residence of the State of Goa for a period of not less than 5 years.

3.4 He/She should be assessed using CAT (Comprehensive Assessment Tool) for intellectual disabilities (ID).

3.5 He/She should undergo Individualised Vocational Training Programme (IVTP) in a Special School/Inclusive School/Integrated School.

3.6 Age criteria 15 years and above.

4. *Assessment.*— Individual with Persons with intellectual disabilities shall be assess on Part A.

Part A (Internal assessment)

4.1 Personal Care & Safety

4.2 Communication & Interpersonal Skills

4.3 Social-Emotional Maturity

4.4 Cognitive Skills

4.5 Motor Skills

4.6 Work-Related Academics

4.7 Sex Education

4.8 Self-Advocacy

Part B ((Internal assessment)

4.9 Work place Behaviour

Individual should secure 80% in above assessment.

5. *Individualised Vocational Training Program.*— After successful completion of above score i.e. 80% the Individual will be send for the Internship for 03 months.

5.1 Housekeeping and Facility Support

5.2 Filing and Office Support

5.3 Packing and Handling

5.4 Kitchen and Hospitality

Individuals must score at least 80% in Individualised Vocational Training Program (IVTP) assessment, which consists of practicals conducted by internal and external examiners deputed by the Board.

6. *Final Marksheet.*— Final Marksheet/Certificate shall be issued by Goa Board.

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

Shri Shailesh R.S. Zingde, ex officio Joint Secretary (School) & Director of Education.

Porvorim.

Department of Environment & Climate Change

Notification

1-1-2025/GSBB/GIA/1581

Date : 16-Jan-2026

One Time Pattern of Assistance for Providing Financial Support to Salt Pan Cultivators under the Salt Pan Conservation, Support and Revival Scheme

(W.E.F Financial Year 2025-2026)

In pursuance of Rule 230 of the General Financial Rules, 2017 and Rule 12 of the Goa Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 2008, the Government of Goa hereby prescribes the following terms and conditions and purposes for sanctioning financial assistance to salt pan cultivators under the Salt Pan Conservation, Support and Revival Scheme.

1. *Budget Head:* The expenditure related to this Scheme shall be debited to the Budget Head as approved under the Demand of the Department of Environment & Climate Change/Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB).

3435—Ecology and Environment; 60—Others; 800—Other Expenditure; 08—Formation of Goa State Biodiversity Board, 00—General; 31—Grant-in-aid.

2. *Quantum of Grants*— The total grant-in-aid under this Pattern of Assistance shall be ₹ 95,00,000 (Rupees Ninety five lakhs only), including ₹ 10,00,000 towards salaries and Rs. 10,00,000/- towards office & administrative expenses for the Salt Pan Support Unit and ₹ 75,00,000 towards financial assistance for salt pan farmers, as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Amount
1.	Salaries (1 Scientific Officer, 2 Scientific Assistants – North & South, 1 Accountant, 1 Multi-Tasking Staff)	10,00,000.00
2.	Office & Administrative Expenses (laptops, logistics, field visits, documentation, monitoring, IEC material, etc.)	10,00,000.00
3.	Financial Assistance to Farmers (75 farmers @ ₹1,00,000 each)	75,00,000.00
Total: (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Only)		₹ 95,00,000.00

3. Release of Grants:

- i. The assistance shall be released (one time) in 01 instalments, as follows:
- ii. Financial Assistance shall be released to 75 Farmers (75 farmers @ ₹1,00,000 each) per farmer.
- iii. The amount shall be drawn from the Directorate of Accounts on presentation of a bill in Form GAR-32 duly countersigned by the Controlling Officer.
- iv. Release shall be subject to availability of funds and compliance with applicable financial rules.

4. Utilization of Grant in Aid— The grant in aid will be utilized for the following:

i. The actual expenditure on salaries according to approved pay scales as laid down by Government of Goa in respect of the proposed staff engaged on deputation for the Salt Pan Conservation, Support and Revival Scheme, namely 1 Scientific Officer, 2 Scientific Assistants (North and South), 1 Accountant and 1 Multi-Tasking Staff, including salaries, official travel expenses, conveyance, dearness allowance, statutory expenses and other allowances engaged for implementation, monitoring, financial management and field supervision of the scheme. Expenses towards staff deputed for specific purposes from any other Department or Agency, as approved by the Government, shall also be admissible.

ii. Expenses towards routine functioning of offices and field establishments related to the Salt Pan Scheme, including printing, stationery, publication of manuals, brochures, toolkits, field forms, outreach material and other promotional material. Expenses towards agencies/professionals conducting audit, accounts support and other statutory compliance services, and expenses towards legal documentation wherever required.

iii. Expenses including maintenance of field offices, field monitoring units and any other operational premises under the control of GSBB for implementation of the Salt Pan Scheme, including incidental expenses and contingencies with approval of the Competent Authority.

iv. To accept financial convergence or assistance from any other Government Department or Agency to achieve the objectives of the Salt Pan Scheme subject to mutually common or convergent objectives.

v. Conducting programmes, workshops, seminars, capacity-building sessions, awareness campaigns, training programmes and technical demonstrations for salt pan farmers, local communities, BMCs, SHGs, and other stakeholders, including expenses towards logistics, venue, refreshment, publicity and training material.

vi. Expenditure towards meetings of committees constituted for the Scheme including Scrutinizing and Approval Committees, technical committees, field monitoring committees and any other committee constituted by the Government or GSBB, including sitting fees, travel, conveyance and meeting-related expenses.

vii. Expenditures towards engagement of technical support groups, agencies, surveyors, engineering support, and consultants for preparing feasibility reports, layouts, technical assessments, drainage and bunding assessments, and other documents related to revival and strengthening of salt pans, including supply of consumables, IT materials, office equipment, and maintenance for assets used for Scheme implementation.

viii. Expenditure towards organization of events related to salt farming such as Salt Farmers' Day, exposure activities, farmer felicitation programmes, exhibitions, and promotional events including expenses towards award money, awareness, venue, logistics, media promotion and related activities.

ix. Releasing financial assistance towards 75 salt pan farmers at ₹ 1,00,000 each for pre-season preparation, repair of bunds, desilting, canal works, levelling, tools, labour and other operational expenses essential for salt production, including release in instalments as approved.

- x. Expenses towards farmer handholding, field-level technical assistance, demonstrations, and advisory support including engagement of experts, procurement of essential materials, and allied activities approved under the Scheme.
- xi. Expenses towards capacity building of salt farmers, field staff, technical support groups and traditional knowledge holders in salt production, traditional bund techniques, water management and salt-based livelihoods, including media promotion, printing, information, education, communication and awareness activities.
- xii. Inter-state and intra-state field visits, exposure visits, peer learning activities and skill development programmes related to salt farming, including revival of traditional knowledge systems.
- xiii. Restoration of degraded or partially functional salt pans, including activities related to bund strengthening, water flow restoration, drainage maintenance, canal cleaning, and ancillary works required for operational revival of salt pans.
- xiv. Execution, coordination and expenses related to State or Central schemes, programs or projects converging with salt pan conservation, including gap funding, consultancy, outsourced staff, promotion and related activities approved under the Scheme.
- xv. Activities promoting research, innovation, quality assessment, certification, climate resilience and sustainable development in salt farming.
- xvi. Management, maintenance and development of IT systems, digital platforms, GIS mapping, mobile applications, farmer databases, monitoring dashboards and other technology-based systems required for Scheme implementation, including data storage, maintenance, audits and upgradation.
- xvii. Expenses towards meetings, printing, content creation, online/offline communication, honorarium for preparation of annual reports, impact assessments, and periodic reviews of the Scheme.
- xviii. Preparation of detailed project reports, feasibility studies, surveys, baseline studies, hydrological assessments and other preliminary activities necessary for revival and strengthening of salt pan systems.
- xix. The accounts pertaining to this Scheme shall be audited by the Government Auditor immediately on completion of programme during this financial year. The accounts of the grant shall be maintained separately from other activities of GSBB and submitted as and when required. The accounts shall be open to test check by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India at his discretion.
- xx. The audited statement of accounts showing expenditure incurred under the Scheme shall be furnished to the Government as soon as possible on completion of programme during this financial year, together with a certificate from the Auditor to the effect that the grant-in-aid has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned.
- xxi. A performance-cum-achievement report, specifying in detail the financial and physical progress made under the Scheme, including support provided to salt pan farmers and field outcomes, shall be furnished to the Government as soon as possible on completion of programme during this financial year.
- xxii. GSBB shall observe all rules and regulations framed by the Central Government and State Government applicable to Scheme implementation, including those under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and related legal instruments, wherever relevant.
- xxiii. The grant-in-aid shall be drawn in GAR-32 duly signed by the Competent Authority, and GSBB shall maintain necessary registers and ensure compliance with all conditions by beneficiaries and implementing staff.

xxiv. No grant shall be paid or transferred to any institution, voluntary organization or agency other than the beneficiaries and purposes specifically approved under this Scheme.

xxv. GSBB shall exercise reasonable economy and observe all financial rules as issued by the Government from time to time while incurring expenditure under the Scheme.

xxvi. In case of mis-utilization of any portion of the grant-in-aid, the amount so mis-utilized shall be recovered in full from the beneficiary or implementing entity, as applicable, and further benefits may be withheld.

xxvii. The Grantee Institution and beneficiaries must exercise reasonable economy and observe all financial rules as issued by the Government while incurring expenditure.

xxviii. In case of misutilization of grants by any beneficiary (including salt pan farmers), the amount so misutilized shall be recovered, and such beneficiary may be disqualified from future assistance.

xxix. Any amount remaining unspent under the Scheme shall be refunded back to the Government Treasury on or before 31st March, 2026.

xxx. The amount shall be drawn from the Directorate of Accounts on presentation of the bill in Form GAR-32 duly countersigned by the Controlling Officer of the concerned Department.

This issue with the approval of the State Government vide U. No. 9773/f and concurrence of the Finance (Exp) Department vice U. No. 1400121819 dated 06-01-2026.

By order and in name of the Governor of Goa.

Sachin Dessai, Director (Environment & CC).

Panaji.

Department of Home

Home-General Division

Notification

30/1/2026-HD(G)/Cyber Crime/268

Date : 28-Jan-2026

The Honorable Supreme Court of India, in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 03 of 2025, vide order dated 01-12-2025, has directed the State Governments and Union Territories to ensure establishment and operationalization of Regional/State Cyber Crime Coordination Centres (R4C/S4Cs). Accordingly, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has established the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) as the national framework for coordinated response to cybercrime, and has issued advisories to States and Union Territories to strengthen State-level cyber crime coordination, monitoring of cyber crime complaints, and facilitation of inter-state and international co-operation;

In compliance with the aforesaid directions of the Honorable Supreme Court of India and the policy framework of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Goa hereby notifies the establishment of a State-level cyber crime coordination mechanism to be known as the Goa Cyber Crime Coordination Center (G4C).

G4C shall be headed by Deputy Inspector General of Police (Crime), Goa Police, who shall function as the State Nodal Officer for Cyber Crime Coordination and shall exercise overall supervision and control over G4C. Superintendent of Police (Cyber Crime) shall be the operational in charge of the G4C.

1. *Objectives.*— The objectives of G4C shall be as follows:

- (a) To ensure effective coordination, analysis, and response to cybercrime across the State.
- (b) To monitor investigation of cybercrime cases and complaints received through online platforms (NCRP/1930) as well as offline complaints registered at police stations.
- (c) To provide technical, analytical, and operational support to cybercrime investigations.
- (d) To enhance cybercrime prevention through awareness, training, and capacity building.
- (e) To facilitate freezing, reversal, and restoration of defrauded money to victims, wherever legally permissible.
- (f) To act as the nodal interface with national and international cybercrime coordination mechanisms.

2. *Functional Wings.*— G4C shall consist of the following three wings:

- (a) Cyber Administration and Governance Wing (CAGW)
- (b) Cyber Operations Wing (COW)
- (c) Cyber Awareness, Training and Response Wing (CATRW)

Each wing shall be headed by a Police Inspector.

3. *Functional Cells/Units.*— The following functional cells and units shall operate under G4C:

- (i) Cyber Threat and Intelligence Cell
- (ii) Cyber Crime Support Cell
- (iii) High Value Cyber Fraud Cell
- (iv) 1930 Cyber Helpline and NCRP Coordination Unit
- (v) Legal and Prosecution Coordination Unit
- (vi) Money Restoration Cell
- (vii) Inter-State and International Coordination Unit, including MLAT and Bharat Pol liaison
- (viii) Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Unit
- (ix) Cyber Security and Incident Response Cell
- (x) Cyber Commando Unit

4. *Integration with Cyber Crime Police Stations.*— The State Cyber Crime Police Station and district cyber units shall function in close coordination with G4C. Registration of FIRs shall continue with the Cyber Crime Police Station and district police stations, while G4C shall provide monitoring, technical, analytical, training, and coordination support.

5. *Manpower and Flexibility.*— The Head of G4C shall be empowered to assign, reassign or rotate Police Inspectors and Police Sub-Inspectors within Cyber Crime Police Station to any wing or functional unit of G4C based on operational requirements and expertise. Establishment of new wings and units shall be done as per the arising needs with the approval of the Government.

6. *Review and Reporting.*— (a) G4C shall submit monthly operational and analytical reports to the Director General of Police, Goa.

(b) The functioning of G4C may be reviewed quarterly by the Home Secretary.

The Goa Cyber Crime Coordination Center (G4C) shall have jurisdiction over the entire State of Goa and shall function as the nodal coordination, monitoring, and response centre for cybercrime.

This Notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

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

Manthan Manoj Naik, Under Secretary (Home-I).

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Department of Public Health

Notification

JS(Health)/Misc/2025-26/07

Date : 28-Jan-2026

In order to facilitate ease of booking of appointments for OPD services in Goa Medical College (GMC) thereby eliminating the requirement of physical presence in queues for getting token of appointments for OPD services, the Government is pleased to commence online booking of slots for OPD services in GMC with effect from 04th February, 2026.

Initially, on trial basis online booking shall be made available for general public for 100 OPD slots each of General Medicine, General Surgery, ENT, Orthopedic and Dermatology (Skin) Departments with effect from 04th February, 2026. Public can avail this online OPD booking facility by visiting the website <https://www.gmcgoa.edu.in>

Each patient has to register themselves through a mobile based OTP system and fill in basic details or alternately get their details fetched from ABHA card database or DDSSY card database for completing the registration process. Every new patient who wants to avail this online appointment facility shall pay a onetime fee of Rs. 100/- (for Indian Nationals) and Rs. 250/- (for Foreign Nationals) which shall be valid for 2 year duration irrespective of number of appointments to be made in the two year period.

Upon Successful booking of slot, a confirmation slip shall be generated through the system which patient has to produce at the concerned OPD. This online slot booked shall ensure services at the concerned OPD in GMC based on the availability of Doctor on the said date. Patients who have booked through online mode are requested to be present at the concerned OPD at least half an hour in advance before the booked slot for smooth and hassle free service.

Based on the feedback and the response for this online mode of appointment, the booking slots shall be extended to all the departments in a phase-wise manner. Further, the offline appointment process for the balance slots shall continue parallelly which can be availed on the same day through existing queue system in GMC.

The online booking slots shall be available for the general public for booking for the immediate next 7 days and the booking for the subsequent day shall close on the preceding day at 05:00 PM. For example, a patient on 04th February shall be able to book any of the slots for the next 7 days. However, for appointment on 5th February, the slots shall be closed post 05:00 pm on 4th February itself. The number of vacant online slots remaining at the end of the day shall be added to the offline slots on the subsequent day which shall be available to the public through the regular offline process.

A detailed step wise video of the entire process is available at the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIANtHu0ngw> for the information of the public. For any queries and clarification, public are requested to contact the Office of Medical Record Department, OPD No. 15, 1st floor, OPD Block, Goa Medical College.

The online appointment link shall be live from 04th February 2026 on the GMC website mentioned above.

Dr. Pranab G. Bhat, Joint Secretary (Health).

Porvorim.

Department of Tourism**Notification**

4/1(126)26/DT/5998

Date : 30-Jan-2026

Government of Goa is hereby pleased to notify the “Inbound Tour Operators Incentive Scheme, 2026” to inbound tour operators based solely on actual operational performance—measured by arriving international passenger numbers and load factor and the same is published herewith for information of the concern Stake holders/General Public.

Kedar Naik, Director (Tourism) & ex officio Addl. Secretary.
Panaji.

“Inbound Tour Operators Incentive Scheme 2026”**1. Short title and commencement.—**

1.1 The scheme shall be called “Inbound Tour Operators Incentive Scheme, 2026”.

1.2 The scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Introduction.—

2.1 Tourism is a major contributor to Goa’s economy, supporting employment, local enterprises, and state revenue. However, post-COVID, international tourist arrivals to Goa have gradually recovered compared to domestic segments. A key challenge remains the limited scale of international charter flight operations, particularly from underserved and emerging source markets.

2.2 To address this gap, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa is launching a Performance-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for inbound international charter flights. The scheme offers targeted financial incentives to inbound tour operators based solely on actual operational performance—measured by arriving international passenger numbers and load factor.

2.3 By encouraging sustainable and market-driven expansion of charter services, this scheme aims to enhance international tourist traffic, attract new source markets, and reinforce Goa’s position as a premier global tourism destination.

3. Scope of the Scheme.—

3.1 The scheme shall be applicable only to international charters arriving at Goa International Airport (Dabolim – GOI) and the Manohar International Airport (Mopa – GOX).

3.2 The scheme shall cover operations on:

- a. Existing International Charter Markets
- b. New international Charter Markets not previously operated to either airport.
- c. International charter flights operated during the monsoon period (June to September) from both existing and new international markets.

3.3 Incentives shall be applicable for operations of international charter flights on both existing international charter markets and newly introduced international charter routes. For existing markets and Monsoon International Charter Flights, assistance shall be provided only on flights operated over the defined base year levels. Charters under all categories mentioned above shall be subject to achieving the prescribed minimum Passenger Load Factor (PLF) as well as the minimum stay of 7 days by disembarked passengers forming the 70% PLF.

3.4 For the purpose of this scheme, the base year shall be defined as the twelve-month period commencing on 1st January and ending on 31st December immediately preceding the assessment cycle (for the year for which the incentives are applicable). Accordingly, new international markets introduced in a particular assessment year shall be treated as existing markets in the subsequent assessment years.

3.5 Incentives will be provided to Inbound Tour Operators, with priority given to operations from new international markets, subject to the availability of budgetary provisions.

3.6 No financial support shall be extended in the form of upfront grants, viability gap funding, or fixed subsidies. Incentives shall be disbursed solely on the basis of verifiable post-operational performance metrics, as specified in the Pattern of Assistance.

3.7 The horizon period of the scheme by the Department of Tourism for a period of 3 years and may be renewed annually at the discretion of the Department.

4. Eligibility.—

4.1 The scheme shall be open to Inbound Tour Operators registered with Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.

4.2 All aircraft deployed under this scheme shall be required to meet the safety, airworthiness, and operational compliance standards prescribed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and aligned with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) norms.

4.3 Not be under investigation, blacklisted, or debarred by any government authority in India or abroad.

5. Procedure for Applying for Financial Assistance.—

5.1 Application.— The application for claiming performance-linked financial incentive under this Scheme shall be submitted to the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, which shall act as the Nodal Authority for processing and disbursement.

5.2 The prescribed application form shall be made available on the official website of the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa: www.goatourism.gov.in. The completed application form, along with all requisite documents, shall be submitted after completion of the assessment year.

5.3 The application must include:

- i. Certificate of registration as an Inbound Tour Operator from the Department of Tourism.
- ii. Flight details (origin, aircraft type, date of operation, seat capacity).
- iii. Passenger manifest with verified list of tourists by Bureau of Immigration (BoI)/DGCA/Airport Authorities.
- iv. Proof of arrivals (boarding passes, immigration stamps, itinerary).
- v. Bank account details for direct transfer of incentive.
- vi. Declaration confirming that all data submitted for verification (passenger volume, load factor) shall be authentic and auditable.
- vii. Proof that each passenger (aggregating to 70% PLF) stayed in Goa for a minimum of 7 days, such as hotel booking confirmations, check-in/check-out records, or invoices from registered accommodation providers.

5.4 The applicant shall bring all original documents for verification at the time of scrutiny. Attested copies must be submitted with the application for record purposes.

5.5 Verification.—

- i. The PLF and length of stay of passengers will be checked against actual passenger numbers and accommodation records to confirm eligibility.
- ii. Random audits and inspections may be conducted. Any misrepresentation will result in disqualification and recovery of funds.
- iii. The load factor achieved on each eligible route, as verified through DGCA traffic reports, operator submitted data, and/or airport authority records.

5.6 Disbursement.—

- i. Subject to verification of the performance metrics specified under Clause 5.5 and fulfillment of minimum eligibility thresholds, the incentive amount shall be processed on an annual basis by the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.
- ii. The Department of Tourism reserves the right to:
 - a. Waive, reduce, or reject incentive claims partially or fully based on verification outcomes or non-compliance.
 - b. Conduct random or scheduled audits and inspections of the data submitted.
 - c. Recover disbursed amounts in the event of misrepresentation, ineligibility, or non-compliance.
 - d. Payments will be transferred directly to the bank account of the inbound tour operator.
 - e. Disbursement will be strictly subject to availability of funds and adherence to scheme criteria.

Pattern of Assistance:

5.7 For existing markets, incentives will apply only to incremental flights over the base year levels, while for new international markets, all flights operated in the assessment year shall be eligible. Additionally, international charter flights operated during the monsoon period (June to September) from both existing and new markets shall also qualify. A uniform incentive of INR 2,00,000 per eligible flight shall be provided under any one applicable category, ensuring that the same flight is not counted under multiple categories.

5.8 Incentives shall be provided to international charter flights with Passenger Load Factor (PLF) of minimum 70%.

5.9 Further, the incentive shall be applicable only for international charter flights where the passengers forming the 70% PLF disembark in Goa and stay for a minimum duration of 7 days.

5.10 If multiple inbound tour operators jointly use the same international charter flight, the incentive shall be proportionately divided among them based on the number of seats utilized by each operator.

6. Additional Conditions.—

6.1 The maximum annual incentive payout per inbound tour operator shall be capped at INR 35 lakh.

6.2 The total annual budget allocated under this scheme shall be INR 2,00,00,000 for FY26–27.

6.3 Claims must be submitted within 30 days of the end of each assessment year.

6.4 Prior registration under the scheme is mandatory before claiming incentives.

6.5 Incentives will only be given to the operator(s) filing the claim; no duplication of claims will be allowed.

6.6 Misreporting or non-compliance will result in disqualification and recovery of funds.

7. Review and Recalibration.—

7.1 The implementation of the scheme shall be subject to an annual review to assess its effectiveness, fiscal sustainability, and alignment with evolving policy priorities. Based on such review, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa may modify the scheme structure, performance thresholds, or incentive amounts, subject to availability of budgetary allocations.

8. Interpretation of the provisions of the Scheme.—

8.1 In the event of any question or doubt arising with regard to the interpretation of any clause, term, word, or expression contained in this Scheme, the matter shall be referred to the Government of Goa. The decision of the Government in such matters shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

9. Redressal of Grievance and Dispute.—

9.1 Any grievance or dispute arising out of the implementation of this Scheme shall be referred to the Secretary (Tourism), Government of Goa. The Secretary (Tourism) shall consider and dispose of such matters, and the decision so taken shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

9.2 This Scheme is issued with the approval of the Government and with the concurrence of the Finance Department (Expenditure) vide FMS No. 1400119514 dated 03-01-2026 and with the administrative approval of the Government under U.O. No.423/F dated 06-10-2025.

Sd/- Director of Tourism.

**FORMAT OF APPLICATION FORM FOR INBOUND TOUR OPERATORS
INCENTIVE SCHEME, 2026**

Application No.: _____

1. Applicant Details

Particulars	Details
Name of Applicant (Inbound Tour Operator)	
Address	
Contact Number	
Email ID	
Registration No. with Department of Tourism, Goa	
Certificate of Approval / Registration with Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India (if applicable)	

Kindly attach certificate of registration as an Inbound Tour Operator from the Department of Tourism.

2. Flight Operations Summary

Period	Total Flights Operated	Remarks
Base Year (1 Jan – 31 Dec)		
Assessment Year (1 Jan – 31 Dec)		

Total Incremental Flights Beyond Base Year		
Incremental Flights Beyond Base Year with minimum 70% PLF		

3. Flight-Wise Data with minimum 70% PLF

S. No.	Flight No.	Date of Arrival	Origin Country	Aircraft Type	Seat Capacity	No. of Passengers	PLF (%)	Eligible (Y/N)	Supporting Documents Attached (Y/N)

- In case of joint operations, the operator shall provide complete details of all passengers in the above table and indicate the proportionate passenger distribution pertaining to the applicant inbound tour operator under Point 5 below.
- Verified arrival passenger details by (DGCA/Immigration Authority/Airport Authority) to be attached as annexure.

4. Bank Account Details

Particulars	Details
Account Holder's Name	
Account Number	
Bank Name & Branch	
IFSC Code	
PAN Number	

5. Joint Operations with minimum 70% PLF (If Applicable)

Kindly provide details of the proportionate seat utilization by applicant tour operator, incase of joint operations:

Flight No.	Total Seat Capacity	Total Passengers	Operator Name	Seats Utilized	% Share of Seats

6. Records of Stay of Passengers

PNR No.	Passenger Name	Country of Origin	Accommodation Name	Check in Date	Check out Date	Room/Booking Reference Number	Proof of Stay Provided (Yes/No)

7. Declaration

I/We hereby certify that:

- The information provided above is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.
- All passenger data and PLF calculations have been verified by competent authorities (DGCA/BoI/Airport).

- Incentives are being claimed only for incremental charter flights beyond base year levels with $\geq 70\%$ PLF and such passengers have stayed in Goa for a minimum duration of 7 days.
- I/We accept that in case of any false or misleading information, I/We shall be liable for recovery of incentives disbursed and debarment from the scheme.

Signature of the Authorised Signatory _____

Name of the Authorised Signatory _____

Seal of the Applicant (Inbound Tour Operator) _____

Date _____

Place _____

Corrigendum

N5/3(865)/2025-26/DT/355

Date : 29-Jan-2026

In partial modification of this Department's Order No. N5/3(865)/2025-26/DT/ dated 20-01-2026, regarding streamlining of mandatory documentation under Ease of Doing Business, it is hereby informed that at Sr. No. 5 (Hotel Registration) and Sr. No. 2 (Water Sports Registration), the entry shall be read as under, in place of the existing text:

Sr. No. 5 – Hotel Registration

All residential units, apartments, or villas proposed to be used for tourism or commercial hospitality purpose established within the complex/building shall be required to submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the following, as applicable:

- Respective Housing-Society; where the society is unregistered or non-functional;
- The resident Welfare Association/Home Owner's Association or
- Builder/Promoter (in the case of new buildings or complexes where no association/society has been formed) or, alternatively.
- Consent from more than 50% of the residents of the building or complex.

Sr. No. 2 – Water Sports Registration

Documents to be submitted for Registration						
Sr. No.	Water Sports Registration	3	Current		Revised under Ease of Doing Business	
			New	Renewal	New	Renewal
2	Third-party insurance/Public Liability coverage of ₹2 lakhs		No	No	Yes	Yes

All other contents of the said Order shall remain unchanged.

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

Kedar Naik, GCS, Director of Tourism & ex-officio Joint Secretary.

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