The Government of Goa is pleased to frame the following scheme i.e.

**Short title and commencement**

(i) This scheme shall be called “Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme”.

(ii) This scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and shall remain in force up to 31st March, 2021.

**Introduction**

Artist working in the field of Art and Culture who have given outstanding contribution in their respective field of art, need to be felicitated and their contribution needs to be recognized, therefore Government of Goa has designed this scheme so as to felicitate such artists who have given substantial contribution in the field of Art and Culture.

**Objectives**

The objectives of the scheme are as follows:

(i) To give State recognition to those artists who have given substantial contribution in the field of Art and Culture.

(ii) To felicitate the artists for their life time achievement in the field of Art and Culture.

(iii) To recognize and appreciate the age old talent which was so far not recognized by the State Government.

**Eligibility**

(i) An individual artist who has completed 60 years of age and who has given substantial contribution in his/her respective field of art shall be eligible to receive Kala Gaurav Puraskar under this scheme.

(ii) An individual Goan artist, to avail benefit under this scheme, should have contributed in his/her respective field of art in Goa for minimum 10 years out of his/her total entire career as a practising artist.

(iii) Recipient of State Cultural Award shall not be eligible under the Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme and once individual artist gets benefit under i.e. Kala Gaurav Puraskar. He shall not be eligible for State Cultural Award in future. Also if the beneficiaries of Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme fulfils the criteria of Kala Sanman Scheme he/she shall be eligible to apply under Kala Sanman Scheme and Kala Sanman beneficiary can also avail benefit of Kala Gaurav Puraskar Scheme.

(iv) To avail the benefit under the scheme no individual shall be eligible for the second time.

**Nature of Assistance**

Eligible artist shall be felicitated with shawl, shrifal, a certificate of appreciation and financial purse to the extent of Rs. 25,000/- per individual. Every year maximum of 30 cases shall be considered as per availability of funds.

**Procedure for receiving recommendations**

Every year the Department of Art and Culture shall release a press advertisement in local dailies thereby inviting recommendation of names for Kala Gaurav Puraskar under this scheme from eminent institutions, individual working in the field. The Department of Art and Culture may also write to any institutions, individual from the field to suggest/recommend the names of Kala Gaurav Puraskar, if required. The Sub-Committee constituted for the purpose of this scheme may suo-moto take cognizance of any artist who has lifetime contribution in
the respective field of Art and consider his/her opinion for the recommendation of the artist for the award.

**Sub-Committee**
For better implementation of this scheme Government shall constitute a Sub-Committee. Sub-Committee shall meet as and when required and shall consider names of the artists for Kala Gaurav Puraskar under this scheme, for that particular year after scrutinizing the recommendations received from the various individual/institutions as well as names suo-moto considered by the Sub-Committee. After scrutiny and ion of the artists, Sub-Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Director of Art & Culture.

**Felicitation of Eligible Artists**
Once recommendations are received from the Sub-Committee, the Director of Art & Culture shall submit the same for Government approval. After obtaining Government approval Directorate of Art & Culture shall organize a felicitation programme and felicitate the eligible artist with ‘Kala Gaurav Puraskar’ (which shall include shawl, shrifal, certificate of appreciation and financial purse of Rs. 25,000/-).

**Framing of Guidelines**
For better implementation of this scheme Government may frame guidelines from time to time, if required.

**Relaxation**
The Government is empowered to relax all or any of the clause provided in this scheme, if found deemed fit, for reasons to be recorded.

**Interpretation**
If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression or entire scheme, then the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government.

**Redressal of Grievances and Dispute**
If any Grievances arise, out of implementation of this scheme then, the Minister for Art & Culture shall hear and decide such matter and the decision of the Minister for Art & Culture in this regard shall be final.