

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AT +2 STAGE:

The scheme of Vocationalisation of education at +2stage was introduced in the state of Goa from the academic year 1988-89 with a view to provide an alternative to higher education and bring work and education closer. The main objective of the scheme was to provide diversification of educational opportunities and to enhance individual employability, reduce mismatch between the demand and supply and skilled manpower as an alternative for those pursuing higher education and remaining unemployed.

Vocational education is a distinct scheme which intends to prepare students for identified occupations, so as to create areas of self employability. These courses are provided in the higher secondary schools along with general stream subjects.

At present 15 vocational courses are provided in 42 Higher Secondary schools in the State with student strength of minimum 20 students for commerce based and 15 students for Agro based, Home science and Technical based. Pre-Vocational courses such as (1) Elements of Home Science (2) Elements of agriculture and (3) Elements of Engineering have also been introduced in 6 Secondary schools.

Item	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Anti- cipated	2011-12 Proposed
No. of students benefited	5176	5206	5275	5569	6000
The Expenditure incurred	9.92	16.16	26.73	20.01	21.01

An outlay of Rs. 21.01 lakh is proposed in the Annual Plan 2011-12.