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GOVERNMENT OF GOA**Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services**

Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services

Notification

2-13-93-AH/2025-26/8473

Date : 13-Mar-2026

Read: 1. Notification No. 2-13-93-AH/2019-20/4112 published in Official Gazette in Series I No. 32 dated 7th November, 2019.

2. Notification No. 2-13-93-AH/2020-21/461 published in Official Gazette in Series I No. 7 dated 14th May, 2020.

Whereas, the Government had notified the Service Charges for various services provided by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services vide notification read at Sr. No.1 above and further revised vide notification read at Sr. No. 2 above.

And whereas the Government is now pleased to further revise the Service Charges in public interest.

Now therefore:

1. The item of revenue receipt at Sr. No. 57 is amended to read as under:-

| Sr. No. | | Rate |
|---------|--|---------|
| 57. | Meat examined and certified for export including issue of certificate per Kg wt. | Re. 1/- |

The amendment in Service Charges will come into effect with immediate effect.

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

Dr. *Nitin S. Naik*, Director & ex officio Jt. Secretary (AH).

Panaji.



Department of Finance

Debt Management Division



Notification

6/21/2015-Fin (DMU)/9601

Date : 19-Nov-2025

Read: 1) Notification No.6/21/2015-Fin(DMU) dated 01-10-2015.

2) Notification No.6/21/2012-Fin(DMU)/142 dated 18-02-2021.

3) Notification No.6/21/2012-Fin(DMU)/369 dated 30-06-2021.

Government is pleased to extend the validity of the scheme “Exit Policy for distressed beneficiaries under Chief Minister’s Rojgar Yojana (CMRY)/Dr. Verghese Kurein Rojgar Yojana (VKRY)” till 31-03-2026.

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

Manthan Manoj Naik, Under Secretary, Finance (DMU).

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Department of Handicrafts, Textile and Coir



Notification

4/40/2017-HT&C

Date : 17-Mar-2026

Read: (1) Notification No. 4/40/2017/HT&C/37 dated 06-07-2020 published in the Official Gazette, Serial I No. 16 dated 16-07-2020.

(2) Notification No. 4/40/2017/HT&C/44 dated 21-03-2025 published in the Official Gazette, Serial I No. 52 dated 27-03-2025.

1) The following 11th clause “Evaluation of the Scheme” shall be replaced as: Scheme will be valid up to 31st March, 2029.

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

Darshani S. Dessai, Under Secretary (HT& C).

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Goa Legislature Secretariat

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Bill

LA/LEGN/2026/4284

Date : 16-Mar-2026

The following bill which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa on 16th March, 2026 is hereby published for general information in pursuance of Rule-138 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Goa Legislative Assembly.

The Goa Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2026

(Bill No. 15 of 2026)

A

BILL

to authorise payment and appropriation of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa for the services and purposes of the financial year 2026-2027.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Goa in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

1. *Short title.*— This Act may be called the Goa Appropriation (No. 3) Act, 2026.

2. *Issue of Rs. 30194,89,41,000/-, out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa for the financial year 2026-2027.*— From and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa, there may be paid and applied sums not exceeding those specified in column (5) of the Schedule hereto amounting in the aggregate to the sums of thirty thousand one hundred ninety four crore eighty nine lakh forty one thousand rupees towards defraying the several charges which will come in the course of payment during the financial year 2026-2027 in respect of the services and for purposes specified in column (2) of the said Schedule.

3. *Appropriation.*— The sums authorised to be paid and applied from and out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa under this Act, shall be appropriated for the services and purposes expressed in the Schedule to this Act in relation to the said financial year.

SCHEDULE

(See Sections 2 and 3)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

| Demand No. | Services and purposes | Sums not exceeding | | |
|------------|---|--------------------|--|----------|
| | | Voted by Assembly | Charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa | Total |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 01 | Legislature Secretariat | 5696.01 | 304.00 | 6000.01 |
| A1 | Lok Bhavan (Charged) | 0.00 | 1960.01 | 1960.01 |
| 02 | General Administration and Coordination | 17991.60 | 0.00 | 17991.60 |
| 03 | District and Sessions Court, North Goa | 6000.01 | 0.00 | 6000.01 |

| <i>(Rs. In lakhs)</i> | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 04 | District and Sessions Court, South Goa | 4602.01 | 0.00 | 4602.01 |
| 05 | Prosecution | 2400.01 | 0.00 | 2400.01 |
| 06 | Election Office | 6587.01 | 0.00 | 6587.01 |
| 07 | Settlement and Land Records | 3902.01 | 0.00 | 3902.01 |
| 08 | Treasury and Accounts Administration, North Goa | 244831.11 | 0.00 | 244831.11 |
| 09 | Treasury and Accounts Administration, South Goa | 820.01 | 0.00 | 820.01 |
| A2 | Debt Services (Charged) | 0.00 | 447455.93 | 447455.93 |
| 10 | Notary Services | 4500.01 | 0.00 | 4500.01 |
| 11 | Excise | 3400.01 | 0.00 | 3400.01 |
| 12 | Commercial Taxes | 5800.01 | 0.00 | 5800.01 |
| 13 | Transport | 36650.01 | 0.00 | 36650.01 |
| A3 | Goa Public Service Commission (Charged) | 0.00 | 1511.01 | 1511.01 |
| 14 | Goa Sadan | 920.01 | 0.00 | 920.01 |
| 15 | Collectorate, North Goa | 6000.01 | 0.00 | 6000.01 |
| 16 | Collectorate, South Goa | 6000.01 | 0.00 | 6000.01 |
| 17 | Police | 110000.01 | 0.00 | 110000.01 |
| 18 | Jails | 3746.70 | 0.00 | 3746.70 |
| 19 | Industries, Trade and Commerce | 10827.68 | 0.00 | 10827.68 |
| 20 | Printing and Stationery | 3500.01 | 0.00 | 3500.01 |
| 21 | Public Works Department | 189703.10 | 0.00 | 189703.10 |
| 22 | Vigilance | 1500.01 | 0.00 | 1500.01 |
| 23 | Home | 3480.56 | 0.00 | 3480.56 |
| 24 | Environment | 1600.01 | 0.00 | 1600.01 |
| 25 | Home Guards and Civil Defence | 4433.27 | 0.00 | 4433.27 |
| 26 | Fire and Emergency Services | 13500.01 | 0.00 | 13500.01 |
| 27 | Official Language | 1550.91 | 0.00 | 1550.91 |
| 28 | Administrative Tribunal | 308.48 | 0.00 | 308.48 |
| 29 | Public Grievances | 350.01 | 0.00 | 350.01 |
| 30 | Small Savings and Lotteries | 3425.91 | 0.00 | 3425.91 |
| 31 | Panchayats | 29302.41 | 0.00 | 29302.41 |
| 32 | Finance | 54499.90 | 0.00 | 54499.90 |
| 33 | Revenue | 2595.77 | 0.00 | 2595.77 |
| 34 | School Education | 241100.02 | 0.00 | 241100.02 |
| 35 | Higher Education | 70100.02 | 0.00 | 70100.02 |
| 36 | Technical Education | 14282.73 | 0.00 | 14282.73 |
| 37 | Government Polytechnic, Panaji | 3530.01 | 0.00 | 3530.01 |
| 38 | Government Polytechnic, Bicholim | 1850.01 | 0.00 | 1850.01 |

| <i>(Rs. In lakhs)</i> | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|------|-----------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 39 | Government Polytechnic, Curchorem | 1250.01 | 0.00 | 1250.01 |
| 40 | Goa College of Engineering | 6029.43 | 0.00 | 6029.43 |
| 41 | Goa Architecture College | 1727.54 | 0.00 | 1727.54 |
| 42 | Sports and Youth Affairs | 25120.01 | 0.00 | 25120.01 |
| 43 | Art and Culture | 27060.00 | 0.00 | 27060.00 |
| 44 | Goa College of Art | 900.01 | 0.00 | 900.01 |
| 45 | Department of Archives | 2365.85 | 0.00 | 2365.85 |
| 46 | Museum | 1507.01 | 0.00 | 1507.01 |
| 47 | Goa Medical College | 106376.39 | 0.00 | 106376.39 |
| 48 | Health Services | 96300.01 | 0.00 | 96300.01 |
| 49 | Institute of Psychiatry and Human Behaviour | 8200.01 | 0.00 | 8200.01 |
| 50 | Goa College of Pharmacy | 3200.01 | 0.00 | 3200.01 |
| 51 | Goa Dental College | 7990.92 | 0.00 | 7990.92 |
| 52 | Labour | 10101.01 | 0.00 | 10101.01 |
| 53 | Food and Drugs Administration | 2900.01 | 0.00 | 2900.01 |
| 54 | Town and Country Planning | 3886.01 | 0.00 | 3886.01 |
| 55 | Municipal Administration | 57300.60 | 0.00 | 57300.60 |
| 56 | Information and Publicity | 21254.72 | 0.00 | 21254.72 |
| 57 | Social Welfare | 55455.97 | 0.00 | 55455.97 |
| 58 | Women and Child Development | 54399.58 | 0.00 | 54399.58 |
| 59 | Factories and Boilers | 1500.01 | 0.00 | 1500.01 |
| 60 | Employment | 865.71 | 0.00 | 865.71 |
| 61 | Skill Development and Entrepreneurship | 11000.01 | 0.00 | 11000.01 |
| 62 | Law | 11000.01 | 0.00 | 11000.01 |
| 63 | Rajya Sainik Board | 459.49 | 0.00 | 459.49 |
| 64 | Agriculture | 29319.95 | 0.00 | 29319.95 |
| 65 | Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services | 19000.01 | 0.00 | 19000.01 |
| 66 | Fisheries | 7339.07 | 0.00 | 7339.07 |
| 67 | Ports Administration | 7545.86 | 0.00 | 7545.86 |
| 68 | Forests | 19895.22 | 0.00 | 19895.22 |
| 69 | Handicraft, Textile and Coir | 3200.01 | 0.00 | 3200.01 |
| 70 | Civil Supplies | 8500.00 | 0.00 | 8500.00 |
| 71 | Cooperation | 4028.45 | 0.00 | 4028.45 |
| 72 | Science and Technology | 16983.04 | 0.00 | 16983.04 |
| 73 | State Election Commission | 1300.01 | 0.00 | 1300.01 |
| 74 | Water Resources | 75000.01 | 0.00 | 75000.01 |
| 75 | Planning, Statistics and Evaluation | 5000.01 | 0.00 | 5000.01 |

| <i>(Rs. In lakhs)</i> | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| 76 | Electricity | 510000.01 | 0.00 | 510000.01 |
| 77 | River Navigation | 8580.01 | 0.00 | 8580.01 |
| 78 | Tourism | 38500.01 | 0.00 | 38500.01 |
| 79 | Goa Gazetteer | 150.01 | 0.00 | 150.01 |
| 80 | Legal Metrology | 1370.16 | 0.00 | 1370.16 |
| 81 | Department of Tribal Welfare | 17840.00 | 0.00 | 17840.00 |
| 82 | Information Technology | 18971.46 | 0.00 | 18971.46 |
| 83 | Mines | 2568.93 | 0.00 | 2568.93 |
| 84 | Civil Aviation | 1776.01 | 0.00 | 1776.01 |
| 85 | Department of Rural Development | 9400.00 | 0.00 | 9400.00 |
| 86 | New and Renewable Energy | 7845.77 | 0.00 | 7845.77 |
| 87 | Department of Archaeology | 3365.26 | 0.00 | 3365.26 |
| 88 | Department of Public Private Partnership | 384.62 | 0.00 | 384.62 |
| 89 | Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities | 3000.01 | 0.00 | 3000.01 |
| 90 | Drinking Water Department | 100944.92 | 0.00 | 100944.92 |
| 91 | Directorate of Forensic Science | 2500.01 | 0.00 | 2500.01 |
| 92 | Department of Housing | 1050.08 | 0.00 | 1050.08 |
| 93 | Collectorate, Kushavati | 1904.17 | 0.00 | 1904.17 |
| 94 | Department of Ayush | 1557.66 | 0.00 | 1557.66 |
| TOTAL | | 2568258.46 | 451230.95 | 3019489.41 |

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Budget for the year 2026-2027 was presented to the Legislative Assembly on the 06th March, 2026. The Demands for Grants have since been discussed and voted by the Assembly. The Appropriation Bill is, therefore, introduced in accordance with the provisions of Article 204 of the Constitution of India to provide for appropriation out of the Consolidated Fund of the State of Goa, of the moneys required for the services during the financial year 2026-2027.

Porvorim-Goa.
16th March, 2026.

DR. PRAMOD SAWANT
Finance Minister/Chief Minister.

Assembly Hall,
Porvorim, Goa.
16th March, 2026.

NAMRATA ULMAN
Secretary to the
Legislative Assembly of Goa.

Governor's Recommendation under Article 207 of the Constitution of India

In pursuance of Article 207 of the Constitution of India, I, Puspapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju, Governor of Goa, hereby recommend the introduction and consideration of the Goa Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2026, by the Legislative Assembly of Goa.

Department of Personnel**Notification**

1/16/2005-PER (Pt. I)

Date : 13-Mar-2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India, and in supersession of the existing recruitment rules for the relevant posts, notified vide Government Notification No. 1/5/79-PER dated 30-03-1983, published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 2 dated 14-04-1983, the Governor of Goa hereby makes the following rules to regulate the recruitment to the Group 'A' and 'B', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial posts, in the Directorate of Vigilance, Government of Goa, namely:-

1. *Short title, application and commencement.*— (1) These rules may be called the Government of Goa, Directorate of Vigilance, Group 'A' and 'B', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial posts, Recruitment Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall apply to the posts specified in column (2) of the Schedule to these rules (hereinafter called as the "said Schedule").

(3) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Number, classification and the level in the pay matrix.*— The number of posts, classification of the said posts and level in the pay matrix attached thereto shall be as specified in columns (3) to (5) of the said Schedule:

Provided that the Government may vary the number of posts as specified in column (3) of the said Schedule from time to time subject to exigencies of work.

3. *Method of recruitment, age limit and other qualifications.*— The method of recruitment to the said posts, age limit, qualifications and other matters connected therewith shall be as specified in columns (6) to (14) of the said Schedule.

4. *Disqualification.*— No person who has entered into or contracted a marriage with a person having a spouse living or who, having a spouse living, has entered into or contracted a marriage with any person, shall be eligible for appointment to the service:

Provided that the Government may, if satisfied that such marriage is permissible under the personal law applicable to such person and the other party to the marriage and that there are other grounds for so doing, exempt any person from the operation of this rule.

5. *Power to relax.*— Where, the Government is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do, it may, by order, for reasons to be recorded in writing and in consultation with the Goa Public Service Commission, relax any of the provisions of these rules with respect to any class or category of persons.

6. *Saving.*— Nothing in these rules shall affect reservation, relaxation of age limit and other concessions required to be provided for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Ex-servicemen and other special categories of persons in accordance with the orders issued by the Government from time to time in that regard.

These rules are issued in consultation with the Goa Public Service Commission conveyed vide their letters bearing No. COM/II/13/51(1)/2026/1729, COM/II/13/51(2)/2026/1728 and COM/II/13/51(3)/2026/1727 dated 27-02-2026.

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

Raghuraj A. Faldesai, Under Secretary (Personnel-I).

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SCHEDULE

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|----|
| Name/ Designation of post | Number of posts | Classification | Level in the Pay Matrix | Whether selection post or non- selection post | Age limit for direct recruits | Essential: (1) Degree in Civil Engineering or Construction Engineering, from a recognized University. (2) Ten years experience in the relevant field. (3) Knowledge of Konkani. <i>Desirable:</i> Knowledge of Marathi. | Whether age and educational qualifications prescribed for the direct recruits will apply | Period of probation, if any in the case of promotes | Method of recruitment, whether by direct recruitment or by promotion or by deputation/ /absorption and percentage of the vacancies to be filled by various methods | In case of promotion/ /deputation/ /absorption, grades from which promotion/ /deputation/ /absorption is to be made | If a D.P.C./ /D.S.C. exist, what is its composition | Circum- stances in which the Goa Public Service Commis- sion is to be consul- ted in making recruitment | |
| I. Senior Technical Examiner | 01 (2026) (Subject to variation dependent 'A', on workload). | Goa General Service, Group | L-12 | Selec- tion. | Not excee- ding 45 years (Relax- able for Government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Govern- ment from time to time). | (1) Degree in Civil Engineering or Construction Engineering, from a recognized University. (2) Ten years experience in the relevant field. (3) Knowledge of Konkani. <i>Desirable:</i> Knowledge of Marathi. | Age: No. Two <i>Educa- tional Qualifica- tion:</i> Yes. | Two years (for direct recruits). | By promotion, failing which, by deputation, failing both by direct recruitment. | Technical Examiner with five years regular service in the grade. By <i>deputa- tion:</i> Officers under Central/State/ Union Territory Government: (i) holding analogous post on regular basis; or (ii) in L-11 of the Pay Matrix with five years regular services in the grade, possessing educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits. | Group 'A', D.P.C. consisting of:— (1) Chairman/ /Member of the Goa Public Service Commission— making direct recruitment, (2) Chief Secretary or his nominee— Member. (3) Administra- tive Secretary/ /Head of Department— /relaxing any of the provisions of these rules. | Consulta- tion with the Goa Public Service Commis- sion is necessary while making direct recruitment, promotion, confirma- tion, appointing an Officer by deputation and for amending/ relaxing any of the provisions of these rules. | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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| 2. Technical Examiner. | 02 (2026) (Subject to variation dependent 'A', on workload). | Goa General Service, Group dependent 'A', Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial. | L-11. | Selection. | Not exceeding 45 years (Relaxable for Government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Government from time to time). | Essential: (1) Degree in Civil Engineering or Construction Engineering, from a recognized University. (2) Eight years experience in the relevant field. (3) Knowledge of Konkani. <i>Desirable:</i> Knowledge of Marathi. | Age: No. Educational Qualification: Yes. | Two years. | By promotion, failing which, by deputation, failing both by direct recruitment. | Assistant Technical Examiner with nine years regular service in the grade. <i>By deputation:</i> Officers under Central/State/Union Territory Government: (i) holding analogous post on regular basis; or (ii) in L-10 of the pay matrix with three years regular service in the grade or in L-8 of the Pay Matrix five years regular services in the grade or in L-7 of the Pay Matrix with eight years regular services in the grade, possessing educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits. | Group 'A', DPC, consisting of:— (1) Chairman/Member of the Goa Public Service Commission—Chairman. (2) Chief Secretary or his nominee—Member. (3) Administrative Secretary/Head of Department—Member. (For promotion and confirmation only). | Consultation with the Goa Public Service Commission is necessary while making direct recruitment, promotion, confirmation, appointing an Officer by deputation and for amending/relaxing any of the provisions of those rules. | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
|----------------------------------|---|--|------|------|------|--|---|------|------------|--|--|--|---|
| 3. Assistant Technical Examiner. | 02 (2026) (Subject to variation dependent on workload). | Goa General Service, Group 'B', Gazetted, Non-Ministerial. | L-7. | N.A. | N.A. | Not exceeding 45 years (Relaxable for Government servants upto five years in accordance with the instructions or orders issued by the Government from time to time). | <p><i>Essential:</i></p> <p>(1) Degree in Civil Engineering or Construction Engineering, from a recognized University.</p> <p>(2) Five years experience in the relevant field.</p> <p>(3) Knowledge of Konkani.</p> <p><i>Desirable:</i></p> <p>Knowledge of Marathi.</p> | N.A. | Two years. | By direct recruitment, failing which, by deputation. | By deputation; Officials under Central/State/Union Territory Government: (i) holding analogous post on regular basis; or (ii) in L-6 of the pay matrix with three years regular services in the grade, possessing educational qualifications prescribed for direct recruits. | Group 'B', D.P.C. consisting of:— (1) Chairman/Member of the Goa Public Service Commission—Chairman. (2) Chief Secretary or his nominee—Member. (3) Administrative Secretary/Head of Department—Member. (For confirmation only). | Consultation with the Goa Public Service Commission as necessary while making direct recruitment, confirmation, appointing an Officer by deputation and for amending/relaxing any of the provisions of those rules. |

Department of Planning

Directorate of Planning, Statistics and Evaluation

Notification

DPSE/IV/Population Census-2027/1/2025-26/3737

Date : 17-Mar-2026

The Census of India is conducted under the provisions of the Census Act, 1948 (37 of 1948) and the Census Rules, 1990, as amended from time to time. The 1st phase of Census 2027 i.e. Houselisting and Housing Census, will be conducted in the State of Goa from 16th April 2026 to 15th May 2026. During this phase, data on housing conditions, household amenities and assets possessed by households will be collected.

The Census 2027 shall be conducted through digital means and there is a provision for self-enumeration, which shall be conducted for a period of 15 days from 1st April, 2026 to 15th April, 2026, just before the commencement of the Houselisting and Housing Census, as notified by the Government of Goa vide Notification No. DPSE/IV/Population Census-2027/1/2025-26/3130 dated 28-01-2026. The Census Questions for the Houselisting and Housing Census has also been notified through the aforesaid Notification.

The 2nd phase i.e. Population Enumeration (PE) of Census 2027, will be conducted during February 2027, followed by a Revisional Round from 1st March, 2027 to 5th March, 2027. During this phase, individual level information on various demographic, socio-cultural, economic, migration and fertility parameters would be collected.

The public is further informed that the Census is the primary source of data at the lowest administrative levels i.e. villages in rural areas and towns/wards in urban areas on Housing Condition; Amenities and Assets, Demography, Literacy, Religion, Economic Activity, Migration, Fertility, etc. The data collected through the Census are widely used for planning and formulation of policies and effective public administration by the Central/State Governments. Census data are also used for delimitation and reservation of Constituencies for Parliamentary, Assembly, Panchayats and other Local Bodies.

The Population Census being a gigantic task of national importance, its success largely depends upon the cooperation of the general public. The public is therefore requested to extend full cooperation to the Census Officers/Enumerators and furnish accurate and unambiguous information in response to the questions asked during the census operations. Some of the important provisions in the Census Act, 1948 are reproduced below for information of the public.

(i) Section 8:- Asking of questions and obligation to answer.

(1) A census-officer may ask all such questions of all persons within the limits of the local area for which he is appointed as, by instructions issued in this behalf by the Central Government and published in the Official Gazette, he may be directed to ask.

(2) Every person of whom any question is asked under sub-section (1) shall be legally bound to answer such question to the best of his knowledge or belief:

Provided that no person shall be bound to state the name of any female member of his household, and no woman shall be bound to state the name of her husband or deceased husband or of any other person whose name she is forbidden by custom to mention.

(ii) Section 9:- Occupier to permit access and affixing of numbers.

Every person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place shall allow census-officers such access thereto as they may require for the purposes of the census and as, having regard to the customs of the country, may be reasonable, and shall allow them to paint on, or affix to, the place such letters, marks or numbers as may be necessary for the purposes of the census.

(iii) Section 10:- Occupier or manager to fill up schedule.

(1) Subject to such orders as the Census Commissioner may issue in this behalf, a census-officer may, within the local area for which he is appointed, leave or cause to be left a schedule at any dwelling-house or with the manager or any officer of any commercial or industrial establishment, for

the purpose of its being filled up by the occupiers of such house or of any specified part thereof or by such manager or officer with such particulars as the Census Commissioner may direct regarding the inmates of such house or part thereof, or the persons employed under such manager or officer, as the case may be, at the time of the taking of the census.

(2) When such schedule has been so left, the said occupier, manager or officer, as the case may be, shall fill it up or cause it to be filled up to the best of his knowledge or belief so far as regards the inmates of such house or part thereof or the persons employed under him, as the case may be, at the time aforesaid, and shall sign his name thereto and, when so required, shall deliver the schedule so filled up and signed to the census-officer or to such person as the census-officer may direct.

(iv) Section 11:- Penalties.

(1) (a) Any census-officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of census who refuses to perform any duty imposed upon him by this Act or any rule made thereunder, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty, or

(aa) any census-officer or any person lawfully required to give assistance towards the taking of a census who neglects to use reasonable diligence in performing any duty imposed upon him or in obeying any order issued to him in accordance with this Act or any rule made thereunder, or any person who hinders or obstructs another person in performing any such duty or obeying any such order, or;

(d) any person who intentionally gives a false answer to, or refuses to answer to the best of his knowledge or belief, any question asked of him by a census-officer which he is legally bound by section 8 to answer, or

(e) any person occupying any house, enclosure, vessel or other place who refuses to allow a census-officer such reasonable access thereto as he is required by section 9 to allow, or

(f) any person who removes, obliterates, alters, or damages any letters, marks or numbers which have been painted or affixed for the purposes of the census, or

(g) any person who, having been required under section 10 to fill up a schedule, knowingly and without sufficient cause fails to comply with the provisions of that section, or makes any false return there under, or

(h) any person who trespasses into a census office, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees and in case of a conviction under part (a) shall also be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years.

(2) Whoever abets any offence under sub-section (1) shall be punishable with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees.

(v) Section 15:- Records of census not open to inspection nor admissible in evidence.

No person shall have a right to inspect any book, register or record made by census-officer in the discharge of his duty as such, or any schedule delivered under section 10, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 (47 of 2023), no entry in any such book, register, record or schedule shall be admissible as evidence in any civil proceeding whatsoever or in any criminal proceeding other than a prosecution under this Act or any other law for any act or omission which constitutes an offence under this Act.

This Notification is issued for the information of the general public as per the directives of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, under Rule 8(ii) of Census Rules, 1990 and the people of the State are encouraged to submit the information through self-enumeration.

By order and in the name of Governor of Goa.

Vijay B. Saxena, Director & ex officio Joint Secretary (Planning).

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Department of Tourism**Notification**

3/(5298)-2026/DT/6849

Date : 09-Mar-2026

Government of Goa is hereby pleased to notify the “Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026” to establish a comprehensive regulatory and accreditation framework governing the establishment, operation, and recognition of Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga Centres within the State of Goa.

1. Short title and commencement.—

- 1.1 The notification shall be called “Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026”.
- 1.2 The notification shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Introduction.—

- 2.1 Goa has traditionally been recognised for its coastal and leisure tourism offerings. In recent years, the State has undertaken a strategic shift to reposition itself as a safe, responsible, regenerative, and diversified tourism destination, offering high-value, year-round experiences while enhancing local ecosystems, communities, and cultural heritage.
- 2.2 In this context, wellness tourism has been identified as a priority tourism product under the Goa Tourism Master Plan and allied policy frameworks. The sector aligns closely with regenerative tourism principles, emphasising sustainability, visitor safety, quality assurance, community participation, and long-term destination resilience.
- 2.3 The State envisions a structured wellness tourism ecosystem integrating preventive healthcare, traditional systems of medicine, holistic therapies, lifestyle wellness, and nature-based experiences, while supporting local livelihoods and promoting balanced development of hinterland and rural areas.
- 2.4 The establishment, regulation, and recognition of quality Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Centres (hereinafter referred as Wellness Facility) is a key enabler for the responsible growth of wellness tourism in Goa.
- 2.5 Accordingly, the “Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy 2026” is proposed as a comprehensive framework for the systematic organisation, regulation, accreditation, and development of the wellness ecosystem in the State.

3. Objectives of the Policy.—

The Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026 seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To position Goa as a leading national and internationally recognised destination for Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga, offering credible, high-quality, and globally benchmarked wellness experiences.
- To establish a comprehensive regulatory and accreditation framework governing the establishment, operation, and recognition of Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga Centres within the State.
- To ensure safety, authenticity, service quality, and ethical practices across wellness offerings, thereby safeguarding the interests of visitors, practitioners, and service providers.
- To identify, regulate, and deter unauthorised, unregistered, or non-compliant centres, in order to protect the reputation of the State and maintain visitor confidence in Goa’s wellness ecosystem.
- To promote employment generation, skill development, professional certification, and entrepreneurship in the wellness, holistic health, and allied sectors, with emphasis on local participation and capacity building.

- To facilitate the integration of Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga tourism within the broader Goa Tourism Master Plan, ensuring alignment with principles of sustainability, responsible tourism, and regenerative development.
- To enable institutional coordination and alignment with national frameworks, including those of the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, for adoption of recognised standards, traditional knowledge systems, and best practices.

4. *Scope and Applicability.*—

3.1 **Applicability of the Policy**

- 3.1.1 This Policy shall apply to all Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga Centres operating or proposed to be established within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Goa, whether operating on a standalone basis or as part of hotels, resorts, retreats, or integrated tourism facilities.
- 3.1.2 The Policy shall govern the registration, accreditation, quality labelling, operational standards, and monitoring mechanisms for such Centres, as notified by the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, from time to time.
- 3.1.3 Accreditation under this Policy shall be voluntary unless otherwise notified, however, Centres seeking recognition, promotion, or inclusion under official Goa Tourism initiatives, platforms, or branding exercises shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Policy and obtain the prescribed Quality Label.
- 3.1.4 The provisions of this Policy shall be applicable to both existing Centres and new establishments, subject to transitional arrangements, timelines, and compliance requirements as may be specified by the Government.

3.2 **Categories of Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Centres Covered**

3.2.1 For the purposes of this Policy, the following categories of Centres shall be covered:

- Ayurveda Centres offering preventive, therapeutic, or rejuvenation services, including Panchakarma and allied therapies, in accordance with recognised systems under the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India.
- Yoga and Meditation Centres, including yoga schools, retreats, and studios, offering structured yoga practices, meditation, mindfulness, and lifestyle wellness programmes.
- Wellness and Holistic Health Centres, providing non-clinical wellness services such as spa therapies, naturopathy-based wellness programmes, lifestyle management, stress reduction, and integrative wellness offerings.
- Integrated Wellness Resorts and Retreats, including hotels and resorts offering dedicated wellness, Ayurveda, or yoga programmes as a core or significant component of their tourism offering.
- Nature-based and Regenerative Wellness Facilities, including eco-retreats and rural or hinterland Wellness Facilities, where wellness offerings are integrated with nature, local culture, and environmentally responsible practices.
- Exclusions
 - This Policy shall not be applicable to non-AYUSH facilities or medical establishments governed under separate health regulations, except in cases where such establishments operate clearly demarcated Wellness, Ayurveda, or Yoga facilities specifically intended for tourism or lifestyle wellness purposes, and which are compliant with the provisions of this Policy.
 - Beauty salons, cosmetic clinics, fitness gyms, or physiotherapy centres not offering structured wellness, Ayurveda, or yoga programmes shall not be covered under this Policy unless specifically notified.

- Religious or spiritual institutions offering yoga or meditation activities solely as part of religious practice and not as commercial wellness services shall be excluded from the scope of this Policy.
- Centres operating exclusively for personal, non-commercial, or informal practice shall not be required to seek accreditation under this Policy.

4. Focus Areas of the Policy.—

4.1 Accreditation and Licensing Framework

- i. The Policy shall provide for a structured, transparent, and tiered accreditation and licensing framework for Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga Centres operating in Goa.
- ii. The Policy shall prescribe minimum eligibility criteria, infrastructure requirements, professional qualifications, service standards, and documentation norms for accreditation.
- iii. The Policy shall ensure alignment of the accreditation framework with applicable national guidelines, including those issued by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, wherever relevant.
- iv. The Policy shall provide for periodic renewal, upgradation, suspension, or withdrawal of accreditation based on compliance and performance.

4.2 Code of Conduct and Operational Standards

- i. The Policy shall prescribe a mandatory Code of Conduct governing ethical practices, professional behaviour, transparency in service delivery, and protection of consumer interests.
- ii. The Policy shall prescribe minimum operational standards relating to safety, hygiene, staffing, treatment protocols, use of authentic therapies, and informed consent.
- iii. The Policy shall ensure that accredited centres adhere to environmentally responsible and resource-efficient practices consistent with regenerative tourism principles.
- iv. The Policy shall require compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of the State and Central Governments.

4.3 Promotion and Branding of Goa as a Wellness Destination

- i. The Policy shall promote Goa as a credible, high-quality, and globally competitive destination for Wellness, Ayurveda, and Yoga tourism.
- ii. The Policy shall facilitate the integration of accredited Wellness Facilities into official tourism promotion, marketing, and communication initiatives of the Department of Tourism.
- iii. The Policy shall promote authentic, culturally rooted, and nature-based wellness experiences that reflect Goa's heritage and regenerative tourism vision.
- iv. The Policy shall ensure that only accredited centres are represented under official branding and promotional platforms.

4.4 Capacity Building and Training

- i. The Policy shall promote capacity building, skill development, and professional training in the wellness and holistic health sector.
- ii. The Policy shall facilitate collaboration with recognised institutions, training bodies, and sectoral experts, including those under the Ministry of AYUSH, for curriculum development and certification.
- iii. The Policy shall promote employment generation, entrepreneurship, and local participation, particularly in rural and hinterland areas.
- iv. The Policy shall encourage continuous professional development and upskilling of practitioners and service providers.

4.5 Monitoring and Enforcement Mechanism

- i. The Policy shall provide for the constitution and functioning of a designated Committee for oversight, monitoring, and enforcement of the accreditation framework.
- ii. The Policy shall ensure periodic inspections, assessments, and compliance reviews of accredited centres.
- iii. The Policy shall provide for corrective actions, including advisories, suspension, or cancellation of accreditation in cases of non-compliance.
- iv. The Policy shall ensure transparency, consistency, and due process in monitoring and enforcement actions.

4.6 Integration with Tourism Infrastructure and Planning

- i. The Policy shall facilitate integration of wellness tourism development with the broader tourism infrastructure and planning framework of the State.
- ii. The Policy shall promote decentralised and balanced growth of wellness tourism beyond coastal areas, particularly in hinterland and rural regions.
- iii. The Policy shall ensure coherence with the Goa Tourism Master Plan and other relevant State tourism and development policies.
- iv. The Policy shall promote environmentally sensitive development aligned with sustainability and regenerative tourism objectives.

5. Institutional Framework and Governance Structure.—

5.1 The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa, shall be the Nodal Agency for the implementation, coordination, monitoring, and periodic review of the Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Policy, 2026.

5.2 The Department shall be responsible for:

- i. Issuing policy guidelines, operational directives, and notifications necessary for effective implementation of the Policy;
- ii. Hosting and maintaining the official digital platform for registration, accreditation, and public disclosure of accredited Wellness Facilities;
- iii. Coordinating promotional and branding initiatives for accredited centres in alignment with the State's tourism strategy;
- iv. Facilitating convergence of the Policy with the Goa Tourism Master Plan and allied tourism development initiatives.

5.3 Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Committee – Constitution and Powers

- i. The Government of Goa shall constitute a “Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Committee” (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) for the purpose of policy oversight, accreditation, and quality assurance.
- ii. The composition of the Committee shall be notified separately by the Government and may include representatives from:
 - Department of Tourism;
 - Department of Health;
 - Members from Goa Council of Ayurvedic and other allied Indian System of Medicine (Government of Goa undertaking);
 - Department of AYUSH or recognised AYUSH institutions;
 - Experts in Ayurveda, Yoga, wellness, wellness tourism and holistic health;
 - Such other departments or experts as deemed necessary.

iii. The Committee shall be empowered to:

- Approve and periodically update accreditation criteria, quality labels, and assessment parameters;
- Examine inspection and assessment reports submitted by designated Inspection Committees;
- Grant, renew, upgrade, suspend, or withdraw accreditation and quality labels;
- Issue advisories and clarifications relating to operational standards and compliance;
- Recommend policy refinements and capacity-building measures to the Government.
- Advise the Department of Tourism on promotion, branding, and market positioning of accredited Wellness facilities and Goa's wellness tourism offerings, in alignment with the State's tourism strategy and focus areas under this Policy;
- Facilitate alignment of accredited Wellness facilities with responsible and regenerative tourism principles, including sustainability practices, community engagement, and culturally authentic wellness offerings;
- Perform such other functions as may be necessary for the effective implementation of this Policy and for advancing its focus areas, as may be assigned by the Government from time to time.

iv. Role of Inspection and Assessment Committees

- The Department of Tourism shall constitute Inspection and Assessment Committees/Task Forces as required for conducting physical verification and evaluation of Wellness Facilities.
- The Inspection and Assessment Committees shall be responsible for:
Conducting site inspections in accordance with prescribed accreditation criteria and checklists;
 - Verifying infrastructure, staffing, treatment protocols, safety and hygiene practices, and sustainability measures;
 - Assessing compliance levels and recommending appropriate accreditation categories;
 - Submitting detailed inspection reports, including observations and scoring, to the Committee within prescribed timelines.

6. *Review and Recalibration.*—

6.1 The implementation of this Policy shall be subject to periodic review, to assess its effectiveness, relevance, and alignment with the objectives of the Goa Tourism Master Plan, regenerative tourism principles, and evolving sectoral requirements. Based on such review, the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa may recommend revisions to the policy framework, accreditation criteria, operational guidelines, or implementation mechanisms, as deemed necessary and in accordance with applicable procedures.

7. *Interpretation of the Provisions of the Policy.*—

7.1 In the event of any question or doubt arising with regard to the interpretation of any clause, term, word, or expression contained in this notification, the matter shall be referred to the Government. The decision of the Government in such matters shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

8. *Redressal of Grievance and Dispute.*—

8.1 Any grievance, representation, or issue arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Policy shall be referred to the Secretary (Tourism), Government of Goa, whose decision thereon shall be final, subject to applicable laws and procedures.

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

Kedar A. Naik, Director of Tourism & ex officio Addl. Secretary.

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Accreditation Framework & Process of Issuance of Wellness Quality Label

1. In accordance with the Institutional Framework set out under this Policy, the Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Committee shall be constituted as the apex body for overseeing the accreditation and quality labelling of Wellness Facilities in the State. The Committee shall be responsible for approving, periodically reviewing, and updating the accreditation framework, quality labels, and assessment parameters applicable to Wellness Facilities. For this purpose, the Committee may undertake structured stakeholder consultations with subject-matter experts, industry representatives, academic institutions, and allied agencies, as considered appropriate.
2. The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa shall facilitate the operationalisation of the accreditation process through designated Inspection and Assessment Committees / Task Forces, which shall conduct assessments of applicant Wellness Facilities at periodic intervals, including quarterly assessment cycles as may be notified. Such Committees shall evaluate compliance with the prescribed accreditation criteria and submit their inspection reports, scoring, and recommendations to the Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Committee for examination and approval.
3. The accreditation framework under the Goa Wellness Quality Label System shall classify requirements into Mandatory, Basic, and Advanced categories, reflecting progressive levels of compliance and service quality. Based on the level of compliance achieved, Wellness Facilities shall be awarded tiered Wellness Quality Labels, as notified by the Committee. The detailed accreditation criteria, assessment methodology, and labelling structure is specified in Annexure I and updated from time to time in accordance with this Policy.
 - i. One Leaf Label – Awarded to Wellness Facilities that comply with the Mandatory Criteria.
 - ii. Two Leaves Label – Awarded to Wellness Facilities that comply with the Mandatory and Basic Criteria.
 - iii. Three Leaves Label – Awarded to Wellness Facilities that comply with the Mandatory, Basic, and Advanced Criteria.
4. *Application Procedure.*—
 - 4.1 The Goa Wellness Quality Label Accreditation Framework, along with the prescribed application forms and detailed accreditation criteria, shall be hosted on the official website of the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa (www.goatourism.gov.in), as detailed in Annexure II. Applicants may refer to the portal for comprehensive information regarding eligibility, standards, and the accreditation process.
 - 4.2 Applications for accreditation shall be submitted online through the designated web portal, accompanied by all required self-certified supporting documents, in the manner and format prescribed by the Department of Tourism.
 - 4.3 Applicants shall ensure that all information provided in the application is complete, accurate, verifiable, and accompanied by the mandatory enclosures as per the prescribed criteria.
 - 4.4 Applications received up to the notified quarterly cut-off date shall be considered for processing during the corresponding assessment cycle.
 - 4.5 All applications shall undergo preliminary scrutiny and shortlisting by the Department of Tourism, based on completeness, eligibility, and conformity with the prescribed documentation and criteria.
 - 4.6 Shortlisted Wellness Facilities shall be subjected to a site visit and assessment by a designated Inspection Sub-Committee/Task Force, in accordance with the parameters and scoring criteria specified in Annexure-I.

- 4.7 The Inspection Sub-Committee/Task Force shall prepare a detailed assessment report, including scoring, compliance status, and the recommended level of accreditation, which shall be placed before the Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Committee for consideration and approval.
- 4.8 The Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Committee shall act as the apex governing body responsible for the oversight, development, issuance, and monitoring of quality standards across accredited Wellness Facilities. Upon approval, the Committee shall issue the appropriate Wellness Quality Labels (One Leaf, Two Leaves, or Three Leaves).
- 4.9 The final list of accredited Wellness Facilities, including those awarded higher-tier or eco/regenerative-oriented labels, shall be publicly disclosed and hosted on the official Goa Tourism website, serving as an authentic reference for domestic and international visitors seeking credible wellness experiences.
- 4.10 Accredited Wellness Facilities shall be promoted through official Goa Tourism communication channels, including digital platforms, destination marketing campaigns, and other initiatives aligned with the State's wellness tourism strategy.
- 4.11 The Goa Wellness, Ayurveda and Yoga Committee shall conduct periodic and surprise inspections to ensure ongoing compliance with prescribed standards and operational guidelines.
- 4.12 The Committee shall reserve the authority to suspend, downgrade, or withdraw accreditation in cases of non-compliance or deviation from approved standards. Centres whose accreditation is suspended or withdrawn shall be eligible to reapply upon rectification of deficiencies and fulfillment of the prescribed norms.

5. *Wellness Quality Label Framework.*—

- 5.1 The Wellness Quality Label aims to establish a uniform, transparent, and credible quality assurance mechanism for Wellness Facilities across Goa. The framework defines a recognised set of service, operational, safety, and sustainability standards that Wellness Facilities must comply with in order to obtain and retain accreditation.
- 5.2 The accreditation framework is structured across eight core assessment areas, as outlined below:
 1. General Administration
 2. Basic Amenities
 3. Staff Qualifications and Professional Standards
 4. Safety and Hygiene
 5. Customer Information and Transparency
 6. Treatment Protocols and Therapeutic Services
 7. Customer Comfort and Facility Design
 8. Sustainability and Responsible/Regenerative Tourism Practices

The details are as follows:

1. **General Administration.**—

This category relates to the governance and management of the Wellness Facility. It covers organisational structure, minimum staffing requirements, defined roles and responsibilities, and operational oversight. Minimum qualification levels and competency requirements for key personnel shall be prescribed by the Goa Wellness Label Committee, ensuring professional and accountable management of wellness operations.

2. **Basic Amenities.**—

Basic Amenities refer to the essential facilities and services that guests can reasonably expect at a Wellness Facility. These amenities shall be readily available, properly maintained, and provided without additional charge, ensuring a consistent baseline experience for all visitors.

3. Staff Qualifications and Professional Standards.—

This category ensures that wellness services are delivered by appropriately trained, qualified, and competent personnel. All treatments and therapies shall be administered in accordance with defined protocols and ethical standards, thereby ensuring safety, efficacy, and quality of care.

4. Safety and Hygiene (Mandatory Category).—

Safety and hygiene standards are critical to safeguarding the health and wellbeing of both visitors and staff. This category focuses on the identification, prevention, and control of health and safety risks, including workplace hazards and sanitation practices.

In the post-pandemic context, strict adherence to hygiene protocols is mandatory for all Wellness Facilities. Centres shall ensure regular disinfection of high-contact surfaces and maintain adequate stocks of hygiene and cleaning supplies, including hand sanitizers, disinfectants, antibacterial agents, tissue dispensers, and self-closing waste bins.

5. Customer Information and Transparency.—

Wellness Facilities shall provide clear, accurate, and comprehensive information regarding the services, therapies, and treatments offered. Such information shall be made available through both online and on-site channels, enabling visitors to make informed choices prior to and during their visit.

6. Treatment Protocols and Therapeutic Services.—

This category emphasises the quality, consistency, and integrity of treatments and therapies. Wellness Facilities shall establish well-defined procedures outlining the nature, benefits, duration, and contraindications of each treatment. Visitors shall be informed of what to expect, ensuring a safe, holistic, and beneficial wellness experience.

7. Customer Comfort and Facility Design.—

Physical and psychological comfort is integral to effective wellness outcomes. Wellness Facilities shall be designed and operated to provide comfortable, calming, and functional environments, including appropriate acoustics, thermal comfort, lighting, ergonomics, and furnishings that enhance both guest experience and staff performance.

8. Sustainability and Responsible/Regenerative Tourism Practices.—

Sustainability forms a core pillar of the Wellness Quality Label. Wellness Facilities are encouraged to adopt environmentally responsible and regenerative practices that minimise ecological impact and contribute positively to local communities.

Such practices may include energy-efficient lighting and fixtures, water-conservation measures, use of organic and eco-friendly linens and materials, responsible sourcing of furniture and consumables, waste segregation and recycling, and reduction of single-use plastics. Adoption of these measures supports long-term environmental stewardship and aligns wellness tourism with Goa's regenerative tourism vision.

6. Fees for Accreditation.—

To support the implementation and administration of the Goa Wellness Quality Label Accreditation Framework, the following fee structure shall apply for registration, renewal, and upgradation of Wellness Facilities:

| Fees for Accreditation of Wellness Centers | |
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| Registration Fees for the first two years from this notification | Rs. Zero /- |
| Registration Fees after two years of this notification | Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand Rupees Only) |
| Renewal Fees | Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand Rupees Only) |
| Upgradation Fee (For upgrade to Two/Three Leaves) | Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand Rupees Only) |

7. Validity & Renewal of Accreditation.—

The accreditation label allotted would be valid for a period of two years from the date of assigning. Accredited centers would need to apply for fresh certification at least 3 months prior to expiry of certification, by submission of renewal fee & supporting documents for renewal of the same.

ANNEXURE I**Detailed Accreditation Framework**

The accreditation criteria are divided into Mandatory, Basic and Advanced based on identified requirements, and allotted following types of labels.

- One Leaf - Centers that fulfil the Mandatory Criteria
- Two Leaves - Centers that fulfil the Mandatory & Basic Criteria
- Three Leaves - Centers fulfilling the Mandatory, Basic, and Advanced criteria.

| Mandatory Criteria for One Leaf Certification* | |
|---|---|
| General Administration | Maintained staff record containing qualifications, training, and appointment order. |
| | Prescriptions written in specified location on the case sheet by the treatment doctor. |
| | Medication orders clear, legible, dated, timed, and signed on the case sheet. |
| | Case records filed in a systematic manner for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. OP ticket patient register, b. Case sheets, c. Treatment Register, d. Discharge Card |
| | Summary of patient/client condition and treatment/training given included in the discharge summary |
| | C- Form submission done in regular manner as per Government norms and on record |
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| Basic Amenities | Waiting chairs available for patients (5- 10 seats) |
| | Separate dressing rooms for Ladies & Gents |
| | Availability of landline telephone for guest usage |
| | Wheelchairs/trolleys with safety beds should be available in the unit (minimum one number) |
| | CCTV/appropriate security mechanism in place |
| Staff qualifications and related matters | Qualified doctor(s) with A class registration or registered Practitioner(s) |
| | Government approved masseur (one male, one female) -----National Skill India Mission certified |
| | Staff free medically examined for communicable or contagious diseases at the time of appointment. |
| | Re-examination conducted and documented on a yearly basis |
| Safety & Hygiene | Well defined fire and emergency procedures |
| | Fire and emergency procedure notices on display |
| | Fire extinguishers (ISI marked) available in the treatment rooms and other areas |
| | Gloves, masks, soaps, and disinfectant available and used properly as defined. |

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| | Defined and documented procedures related to treatments |
| | Sterilization and disinfection facilities and procedures in place |
| | Periodic pest control calendar and defined procedure at least once in 6 months |
| | Clothing and linen washing and changing procedures defined and following. |
| Customer Information | Complaint and suggestion box/ email available in the waiting area |
| | Health Programs details with duration and rate should be well exhibited |
| | Various department, names of doctors available, timing of OP and services should be well displayed |
| | There should be sufficient signage in English for treatment room, consultation room, pharmacy, herbal garden, yoga hall, etc. |
| Customer treatment and Medicines Services | Minimum number of treatment/yoga rooms – 2 numbers (Separate for Ladies & Gents) having a minimum size of 100 sq. ft (width not less than 8ft) |
| | Treatment rooms should not be air conditioned, but equipped with exhaust fan |
| | Size of the dhroni/massage table: minimum L - 7ft x W- 3ft in each treatment room, made up of good quality wood/fiber glass |
| | Gas/electric stove should be present in treatment room [in case of LPG gas stove, cylinder should be kept outside the treatment room] |
| | Medicated hot water facility should be available for bathing and other purpose |
| | Bathrooms with toilet should be adjacent/attached to the treatment/yoga rooms |
| | Wall lock or safe should be available inside the treatment/yoga room |
| | Intake medicines used should be GMP certified |
| | Adequate amount of emergency medicines and first aid should be stocked at all times |
| | Medicines should be stored in clean, well-lit, ventilated/cold storage environments as specified by the manufacturer |
| | Basic medical instrument in the consultation room: BP apparatus, stethoscope, an examination couch, bed, weighing machine |
| Customer comfort | Two separate toilets for Ladies & Gents |
| Sustainability and Responsible Tourism | Waste Management – segregation and disposal (a) Plastic (b) Paper (c) Medical/Bio |

***Criteria needs to be met by all the Wellness Centers applying for any Leaved Quality Label**

| Basic Criteria for Two Leaf Certification ** | |
|---|--|
| General Administration | Uniform and name badge for all health staff. |
| | Staff attendance register maintained. |
| | Staff room available during working hours |
| Basic Amenities | 4-wheeler parking (at least 5 vehicles) |
| | Vehicular access till reception area |
| | Lobby/Reception area with a minimum size of 100 sq. ft with facilities to keep luggage |

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| | Purified drinking water facility |
| | Amenities for differently abled guests: ramps, toilets, doors. |
| Staff qualifications and related matters | Government approved yoga trainer (one male, one female) ----- National Skill India Mission certified |
| | Designated manager-in-charge |
| | Front office staff can speak English, and one regional language among Hindi/ /Marathi/Konkani fluently. |
| | Medical doctor (Allopathy) available 24/7 or on call |
| | Separate housekeeping department with minimum of one housekeeper |
| | Plant names neatly and permanently labelled in the herbal garden |
| Customer Information | Website/webpages about facility, availability of centre location shall be clearly mentioned |
| | The rights and responsibilities of patients/clients in the prescribed format should be displayed |
| Customer treatment and medicines services | Availability of a meditation yoga area |
| Customer comfort | Attached to hotel accommodation facility (2-Star or C-cat. +) |
| Sustainability and responsible tourism | Waste Management– segregation and disposal (a) Glass (b) Metal |
| | Waste management conducted in adherence with Bio-Medical Waste (Management) Rules, 2016 or revisions thereof |
| | Exclusive use of energy saving lighting system such as CFL/LED |

****Criteria needs to be met by all the Wellness Centers applying for Two Leaved Quality Label in addition to the Mandatory criteria.**

| Advanced Criteria for Three Leaf Certification *** | |
|---|---|
| Basic amenities | Valet parking for customers |
| Customer Information | Website/Webpage about facility & services, including slot booking facility |
| Customer treatment and medicines services | Availability of a Shop to sell wellness products |
| Customer comfort | Attached to hotel/ accommodation facility (3 star +or B cat. +) |
| | Seating restaurant facility (live kitchen) |
| | Provision of treatment related cuisine |
| | Herbal garden attached to center and accessible to guests |
| | Special offers (25%- 50% discount on rack rates in festive season) |
| Sustainability and responsible tourism | Use of solar energy/other renewable energy |
| | Use of biogas for center activities |
| | Rainwater harvesting mechanism usage |
| | Programs conducted for medical awareness, medical camps, or other activities with NGOs for local people |
| | Use of local produce for treatment methods |

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| | Use of local produce for food and beverage items |
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*****Criteria needs to be met by all the Wellness Centers applying for Three Leaved Quality Label in addition to the Mandatory & Basic criteria.**

Scoring System for Accreditation

| Sr. No. | Criteria head | Total | Mandatory M | Basic B | Advanced A |
|---------|--|-----------|----------------|------------|---------------|
| 1 | General administration | 10 | 6 | 4 | |
| 2 | Basic amenities | 11 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| 3 | Staff qualifications and related matters | 9 | 6 | 3 | |
| 4 | Safety and hygiene | 8 | 8 | | |
| 5 | Customer information | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
| 6 | Customer treatment and medicine services | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| 7 | Customer comfort | 11 | 1 | 6 | 4 |
| 8 | Sustainability and responsible tourism practices | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| | Total | 79 | 42 | 24 | 13 |

ANNEXURE II

APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF WELLNESS QUALITY LABELS

To,
The Director,
Department of Tourism,
2nd Floor, Paryatan Bhavan,
Patto-Panaji, Goa - 403001

1. Type of Registration*:

New Registration _____ Renewal _____

2. Accreditation Applying for*:

One Leaf _____ Two Leaf _____ Three Leaf _____

3. Operated By*:

Individual (Proprietor) _____ Partnership _____ LLP _____

Company _____ Others (Please Specify) _____

4. Name of Entity*:

5. Registered address of entity:

_____ Town/Village _____ Pin code* _____

Taluka _____ State _____

6. PAN No*:

7. Aadhar No:

8. Mobile No*:

Phone No:

9. Email Id*:

10. Name of Authorised Representative:

11. Mobile No. of Authorised Representative:

12. Name of the Proprietor/All Partners (in case of Partnership Firm)/Members of Other Entities*:

| S. No. | Name | Mobile No. | PAN No. |
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Details of Wellness Facility

13. Name of Wellness Facility:

14. Address of Wellness Facility

_____ Town/Village _____ Pin code* _____

Taluka _____ State _____

15. Phone No.: _____ Mobile No.: _____

16. Website: _____

17. Email Id: _____

18. Name of Manager: _____

Phone No.: _____ Mobile No.: _____

19. Area for Operation of Wellness Facility:

Owned _____ Rented/Leased _____

20. Services Offered at Wellness Facility (Tick all that are applicable)

Ayurveda _____ Integrated Wellness Resort/Retreat _____

Yoga and Meditation _____ Nature-based/Regenerative Wellness Facility _____

Wellness/Holistic Health _____

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Inward ID _____ Data Entry _____ Doc Uploaded _____

Inward Date _____ Application Verified _____

Declaration

I _____ hereby state that I have read and shall strictly abide by the “Detailed Criteria for The Evaluation of Wellness Facilities” attached along with the application form.

I hereby declare that the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In case any information given in this application and evaluation criteria sheet proves to be false or incorrect, I shall be responsible for the consequences.

I hereby allow the committee to inspect the Wellness Facility and on fulfilling the criteria as provided to get the wellness label by the Department of Tourism, Government of Goa.

Place: _____

Date: _____

Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Documents to be Enclosed with this Form

- * **Mandatory Documents for all •**
- ** **Mandatory documents for Homeopathy/Ayurveda/Unani/Cosmetic Care/Immunization Clinics**
- *** **Mandatory documents for Spas**
- **** **Mandatory documents for Yoga Centres**

| Document Type | | |
|---|-------------|--|
| *Copy of Memorandum and Articles of Association (in case of company) or Copy of Partnership Deed (if partnership firm) | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| *Lease agreement with at least 2 years lease period (in case of leased property) or Copy of Rent agreement (if rental) or Copy of Ownership certificate of building and copy of Possession certificate of land (if owned) | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| **Copy of up-to-date Trade license issued by village/ /municipality/corporation to run the Ayurveda centre | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| *Police Clearance Certificate for staff issued by the local Police Station/Station House Officer | NOC No. | |
| | Valid Till | |
| **Doctor's Degree Certificate | Document No | |
| | Valid Till | |
| **Doctor's Registration Certificate | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| ***Approved certificate of one male masseur | NOC No. | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
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| ***Approved certificate of one female masseur | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| ****Approved certificate of one male Yoga trainer | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| ****Approved certificate of one female Yoga trainer | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| *Copy of Certificate from Directorate for Health Services (DHS) | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| Other document details (if any) | | |
| 1. | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |
| 2. | Document No | |
| | Issue Date | |
| | Valid Till | |

NOTE:

- All documents should be self-attested by the applicant.
- In case of multiple NOC/Certificate/Insurance please fill details in “Other Document” section as mentioned above.



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