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**N O T I F I C A T I O N**

The Government of Goa, hereby makes the following scheme namely: **“The Goa State Journalist Awards Scheme-2015”**

**1.Short title extent and commencement:**

- a) The Scheme shall be called " The Goa State Journalist Awards Scheme-2015" .
- b) It shall extend to whole State.
- c) It shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Definition:** In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

- a) “Government” means the Government of Goa;
- b) “State” means the State of Goa;
- c) “Department” means the Department of Information & Publicity

**3. Introduction:** a) The Government of Goa shall give awards named " The Goa State Journalist Awards Scheme" every year to journalists of the State who published commendable news items, articles or reports during the previous calendar year. The Goa State Journalist Awards Scheme is devised to encourage local journalists to exhibit their talents.

b. The awards will be applicable to all journalists of the registered daily and weekly newspapers published in English, Konkani or Marathi and private sector electronic media in the State recognized by the Department of Information and Publicity, Government of Goa.

**4. Objectives of the Scheme:-** The main objective of this Scheme is to encourage journalists to bring out good stories thus exhibiting their talents, gain confidence which also helps in creating a mass awareness in the society.

**5. Scope of the Scheme:** Awards be conferred for news items and articles published during the previous calendar year under each of the following categories:

- i. Best Editor Award on National Integration and Communal Harmony.**
- ii. Rural Reporting.**
- iii. Reporting on Public Health and Hygiene.**
- iv. Reporting with special reference to Women and Children/Social issues.**
- v. Sports Reporting.**
- vi. Reporting on Art and Culture.**
- vii. Photo Journalism (Best photograph of the year)**

**6. Eligibility:** (a) DIP will invite nominations from all the Editors of eligible publications to sponsor the names of journalists working in their media organizations along with the relevant press/video clippings for the awards.

(b) The Editors of eligible publications shall submit the particulars of the journalists sponsored by them along with the relevant press/video clippings to the Director, Information & Publicity, by the deadline fixed by DIP.

**7. Judges:**

- a. Judges for selection of the awardees will be appointed by the State Government from time to time.
- b. The judges shall take their decision on the basis of the objectivity and reliance on authentic sources of the publications/reports taking into account norms fixed by the State Government.
- c. The verdict of the judges shall be final and no objection or complaints will be entertained and no verdict shall be challenged in court-

**8. Quantum of Financial Assistance under the scheme:-** (a) Each award shall carry a certificate, memento and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) only.

(b) There will be seven awards. Cash prizes amounting to Rs. 70,000/- shall be distributed among the winners (Rs.10,000 in each category)

(c) Three Judges will be given honorarium of Rs. 2000/- each.

The awards will be given annually on the National Press Day, i.e. the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**9. Relaxation of the provisions of the scheme:** The Department shall at any time be entitled to replace, alter, amend or/and add to this scheme. The Department shall have full authority to consider relaxation of the scheme on case to case basis on merits.

**10. Interpretation of the provisions of the scheme:-** If any question arises as to the interpretation of any of the provisions of this Scheme or if there is dispute relating to fulfilments of conditions, then the decision of the Director of Information & Publicity, thereon shall be final and binding on all.

This is issued with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No. 1400007/37 dated: 04-03-2015

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

**(Arvind Bugde)**

Director, Information & Publicity

Panaji, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

To,  
The Director, Printing and Stationery, Government Printing Press, Panaji, Goa, with a request to publish the same in the Extraordinary Gazette and to furnish 10 copies of the same to this Department, for official use.

2)O/C.

3)G/F.

4) Accounts section

5) Directorate of Accounts, Panaji.

