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The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has been created for evolving suitable IT ecosystem with an aim to utilize the benefits of ICT tools for efficient citizen service delivery in a convenient, affordable, accessible and transparent manner thereby making Goa a promising IT destination in the country. DoIT has been continuously working towards achieving a vision to have an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided to the differently-abled community of the country.

Accessible India Campaign (AIC) (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan) is a flagship programme of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India for achieving universal accessibility of the built up environment, transportation system and Information & Communication Technology ecosystem, aiming to provide equal opportunities for the growth and development of persons with special abilities (Divyangans). In this regard, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India has issued an Office Memorandum vide no. 18(3)/2018-E-Infra (Pt.), dated 26/12/2019 for its implementation in order to make public documents accessible (copy enclosed).

In pursuance of making public documents accessible to all, it is requested that all Departments, Corporations and Autonomous Bodies under Government of Goa kindly take note of the aforementioned Office Memorandum for due compliance.

This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (Information Technology) vide U.O. No. 314/F; dated 07/02/2020.

(Ankita Anand, IAS)
Director (IT)

Encl: As above

To:
1. All Heads of the Departments/ Corporations/ Autonomous Bodies

Copy To:
1. P. S. to Secretary (IT), Secretariat, Porvorim.
2. P. S. to Secretaries, Secretariat, Porvorim.
3. State portal team, DoIT: For uploading on portal.
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: 26.12.2019

Subject: Accessibility of public documents on Government websites.

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2. To make public documents accessible the following may be implemented:
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   ii. All RFPs should include a clause that all procurements should be GiGW (Guidelines for Indian Government Website) compliant for accessibility to physically disabled person.
   iii. The procedure of making OCR based PDF files, W3C guidelines at //www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20-TECHS/PDF7.html may be referred to.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

(Meenakshi Agarwal)
Scientist ‘D’

To:
1. Secretaries of all Central Ministries/Departments
2. IT Secretaries of all States/UTs

Copy to:
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