

Department of Tribal Welfare

Directorate of Tribal Welfare

Notification

DTW/5/VIDYA LAXMI/Scheme/9/Amendment/2025-26/1273

Date: 12-Jun-2025

Whereas, the Government has notified Vidya Laxmi Scheme vide Notification No. 1/13/2010-11/ADMN/TW dated 07-01-2011, Notification No. DTW/5/KAN-DHAN/Scheme/9/Amendment/2014-15/8265 dated 22-01-2015, Notification No. DTW/5/Vidya-Laxmi/Scheme/9/Amendment/2018-19/252 dated 17-04-2018 and Notification No. DTW/5/Vidya-Laxmi/Scheme/9/Amendment/2018-19/669 dated 22-05-2020.

And whereas, the Government desires to amend the Vidya Laxmi Scheme.

Therefore, above Scheme is amended and may be read as under:

1. Objective:

The objective of Scheme "Vidya Laxmi" is to promote education among the girl children belonging to Scheduled Tribe Communities and further to assist these weaker sections of the society to pursue higher education.

2. Target Group:

All the girl children of the families notified as ST under Constitutional Order and whose annual income does not exceeds Rs. 5,00,000/- per annum.

3. Eligibility:

- a) Applicant should be a girl child belonging to ST community in Goa.
- b) The girl child who has passed regular full-time 12th Standard examination within three attempts in any stream (Science/Arts/Commerce/Vocational) is eligible.
- c) The Girl child who has completed trade courses of 02 years and above duration in Industrial Training Institute (whether Government or Private) affiliated to Directorate General of Training, New Delhi, whose eligibility is SSCE or equivalent examination within three attempts.
- d) Family Income should not exceed Rs. 5.00 lakhs per annum.
- e) Student who has passed 10th Standard examination on or before academic year 2023-24 are ineligible to apply under the revised scheme.

4. Financial Assistance:

An amount of Rs. 30,000/- shall be provided through Direct Benefit Transfer to the eligible beneficiary.

5. Mode of application:

The applications for the scholarship under the scheme shall be applied online in the prescribed form. Application complete in all respects, shall be submitted on the portal after registration by the applicants.

Following documents shall be uploaded on the online portal while submitting the application.

- Passport size Photograph.
- Scheduled Tribe Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.

- Income Certificate issued by Competent Authority.
- 10th Standard and 12th Standard marksheet/of ITI passing certificate whichever is relevant.
- Aadhaar seeded Bank Account Pass Book.
- Aadhaar Card.

The application shall be submitted within six months from the date of passing of the Higher Secondary School examination/Trade course of ITI. Directorate of Tribal Welfare shall sanction and disburse the benefit to the beneficiaries within 6 months for the date of receipt of application.

6. Sanctioning Authority:

Director, Tribal Welfare shall sanction the amount of benefit under the scheme.

7. Monitoring of the scheme:

All issues related to eligibility, operationalization of the scheme or situation not envisaged at the time of formulation of the scheme, would be resolved by the monitoring committee, whose decision will be final.

The Monitoring Committee is consisting of:—

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| 1. Secretary, Tribal Welfare | — Chairman |
| 2. Joint Secretary, Finance | — Member |
| 3. Director, Higher Education | — Member |
| 4. Director, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship | — Member |
| 5. Director, Tribal Welfare | — Member Secretary |

8. Relaxation of the provision of the Scheme:

The Government shall be empowered to relax the clauses or conditions of the scheme if a genuine requirement arises.

9. Evaluation:

The scheme shall be valid for 05 years from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

This amendment shall come in to force with effect from the financial year 2025-26.

This is issued with the administrative approval of the Government vide U.O. No. 9108/F dated 18-02-2025 and Concurrence of the Finance (Exp) Department vide U.O. No. 1400107328 dated 01-06-2025.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Dipak S. Desai, Director & ex officio Jt. Secretary (Tribal Welfare).