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REPORT ON PRESENT STATUS OF AUTOMATION OF EXAM DIVISION

Goa University has taken several measures to reform the examination system through digital initiatives and ensure 100% automation of examination processes right from form filling by the student to the declaration of results for all programmes conducted on the university campus. This has improved the existing system making it strictly rule based and data driven ensuring data integrity and security as well as confidentiality of the examination system.

The university officially issues the examination notification, informing all eligible students to complete their exam registration process through the university examination portal. To proceed, students must login to the portal using their credentials, where they will be required to select the specific papers they intend to appear for the upcoming examinations. Once the paper selection is made, they must complete the payment of the prescribed examination fees online. After the registration deadline, the system automatically generates essential examination documents for students, including the final list of registered candidates, hall tickets, and mark input forms. These documents are crucial for ensuring a smooth examination process, allowing students to verify their registration details. Result processing including computation and declaration of results and issue of mark sheets and degree certificates is also carried through different applications developed inhouse by the examination section. Processing of degree certificates is carried out throughout the year since 2018 and a student can apply for the same at any time after becoming eligible for the award of degree.

In May 2019, the examination introduced an Online Question Paper Delivery (OQPD) System for Post-Graduate programmes that are being conducted both on-campus and in multiple affiliated colleges as well as for all non-professional and professional programmes conducted by the affiliated colleges of the university for the core courses.

password-locked papers are sent before the exam to the respective centres and biometric features are used by the Chief Conductor/ College Examination Officer/ Principal for accessing the Question Paper. The paper is printed at the centre, sealed and distributed in the examination halls. The OQPD was discontinued in 2020 during the Covid Pandemic and a change in Ordinance then mandated individual institutions to do their own Paper Setting in view of increased autonomy. This Online Question Paper Delivery System however prevails for the undergraduate programmes that are currently offered on the campus i.e Bachelor of Arts in Portuguese and Bachelor of Arts in French in the Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature and Bachelor of Vocation course in School of Physical and Applied Science along with all affiliated colleges.

As per university ordinances, the Post-Graduate programmes conducted on the Goa University campus do not require a Central Assessment Programme (CAP) as the papers are assessed by the teacher teaching the course. However, all examinations for non-professional and professional programmes conducted in the affiliated colleges of the Goa University follow the provisions of a Central Assessment Programme. Assessments for professional programmes for some courses (MD/MS) are currently being done using Onscreen/ Digital Evaluation.

In March 2022, Goa University onboarded the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) and is in process of uploading students' data from the 2021 batch onwards till date for all the students of Goa University.

Goa University from September 2024 started the process of setting examination papers for all undergraduate (UG) programs entirely in online mode. This initiative applies to all affiliated colleges under the university and aims to streamline and enhance the efficiency of the examination process. By transitioning to an online paper-setting system, the university seeks to ensure greater security, confidentiality, and convenience for faculty members involved in designing question papers. Affiliated colleges have been instructed to adopt this digital approach, which will standardize the process and facilitate seamless coordination between faculty and the university's examination division.

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