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### Minutes of the meeting of the SC/ST Cell held on 5.12.2023 at 2.30 pm

A meeting of the SC/ST Cell was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2.30 pm in the Botany discipline classroom to examine the Scheme of Free Coaching for SC and OBC students under the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF).

The following members attended the meeting.

1. Prof. B. F. Rodrigues, Liaison Officer & Senior Professor, SBSB.
2. Dr. Sunita Umraskar, Associate Professor, Shenoi Goembab School of languages and Literature.
3. Dr. Savita A. Kundaikar, Assistant Professor, School of Chemical Sciences.
4. Dr Rupesh A. Kumkalkar, Assistant Professor, School of Chemical Sciences.
5. Shri Kamlakar Bandodkar, Superintendent, Academic Colleges.

Shri Sanket L. Gaude, Assistant Registrar, Academic PG expressed his inability to attend the meeting due to another meeting with the Registrar.

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting.

The Chairperson informed the members that Goa University has received a letter from the Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, to examine the possibility of implementing the Scheme of Free Coaching for SC and OBC students under Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) and that the SC/ST Cell of Goa University was requested to prepare and submit a report.

The Chairperson gave details of the implementation of the scheme. It was reported that the scheme was implemented in 15 central universities and one college.

After deliberations, the SC/T Cell finalized and submitted the report along with the meeting minutes.

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## Report of the SC ST Cell, Goa University, for implementing the Schemes of Free Coaching of SC and OBC students under Dr Ambedkar Foundation (DAF).

It is observed that the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, is implementing a scheme on free coaching for SC and OBC students under the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF). As per the earlier guidelines, the Scheme was implemented by DAF through Central Universities. However, it is observed that the guidelines have been revised, and the same is extended to the State Government Universities on the funding pattern of 60:40 by the Centre and State.

The main features of the Scheme are as follows:

- Objectives of the Scheme:** To provide quality coaching for SC and OBC candidates having a total family income of rupees eight lakhs or less per annum from all sources so that these candidates can appear for competitive examinations. A maximum of 100 seats per University are allotted to the empanelled University having not less than 70% SC and OBC students. The DAF may relax the percentage if an adequate number of candidates are unavailable. However, in no case shall less than 50% of SC and OBC students be accepted. Besides, 30% of the seats are reserved for female candidates under each category. If female candidates are unavailable, then male candidates from the same category shall be considered. The University will not have less than 50 students for the programme to be viable. The Universities approved for empanelment shall sign an MoU with DAF, which will include the slots allocated, courses to be offered with slots per course, fees to be charged per student, duration of the course, date of announcement and conclusion of the course, besides other details.
- Courses:** The Scheme has laid down various courses for which the qualifying examination is XII standard for eligibility test examination and graduation for competitive examination. Not more than four courses indicated in the guidelines can be assigned to the University. Not more than 25 students per course shall be permitted. The course fee for different courses is based on the nature of the course and has a fixed course duration in months with a minimum of 16 hours per week, which is mandatory for all courses. The University has to ensure Aadhar-based student biometric attendance, which must be shared monthly with DAF. Besides free coaching, the candidates will be provided with a monthly stipend of Rs. 4000 for the full duration of the course, not exceeding 12 months.

It is observed that the Scheme has been implemented in 31 Central Universities in the country through Dr Ambedkar Centre of Excellence (DACE). It is also observed that most of the Central Universities have been conducting coaching for UPSC and State

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Civil Services, which has a duration of 12 months and a course fee of Rs. 75,000 per student. Online applications are invited, and the DACE of the respective University will conduct the entrance test. It is observed that some of the Universities have appointed separate contractual DACE faculty.

- c. **Scope for implementation of the Scheme at Goa University:** It is expected that Goa University would be willing to implement the Scheme on the campus to benefit students of the weaker section through establishing DACE. There is a need to identify independent classrooms and appoint separate contractual DACE faculty. If Goa University is selected to conduct the programme, it is suggested that it should be implemented through DACE and Manohar Parrikar School of Law, Governance and Public Policy. For the coaching in banking and insurance, a 6- to 9-month course with a course fee of Rs. 50,000 per student will be implemented through DACE and Goa Business School.

It is observed that there are no financial implications for the University. Besides, the Scheme offers administrative expenses of 2%. This would be used to create a learning management system, publicity and awareness, or any other activity required to implement the Scheme effectively. It is observed that the continuation of the Scheme is based on the performance appraisal of students. For UPSC and Civil Services courses, success parameters are 4% of the batch size, while for Banking and Insurance, they are 16%.

It is suggested that a committee involving the SC and OBC cells be appointed to examine the implementation of the Scheme. It is also recommended that Goa University explore the possibility of implementing the Scheme through an affiliated college.



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