

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION:

The scheme envisages systematic efforts to improve the quality of education at all levels. It requires many new initiatives and multi pronged strategies. The objectives and targets set under the scheme are as follows.

Improvement of Science Education:

State Council of Educational Research and Training supports improvement of Science Education in the State of Goa by organizing Science activities like Science Seminar, Workshops, Science Fare, Science Exhibition, Science Drama Competition, Science Talents Search Examination etc.

Improvement of Quality Education:

The scheme envisages systematic efforts to improve Quality of Education at all levels. It requires many new initiatives and multi pronged strategies. The objective of the scheme is to revise the curriculum at all levels based on the principles of joyful learning. The state will initiate curriculum reform and encompassing age appropriate syllabus formulation, text books development review of existing assessment systems, vis-à-vis continue comprehensive evaluation system, in consonance with the NCF-2005 and the principles in section 29 of RTE Act.

Incentive Scholarship Examination for Students of Std.IV:

The main objective of this examination is to identify the hidden talent by conducting talent search examination at end of class four for students studying in rural, urban and slum areas, so as to provide them financial assistance to pursue education up to class X. This examination is conducted at all taluka headquarters in the month of April every year.

National Talent Search and National Means cum Merit Scholarship Exam:

The State Council of Educational Research and Training conducts National Talents Search and National means cum Merit Scholarship for students of Std.VIII at 7 centers in Goa. TOP 25 students qualifies to answer

second level National Talent Search Examination was sent to NCERT, New Delhi for approval. Second level National Talent Search Examination will be conducted by DEME/NCERT, New Delhi.

Inspire Awards Scheme:

Ministry of Science and Technology, Dept. of Technology, Technology Bhavan, New Delhi gives one time award of Rs.5000/- to the students who would utilized 50% of the amount for making n a Science Project/Model and balance 50% towards cost of bringing Project/Model at District level Exhibition centre for display. Each school has to recommend one name of the students for each class from the classes VI to X in two categories. Category A consists of class VI to VIII and category B consists of class IX & X. This scheme is totally funded by DST, New Delhi.

Teacher Education Scheme:

To explore possibility of tying up with reputed institution for holding specially designed courses for SCERTs /DIETs.

Item	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Anti- cipated	2011-12 Proposed
Expenditure incurred	70.70	75.33	75.49	159.65	600.00

The outlay Proposed under the above component of the scheme for the year 2011-12 is Rs.600.00 Lakhs.