



**THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE STATE LEVEL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE (SLAC) MEETING**

Venue: Board Room, KSHEC (conducted in hybrid mode)

Date : 28th September 2026

Time : 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Agenda Items:

1. Equivalence of MA English and Communicative studies awarded by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be), Tamil Nadu with M.A. Communicative English for Employment Purpose
2. Recognition of M.A English (Teaching English as a second Language) awarded by the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad as equivalent to M.A. Communicative English for employment purposes
3. Consideration of Shiksha Snatak and Acharya qualifications as eligible qualifications for appointment to the post of Junior Language Teacher (Hindi)
4. Intervention regarding the LBS Centre's insistence on equivalency certificates for Central University graduates who have qualified in the Kerala SET.
5. Regarding the Grant of equivalence to degrees and post graduate qualifications obtained through Open Universities without a 10th standard/Equivalent qualification.
6. Request for consideration of the grant of equivalence to the High School Diploma obtained through the Early Graduation Program from William Mason High School, Ohio, USA, for the purpose of admission to the B.Tech. Programme.
7. Representation seeking equivalence of his M.Ed. degree from Mangalore University with M.Ed. in Language Education (Outside Agenda).

Present:

1. **Prof. Dr. Achuthsankar**
Hon. Vice-Chairman, KSHEC
2. **Prof. Dr. Ciza Thomas (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University &
Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit
3. **Prof. Dr. M. Junaid Bushiri (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Cochin University of Science and Technology

4. **Prof. Dr. K. K. Saju (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Kannur University
5. **Prof. Dr. C. R. Prasad (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University
6. **Prof. Dr. B. Ananthakrishnan (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Kerala Kalamandalam
(Deemed to be University for Art and Culture)
7. **Prof. Dr. Jagathy Raj V. P. (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Sree Narayana Guru Open University
8. **Prof. Dr. Saji Gopinath (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology
(Digital University Kerala)
9. **Prof. Dr. A. Biju Kumar (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies
10. **Prof. Dr. Anil K. S. (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
11. **Prof. Sajitha Rani. T. (Online)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Kerala Agricultural University
12. **Prof. Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal (by circulation)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
University of Kerala & Kerala University of Health Sciences
13. **Prof. Dr. P. Raveendran (by circulation)**
Hon. Vice Chancellor
University of Calicut
14. **Prof. Vasanthagopal, Dean (MGU) nominated by :**
Prof. Dr. D. Mavoothu
Hon. Vice Chancellor
Mahatma Gandhi University
15. **Prof. Dr. Abida Farooqui**
Member Secretary, KSHEC

Agenda 1

AM(VIII)SLAC 1 (A) and 1 (B)

Equivalence of MA English and Communicative studies awarded by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be), Tamil Nadu with M.A. Communicative English for Employment Purpose

Subject : The matter relates to 1(A) : Representation submitted by Smt. Reena V. V and others seeking equivalence of MA English and Communicative studies awarded by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be), Tamil Nadu with M.A. Communicative English for Employment Purpose. 1(B) : Representation submitted by Smt. Sreelakshmi Unnithan and Smt. Deepa M. Darshan, against 1(A). Registrar of Gandhigram Rural Institute has given clarification that M.A. Communicative English and M.A. English and Communicative Studies are one and the same with only a change in nomenclature and no change in course structure or academic content.

In this case, Kerala Administrative Tribunal passed judgement on OA No 46/2026 dated 3/7/2026 confirming that *“determination of equivalency of educational qualifications is a matter falling within the domain of competent expert bodies such as KPSC or any other specialised authority designated by the Government, and only upon a specific declaration or determination made by such competent authority, can a qualification be recognised as equivalent to the prescribed qualification”*. As SLAC has been empowered by a G.O, it is competent to take appropriate decision on the matter.

Recommendation: Resolved to recommend MA English and Communicative studies awarded by the Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be), as eligible qualification for the post of HSST /HSST (Junior) Communicative English. Since there is no equivalent degree in Kerala, no equivalency certificate is required in this case.

Agenda 2

AM(VIII)SLAC 2

Recognition of M.A English (Teaching English as a second Language) awarded by the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad as equivalent to M.A. Communicative English for employment purposes

Remarks: The applicant's actual qualification is M.A. English (Teaching English as a Second Language – TESL), whereas the earlier records referred to English Language Teaching (ELT). The nomenclature discrepancy requires clarification.

Recommendation: Application is rejected for want of explicit supporting documents and information.

Agenda 3

AM(VIII)SLAC3

Consideration of Shiksha Snatak and Acharya qualifications as eligible qualifications for appointment to the post of Junior Language Teacher (Hindi)

Subject : While the order issued for the Junior Language Teacher (Hindi) post designates D.El.Ed as the basic training qualification, it also recognizes B.Ed as a valid training qualification. But training courses such as *Shiksha Snatak* and *Acharya*—which are accepted alongside B.Ed for Hindi HST and HSST categories—are not being considered as valid training qualifications in this instance. Hence, candidates who have completed *Shiksha Snatak* and *Acharya* courses are losing opportunities in the JLT (Hindi) category as they are not recognised as training qualifications for the post.

Recommendation: Resolved to recommend (1) 'Acharya' qualification from Kerala Hindi Prachara Sabha and (2) the 'Shiksha Snatak' qualification from Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachara Sabha (valid up to the 2022-23 academic year) as training qualifications for the post of JLT (Junior Language Teacher) Hindi.

Agenda 4

AM(VIII)SLAC4

Request for intervention regarding the LBS Centre's insistence on equivalency certificates for Central University graduates who have qualified in the Kerala SET.

Subject: The representation concerns the insistence by the LBS Centre on submission of equivalency certificates by candidates who have obtained Post-Graduate or 4-year Integrated Teacher Education qualifications from recognised Central Universities outside Kerala and have subsequently qualified in the Kerala SET conducted by LBS.

The provisions of G.O. (Ms) No. 272/2018/HEDN dated 13.11.2018 and the judgment of the Hon'ble Kerala High Court in W.P.(C) No. 15672/2025, contending that equivalency/recognition should not ordinarily be insisted upon in respect of qualifications awarded by recognised national institutions/UGC-recognised institutions is pointed out.

Recommendation: Resolved to recommend that qualifications obtained from Central Universities do not require separate eligibility certificate or equivalency certificate in case of same nomenclature.

Agenda 5

AM(VIII)SLAC5

Grant of equivalence to degrees and post graduate qualifications obtained through Open Universities without a 10th standard/Equivalent qualification.

Subject: The representation concerns the equivalency of the Degree and Post-Graduate Degree obtained by Sri. Muhammed Riyas. M. Through the Open University system without the conventional 10th Standard qualification. Since the eligibility and validity of the qualification depend on the mode of admission, BPP/non-formal route, recognition of the programme, regulations applicable at the time of admission and award of the Degree, the relevant records needs to be verified.

Recommendation: Resolved to defer the application in the absence of sufficient records and substantiating documents.

Agenda 6

AM(VII)SLAC6

Consideration of the grant of equivalence to the High School Diploma obtained by Miss Sandra Jyothis through the Early Graduation Program from William Mason High School, Ohio, USA, for the purpose of admission to the B.Tech. Programme.

Subject: The representation concerns the request for an Equivalence Certificate in respect of the High School Diploma awarded by William Mason High School, Ohio, USA, obtained by Miss Sandra Jyothis through the Early Graduation Programme, for the purpose of admission to the B.Tech. Programme. The applicable UGC Regulations, 2025 and the relevant AIU guidelines contemplate, inter alia, completion of at least 12 years of school education for recognition of foreign school qualifications, subject to the conditions prescribed therein. The academic eligibility prescribed under the KEAM Prospectus 2026 also requires Higher Secondary or an examination recognised as equivalent thereto, with the specified subjects and marks.

Recommendation: Since the matter pertains to an academic program and not employment, it was recommended that the KTU may take a decision on the matter considering the aspect that the candidate has used an early graduation route.

Agenda 7 :

Representation submitted by Sri. Sreeshakumara P, seeking equivalence of his M.Ed. degree from Mangalore University with M.Ed. in Language Education.

Subject: The incumbent has applied for the post of Lecturer in Kannada (Cat. No. 705/2025) under the Kerala Public Service Commission (Outside Agenda).

In this regard, MU/M.Ed./2025-26/77 dated 26-05-2026, certified that the M.Ed. programme with specialisation in Pedagogy and Methodology of Teaching Languages pursued by the incumbent includes the methods of teaching Kannada and other languages, namely English and Hindi. Accordingly, the Dean certified that Pedagogy and Methodology of Teaching Languages is equivalent to Methods of Teaching Kannada.

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that MEd Degree with specialisation in Pedagogy and Methodology of Teaching Languages from Mangalore University be recognised as equivalent to MEd Degree with specialisation in Language Education based on the certificate issued by the Dean, Faculty of Education, Mangalore University.

The meeting ended by 11:30 am.



Prof. Dr. Achuthsankar
Chairman



Prof. Abida Farooqui
Convenor