As per Rule 21 of Goa School Education Rules 1986 the terms and vacation/breaks during the Academic Year 2020-21 are notified as under. All the Heads of Educational Institutions in the State of Goa shall take note of the same and plan their activities accordingly during the ensuing year.

(a) TERMS:

(i) 1st Term -
4th June, 2020 to 7th November, 2020 (Thursday)

(ii) 2nd Term -
30th November, 2020 to 30th April, 2021 (Monday)

(b) VACATIONS & BREAKS:

(i) Ganesh Chaturthi Festival Break:
21st August, 2020 to 27th August, 2020 (Friday)

(ii) Diwali Vacation:
9th November, 2020 to 28th November, 2020 (Monday)

(iii) Christmas Break:
24th December, 2020 to 2nd January, 2021 (Thursday)

(iv) Summer Vacation:
1st May, 2021 to 3rd June, 2021 (Saturday)

(c) PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
List of Public Holidays for the year 2020 is circulated vide this office Circular no. Acad/Term & Vaca./2015-16/2917, dated 24/12/2019.

(d) DISCRETIONARY HOLIDAYS
(i) The Heads of the Schools are authorized to declare 10 Discretionary Holidays. Out of 10 Discretionary Holidays, the Heads of School shall declare 04 discretionary holidays on 24th, 25th, 26th & 27th August, 2020 adjoining the Public Holidays for Ganesh Chaturthi, and remaining 06 days discretion holidays are to be declared in consultation with Parents Teachers Association.
ii) The non teaching staff of the School will be entitled for the above discretionary holidays, however, they are not entitled for restricted holidays. Non Vocational Staff shall not be eligible for vacation/Breaks.

(e) **WORKING DAYS:-** The total number of working days including examination days for Primary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools shall not be less than 220 days and total number of instructional days shall not be less than 200 days, during the academic year 2020-21.

(f) The 1\textsuperscript{st} Summative/Terminal Examination shall be held so as to end on 10\textsuperscript{th} October, 2020 as the 36\textsuperscript{th} National Games are scheduled in Goa w.e.f. 20/10/2020 to 04/11/2020 and 2\textsuperscript{nd} Summative/Terminal Examination shall be held preferably before 6\textsuperscript{th} April, 2021. The final annual examination results shall not be declared before 29\textsuperscript{th} April 2021.

(g) As per directives of the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi it is instructed not to have any school examination during the period of training and field operation of Census of India 2021, i.e. from 1\textsuperscript{st} January,2021 to 15\textsuperscript{th} March, 2021. This instruction is to be followed without fail.

(h) The formative tests shall be conducted as per the convenience of the school and remaining hours of the days should be utilized for regular classes after formative test is over.

(i) All Heads of school are to celebrate the occasions that are informed to them by Directorate. All the programs of Government of India will continue to remain binding till the duration of the same. If any new event is to be incorporated in the schedule for the coming year, the same will be informed to the school from time to time.

\[\text{Vandana Rao, IAS}\]
\[\text{Director of Education}\]
\[11/02/2021\]

To,
All Heads of Government/Government Aided & Unaided Primary/Middle/Secondary/Higher Secondary & Special Schools in the State of Goa.

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5. The State Project Director, Goa Samagra Shiksha, Porvorim-Goa.
6. The Principal, Govt. Technical High School Centre, Panaji/Mapusa -Goa.
7. The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Campal-Goa
8. The Director, Directorate of Art & Culture, Directorate of Art & Culture, Panaji-Goa
10. All the Associations Registered with this Directorate.
11. Shri Dayanand Chaudikar, O.S.D. to C.M., Ministerial Block, Porvorim-Goa.
12. The Chairman, Kala Academy, Campal, Panaji-Goa.
14. The Executive Director, Sports Authority of Goa, Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukharjee Indoor Stadium, 1\textsuperscript{st} floor, East Wing, Goa University Complex, Bambolim-Goa.
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