

Department of Transport

Directorate of Transport

Notification

D.Tpt./EST/3218/2024/2051

Date : 25-Jun-2026

Read: Notification No. D.Tpt/EST/3218/2025-26/1208 dated 06/05/2025.

The validity of the “Mhaji Bus Scheme, 2025” is hereby extended for a further period of one year upto 14th May, 2027.

This issue with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 1400104234 dated 22/05/2026.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Arvind B. Khutkar, Director of Transport/ex officio Jt. Secretary (Transport).

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Department of Tribal Welfare

Directorate of Tribal Welfare

Notification

DTW/STAT/2026-27/1408

Date : 19-Jun-2026

Read: No. DTW/STAT/2025-26/1168 dated 06/06/2025.

Government of Goa is pleased to amend/modify the scheme titled ‘Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana’ in the State of Goa in public interest as under:

1. *Introduction.*— One tenth of Goan student population in the group 18-25 years belongs to Scheduled Tribes Communities. Wings of education had reached to the doors of these communities very late. Hence, there was a time when reserved seats (in under-graduate professional educational institution) used to remain unclaimed due to unavailability of eligible student candidates. With the constant support of the Government, at every level of education, the scenario has changed very much in recent times. Currently, the number of aspirant tribal students for such reserved seats has increased than the number reserved seats available within State of Goa. Thus, Goan Scheduled Tribe student are facing a stiff competition within students of Scheduled Tribe category as well as with students of General categories. As a result, a talented Scheduled Tribe student may land up on losing side. Amongst many other reasons, this is probably due to, unavailability of professional guidance or training required to face the competitive exams conducted for admission in undergraduate education in professional colleges, within Goa and outside Goa. The other reason is financial un-affordability of the parents of such students. To tap potential of talented tribal students in Goa and to optimize the demographic dividend, tribal students needs to be encouraged and empowered to take up admissions for undergraduate professional courses. The qualification, skill and experience tribal students gain shall contribute towards building up human capital required by the state for its sustainable development to a large extent. Therefore to give financial support for such talented tribal students, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Goa has announced “Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana” in the Budget Speech 2025-26 and accordingly the scheme was notified in the Official Gazette on 12th June, 2025.

Now, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Goa in the Budget Speech 2026-27 has announced to amend ‘Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana’ by increasing its scope for student preparing for PG-NEET and GATE examination.

‘Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana’ was successfully implemented by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare during the academic year 2025-26 for NEET and JEE aspirants. Considering the demand and scope for the scheme and taking it one step further to encourage students JEE, NEET, PG-NEET and

GATE, the amended/modified scheme is framed and shall be implemented to achieve its objectives as under;

2. *Short title of the scheme.*— This scheme shall be called as ‘Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana’.

3. *Objectives of the scheme.*— (a) To promote pursuit of undergraduate and post graduate studies in various professional colleges by talented Scheduled Tribe student population of Goa by recognizing such meritorious students at higher secondary and graduation level by providing them financial assistance, in form of a Scholarship, required for preparation of All India Common Competitive exams for undergraduate and post graduate admissions for professional courses in Goa as well as outside Goa.

(b) To encourage Scheduled Tribe community students to pursue admission under seats reserved for scheduled tribe community candidates through All India Quota in Professional Colleges/institutions available in all the States of India, including the State of Goa, wherein Goa Schedule Tribe Students are entitled to apply in reserved category as well as unreserved categories.

(c) To expose students from Scheduled Tribe community in Goa to higher educational opportunities available beyond territorial boundaries of Goa.

4. *Scope.*— To disburse financial assistance to talented Scheduled Tribe Students from Higher Secondary School to Higher Education level in the form of scholarship, which is proportionate to fees paid by them in order take coaching assistance through reputed coaching institution in preparing students for All India Common Competitive Exams such as NEET, JEE, PG-NEET and GATE.

5. *Courses for coaching.*— (a) National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET).

(b) Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).

(c) Post Graduate National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (PG-NEET).

(d) Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE).

6. *Distribution of students amongst types of Courses.*— (a) Total nos. of 300 students shall avail the benefit under the scheme of which 50% students shall be allotted for NEET course and 50% students shall be allotted JEE course.

(b) The students shall be selected strictly by drawing merit list in respect of Sr. No. 6 (a).

(c) If there are vacant slots after drawing the merit list in respect of Sr. No. 6 (a) then the candidates shall be selected from those students who have applied for the other course subjected to maximum total of 300 students Seats (for NEET and JEE).

(d) There shall be no limit on the number of student pursuing courses for PG-NEET and GATE.

7. *Conditions of Eligibility.*— (a) The student shall belong to Schedule Tribe Community of Goa.

(b) The student shall have scored at least 65% in SSCE board Examination for JEE/NEET Course.

(c) For PG-NEET and GATE Courses, student shall be eligible to apply for the exam as per the eligibility criteria set by the examination conducting agency/board/institute.

(d) The Student shall be a regular, full time student studying in a, Higher Secondary School that is recognized by Central/State Board for NEET and JEE courses.

(e) The Coaching institute through which the Student desires to take admission shall be a registered body or run by any organization registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860/Companies Act, 2014 or any other relevant Act of the Centre or State for both online and offline mode of coaching.

(f) 100 % Coaching fees shall be reimbursed to the students whose family income is up to Rs. 8.00 lakhs per annum and 75% Coaching fees shall be reimbursed to the students whose family income is above Rs. 8.00 lakhs per annum subject to the maximum limit as laid in the Table at clause 8 of the scheme for students availing scholarship for JEE and NEET courses.

(g) There shall be no income criteria for students availing coaching for PG-NEET course and GATE course. 100 % Coaching fees shall be reimbursed to the students availing coaching for PG-NEET course and GATE course.

(h) The Students shall be precluded from availing benefits under any other coaching scheme of the Centre or the State Government and will be required to provide a declaration to this effect.

(i) Scheme shall be applicable for offline and online mode of coaching.

(j) The Student enrolled in the Integrated Higher Secondary School shall also be eligible, however, only coaching fees shall be reimbursed under the scheme.

8. *Value of Financial Assistance.*— The student is entitled to claim the actual fee for the course subjected to the maximum limit per course as shown in the table below.

Sr. No.	Course	Mode of Coaching	Maximum total benefit	Duration of Course
1.	National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)/Joint Entrance Examination (JEE)	Offline	Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three lakhs only)	2 years (11th to 12th Std.)
		Online	Rs. 1,50,000/- (Rupees One lakh fifty thousand only)	
2.	PG-NEET and GATE	Offline	Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only)	1 year
		Online	Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only)	

If the course fee is more than the admissible amount, the student has to arrange for the remaining funds from his/her own sources.

9. *Selection of Candidates.*— (I) National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)/Joint Entrance Examination (JEE):

(a) Merit list shall be drawn up for each course from the marks secured at the Goa Board/Central Board SSCE Examination among eligible students. A waitlist of students beyond 150 for each course shall be drawn up.

(b) In case of two candidates having same score, the score in Science subject followed by Mathematics subject for NEET course and score in Mathematics subject followed by Science subject for JEE course shall be considered to decide the order of merit. In case students have secured equal marks in both subjects, then score in English shall be considered for deciding the order of merit.

(c) Incase student withdraw or opt out in the second year i.e. in XIIth Standards then the scholarship shall be awarded to the next immediate student in the waiting list.

(II) PG-NEET and GATE;

(a) Scholarship shall be awarded directly on fulfilling the eligibility criteria.

10. *Duration of award of benefits.*— (I) National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)/Joint Entrance Examination (JEE):

(a) The benefit under the scheme shall be given for two years.

(b) The student shall apply for the benefit under the scheme in the XIth Standard only.

(c) The student shall submit passing marksheet of XIth std. failing which student will not be awarded scholarship for XIIth std.

(d) If any student fails to clear the XIth Standard, then the student shall be ineligible to continue under the scheme.

(II) PG-NEET and GATE;

(a) The benefit under the scheme shall be given for one year only.

11. *Procedure to apply to for the scheme.*— (a) Applications under the scheme will be invited through the Advertisement in local news paper.

(b) The student shall apply in prescribed application form as per Annexure-A or Annexure-B which will be available in the Office of the Director, Tribal Welfare, Panaji-Goa and in the Office of Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare along with the documents required as under;

I) At the time of submitting Application under the scheme;

- i) Passport Size Photograph.
- ii) Caste Certificate of the Student
- iii) Aadhar Card of the student.
- iv) Bank Mandate form along with account details of the student/Copy of Bank Passbook.
- v) Bank details of the Empanelled Coaching institute in case of students applies through Empanelled Coaching institutions.
- vi) Identity Card issued by the educational institute to the student.
- vii) Certificate of Registration issued to the Coaching institute registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860/Companies Act, 2014 or any other relevant Act of the Centre or State.
- viii) Fee Structure of the courses offered by the Coaching institute.
- ix) Income certificate, if annual income of parent is less the Rs. 8.00 lakhs in case of student applies for JEE and NEET course.
- x) HSSCE mark sheet in case of JEE/NEET and relevant eligibility Degree/Diploma Certificate in case of PG-NEET and GATE.
- xi) Letter, Certificate or any other document from the empanelled coaching institute Stating that the students is enrolled under Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana Scheme.

II) At the time of release of benefit under the scheme;

a) For JEE/NEET

- i) Annexure-B (During 1st Installment).
- ii) Fee Receipts (for all Installments).
- iii) Attendance Certificate (for all Installments).
- iv) Previous year Marksheet (for all Installments).

b) For PG-NEET/GATE.

- i) Annexure-B.
- ii) Fee Receipts.
- iii) Attendance Certificate or any other document that proves attendance in the class.

12. *Mode of Payment.*— (a) The course fee shall be reimbursed and released directly into the bank account of the students through DBT mode in case the student directly applies to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

(b) In the case of the Students applied under the scheme through the Empanelled coaching institution then the amount of the course fee shall be released directly into the bank account of the Empanelled Coaching Institution.

13. *Mode of Application.*— (a) Student can directly apply to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

(b) Student can apply through the empanelled Coaching institution.

14. *Empanelment of Coaching Institution for NEET and JEE.*— Empanelment of the Coaching institutions within the state of Goa shall be done by the Director of Tribal Welfare after due approval of the Government. The Coaching Institutions delivering coaching for NEET, JEE, PG-NEET and GATE desirous to get empanelled should submit the proposal to Directorate of Tribal Welfare. Empanelment shall be for 3 years.

a) Procedure of Empanelment of coaching institution.— Application along with the institution detail shall be submitted to the Director of Tribal Welfare. A team comprising of following shall be constituted to decide the empanelment of Coaching Institutions;

1. Director Tribal Welfare— Chairman.
2. Director, Tribal Research Institute— Member.
3. Director, Directorate of Education— Member.
4. Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare— Member Secretary.

All the applications received for empanelment shall be placed before the committee headed by Director of Tribal Welfare. Any complaint regarding empanelled coaching institution shall be examined by the above mentioned committee and submit recommendation to the Government. Government resumes right to terminate empanelment of coaching institution after conducting due inquiry by above committee.

b) Eligibility criteria for empanelment.— The Coaching Institution desirous of empanelment shall fulfill following criteria:

- i) Certificate of Registration issued to the Coaching institute registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860/Companies Act, 2014 or any other relevant Act of the Centre or State for both offline and online mode of coaching.
- ii) Document proving that the institute is having at least two year of experience of coaching students to prepare for NEET/JEE, or PG-NEET/GATE.
- iii) Supporting documents with list of at least 10 students who have cracked NEET or JEE Examination.

15. *Scrutinizing and Sanctioning Authority.*— Director, Tribal Welfare shall rest the entire power for scrutinizing the applications and sanctioning the benefits.

16. *Procedure upon conveying approval of Sanction.*— The Director of Tribal Welfare shall convey the approval of sanction to the student/empanelled Coaching Institute and shall release the benefit as per the clause 15 of the scheme.

17. *Procedure for sanction of benefit under the scheme.*— a) The Coaching fees shall be reimbursed in two instalments for 2 years course and in one instalment for one year course on submission of the fee receipts by the students/Empanelled Coaching institute.

b) If the selected students have already paid the registration fees, Admission fees or Tuition fees in advance to the coaching institute for booking the seats, student shall be eligible to claim such fees under the scheme subject to the maximum amount of benefit as laid down in the Table as per the clause 8 of the scheme.

c) If the student is enrolled through the empanelled coaching institution the coaching institution shall submit the fee receipt of such students for reimbursement.

d) In case any student decides to discontinue the coaching programme then the fees reimbursed shall have to be refunded back by the student before the end of the academic year failing which Director, Tribal Welfare shall recover the amount from the student/empanelled coaching institution.

e) Students covered under the scheme shall attend at least 75% of the classes. In the event of any student remaining absent for more than 15 days, without any valid reason or leaving the coaching midway, the entire amount released to the student shall be recovered.

f) If the student opts out in the successive year, then the student shall refund the full amount released under the scheme within 30 days.

18. *Relaxation of the provisions of the Scheme.*— The Government shall be empowered to relax the clauses or conditions of the scheme if a genuine requirement arises.

19. *Redressal of Grievance and dispute.*— Grievances if any, arising during the implementation of the scheme, shall be heard and decided by the Secretary (Tribal Welfare) and the decision of the Secretary (Tribal Welfare) in this regard will be considered final and binding on all the concerned.

20. *Monitoring.*— (a) There will be a review of the performance of the students availing the benefits of the scheme based on the information obtained from the candidates about their success or otherwise in the competitive exams.

(b) In order to ensure proper accountability, Physical verification of atleast 25% of the Students chosen randomly shall be done under the scheme by the Field Assistants of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

21. *Evaluation of the scheme.*— The Scheme will be valid for a initial period of three years and will be extended further based on its' performance. However, necessary amendments, as and when required, shall be carried out from time to time.

22. *Furnishing of False Information.*— If any students furnish any false information/documents and are established as false then the action shall be initiated for recovery of the amount released, with 15% compound interest thereon.

23. The Application format under the scheme is as per Annexure 'A' and Annexure 'B'.

The ammended/modified scheme "Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana" shall come into force immediately from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette.

This is issues with the administrative approval of the Government vide U.O. No. 55/F dated 09/06/2026 and Concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department vide U.O. No. 1400111879 dated 14/06/2026.

By order & in the name of Governor of Goa.

Sd/- Director of Tribal Welfare & ex officio Jt. Secretary.

Panaji.

Annexure-A



Government of Goa
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE
Panaji-Goa

Application for the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana for Scheduled Tribes Students for the Year _____

Applied for (Tick appropriate choice)

a) NEET b) JEE c) PG-NEET d) GATE

[Part –A [To be filled by Applicant]

Affix a self-
attested
Passport size
Photograph

1. Full Name: (in block Letters)

First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Surname: _____

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ Gender: _____

2. Address for Correspondence:

House No.: _____

Waddo/Street: _____

City/Town/Village: _____

Name of Village Panchayat/Municipality: _____

Taluka: _____ District: _____ District Code: _____

Assembly Constituency: _____

State: GOA Pin Code: _____

Telephone /Mobile No.: _____

E-mail: _____

3. Religion: Hindu/Christian

4. Scheduled Tribe Community: Gawda/Kunbi/Velip

5. ST Certificate No.: _____ Date: _____

6. Aadhaar No.: _____ Aadhaar seeded (Y/N) _____

7. Annual Income: _____

8. Declaration:

- i. I hereby declare that the information given above is correct.
- ii. I hereby declare that I shall not drop out of the course in the middle and in case of drop out then I shall refund back the entire amount received under “*Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana*” to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare before the end of Academic year.
- iii. I shall abide by the terms and conditions of sanction of the “*Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana*”.
- iv. I declared that I am aware of the fact that, if at any stage, it is found to the satisfaction of the sanctioning authority that the information given by me is false or if I violate the terms and conditions of the scheme, the assistance sanctioned to me, may be cancelled and the entire amount of assistance will be refunded by me or may be recovered from me.
- v. I hereby declare that I have not availed/will not avail any other coaching scheme of the State Government or Central Government.

Date: _____

Signature of the student

Place: _____

Signature of the Parent/Guardian

Consent Form

I, _____ Holder of Aadhar No. _____ hereby give my consent to Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Panaji, Government of Goa, for using my Aadhaar number to establish and authenticate my identity under _____ Scheme.

9. Details of Course for which assistance is being sought:

(i) Name of Course: _____

(ii) Duration of Course: _____

(iii) Month/Year : _____

(iv) Name of the Coaching Institution preferred:

(v) Mode of Coaching:- Online/Offline.

10. Details of Bank Account of Student:

(i) Name of the Payee (as in the Bank Account): _____

(ii) Name of the Bank: _____

(iii) Bank Branch (Full Address): _____

(iv) Bank Account Number: _____

(In Words): _____

(15 digit A/C number):

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(v) MICR Code of the Bank: _____

(VI) IFSC Code: _____

(Signature of Student)

Name:

Date:

Annexure-B

[To be filled by the Head of the Coaching Institute]

1. Details of Coaching Institute:

Name of Coaching Institute, where admitted with address:

Name: _____

Locality: _____

Waddo/Street: _____

City/Town/Village: _____

Taluka: _____ District: _____

State: _____ Pin Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Registration No.: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

2. Verification/Information/strictly to be furnished only by the Head of Coaching Institute compulsorily:

1. It is certified that the Shri/Kumari _____
 s/o/d/o/Shri _____ is admitted for online/offline
 _____ Course for the academic year _____ to Academic
 Year _____.

2. The students is enrolled under this institute for availing Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana.

3. In case the applicant leaves the institution or otherwise discontinues the coaching or accepts any other assistance, the fact will be immediately reported to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare so that payment of assistance to the applicant is discontinued and also recover the financial assistance already released.

4. In case the applicant leaves the institution or otherwise discontinues the coaching or accepts any other assistance the amount thus released to this institute by Directorate of Tribal Welfare for being an empanelled institute will be return to Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Seal of Institution

 Signature of the Head of the
 Coaching Institute with Official Seal

Document enclosed with the Application:

I) At the time of submitting Application under the scheme;

i) Passport Size Photograph.

ii) Caste Certificate of the Student

iii) Aadhaar Card of the student.

iv) Bank Mandate form along with account details of the student/Copy of Bank Passbook.

v) Bank details of the Empanelled Coaching institute in case of students applies through Empanelled Coaching institutions.

vi) Identity Card issued by the educational institute to the student.

- vii) Certificate of Registration issued to the Coaching institute registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860/Companies Act, 2014 or any other relevant Act of the Centre or State.
 - viii) Fee Structure of the courses offered by the Coaching institute.
 - ix) Income certificate, if annual income of parent is less the Rs. 8.00 lakhs in case of student applies for JEE and NEET course.
 - x) HSSCE mark sheet in case of JEE/NEET and relevant eligibility Degree/Diploma Certificate in case of PG-NEET and GATE.
 - xi) Letter, Certificate or any other document from the empanelled coaching institute stating that the students is enrolled under Bhagwan Birsa Munda Lakshya Siddhi Yojana Scheme.
- II) At the time of release of benefit under the scheme
- a) For JEE/NEET
 - i) Annexure-B (during 1st Installment)
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 - b) For PG-NEET/GATE.
 - i) Annexure-B
 - ii) Fee Receipts
 - iii) Attendance Certificate or any other document that proves attendance in the class.



Goa State Research Foundation

Notification

GSRF/Schemes/SRI/165/2026-27

Date : 05-Jun-2026

The Goa State Research Foundation (GSRF) is pleased to frame the “GSRF Small Research Initiation Scheme (GSRF SRI)” to provide financial assistance to teachers and faculty in Goa who wish to undertake Research Projects of short duration with research ideas that could be implemented with micro-funding.

I. *Short title and commencement.*— i) The Scheme shall be called the “GSRF Small Research Initiation Scheme” (GSRF SRI).

ii) The Scheme shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette and remain in force until it is amended or closed.

II. *Introduction to the scheme.*— Research happens with various intensities depending on the complexity of the research questions and funding support. Generally, minor to major projects are funded of two or more years’ duration. Due to large funding requirements, the number of such projects supported, though, is limited. Hence, several early-stage researchers have to spend some years before they see any success in attracting funding. Also, on account of various guidelines, financial assistance towards pursuing small research studies is generally not available for school/higher secondary teachers and faculty members on contract/lecture-basis in colleges. Additionally, a large number of senior regular faculty members of colleges in Goa have not got any hands-on research exposure via projects or otherwise, thus limiting the quality of their academic-research transactions with their students. In order to address the above, to satiate desires to do research, and help bring in a wider group of academicians into the ambit of scientific research, micro-level funding support by way of the GSRF SRI, is expected to provide the necessary impetus.