

(11) The Government may consider temporary exemption of person serving under Bond who wish to pursue higher studies as permitted by the Government, subject to the condition that he shall serve for said period of one year under the bond after completion of his higher studies and every such candidate considered for exemption shall submit security in the form of Bank guarantee amounting to ₹ 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten lakhs only) or as notified by Government of Goa in case of Post-Graduate Degree course from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank valid for a period of one year beyond the duration of his higher studies. In case the candidate who had been temporarily exempted to pursue higher studies fails to report back within the period of one month of completion of higher studies, or within one month of completion of bond in the institute of higher studies then the Bank Guarantee submitted at the time of temporary exemption shall stand forfeited to the Government without any further notice. Beside the bond serving candidate shall also be liable to pay the penalty which shall be recovered from the sureties in case of their default.

(12) Upon resignation/cancellation of allotted seat by Candidates admitting authority or Head of the Institute: admission fee of ₹ 2,000/- and 10% tuition fee shall be deducted and rest of the amount shall be refunded. However, upon upgradation of the PG seat, only admission fees of ₹ 2000/- will be deducted if a candidate gets admission to the All India Quota. No admission fee will be deducted if the candidate gets admission to state quota seat upon upgradation.

(13) In case of any other matter which is not covered by these Rules, the decision of the State Counselling Authority (SCA) shall be final and binding upon the candidate.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

Sitaram G. Sawal, Under Secretary (Health-I).

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Department of Tribal Welfare

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Notification

DTW/Scheme/DASK/2026-27/775

Date : 19-May-2026

Government of Goa is pleased to notify scheme “Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra” (DASK): Empowering Tribal Communities through Localized Support & Development in the State of Goa in public interest.

1. *Introduction.*— The State Government is committed to the Inclusive Development of Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities of Goa and to ensuring equitable access to welfare measures, livelihood opportunities, and essential public services. Despite the existence of multiple welfare schemes, tribal beneficiaries often face challenges due to administrative distance, lack of awareness, digital divide, and geographical isolation. In order to address these systemic barriers and ensure last-mile service delivery, it is required to establish Suvidha Kendra in all tribal population dominated Village Panchayats of the State. These Suvidha Kendra shall function as integrated one-stop centers for dissemination, facilitation, and convergence of all welfare and development schemes targeted towards Scheduled Tribes. Therefore, in the interest of the Tribal Community, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Goa in the Budget Speech 2026-27 has announced new Scheme i.e. setting up of “Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra” (DASK) in each Village Panchayat having more than 35% of population from the Schedule Tribe Community to improve accessibility, promote inclusion and facilitate grievance redressal. Accordingly, the present scheme is framed and shall be implemented to achieve its objective as under;

2. *Short title of the scheme.*— This Scheme shall be called as “Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra” (DASK): Empowering Tribal Communities through Localized Support & Development.

3. *Scope of the scheme.*— Setting up of one Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK) in Village Panchayat having more than 35% of population from the Scheduled Tribe Community.

4. *Objective.*— To establish community-level service and resource centers in tribal areas, operated through NGO’s/Charitable Trust which provide integrated support to;

(I) Ensure accessibility of all Government welfare schemes to scheduled tribe community under one roof.

(II) Promoting education, health, livelihood, and digital inclusion among Tribal families.

(III) Preserve and promote tribal culture, traditions and handicrafts.

(IV) Facilitate grievance redressal and ensure administrative transparency in tribal welfare delivery.

5. Role of Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK).—

(i) Scheme Facilitation Desk:

(a) Assistance in registration and availing of all Government welfare schemes (housing, scholarships, pensions, forest rights, etc.)

(b) Digital support for Aadhaar and Government applications.

(c) On-site verification and document collection to reduce travel burden.

(d) Maintenance of database of Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries.

(e) 100% coverage of all eligible beneficiaries under various State/Central scheme implemented by the various Departments.

(f) Facilitate eligible person from the Scheduled Tribe Community from the village to obtain caste certificate.

(ii) Health & Nutrition:

(a) Health camps and immunization drives through Primary Health Centre's (PHC)/Community Health Centre's (CHC)/District Hospital (DH), etc.

(b) Nutrition and maternal health awareness programs partnering through the concerned Government departments or through NGO's working in similar fields.

(iii) Education & Skill Development:

(a) Vocational and digital literacy training partnering through the concerned Government departments or through NGO's working in similar fields.

(b) Support for traditional craft-based entrepreneurship partnering through the concerned Government departments or through NGO's working in similar fields.

(c) Organizing Career guidance programme to the students from Scheduled Tribe community.

(iv) Livelihood & Entrepreneurship:

(a) Support for SHGs (Self-Help Groups) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) partnering through the concerned Government departments or through NGO's working in similar fields.

(b) Marketing assistance for tribal products through "Adivasi Mart" or e-commerce partnerships partnering through the concerned Government departments or through NGO's working in similar fields, etc.

(c) Guidance on access to credit, subsidies, and co-operative formation partnering through the concerned Government departments or through NGO's working in similar fields.

(d) Organizing Job fair and entrepreneurship promotion programme for the people of Scheduled Tribe community.

(v) Cultural & Heritage Promotion:

Facilitation and Organization of local festivals, folk art exhibitions, and cultural exchange programs, through the concerned Government Departments.

(vi) Forest Right Act, 2006:

Facilitating local community in awareness, training, capacity building, processing and settlement of claims under Forest Rights Act, 2006.

(vii) Other Role of Suvidha Kendra's:

(a) Assisting in Tribal Research Institute operations.

(b) Maintenance and updation of all ST population repositories.

(c) Recommending projects under Tribal Sub Plan as per local needs.

(d) Facilitating people from Scheduled Tribe Community in filing complaints in the Goa Commission for SC/ST, and also create awareness programme about the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

6. *Target Population.*— All Scheduled Tribe (ST) families residing in tribal and adjoining areas with priority to women-headed households, students, and unemployed youth in Village Panchayats.

7. *Eligibility Criteria.*— Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or Charitable Trust registered under competent authority having atleast 50% of the members from the ST community formed with the objective of empowering the Tribal Communities shall be eligible to receive the Grant-in-aid.

8. *Benefit under the scheme.*— Grant-in-aid to be sanctioned to the Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust for running the activities under Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK) are as under;

(a) Recurring Grants.—

(I) Fixed Honorarium of Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty thousand only) per month with annual increment of 3% to One Resource Person Graduate in any stream.

(II) Fixed Honorarium of Rs. 18,000/- (Rupees Eighteen thousand only) per month with annual increment of 3% for one Multi Tasking Staff.

(III) Fixed Remuneration of Rs. 25000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) per month with annual increment of 3% for two Volunteers preferably from concerned Village Panchayat.

(IV) Fixed amount of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only) per annum for incurring expenditure on stationery, printing, etc.

(V) Rent as per Certificate issued by the PWD (Bldg Division), with the maximum limit Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) per month. The aforementioned rent will be enhanced accordingly @ 10% on actual rent fixed after every 3 (three) years.

(VI) An amount of upto Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only) per annum for incurring expenditure to cover the expenses on activities under the scheme.

(b) Non recurring Grants.—

(I) One time financial grants of Rs. 1,50,000/- (One Lakh fifty thousand only) for procurement of Desktop Computer, UPS, Printer/Scanner, Smartphone, Computer table, cupboard, table and chairs etc. All the procurement of assets shall be done in the name of Directorate of Tribal Welfare. These assets shall be returned to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare on termination of the grant in aid or on discontinuation of the scheme.

9. *Appointment of Staff by NGOs/Charitable Trust.*— Appointment of Resource Person, Multi Tasking staff and Volunteers shall be done only after the approval of Director, Tribal Welfare. Director, Tribal Welfare shall assess the personnel to be appointed and accordingly, convey the approval to the NGO/Charitable Trust.

10. *Conditions for routine functioning of Suvidha Kendra.*— (I) The Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust office timing shall be from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm on all working days except on Sunday and Public holidays.

(II) The Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust should display a board at the Suvidha Kendra showing name of Project and funding agency.

11. *Register Maintenance by Suvidha Kendra.*— (I) The NGO/Charitable Trust shall maintain the following registers/records:

- (a) Cash Book for daily income-expenditure.
- (b) Stock Register to maintain assets and equipment purchased.
- (c) Attendance Register for Staff.
- (d) Project Progress Register for activities and outcomes.

(II) These registers shall be available for government audit/inspection.

12. *Procedure to apply or avail benefits.*— (I) Applications under the scheme shall be invited through the advertisement in local news papers.

(II) The Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust shall apply in prescribed application form as per Annexure-A which will be available at the Directorate, Tribal Welfare, Panaji-Goa and in the Office of Dy. Director, Tribal Welfare, Margao-Goa along with the documents required as under;

- a) ST certificates of the members (50% of the members should be from ST community from Goa).
- b) Copy of the Registration Certificate and Memorandum of Association/Article of Association with office bearers in case of NGO's and Trust Deed with office bearers in case of Charitable Trust.
- c) Copy of Aadhaar Card of all the members. If any member changes after the sanctioning of the scheme, the same shall be intimated to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare with the copy of the Aadhaar card.
- d) Copy of Bank passbook.
- e) Bank Mandate form.
- f) Rent Certificate issued by PWD (Bldg. Division), State of Goa.
- g) Photograph of Operational premise to be used with GPS co-ordinates.
- h) Brief project report on the activities which have been undertaken for the development of Tribal Community.
- i) Undertaking to be given by the Non Governmental Organization (NGO)/Charitable Trust that the Grant in aid provided under the scheme shall be utilized to achieve the objective of the scheme.

13. *Sanctioning Authority.*— Director of Tribal Welfare shall have the entire power of the sanctioning of the application. However, if more than one application is received from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust to set up Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK) in the same Village Panchayat then these applications shall be placed before the selection cum monitoring committee to decide the order of merit. Once the order of merit is decided by the selection cum monitoring committee, the Director of Tribal Welfare shall sanction the application. Order of merit shall be decided by the selection cum monitoring committee on the basis of experience and expertise of members of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust in the social field specially in empowering of Tribal Community. The power to terminate grant in aid sanctioned and appointment of the organization to run the DASK shall remain under the jurisdiction of Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

14. *Procedure for release of the Grants.*— (I) Directorate of Tribal Welfare shall immediately release the grants towards the non recurring expenditure upon sanctioning of the application and concerned DASK shall be setup within 30 days and submit compliance with utilization certificates.

(II) Directorate of Tribal Welfare shall release the recurring grants on quarterly basis on submission of the Statement of Expenditure and Utilization certificate by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust.

15. *Reporting by Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK).*— (I) Monthly report shall be submitted by the Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare on the coverage of the activities under the scheme.

(II) For availing the benefit for subsequent year the Non-Governmental Organization's (NGOs)/Charitable Trust shall submit annual performance report as prescribed by Director of Tribal Welfare from time to time. If Non-Governmental Organization's (NGOs)/Charitable Trust fails to submit the annual performance report then the succeeding year benefit shall be kept on hold until the report is submitted and failure to submit may result in Termination.

16. *Inspection and Reporting of the Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK).*— (I) Field Assistant of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare shall inspect these Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK) at least once in a month and submit the details report on the functioning of these Kendra to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

(II) District Welfare Officers/Assistant Directors of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare shall inspect these Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK) at least once in a year and submit the details report on the functioning of these Kendra to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

17. *Termination Clause.*— a) The Government reserves the right to terminate grants to NGO/Charitable Trust without notice if;

- i) NGO/Charitable Trust fails to meet objectives of the scheme.
- ii) NGO/Charitable Trust is found guilty of financial irregularities or misuse of funds.
- iii) Frequent public grievances reported if any.
- iv) Poor performance.

b) On termination of grants, the NGO/Charitable Trust shall;

- i) Immediately cease project activities.
- ii) Repay unspent funds or grant amount.
- iii) Return Government asset's and documents.

18. *Selection cum Monitoring Committee.*— (I) If there is any doubt in the matter of eligibility or for operationalization of the scheme or if any situation arises which is not envisaged at the time of formulation of the scheme, the same would be resolved by the Selection cum Monitoring Committee whose decision will be final.

(II) If more than one application is received from Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust to set up Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra (DASK) in the same Village Panchayat then these applications shall be placed before the Selection cum Monitoring Committee to decide the order of merit.

The Selection cum Monitoring Committee shall consist of the following members:-

1. Secretary, Tribal Welfare: Chairperson
2. Director, Tribal Research Institute: Member
3. Director, Tribal Welfare: Member Secretary.

19. *Validity of the Scheme.*— Scheme shall be valid for three years of its implementation. However, Performance of the scheme shall be evaluated before the completion of three year of its implementation and if required, scheme shall be further extended with or without modification to meet the new challenges/requirements so as to achieve the set objective.

20. *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 on case to case basis.

21. *Interpretation of the provision of the 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, and this decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

22. The expenditure shall be incurred under the following Budget Head:

- 2225 — Welfare of SCs, ST, and Other Backward Classes;
- 02 — Welfare of Scheduled Tribes;
- 800 — Other Expenditure;
- 02 — Dharti Abha Suvidha Kendra;
- 00 — General;
- 31 — Grant in aid.

23. *Application Form for “Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra” (DASK).*— Empowering Tribal Communities through Localized Support & Development is as per Annexure-A.

The scheme “Dharati Aaba Suvidha Kendra” (DASK) shall come into force from the date of publication of notification in the Official Gazette.

This is issued with administrative approval of the Government vide U.O. No. 8/F dated 13-04-2026 and concurrence of the Finance (Exp.) Department vide U. No. 1400126147 dated 6-5-2026.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Nilesh Dhaigodkar, Director of Tribal Welfare & ex officio Jt. Secretary.

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ANNEXURE-A

Application Form for “Dharti Aaba Suvidha Kendra” (DASK): Empowering Tribal Communities through Localized Support & Development:

1. Details of the Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust:-		
a	Name of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/ /Charitable Trust	
b	Contact No.	
c	Village/Town	
d	Village Panchayat	
e	Taluka	
f	District	
g	Assembly Constituency	
h	Post Office with Pin Code	
i	Total members in Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust and total ST members in Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust	
j	Date of establishment	
k	Whether Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or Charitable Trust Act.	
l	If yes, number and year of registration	
m	Whether the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust are part of larger Organization, if yes, details thereof	

n	Type of the activity would be taken up by Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust	
o	Whether the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust have any link up with National Level or State Level organization that is having experience in running such Kendra's	
p	Whether Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust has own space for office or need rented space	
q	Details of the NGO/Charitable Trust, its objectives and activities conducted during last three years	
r	Details of activities/programme undertaken for the Development of ST Community	
s	Whether the list of Names, Address, and occupation of the Managing Committee members (indicating the number of ST members) is attached	
t	Whether Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust are getting any other Financial Assistance from Central/State Government or any other source	
u	If yes, give details	
2. Bank Details of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust:-		
a	Name of the Account Holder	
b	Name of the Bank	
c	Bank Account No.	
d	Branch of the Bank	
e	Type of Account	
f	MICR No.	
g	IFSC Code	

Signature & Stamp of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust

Required Documents:—

- ST certificates of the members of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust, (50% of the members of the NGO/Charitable Trust should be from ST community).
- Copy of the Registration Certificate and Memorandum of Association/Article of Association with office bearers in case of NGO's and Trust Deed with office bearers in case of Charitable Trust.
- Copy of Aadhaar Card of all the members.
- Copy of Bank passbook of the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/Charitable Trust.
- Bank Mandate form.

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- f) Rent Certificate issued by PWD (Bldg. Division), State of Goa.
 - g) Photograph of Operational premise to be used with GPS co-ordinates.
 - h) Brief project report on the activities which will be undertaken for the development Tribal Community.
 - i) Undertaking to be given by the Non Governmental Organisation (NGO)/Charitable Trust that the Grant in aid provided under the scheme shall be utilized to achieve the objective of the scheme.

ANNEXURE – A

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g	Assembly Constituency	
h	Post Office with Pin Code	
i	Total members in Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs) / Charitable Trust and total ST members in Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs) / Charitable Trust	
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