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Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communications

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Notification

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The Mahila Digital Sashaktikaran Yojana scheme as adopted by the Government is hereby notified for information of the public.

This is issued with the approval of the Council of Ministers in the LXXVth Cabinet Meeting held on 21-7-2025.

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

Kabir K. Shirgaonkar, Director & Joint Secretary.

Mahila Digital Sashaktikaran Yojana

1. *Short title and commencement.*— a. This scheme is called “Mahila Digital Sashaktikaran Yojana”.

b. The scheme shall come into force from the date of the notification of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. *Introduction.*— a. Women play a vital role in every field, it is therefore ideal that we work towards empowerment of women from all walks of life, especially women in economically weaker sections and rural areas. Empowering women is crucial for fostering inclusive economic growth and social development. Despite progress in gender equality, women often face significant barriers to accessing education, employment, and economic opportunities. Bridging the digital divide through targeted training programs can be a powerful tool for empowering women by enhancing their skills, confidence, and socioeconomic prospects.

b. The Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (DITE&C) constantly labors in promoting digital awareness among all sections of the society and empowering citizens by enhancing their Digital skills. As a step towards empowerment of women from all walks of life, achieving maximum

outreach amongst the women, especially in rural areas and encouraging women towards enhancing their Digital skills, this Department has formulated the scheme namely “Mahila Digital Sashaktikaran Yojana”.

3. *Objective of the Scheme.*— a. The following are the objectives of the scheme:

- i. Encouraging women in enhancing their Digital skills.
- ii. Assist women to effectively use digital devices, navigate online platforms and equip women with the essential digital skills.
- iii. To enhance their employability and income-generating opportunities.
- iv. To promote women's participation in the digital economy.

4. *Scope of the Scheme.*— a. Women who have completed 18 years of age can avail the benefit of the scheme.

b. Women residing in the State of Goa for atleast 15 years will be eligible to avail the benefits of the scheme.

c. This scheme can be availed through the empanelled IT Knowledge Centres (ITKCs), Citizens Service Centres (CSCs) under the Department of Information Technology Electronics and Communications, CSC-VLES registered by M/s Info Tech Corporation of Goa Ltd. (M/s ITG) for implementation of this scheme.

d. This scheme will be valid for a period of 3 years from date of notification and may be extended further based on performance of the scheme.

5. *Eligibility under the scheme.*— a. Women who have completed 18 years of age can avail the benefit of the scheme.

b. Women residing in the State of Goa for atleast 15 years will be eligible to avail the benefits of the scheme.

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6. *Procedure for applying.*— a. Applicant must submit an Application online mode through Empanelled IT Knowledge Centres (ITKCs), Citizens Service Centres (CSCs) under the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (DITEC) or CSC-VLEs (Village Level Entrepreneurs) registered with M/s ITG through which the applicant would like to avail the courses which is developed.

b. Applicants must upload the following documents while applying:

- i. A copy of the duly filled application form
- ii. One passport-size photograph with the applicant's signature on it
- iii. An attested copy of the highest educational qualification certificate (if any)
- iv. A 15-year Residence Certificate
- v. A copy of Aadhaar Card

7. *Quantum of Financial Assistance under the Scheme.*— a. M/s Info Tech Corporation of Goa Ltd. (M/s ITG) is nominated as the implementing agency for the scheme.

b. Rs. 500 per person will be allocated for conducting the training/awareness program, which will cover; the ITKC, CSC or CSC- VLE (80%) and ITG (20%) charges. However, considering that the CSCs and CSC-VLEs may have space constraints in their existing setup and to encourage these CSCs and CSC-VLEs to

conduct the training/awareness program in locations more accessible and convenient for the women beneficiaries, such as Panchayat halls, School halls, halls of any religious buildings, etc., an additional amount of Rs 100 per person will be allocated as infrastructure cost only to the CSCs and CSC-VLEs.

c. The Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications shall reimburse M/s ITG against the invoices raised, based on the number of women who have successfully completed the course and infrastructure cost if any.

8. *Pattern of Assistance.*— a. The grants shall be utilized exclusively for Mahila Digital Sashaktikaran Yojana.

b. The entire amount of the grants should be utilized within a period of one financial year and only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned. Any portion of the grant, which is not ultimately required, will be refunded to the Government. After utilizing/refunding the sanctioned amount, Utilization Certificate should be furnished to the sanctioning authority as required under form G.F.R. – 12-C.

c. No grant shall be paid to any other institutions/voluntary organizations out of this grant sanctioned by the Government.

d. The Grantee Institution must exercise reasonable economy, observe all financial rules as issued by the Government from time to time while incurring the expenditure.

e. The amount remaining unspent out of this grant shall be refunded back to the Government Treasury by Challan within 3 (three) months from the close of financial year.

f. The amount shall be drawn from the Directorate of Accounts on presentation of the bill in form GAR-32 duly counter signed by the Drawing and Disbursing Officer, Department of Information Technology.

9. *Relaxation and Interpretation of the provision of the Scheme.*— a. The Government through Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications shall be empowered to relax/interpret any of the clauses/conditions of this scheme and the decision of the Director (ITE&C) shall be final and binding on all concerned.

10. *Other Conditions.*— a. The provisions contained under the scheme shall not be treated as binding representations or assurances on the part of the Government and in the event of non – implementation of any such provisions by the Government, the doctrine of promissory estoppels shall not be applicable against the Government.

