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Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Scheme

Goa state government has launched Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Scheme to focus on increasing economic activities. The major objective is to ensure that every village in the state becomes self-reliant by “harnessing resources available within the area”.

The Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Scheme has implemented from 2 October 2020. In this scheme, benefits of all the state and central government schemes will be brought to the doorsteps of people.

As a part of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampoorna Goa initiative, government officers, teachers and students will reach out to each and every village panchayat. This would be done in order to ensure that every village becomes self-reliant by harnessing the available resources within the area.

Timelines:

- **1st Phase:** 2 October 2020 – 2 October 2021
- **2nd Phase:** 2 October 2021 – 2 October 2022
- **3rd Phase:** 2 October 2022 – 2 October 2023

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Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana

Goa Government launched a health insurance scheme “Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana (DDSSY)”. The new health insurance scheme will benefit people residing in the state for 5 and more years.

Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana (DDSSY) is benefiting the residents of Goa state irrespective of their financial status.

Goa is the first state to have a health insurance scheme which will benefit all residents of the state irrespective of their financial status. Any person residing in Goa for 5 and more years can enroll into the scheme.

Under the Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana (DDSSY), a family of up to 3 members is being provided a health insurance cover of Rs. 2.5 Lakh while the family of 4 or more members are being provided a cover of 4 Lakh.

The annual installment of the insurance premium which is Rs. 3,206 per family will be paid by the Government to the insurance company.

Health cards are being issued by the state government to all the approved applicants under the scheme which can be used to avail the insurance benefits at any of the empaneled private and government hospitals.

Modified Goa Laadli Laxmi Scheme

Goa government has launched Modified Laadli Laxmi Scheme on 8th March 2019. Under Ladli Lakshmi Scheme in Goa, the state govt. provides gift of Rs. 1 lakh to every gaon (village) girl on the occasion of their marriage.

Laadli Laxmi Scheme in Goa is applicable to all the girls between 18 & 40 years of age. Laadli Lakshmi Scheme benefits could be availed by brides whose marriage registration has been done on 1 April 2012 or after.

The state govt. will bear marriage expenses of all those brides whose marriage has been registered and falls in the above mentioned age group.

Laadli Laxmi Scheme in Goa aims to erase the general perception that birth of a girl in the family is a burden on her parents which leads to a tendency of female foeticide. So to curb this menace, the state govt. has launched Ladli Laxmi Scheme.

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Goa Government Allots Land to 49 MSME Units

The Government of Goa allotted land to a consortium of 49 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) units to set up India's first Maritime Cluster, Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa provided 14,380 square Metres of land to set up the Common Facility centre.

The Project is aimed to create a world class facility for ship designing, ship building, ship repairers and marine equipment manufacturing.

The project is supported by the Union shipping ministry, Directorate General of Shipping, and Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

The 49 MSME units under this project will provide direct benefits to an additional 180 units.

The ships built in the centre will be used for local purpose and will be exported to the European and Asia-Pacific Region.

Goa became the first State to COVID-19 free

Goa became the first state to become free of COVID-19 in India which was followed by Manipur.

The Union Ministry has asked the states to strictly abide by the lock down rules issued.

Some of the states like West Bengal, Maharashtra were not following the lock down guidelines. Around six inter-ministerial committees were set to check on these states.

Currently, around 59 districts of 23 states have become COVID-19 free. When a district does not report a new COVID-19 case in 14 days, it is being declared COVID-19 free.

Also, Mahe in Puducherry, Pauri Garhwal of Uttarakhand, Kodagu of Karnataka have not reported new cases in 28 days.

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First Floating Jetty & Immigration office in Goa

Government inaugurated the India's first floating jetty on the banks of Mandovi river, Goa and also an immigration facility office at a cruise terminal in Vasco, Goa.

The floating jetty is made up of cement concrete which was built on a short time, will boost inland waterways, they are environment friendly and 3 more will be built in Goa.

The new floating jetty can be resized, realigned and relocated as per requirement.

About Immigration office: Immigration counter at the cruise terminal in Mormugao Port, Goa, will help foreign nationals who arrive on cruise ships.

The State receives 45 international cruises annually in addition to domestic cruise boats.

Goa Chief Minister (CM) Pramod Sawant, Union AYUSH (Ayurvedic, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) Minister Shripad Naik and Rajya Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) Vinay Tendulkar were present on the occasion.

'Yashaswini scheme' launched in Goa

Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani launched Yashaswini scheme for Women entrepreneurship at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee stadium in Taleigao town near Panaji district of Goa.

Under this scheme, interest free loans up to Rs. 5 lakhs with a tenure of 5 years will be given to women self-help groups by the state government of Goa.

The loan amount will be paid in four installments and repayment of the loan starts from the second year. iii. Adarsha Sattari Mahila Mandal Guleli in Sattari district of North-Goa, Umang Self-Help Group, Salcete region of South-Goa, Phoenix Women's Wing Self-Help Group Valpoi in Sattari district of North-Goa were given loans under Yashaswini scheme.

Under this initiative, women will be screened for breast cancer by the healthcare workers of the state by which healthcare services will be reached out in rural areas of the state. Nearly 20,000 women in the state will be screened under this initiative.

12th naval exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr' held in Goa

The 12th edition of the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr' was held in Goa. 2 ships of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) arrived at Mormugao Port in Goa to participate in this Exercise.

The meaning of the biennial exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr that has been conducted since 1993 between India and Oman is sea breeze.

Among the Indian Navy ships(INS) Beas and Subhadra are participating while 2 naval ships of the RNO i.e, RNOV (Royal Navy of Oman Vessel) Al Rasikh and RNOV Khassab are participating.

The naval exercise comprises of harbour phase and a sea phase that follows it. The sea phase will be conducted after several days of the harbour phase.

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5th edition of Science Film festival 2020 held in Goa

The 5th edition of the Science Film Festival of India, SCI- FFI 2020 held at Inox Complex and Maquinez Palace in Panaji, Goa. It was a 4-day long festival which was held from January 15-18, 2020.

The aim of the festival was to instill knowledge of science among youth of the country.

It is organized by Vidnyan Parishad, Goa with the organizing partners – Entertainment Society of Goa, Dept. of Science, Technology and Waste Management (Govt. of Goa), VigyanPrasar (DST) Govt. of India and National Institute of Oceanography.

The event was supported by both Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute(SRFTI) and National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAR).

The event had panel discussions on challenges in scientific education that involved various academicians.

Several films namely 'Mission Mangal', 'Antariksham 9000 KMPH', 'Everest', 'Aamorie', 'Terminator: Dark Fate', 'Geostorm' and, 'Virus' were screened.

A special workshop was conducted by Indian Institute of Technology- Bombay(IIT-B) in the title "Million SoUL" and provided training on solar lamps.

Rubigula state bird of Goa declared as official Mascot

The Flame-Throated Bulbul or Rubigula bird the state bird for Goa, which is officially declared as the Mascot for the 36th National Games going to held in Panaji, Goa.

Goa will be hosting the 36th National Games from 20th October,2020 to 4th November, 2020. Around 12,000 (Athletes and officials) will participate from 36 states and union territories, and there will be 37 sports events across 24 venues in Goa.

Previously 35th National Games was held in Kerala on 2015, while 37th Edition of National Games is going to held in Chhattisgarh.

9th edition of rescue exercise 'SAREX-2020' held in Goa

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has conducted a 2-day 9th edition of national level search and rescue exercise 'SAREX-2020' based on the theme 'Harmonization of Maritime and Aeronautical Search and Rescue (HAMSAR)' in the sea at Vasco,South Goa district from March 5-7,2020.

For the 1st time, it was attended by 3 pillars of national SAR mechanism i.e. Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Defence.

It also saw the participation of 24 representatives from 19 countries, primarily from Asia and Africa, international delegates including 38 national observers and officials of 7 commercial airlines including 2 helicopter operators.

This exercise consists of a series of conduct of workshop ,table top exercise and sea exercise with focus on Mass Rescue operation (MRO).

ICG conducts this exercise biennially under the aegis of National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB) since 2003.

Goa joined MyGov Citizen Engagement Platform

Goa joined the MyGov Citizen Engagement Platform for enabling participative governance on 4th August 2020. "MyGov Goa portal will go a long way in strengthening public participation in the governance process and allow the state to connect to nationwide audience allowing citizens to participate in different forums and give their view/inputs on government policies/schemes.

MyGov (mygov.in), the Government of India's citizen engagement and crowdsourcing platform, aims to promote active citizen participation in governance and policymaking. It was launched on 26th July 2014.

MyGov has adopted multiple engagement methodologies like discussions, tasks, innovation challenges, polls, surveys, blogs, talks, quizzes and on-ground activities by innovatively using internet, mobile apps, IVRS, SMS and outbound dialing (OBD) technologies.

MyGov has also recently launched its channels on new age Apps like Sharechat and Roposo.

In order to engage with citizens at the State level, MyGov has enabled state instances to crowdsource ideas and creative content for state specific initiatives in a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) mode.

12 states had already launched their MyGov platforms State Instance, namely, Maharashtra, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

With consistent efforts of MyGov Team and respective state government's support, the initiative has been a great success and is able to efficiently achieve its objective.

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1st Indian state to launch assessment tool for COVID-19

Goa state government launched Test Yourself Goa, a self-assessment tool for COVID-19 to help people identify if they are infected by the virus without visiting a doctor or hospital.

Goa has partnered with Innovaccer Inc, a United States (US)-based healthcare data analytics company, to launch the tool.

The online portal enables a person to check themselves from their home, by answering questions like; Name, contact number, location, recent travel to high-risk countries, symptoms such as fever, cough, wheezing, and any health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, hypertension among others.

Based on the answers, the tool states whether the individual is likely or not likely the suspect of COVID-19, as per the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s guidelines.

The tool will then assist the person to take further steps by providing information on self-quarantine, helpline numbers to reach out to the concerned authorities.

The tool is accessible in English, Konkani & Hindi, and will also work on Smartphones.

First Indian state to integrate allopathy and Ayurveda to treat COVID-19 patients

Goa became the first state to integrate allopathy and Ayurveda to treat COVID-19 patients and those who have been quarantined.

The CM also added that although Ayurveda cannot cure COVID-19, it will certainly boost patients' immunity.

The treatment will be administered in consultation with doctors who are dealing with COVID-19 patients, who is also an Ayurvedic practitioner.

He also said they have launched a mobile app 'AyurGoaCovid-19' in collaboration with the Union Ayush ministry.

Goa topped in the FSSAI State food safety index for 2019-20

The 2nd State Food Safety Index (SFSI) for 2019-20 of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been topped by Gujarat among larger states and by Goa among smaller states.

It was announced during a webinar conducted on the occasion of "World Food Safety Day" on June 7, 2020 on the theme "Food Safety is everyone's business".

This webinar has recognized all those who ensured uninterrupted availability of safe food for everyone during COVID-19 pandemic.

The State Food Safety Index ranks states on five parameters. The parameters are Human Resources and Institutional Data, Compliance, Food Testing Facility, Training and Capacity Building besides Consumer Empowerment.

FSSAI also released an e-handbook on "Eat Right during COVID-19" for citizens. It highlights safe food practices to be followed diligently and tips on health and nutrition.

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Goa celebrates Statehood Day

Goa celebrated its Statehood Day which was the 25th state to join the union of India.

As India gained independence on August 15, 1947, India requested the Portuguese to cede their territories. However, Portuguese refused. In 1961, Indian Government launched Operation Vijay and annexed Daman and Diu, islands and Goa with the Indian mainland.

On May 30, 1987, the territory was split and Goa was formed. Daman and Diu remained the Union Territory. Konkani is the official language of the state.

As Goa was formed controversies emerged that Goa should be merged with Maharashtra or Mysore. However, in 1967 a opinion poll was conducted and was concluded that Goa will remain as state and Daman and Diu shall remain as union territory.

Goa attracted monks and missionaries that left great impression in the culture of Goa. Apart from this, Goa was a part of Vijayanagar Empire in 1370 and later was a part of Bijapur Sultanate as well.

Central approved funds for Implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Goa

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019 regarding Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) which aims to provide "Functional Household Tap Connection" (FHTC) to 18 Crore rural households of the country by the

year 2024, the Centre has earlier approved funds for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission for Odisha, Meghalaya, Assam & Bihar.

Goa plans to provide 100% FHTC in rural areas by 2021; Received Rs. 12.40 Cr funds from Central Govt for FY21

The government of India has allocated Rs. 12.40 Crore for FY20-21 to Goa on the basis of Annual Action Plan (AAP) presented by the state to the Ministry of Jal Shakti. The funds have been increased from Rs. 3.08 Crore.

Goa is planning 100% FHTCs to all rural households by 2021. Out of 2.6 lakh households in the State, 2.29 lakh households have already been provided with FHTC.

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