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## **NOTIFICATION**

### **SCHEME FOR GOA RAJYA VIDNYANIK PURASKAR (GRVP)**

The Government of Goa is pleased to formulate a scheme to introduce an award to be given to Goan Innovators/ Scientists who have implemented their ideas to innovations and also achieved the excellence in the field of Science and Technology and Innovation.

#### ***1. Introduction***

Goa Rajya Vidnyanik Puraskar (GRVP) is an award introduced by the Government of Goa through the Department of Science & Technology & Waste Management (DS&T&WM). It is an award to encourage, identify and recognize Innovators/Scientist who have implemented their Ideas to Innovations that are changing the life of the world. The GRVP will be awarded each year to Innovators/Scientists who develop their Ideas into a Product or Process that has been adopted or has high probability of being adopted in the State of Goa.

#### ***2. Short title and commencement:-***

- (i) *This scheme may be called as "Scheme for Goa Rajya Vidnyanik Puraskar (GRVP)". Herein after called as the Scheme.*
- (ii) The Scheme shall come into force from the date of notifying in the Official Gazette of Government of Goa and will remain in force for 3 years.
- (iii) The Scheme shall be implemented through the Goa State Innovation Council (GSInC).

### **3. Objectives of the Scheme :-**

- (i) Drive the innovation agenda in the State and harness the core competencies, local resources and capabilities to create new Innovations.
- (ii) Encourage Scientists, Innovators, young talent in universities, educational Institutes, Medium and Small Scale Industries (MSME) and R&D institutes.
- (iii) Identify and reward talent in innovation and disseminate success stories.

### **4. Scope of the Scheme:-**

- (i) Scope of the Scheme is to give three awards in each financial year to the Goan Innovators/Scientists one each, in categories of Innovation, Environment and Societal impact.
- (ii) Each award shall be in the form of cash prize of Rs. 2.00 lakhs, subject to provision in the Annual Budget of the Department of Science and Technology and Waste Management and same shall be directly deposited in the beneficiary's Bank Account on submission of pre-receipt for the said amount to the Director, DS&T&WM.

### **5. (A) Eligibility Criteria:-**

- (i) Students, Startups, Innovators, Research Faculty & Scientist [collectively, "applicant" (s)] may apply under this scheme.
- (ii) Applicant must be a resident of the state of Goa for last 15 years Certificate from competent authority shall have to be enclosed.
- (iii) The project should relate to hardware or software-based product innovation.
- (iv) The proposals preferably in the following focus sectors shall be encouraged: Green technology, Clean energy, Industrially utilizable smart materials, Waste to Wealth, Affordable Healthcare, Water & Sewage Management, Renewable Energy sources, Electric Vehicles, Smart Cities, Agri-tech, Meditech, Health care tech and Digital media, ITES.
- (v) Applicant shall be required to provide a letter of intent (LOI) in case the proposed idea/project is associated with the Industry or the Government.
- (vi) Applicant must be registered under the Virtual Innovation Register (VIR) as a New Idea.
- (vii) An applicant should avail of this Scheme only once.

***(B)Application details:-***

**(i) Technological Inventiveness:**

- What are the technological inventions and why they are significant?
- Innovators Resume/Bio
- Description of Societal Impact
- Scope of Commercialization or its Potential
- Ways in which the Innovator has inspired others?
- Non-Disclosure Agreement

**(ii) Documents supporting the applications**

- Video Links or Proof of Concept or Minimum Viable Product
- Letter of Recommendations

***(C) Procedure for applying under the scheme:-***

Below mentioned is the procedure for applying under the Virtual Innovation Register (VIR):

- (i) An individual or a registered entity (Partnership/ Limited Liability Partnership/ Private Limited Company) shall submit an application through the portal:  
<http://goastateinnovationcouncil.com/virtual-innovation-register>.
- (ii) An Innovative shall be from the following sectors which are not absolute but include:
  - a. Agri-tech
  - b. Digital media
  - c. Health care tech
  - d. Manufacturing
  - e. ITES

**(D)** It is mandatory for the applicant to apply under the aforesaid portal to claim benefits under the scheme.

***6. Application Process:-***

- (i) Applications should be submitted online on the date as decided and notified by the GSInC every year.
- (ii) Shortlisting of applications by Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- (iii) Final Round Presentation in front of Expert Committee
- (iv) Results

**7. *Technical Advisory committee (TAC):-***

- (i) The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the GRVP shall consist of a Chairman and 3 expert members, one each from the disciplines of Science, Technology & Innovations. The Chairman and the Expert members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Goa State Innovation Council. The Project Officer from the Goa State Innovation Council will be the Member Convenor for the TAC.
- (ii) The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the GRVP shall scrutinize the applications and shortlist the eligible applications for the purpose of inviting for the presentation before the Expert Committee.

**8. *Expert committee:-***

- (i) The Expert Committee shall consist of a Chairman and two members. All Expert Committee Members including Chairman shall be nominated by the Government. The Committee members can be either professionals or experts or recipient of awards for outstanding achievements in the fields of Science, Technology & Innovations.
- (ii) The Expert Committee will judge the shortlisted applicants through presentation on the basis of their progress that has been achieved or has high probability of being achieved.
- (iii) GSIInC should forward to Department of S&T&WM the decisions/results declared by the Expert Committee duly approved by the Chairman of the GSIInC alongwith pre-receipt and Bank account details obtained from the beneficiaries for further process to release the award money directly in their bank account.

**9.** The Government reserves the right to modify the quantum of Award money as well as number of awards depending upon the budgetary provision. Government also reserves right to modify any or all the conditions or hold in abeyance or suspend or cancel the Scheme at any point of time and no claim or appeal or challenge shall lie with any authority or tribunal or court in respect of this decision of the Government.

**10. Relaxation of the provisions of the scheme:-**

The Government shall be empowered to relax any or all of the clauses or conditions of this scheme in deserving cases.

**11. Interpretation of the provisions of this scheme:-**

If any question arises regarding interpretation of any clause, word, expression of the scheme, the decision about the interpretation shall lie with the Government, which shall be final and binding on all concerned.

**12. Redressal of grievances and dispute:-**

Grievances or disputes, if any, arising out of implementation of this scheme, shall be referred to the Secretary (S&T&WM) who shall hear and decide such matters and his decision in this regard shall be final and binding on all concerned.

Provided no grievance or dispute regarding the decision of the Government shall lie with any authority or tribunal or court.

13. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department vide their U.O.No.1400085879 dated 07/06/2022 and administrative approval of the Government under U.O. No. 138/F dated 25/04/2022.

By order and in the name  
of the Governor of Goa

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(Levinson J. Martins)  
Director (S&T&WM) & ex-officio,  
Jt. Secretary to Government

To,  
**The Director,**  
Department of Printing and Stationary,  
Panaji Goa. ....with a request to kindly publish the above notification in next  
issue of Official Gazette.

