

Minutes of State Level Academic Committee (SLAC) Meeting
held Online on January 29, 2026, 2.30 pm
Venue: Board Room, KSHEC

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) is a statutory body constituted under the provisions of the **Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007**, as amended in **2018**, with the mandate to advise the Government on matters relating to higher education and to ensure coordination, quality assurance, and academic standards across the higher education system in the State. In exercise of the powers conferred under the Act, and in accordance with the **Norms and Guidelines relating to Equivalency/Recognition of Academic Programmes, Areas of Studies, and Nomenclature of Degrees**, the Government of Kerala, Higher Education Department, has issued orders constituting a **State Level Academic Committee (SLAC)** within the Kerala State Higher Education Council for the purpose of disposing of objections, disputes, and complaints relating to the nomenclature of academic programmes/degrees and for according approval, recognition, and equivalency

As per Government Order **G.O.(Ms) No.303/2018/HEDN dated 17.12.2018**, the SLAC is chaired by the Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council, with the Vice Chancellors of all State Universities in Kerala and the Member Secretary, KSHEC (Convener) as members. Universities, Higher Educational Institutions, employment agencies, employers, and other stakeholders are required to refer unsettled issues relating to nomenclature, approval, recognition, or equivalency of academic programmes and degrees to KSHEC for decision by the SLAC. Further, aggrieved candidates may appeal to the Kerala State Higher Education Council for adjudication of such matters by the SLAC

The functioning of the SLAC is guided by the **Government-approved norms and guidelines** issued vide **G.O.(Ms) No.272/2018/HEDN dated 13.11.2018**, which, inter alia, stipulate adherence to recognition and regulatory frameworks prescribed by statutory bodies such as the University Grants Commission (UGC), including specific provisions governing degrees acquired through Open and Distance Learning modes

In accordance with the above statutory provisions, Government Orders, and approved norms, the State Level Academic Committee examined the matter placed before it and arrived at the following resolution.

The following members attended the meeting:

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| 1.Prof. Rajan Gurukkal | : | Vice Chairman, KSHEC/Chairman-SLAC |
| 2.Prof. Mohan Kunnummel | : | Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala (i/c)
Kerala University of Health Sciences |
| 3.Prof. P. Raveendran | : | Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut |
| 4.Prof. M. Junaid Bushri | : | Vice Chancellor, Cochin University of Science and
Technology |
| 5.Prof. Jagathy Raj. V.P. | : | Vice Chancellor, Sree Narayanaguru Open
University |
| 6.Prof. K .K. Saju | : | Kannur University |
| 7.Prof. C.T. Aravindakumar | : | Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University |
| 8.Prof. Ciza Thomas | : | Vice Chancellor APJ Abdul Kalam Technological
University |

- 9.Prof.(Dr.) Saji Gopinath : Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology (Digital University Kerala)
10. Prof. B. Ananthakrishnan : Vice Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam (Deemed to be University for Art and Culture)
11. Prof. C.R. Prasad : Vice Chancellor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University
12. Dr.Rajan Varughese : Member Secretary, KSHEC/Convenor-SLAC

SLAC Reporting Items

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1.	A7-AM(VI)SLAC-12 Mr. Bibin Babu	MBA (Anna University) – Regarding Recognition of Course Content - Equivalency for the MBA (Finance & Marketing) programme completed during 2011-2013 from Anna University, Chennai - The applicant has been shortlisted by the Kerala Public Service Commission for the post of Lecturer in Computer Application and Business Management. The applicant Produced eligibility certificates issued by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, and the University of Kerala, recognizing the MBA degree of Anna University as equivalent to their respective MBA degrees. Further, expert opinion confirms that the paper “Business Application Software” of Anna University is equivalent to “Computer Applications in Management” under the MBA syllabus of the University of Kerala.	Resolved that , in view of the eligibility certificates produced by the applicant from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and the University of Kerala , recognizing the MBA degree awarded by Anna University as equivalent to their respective MBA degrees, and based on the expert opinion confirming that the paper “Business Application Software” of Anna University is equivalent to the paper “Computer Applications in Management” under the MBA syllabus of the University of Kerala, the applicant’s qualification be treated as eligible/equivalent for the concerned purpose.
2.	A7-AM(VI)SLAC-13 Smt. Sindhu V.B	Museum and Zoo Department - Regarding the modification of the qualification for the post of Garden Supervisor. The Higher Education Council examined the proposal to revise the qualification for the post of Garden Supervisor in the Museums and Zoos Department, as KGTE and MGTE Agriculture courses are no longer in existence and no such qualified personnel are available in the department. Based on the recommendations of the Director of	Resolved that , based on the recommendations of the Director of General Education and the Director of Museums and Zoos, and considering that VHSE Agriculture and allied VHSE courses such as Interior Landscaper and Floriculturist are more relevant and appropriate, the qualification for the post of Garden Supervisor be fixed as SSLC with VHSE Agriculture or equivalent .

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		General Education and the Director of Museums and Zoos, it may be noted that VHSE Agriculture and allied VHSE courses such as Interior Landscaper and Floriculturist are more relevant and appropriate qualifications. Accordingly, the qualification for Garden Supervisor may be fixed as SSLC with VHSE Agriculture or equivalent. The Council further noted that Garden Supervisor is mainly a promotion post from the feeder category of Specimen Collector in the Medicinal Garden.	
3.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-14 Shri. Aroop	Seeking advice regarding the possibility of obtaining an equivalency for the degree from Rabindranath Tagore University (Pvt.), Madhya Pradesh. The request seeking the opinion of the Higher Education Department on the validity of the B.Com (Private Registration) degree claimed by Sri. Aroop P., appointed as Accountant Grade-I under the Compassionate Employment Scheme, has been examined. As per UGC Regulations and the UGC letter dated January 2025, private universities are authorized to offer general degree programmes only in the regular mode at their main campus, and Rabindranath Tagore University offers the B.Com programme only as a regular course.	Resolved that , in accordance with the UGC Regulations and the UGC letter dated January 2025, which stipulate that private universities are authorized to offer general degree programmes only in the regular mode at their main campus, and noting that Rabindranath Tagore University offers the B.Com programme only in the regular mode, any claim for recognition/equivalency of the programme offered otherwise than in compliance with the said UGC provisions cannot be considered.
4.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-15 Sri. Rajesh Maheswar	Honorary doctorate-International Tamil University (Dlitt) - Dlitt degree of RaeshMaheswar from International Tamil University. Honorary D.Litt. conferred on Sri. Rajesh Maheswar by the International Tamil University does not have academic value under UGC Regulations, as honorary doctorates are not earned through research or examination and the institution is not recognized or ranked among the foreign universities. Reports and official directions also indicate that	Resolved that , the Honorary D.Litt. degree conferred on Sri Rajesh Maheswar by the International Tamil University shall not be recognized as having academic value under the UGC Regulations, since honorary doctorates are not awarded through research or examination. It is further noted that the said institution is not recognized and is not ranked among the foreign universities, and that reports and official directions indicate its association with unaccredited and

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		the said university is associated with unaccredited and unauthorized conferment of degrees.	unauthorized conferment of degrees. Accordingly, the Honorary D.Litt. degree cannot be considered as an academic qualification and is not recommended for recognition for any academic or service purpose.
5.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-16 A7-AM(VI)SL AC-16A Ms. Febi – Government Letter	Equivalence to the BA Social Sciences degree offered by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad, with the BA Sociology degree - seeking comments and recommendations. This is with reference to the request for equivalency of the B.A. Social Sciences degree awarded by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad with B.A. Sociology for the post of ICDS Supervisor. TISS is a UGC-recognized Deemed University, and the University of Kerala, vide Order No. Ac.C/025754/2016 dated 14/10/2016 and Eligibility Certificate dated 15/03/2025 , has recognized the B.A. Social Sciences degree as eligible for higher studies and employment in the field of Sociology..	Resolved that , with reference to the request for equivalency of the B.A. Social Sciences degree awarded by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Hyderabad with B.A. Sociology for the post of ICDS Supervisor, and considering that TISS is a UGC-recognized Deemed University, and that the University of Kerala, vide Order No. Ac.C/025754/2016 dated 14/10/2016 and Eligibility Certificate dated 15/03/2025, has recognized the said degree as eligible for higher studies and employment in the field of Sociology, the request is recommended. Further, in accordance with G.O.(Ms) No. 272/2018/HEDN, the B.A. Social Sciences degree awarded by TISS shall be treated as equivalent to B.A. Sociology for the purpose of employment and higher studies.
6.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-17 Government Letter	Whether Diploma in Secretarial Practice course considered equivalent to Diploma in Computer Application course – Regarding. The Diploma in Secretarial Practice conducted by Government Commercial Institutes (GCI) during the 2015–17 period was a two-year course mainly focused on office administration, typing, stenography, and related skills, whereas the Diploma in Computer Application is a short-term, technology-oriented programme emphasizing computer software, databases, and digital operations. Although the Secretarial Practice course has since been renamed as “Diploma in Computer Application &	Resolved that , the Diploma in Secretarial Practice conducted by Government Commercial Institutes (GCI) during the period 2015–17, being a two-year programme primarily oriented towards office administration, typing, stenography, and allied skills, is fundamentally different in syllabus, objectives, and technical orientation from the Diploma in Computer Application, which is a technology-focused programme emphasizing computer software, databases, and digital operations. It is further noted that the subsequent renaming of the course as “Diploma in Computer Application &

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		Secretarial Practice,” this change in nomenclature does not alter the curriculum or technical content of the earlier course.	Secretarial Practice” does not alter the curriculum or technical content of the earlier programme. Accordingly, the Diploma in Secretarial Practice cannot be treated as equivalent to or higher than the Diploma in Computer Application and cannot be considered for equivalency for PSC appointments.
7.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-18 Kumari Shafla	MA in English Language Teaching (EFLU) equivalency with MA communicative English. Ms. Shafla K holds an M.A. in English Language Teaching (ELT) from the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, a Central University established by Act of Parliament, and seeks equivalency with M.A. Communicative English for appointment as HSST (Communicative English) under Kerala PSC Category 574/2025.	Resolved that , considering that the M.A. in English Language Teaching (ELT) programme offered by EFLU is a comprehensive course focusing on communicative competence, classroom pedagogy, syllabus design, and ELT research, thereby integrating both communicative English content and professional teaching training as prescribed in the PSC notification, and in view of the institutional recognition, curriculum structure, and learning outcomes of the programme, the M.A. EFLU degree can be considered equivalent and shall be treated as academically and functionally equivalent to M.A. Communicative English for the relevant purpose.
8.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-19 Muhammed Rashid K	Equivalency Certificate in Accounting Technicians awarded by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and the Board of Higher Education, Kerala with the Certificate in Accounting Package approved by the Kerala Public Service Commission has been examined with reference to G.O.(Ms) No. 272/2018/HEDN dated 13.11.2018.	Resolved that , the request seeking equivalency of the Certificate in Accounting Technicians awarded by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and the Board of Higher Education, Kerala with the Certificate in Accounting Package approved by the Kerala Public Service Commission, having been examined with reference to G.O.(Ms) No. 272/2018/HEDN dated 13.11.2018, cannot be considered, as issuance of such an equivalency certificate does not fall within the scope of the said Government Order.
9.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-20 Shan P.R.	With reference to Government Letter No. A2/155/2024-Indust. dated 06.06.2025, the Council examined the MoU and academic association	Reporting - The authenticity of the DIRI certificates produced by Sri. Shan P.R. and Sri. Syam S. was verified with the Rubber Technology Centre, IIT

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	&Syam S.	between the Indian Rubber Institute (IRI) and the Rubber Technology Centre, IIT Kharagpur in relation to the Diploma in Rubber Technology (DIRI) certificates produced by Sri. Syam S. and Sri. Shan P.R. The Rubber Technology Centre, IIT Kharagpur clarified that the DIRI and PGDIRI programmes are conducted under an MoU signed in 2010 between IRI and IIT Kharagpur. Under this arrangement, IIT Kharagpur functions as the Controller of Examinations, responsible for question paper preparation, conduct of examinations, and evaluation, while the certificates are issued by the Indian Rubber Institute (IRI), Mysore. The qualifications of the two officers were examined with reference to the Industries Service Special Rules (G.O. (P) No. 60/2011/ID dated 26.02.2011) and were found to be consistent with the prescribed eligibility criteria for promotion. Accordingly, the Executive Body of the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), in its meeting held on 26.08.2025, approved the report, accepted the clarification from IIT Kharagpur, and resolved to forward the same to the Government.	Kharagpur, which confirmed that the DIRI/PGDIRI programmes are conducted under an MoU with the Indian Rubber Institute, with IIT Kharagpur acting only as the Controller of Examinations. Examination of the Industries Service Special Rules shows that the qualifications held by both incumbents satisfy the eligibility prescribed for promotion to the post of Assistant Director (Rubber). Accordingly, based on the verification and findings, the Executive Body of the KSHEC, in its meeting held on 26.08.2025, resolved to forward this report to the Government.
10.	A7-AM(VI)SL AC-21 General Education - Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha	Acharya course-Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha; Shiksha Snatak-Dakshina Bharat Hindi Pracharsabha equivalency to B.Ed - University of Kerala. This matter concerns the recognition of the Acharya Course conducted by the Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha as a valid teacher training qualification for appointment to HSA (Hindi) and HSST (Hindi) posts, in the context of the NCTE-mandated transition of B.Edprogrammes to a two-year structure implemented from 2019. The	Recommended The State Level Academic Committee (SLAC), in its meeting held on January 29, 2026, resolved that, in view of the NCTE-mandated two-year B.Ed. structure implemented from 2019 and the consistent recognition accorded by the University of Kerala, SCERT, Government Orders, and the Kerala PSC, the two-year Acharya Course conducted by the Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha (from 2019 onwards) shall be

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		University of Kerala, SCERT, Government Orders, and Kerala PSC notifications have consistently recognized the Acharya Course as equivalent to B.Ed (Hindi), including the revised two-year course followed from 2019 onwards.	accepted as equivalent to B.Ed. (Hindi) and treated as a valid teacher training qualification for appointment to HSA (Hindi) and HSST (Hindi) posts.
11.1	A7-AM(VI)SLAC-21 Govt Letter-Shirley Thomas	Shiksha Snatak of Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha equivalent to B.Ed of universities in Kerala. The Shiksha Snatak qualification of the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha was recognised as equivalent to the one-year B.Ed programme of the University of Kerala prior to 2015;. Kerala PSC recognises Shiksha Snatak as a training qualification for the post of High School Teacher.	Recommended. The State Level Academic Committee (SLAC), in its meeting held on Jan 29, 2026, based on the expert opinion in the matter, resolved that the Shiksha Snatak qualification awarded by the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha shall be treated as equivalent to the B.Ed. degree for the purpose of appointment to the post of HSST, subject to due verification of the genuineness and validity of individual certificates by the employer/competent authority.

Regular Items

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1.	A7-AM(VI)SLAC-1 Printing Department	Printing Dept-Appointment to Technician Grade-II- Direct recruitment/by promotion- whether BTech in Mech Engg. can be considered. Based on the facts and the provisions of Government Order dated. 17.01.2023 (G.O. (Ordinary) No. 57/2023/LBR), for posts where ITI is prescribed as the basic qualification, ITI/NTC/NAC certificates cannot be equated with other degree or diploma qualifications nor treated as higher qualifications.	Resolved that, with reference to the proposal regarding appointment to the post of Technician Grade-II in the Printing Department, either by direct recruitment or by promotion, and the question as to whether a B.Tech. degree in Mechanical Engineering can be considered, it is noted that as per Government Order dated 17.01.2023 (G.O. (Ordinary) No. 57/2023/LBR), where ITI is prescribed as the basic qualification for a post, ITI/NTC/NAC certificates cannot be equated with or substituted by other degree or diploma qualifications, nor can such higher qualifications be treated as equivalent. Therefore, any modification to the qualifications

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			prescribed in the existing Special Rules is a matter of Government policy, and a decision in this regard is to be taken by the Government.
2.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-2 Vignesh K M KSHEC-4-A7/719/M S/Direct/2025	Equivalency of his B.Tech in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding Engineering (2018, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University) with B.Tech/Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, citing limited eligibility of specialized branches in government recruitment. While Naval Architecture shares core engineering subjects with Mechanical Engineering and is treated as equivalent in several academic and sector-specific contexts (higher studies, shipping, defense, UPSC ESE), it is also recognized as a distinct engineering discipline with specialized focus.	Resolved that , with reference to the request seeking equivalency of the B.Tech. degree in Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding Engineering (2018), affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, with B.Tech./Diploma in Mechanical Engineering for the purpose of eligibility in Government recruitment, it is noted that while Naval Architecture and Shipbuilding Engineering shares core engineering subjects with Mechanical Engineering and is treated as equivalent in certain academic and sector-specific contexts such as higher studies, shipping, defence, and UPSC Engineering Services Examination, it is also recognized as a distinct engineering discipline with a specialized focus. In view of the above, the candidate can be considered eligible for the particular post , subject to the specific provisions of the recruitment rules and notification.
3.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-3 Shri. Uvais	MA Modern Arabic Distance mode from University of Madras. Equivalency to MA Arabic of University of Calicut. Candidate has requested for equivalency as his JRF term will expire, Period 2017-18 not recognised by UGC-DEB. UoC has communicated this to the incumbent. An incumbent of period-2018-19 given equivalency by UoC	Resolved that , with reference to the request seeking equivalency of the M.A. Modern Arabic (Distance Mode) degree awarded by the University of Madras with M.A. Arabic of the University of Calicut, it is noted that the programme undertaken during the academic year 2017-18 was not recognized by the UGC-DEB and the matter is presently pending before the Court . Accordingly, the request is not recommended .
4.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-4 Dr. Rajsha	Whether M.Tech/M.E degree holders can apply for the post of Assistant Professor in Electronics in Arts and Science Colleges as in the case of M.Sc. Electronics /	The State Level Academic Committee (SLAC), in its meeting held on January 29, 2026, resolved that, in recognition of the multidisciplinary and

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	M.M.	Applied Electronics degree holders. Pursuant to the interim order dated 07.02.2025 in OA (EKM) No. 1236/2024, an Expert Committee was constituted, which recommended that only M.Sc. Electronics / Applied Electronics degree holders are eligible for appointment as Assistant Professor in Electronics in Arts and Science Colleges considered.	interdisciplinary emphasis of the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) as envisaged by the UGC and the State Government, candidates possessing M.Sc. Electronics / Applied Electronics and M.Tech/ME in Electronics shall be permitted to teach Electronics in Arts and Science Colleges, subject to compliance with applicable UGC and Government norms.
5.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-5 Chellappan Nadar/ Rajalekshmi CS	Distance Education - BA History-Madura Kamraj University. Mentions that UGC had not granted recognition to the prog for the years 2018-19 & 2019-20	Resolved that , with reference to the request seeking equivalency/recognition of the B.A. History (Distance Education) degree awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University, it is noted that the programme was not recognized by the UGC-DEB for the academic years 2018-19 and 2019-20 . As the programme lacked UGC-DEB recognition during the relevant period, the request cannot be considered and is not recommended .
6.	A7-AM(VI) SLAC 6 Letter from Prof. Jagathy Raj, Vice Chancellor, SNGOU	Permission – Govt. Diploma holders to enroll in various programmes in SNGOU. The National Credit Framework (NCrF) provides a unified system for integrating school, vocational, and higher education by enabling credit accumulation, transfer, and flexible movement across academic and vocational pathways. Under the NCrF, a two-year diploma after Class 10 is placed at Level 4 (equivalent to Higher Secondary) and a three-year diploma after Class 10 at Level 4.5 (equivalent to the first year of a bachelor's degree), while ITI holders after Class 10 attain Level 4 upon completion of an additional 12-credit language course, making them eligible for admission to undergraduate programmes. Accordingly, diploma and eligible ITI holders may be permitted admission to first-year undergraduate	Resolved that , as per the National Credit Framework (NCrF), diploma and ITI qualifications obtained after Class 10 shall be treated as equivalent to Higher Secondary or undergraduate entry levels, subject to completion of prescribed requirements such as the 12-credit language course wherever applicable. Accordingly, holders of a two-year diploma or eligible ITI qualification may be admitted to the first year of undergraduate programmes, and holders of a three-year diploma after Class 10 may be considered for lateral entry into the second year of undergraduate programmes, under NHEQF and NSQF streams, subject to university and programme-specific norms, in alignment with national higher

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		programmes and, in the case of three-year diploma holders, lateral entry to the second year, in line with university norms and in alignment with national higher education reforms.	education stipulations.
7.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-7 Ms. Soja Varghese	UG Industrial Microbiology + PG Applied Microbiology. Smt. Soja Varghese was appointed as HST (Natural Science) in an additional division post at Sacred Heart High School, Maylpara, with effect from 13-06-2019, but approval of her appointment was rejected on non-recognition of Industrial Microbiology. She holds B.Sc Industrial Microbiology with Zoology and Chemistry (recognized by the University of Kerala as equivalent to B.Sc Zoology), M.Sc Applied Microbiology (recognized as equivalent to M.Sc Microbiology), B.Ed in Natural Science from the University of Kerala, and has qualified K-TET Category III in June 2019, thereby satisfying the prescribed qualifications for the post.	The State Level Academic Committee (SLAC, resolved that as Ms. Soja Varghese possesses B.Sc. Industrial Microbiology with Zoology and Chemistry (recognized by the University of Kerala as equivalent to B.Sc. Zoology), M.Sc. Applied Microbiology (recognized as equivalent to M.Sc. Microbiology), B.Ed. in Natural Science from the University of Kerala, and has qualified K-TET Category III, she may be considered eligible for appointment to the post of HST (Natural Science).
8.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-8 Kerala Public Service Commission Secretary Letter	Equivalency of Distance Education courses offered by IGNOU-KSHEC to submit report. Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is a National Open University established by an Act of Parliament in 1985 (Act No. 50 of 1985) and is the only Open University in the country accredited with the highest A++ grade by NAAC. IGNOU has been exempted from the applicability of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programme and Online Programme) Regulations, as per UGC letters dated 9 August 2019 and 17 March 2020, and its degrees, diplomas, and certificates are recognised by all member institutions of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) as being at par with those awarded by other Indian universities. Further, as per UGC Notification dated 4 September 2020,	Resolved that , with reference to the matter of equivalency of the Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates courses offered by IGNOU through Distance Education, it is noted that Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is a National Open University established by an Act of Parliament (Act No. 50 of 1985) and is accredited with the highest A++ grade by NAAC. It is further noted that IGNOU has been exempted from the applicability of the UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programme and Online Programme) Regulations, as per UGC letters dated 9 August 2019 and 17 March 2020, and that its Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates are recognised by all member institutions of the Association of Indian Universities as being at par with those awarded by other Indian

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		qualifications acquired through recognised Open and Distance Learning or Online modes are to be treated as equivalent to corresponding qualifications obtained through the conventional mode.	universities. As per the UGC Notification dated 4 September 2020, qualifications acquired through recognised Open and Distance Learning or Online modes are to be treated as equivalent to corresponding qualifications obtained through the conventional mode. Accordingly, the equivalency of the Distance Education courses offered by IGNOU is recommended, and Degrees/Diplomas awarded by IGNOU may be considered as equivalent for the relevant purpose.
9.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-9 Ms. Salini V.R.	Economics & Statics Department – Research Officer – Qualification Actuarial Science to included MSC Actuarial Science Students	Resolved that , considering that Actuarial Science is closely aligned with Statistics, Mathematics, and Economics, and that candidates holding an M.Sc. in Actuarial Science with Mathematics or Statistics at the undergraduate level possess competencies comparable to the prescribed qualifications, such candidates may be considered eligible for appointment to the post of Research Officer in the Economics and Statistics Department , subject to verification of their undergraduate qualifications.
10	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-10 Ms. Aiswarya G B	M.Sc Agricultural Economics from Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth equivalent to M A Economics. Equivalency obtained from KAU for MSc Agricultural Economics	Resolved that, with reference to the request for equivalency of the M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics awarded by Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth with M.A. Economics, and considering that equivalency has been obtained from the Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) for the said qualification, the M.Sc. Agricultural Economics degree awarded by Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth is recommended as an eligible qualification for the post of Research Officer in the Department of Economics and Statistics.

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11.	A7-AM(VI)SLA C-11 Mr. Gipy Jo Cherian	B.Ed- Rabindrath Nath Tagore University(private) from MG University/Kannur University. Gipy Jo Cherian sought equivalency from MG University for the B.Ed degree from Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal(RNTU)- a private university but the University requested authenticated syllabus and statutory documents, which were not produced. Although RNTU is UGC-recognized, it does not appear in the NCTE-approved list for B.Ed.	Resolved not to recommend equivalency of B Ed Degree of Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal (RNTU) , RNTU does not appear in the NCTE approved list for B Ed. Programmes.

Minutes were read and confirmed.

Meeting concluded by 4.30 pm

Dr. Rajan Varughese
Member Secretary,
KSHCEC/ Convener, SLAC

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M.
Vice Chairman, KSHCEC/
Chairman, SLAC