

**Kerala State Higher Education Council**  
**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of the 4<sup>th</sup> Council held on 18.07.2025 at**  
**KSHEC, Thiruvananthapuram**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Governing Body meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Council was held on 18.07.2025. Dr. R. Bindu, Hon. Minister for Higher Education and Chairperson, KSHEC presided.

The following members attended the meeting

1. Dr. R. Bindu - Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education
2. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal - Vice Chairman, KSHEC
3. Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS - Principal Secretary,  
Higher Education Department
4. Prof. Mohanan Kunnummal - Vice Chancellor,  
Kerala University of Health Sciences &  
Vice Chancellor (i/c), University of Kerala
5. Prof. P. Raveendran - Vice Chancellor, Calicut University
6. Prof. M Junaid Bushiri - Vice Chancellor,  
Cochin University of Science and Technology
7. Prof. K.K. Geethakumary - Vice Chancellor,  
Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit
8. Prof. Biju Kumar - Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries  
and Ocean Studies
9. Prof. C.R. Prasad - Vice Chancellor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan  
Malayalam University
10. Prof. G. B. Reddy - Vice Chancellor, National University of  
Advanced Legal Studies
11. Prof. Jagathy Raj. V.P. - Vice Chancellor,  
Sree Narayana Guru Open University
12. Prof. B. Anantha Krishnan - Vice Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam  
Deemed to be University for Art and Culture
13. Dr. K.P. Sudheer - Executive Vice President , KSCSTE
14. Prof. Jayachandran - Vice Chancellor (i/c),  
Mahatma Gandhi University
15. Dr. Jayaprakash P - Director (i/c), Technical Education
16. Dr. Jiju P Alex - Member of the State Planning Board
17. Prof. Sabu Thomas - Member, Executive Body KSHEC
18. Prof. Rajasree.M.S - Member, Executive Body KSHEC
19. Dr. K.K. Damodaran - Member, Executive Body KSHEC
20. Dr. P.P. Ajayakumar - Member, Executive Body KSHEC
21. Dr. T. Muhammad Salim - Principal, Farook Training College, Kozhikode
22. Sri. Harilal - Joint Registrar,  
Cochin University of Science and Technology
23. Dr. Rajan Varughese - Member Secretary, KSHEC

**Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education released the proceedings of Higher Education Conclave in the meeting by handing over the first copy to Prof. M Junaid Bushiri, Vice Chancellor, Cochin University of Science and Technology**

**The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken at the meeting.**

**Agenda Item No.1 - KSHEC -Annual Report 2024-25.**

After detailed discussion it was resolved to approve the KSHEC Annual Report 2024-25.  
(Annexure -1)

**Agenda Item No.2 - KSHEC - Annual Audit and Accounts Report 2024-25.**

Resolved to approve the KSHEC Annual Audit and Accounts Report 2024-25.  
(Annexure -2)

**Agenda Item No.3 - Global Conclave on Higher Education Transformation.**

After detailed discussion it was resolved to approve the action plan based on the report of the Global Conclave on Higher Education Transformation as given below.

- **Governance Reforms for Global Competitiveness:** Strengthen and modernise university governance structures to enhance institutional autonomy, ensure transparency and accountability, and enable active participation of institutions in national and global university rankings.
- **Strengthen Academic and Research Excellence:** Establish centers of excellence in priority disciplines. Promote Flagship international programmes, twinning and dual degree MOUs, joint research initiatives, and increased publication output.
- **Enhance Global Visibility of Kerala's Higher Education:** Draft and adopt an *Internationalization of Higher Education Strategy* for the State with institutional guidelines, policy incentives, and quality benchmarks. A virtual centre for excellence for promoting internationalization may be established under the KSHEC.
- **Foster International Partnerships:** Develop MoUs with global universities for student exchange, joint degrees, research, and faculty mobility.
- **Improve Student Support Systems:** Establish International Student Offices in all universities with services including: Visa assistance, Orientation and language support, Housing and cultural integration, among others.
- **Utilise Graduate Tracking and Employability Data:** Implement a state-wide *Graduate Outcome Tracking System* to assess employability and inform curricula.
- **Integrate Emerging Technologies:** Encourage adoption of AI tools, digital learning platforms, and smart classrooms to modernize pedagogy at HEIs.
- **Promote Financial Sustainability:** Create a diversified funding system for HEIs which includes mechanisms to accept corporate sponsorships and contributions from family foundations.
- **Graduate Employability and Future Skills Development:** Establish *Future Skills Centres* within higher education institutions offering micro-credentials and modular courses aligned with evolving job markets.

- **Strengthen Teacher Education Programmes:** Launch *Faculty Excellence Programmes* that provide systematic professional development through specialised tracks in advanced pedagogy, educational technology integration, research methodology mentoring, and evidence-based instructional practices aligned with global standards.
- **Industry-Academia Partnership Framework:** Develop *Industry-Academia Boards* within each university (STEM & Non-STEM), with defined goals: internships, curriculum co-design, and joint R&D.
- **Library and Knowledge Infrastructure Modernization:** Transform university libraries into *Digital Learning Resource Hubs* offering AI-assisted research tools, data analytics platforms, and open-access content.
- **Scientific Research Translation and Commercialization:** Create *Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs)* and *Innovation Incubators* at major universities to translate research into market-ready solutions.
- **Strengthen Policy-Oriented Research:** Institute *Research-Policy Interface Cells* in universities to align academic research with real-world public policy needs in Kerala

The action plan also include the Establishment of the following Centres of Excellence (CoE) announced by the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education at the valedictory session of the Conclave and steps are being taken to implement the same.

1. Centre of excellence for Teaching, Learning and Training (CTLT)
2. Kerala Institute for Science, Technology, and Innovation (KISTI)
3. Kerala Institute of Advanced Studies (KIAS)
4. Kerala Network for Research-Support in Higher Education – (KNRSHE)
5. Centre for Indigenous People's Education (CIPE)
6. The Kerala Institute for Gender Equality (KIGE)
7. Kerala Language Network

Also resolved to approve the income and expenditure related to the conduct of Global Higher Education Conference held on January 1 & 15 of 2025 at CUSAT as detailed below.

### **Income & Expenditure**

It was resolved to approve the total expenditure of Rs. 48,97,348/- (Forty-Eight Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Eight only) towards the conduct of the Higher Education Conclave held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 at CUSAT. The total expenditure consists of an expenditure amounting to Rs. 30,43,905/- submitted by the Registrar, CUSAT. The statement of accounts submitted by the Registrar, CUSAT shows Rs. 5,59,152/- by way of sponsorship received by CUSAT. KSHEC released an amount of Rs. 18,65,610 to CUSAT leaving a balance payment amount of Rs. 4,53,041/- to CUSAT.

**The total expenditure incurred by KSHEC towards the conclave include Rs. 18,65,610/- and consists of the following items**

Item	Expenditure in rupees
Accommodation & Food charges	7,03,945/-
Transportation charges	7,18,835/-
Website Development	2,53,700/-
Printing & Stationery	45,786/-
Miscellaneous	1,31,177/-
<b>Total Expenditure KSHEC</b>	<b>18,65,610/-</b>
Expenditure incurred by CUSAT - food & other expenses	30,43,905/-
<b>TOTAL Expenditure (CUSAT + KSHEC)</b>	<b>48,97,348/- (Forty-Eight Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Eight only)</b>

**Account details**

Sponsorship received by CUSAT	Rs. 7,25,254/-
Payment released to CUSAT by KSHEC	Rs. 18,65,610/-
<b>Balance Amount to be reimbursed to CUSAT</b>	<b>Rs. 4,53,041/-</b>

The permission for utilising the available funds with the Council was approved by the Government vide Government letter No. G.O.(Rt)No.224/2025/HEDN Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 19-02-2025 as no additional fund was granted to the Council for the conduct of the Conclave.

**Agenda Item No.4 - Report on implementation of FYUGP & K - REAP.**

Approved the report on the implementation of FYUGP and K REAP project details. (Annexure -3).

The Governing Body meeting urged all the universities in the state to implement the K REAP project without delay.

It also approved the K REAP MoU signed between KSHEC and ASAP Kerala as approved by the Executive Body meeting held on 04.09.2024.

Further resolved to request the government to fix the charges for the use of K REAP services by the universities/ colleges and facilitate signing of MoU between KSHEC and participating Universities and colleges.

**Agenda Item No.5 - Report on Centres of Excellence (CoE)**

The meeting approved the report of all the seven Centres of Excellence (CoE) established by KSHEC in different universities / sub centres. It also approved the proposal to establish KIAS in the College of Engineering, Munnar campus (CEM) and opening KIAS for all knowledge domains based on the academic report prepared by the Council.

Also resolved to obtain performance report of Translation Research Centres (TRC) from all Universities.

(Annexure -4)

**Summary**

**Centres of Excellence in Higher Education**

Sl. No.	Centres of Excellence	Agency/ Location
1	Centre of excellence for Teaching, Learning and Training	Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram
2	Kerala Institute for Science, Technology, and Innovation (KISTI)	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
3	Kerala Institute of Advanced Studies (KIAS)	Munnar Engineering College campus of the Centre for Continuing Education Kerala (CCEK)
4.	<p>Kerala Network for Research-Support in Higher Education – (KNRSHE)</p> <p>Sub Centres _ Sangagrama Madhavan Memorial Mathematical Centre and mini Observatory, Iringalakkuda</p> <hr/> <p>a) Central Instrumentation Laboratory, TVPM (South) _</p> <hr/> <p>b) Central Instrumentation Laboratory – Kannur (North)</p> <hr/> <p>c) Centre for Academic Computing, Cochin</p>	<p>Main Centre, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <hr/> <p>1. Government Women’s College, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <hr/> <p>2. Kannur University, Kannur</p> <hr/> <p>3. Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi</p>

5	Centre for Indigenous People's Education (CIPE) Institute for Tribal Studies and Research (ITSR) at Chethalayam to be transformed as Centre for Indigenous People	University of Calicut, Kozhicode
6	The Kerala Institute for Gender Equality (KIGE)	Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady
7	Kerala Language Network Sub Centre –  a. Translation Centre, Ponnani b. Language Technology Mission, Kannur c. Center for Professional Language Training and Translation Centre, Iringalakkuda	Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University

#### **Agenda Item No.6 - Administrative Sanction for Unnatha Vidya Bhavan.**

The meeting approved the revised estimate of Unnatha Vidya Bhavan for the first phase (Civil Work Rs. 3,73,35,470.32/- (Three Crores Seventy-Three Lakh Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy only) and Electrical and other works Rs.1,96,45,788.00/- (One Crore Ninety-Six Thousand Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Eight only). Administrative Sanction was given for an amount of Rs. 6,34,21,000.00/- (Rupees Six Core Thirty-Four lakh and Twenty-one Thousand only) by the government. The work was awarded to ULCCS on Non-PMC basis based on the Administrative Sanction given by the government and the technical sanction by the technical committee.

It also requested the government to release the balance amount of Rs. 5,59,540,00/- (Five Crore Fifty-Nine Lakh Fifty-Four Thousand only) without delay as the construction of Unnatha Vidya Bhavan comes under the high priority project of the government.

The meeting also approved the Plan / Estimate and agreement with ULCCS amounting to Rs.18,38,287/- (Eighteen Lakh Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven only) cleared by the technical committee for the construction of the toilet block for KSSTM as per government directions.

#### **Agenda Item No.7 - E- Journal Consortium.**

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) launched its **e-Journal Consortium** in January 2020, a crucial step towards ensuring quality higher education and shared resources for all 16 state universities. This initiative acts as a central hub, enabling collective negotiation for e-journal subscriptions and addressing the escalating costs universities faced after UGC INFLIBNET ceased free services.

The consortium is a direct response to appeals from Vice Chancellors across the state, acknowledging the financial strain on universities in accessing essential e-resources. The Governor's Address to the State Assembly on January 29, 2020, further solidified KSHEC's commitment to this state-wide project.

To facilitate its operation, two key committees were formed: an Advisory Committee comprising all participating Vice Chancellors, and a Technical Committee composed of university librarians. These committees collaboratively identified resource needs and negotiated terms with service providers.

The consortium became functional through agreements with Elsevier (Science Direct and Scopus) and KNIMBUS. The rates were negotiated with Elsevier for access to 1500 journal titles under Science Direct and the Scopus database.

Despite the consortium's smooth functioning and increased usage, a critical challenge has emerged: Shortage of funds and payment arrear to the Elsevier. KSHEC has paid initial instalments but is currently unable to release pending payments to publishers. This discontinuity is a significant setback, as requests are now pouring in from universities to reinstate access to Scopus and other valuable resources not covered by the central government's "One Nation One Subscription (ONOS)" initiative. The consortium played pivotal role in enhancing research productivity and building adaptable digital collections for Kerala's universities, especially for resources crucial for global research output and ranking which might fall outside the scope of ONOS.

**Payment Details:**

Total Subscription Charges to GIST with respect to Science Direct Journals for the period 01/05/2022 to 30/4/2023	Rs.7,65,30,880 Seven Crore sixty-five lakh thirty thousand eight hundred eighty only
Total Amount paid so far (in three instalments) 60 lakhs+1.05 crore+24,30,880	Rs. 1,89,30,880 Rupees One crore eighty-nine lakhs thirty thousand eight hundred eighty only
<b>Balance payable</b>	<b>Rs.5,76,00,000/-</b> <b>Rupees five crores seventy-six lakh</b>

The meeting approved the report on e- journal consortium detailing the benefits derived from subscription of Scopus and Science Direct for faculty/ researchers in the state universities.

The meeting also resolved to request the government to release the pending balance amount of Rs.5,76,00,000/- (Rupees five crores seventy-six lakh only) during the financial year 2025-26 to be paid to M/S. GST Global/ Elsevier.

**Agenda Item No.8 - Revised PG & B Voc. Curriculum.**

Approved the revised PG & B Voc. Curriculum and resolved to forward the same to the government / universities for further necessary action.  
(Annexure 5&6)

**Agenda Item No.9 - Internship Portal for FYUGP – Internship Kerala 1.0.**

It was resolved to sign an MoU with Keltron for implementing the FYUGP Internship portal (Internship Kerala 1.0).

It also approved the guidelines (as given below) related to the development of the internship portal and decided to enlist maximum number of state level PSUs in the Internship portal.

**KSHEC - Operational Guidelines for Internship Kerala 1.0**

**1. Introduction**

The Government of Kerala, through the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), is committed to integrating experiential learning into undergraduate education by facilitating structured internships. To realize this goal, **Internship Kerala 1.0**, a centralized digital platform, is being developed and managed by **Keltron** (Kerala State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd). This platform will enable effective planning, coordination, and certification of internships for students pursuing the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) and other degree courses across the state.

**2. Purpose of the Portal**

The Internship Kerala 1.0 portal aims to:

- Connect students with internship opportunities offered by industries, research institutions, government departments, NGOs, and professionals.
- Facilitate end-to-end management of the internship process—from student registration and training to allotment and certification.
- Ensure transparency, accessibility, and quality assurance in internship engagements across institutions in Kerala.

**3. Responsibilities of Keltron**

Keltron shall act as the technology and coordination partner for the development and operation of the portal. Its key responsibilities include:

- **Design, development, and hosting** of the Internship Kerala 1.0 portal with a secure, scalable architecture and user-friendly interface.
- **Maintenance and technical support**, ensuring uninterrupted access and proper data management.
- Appointment of a **State-Level Internship Coordinator** to oversee overall operations and serve as the liaison with KSHEC and other stakeholders.

- Deployment of **District-Level Internship Coordinators** to support institutional-level operations and provide decentralized coordination and support.
- Direct engagement with firms, industries, research laboratories, and expert professionals from within Kerala, across India, and abroad to onboard internship providers.
- Development and facilitation of **pre-internship grooming sessions** to help students prepare for real-world professional environments. Institutions will provide the infrastructure for such sessions, while Keltron may deliver content or resource persons.
- Allocation of **unique registration codes** to each internship provider for identification and tracking, and support for registration verification.
- Provision for onboarding of research-oriented internships offered by individual researchers, institutions, or laboratories under a dedicated section of the portal.

#### **4. Responsibilities of KSHEC**

The Kerala State Higher Education Council shall act as the nodal academic agency to oversee the policy, institutional coordination, and stakeholder engagement for Internship Kerala 1.0. KSHEC will:

- Appoint a **State-Level Nodal Officer for Internships** to supervise the initiative and serve as a single point of contact.
- Mobilize public and private sector firms, PSUs, NGOs, startups, and research centers to provide internship opportunities to undergraduate students.
- Facilitate coordination between higher education institutions and Keltron.
- Issue communications to institutions and internship providers and support their onboarding process.
- Review and validate internship providers proposed by institutions and Keltron, as needed.

#### **5. Role of Higher Education Institutions**

Each participating college or university department shall play a proactive role in implementing the internship program:

- The FYUGP Coordinator or CSDCCP Coordinator in the institution shall serve as the Institutional Internship Coordinator.
- Institutions must ensure accurate registration of students with essential details such as:
  - Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) ID
  - University Register Number (if available)
  - Institutional Identifier (preferably AISHE code)
- Provide infrastructure and support to conduct pre-internship grooming/orientation sessions, either facilitated by Keltron or internal faculty.
- Monitor the internship process for their students and assist in allocation, communication, and issue resolution.
- Recommend credible and willing firms, research guides, or professionals to be registered on the portal for providing internships.

#### **6. Onboarding of Internship Providers**

Firms, institutions, including state PSUs and other expert agencies capable of offering internships shall register on the Internship Kerala 1.0 portal. They must provide:

- Name of the firm/institution/expert agency
- Internship coordinator/contact person
- Area or field of internship
- Maximum number of students that can be hosted at one time
- Duration of internships and eligibility criteria, if any
- Any additional requirements or conditions

Keltron shall validate and onboard these providers, especially those identified through KSHEC or directly by institutions. International and research-focused providers will be given special consideration, with dedicated portal features to manage their engagement.

### **7. Student Participation and Certification**

Students can browse internship options through the portal and apply based on their interests and eligibility. After successful completion of internships:

- A **joint certificate** will be issued to the student by the hosting firm/institution and their college.
- The certificate shall include:
  - The **duration of the internship** (in days or months)
  - A **performance grade** awarded on a **10-point scale with letter grading** (e.g., A+, A, B+, etc.)

This certification shall be digitally verifiable and may contribute to the student's credit portfolio under the FYUGP guidelines.

### **8. Platform Features and Access**

The Internship Kerala 1.0 portal will feature:

- **Role-based login** for:
  - KSHEC administrators
  - Keltron (technical and coordination team)
  - Institutional coordinators
  - Registered internship providers
  - Students
- Dashboards for:
  - Internship management
  - Performance tracking
  - Certificate issuance
  - Analytics and reporting
- Tools for:
  - Institution-to-provider communication
  - Student progress monitoring
  - Grievance redressal mechanisms

### **9. Data Management and Security**

All data generated through the portal shall be the property of respective HEI and used strictly for academic and administrative purposes. Keltron shall:

- Ensure **data privacy, confidentiality, and security** in accordance with applicable IT and data protection regulations.
- Implement appropriate encryption, access control, and data backup systems.

## 10. Orientation, Training, and Cost Norms

- KSHEC may organize **district-level training/orientation programs** for institutional coordinators to enhance portal effectiveness.
- **Keltron may levy nominal charges** to recover **additional costs** incurred in conducting **pre-internship grooming programs** beyond the software's development, maintenance, and operation, which are provided free of cost.

## 11. Implementation Timeline

- The development and deployment of Internship Kerala 1.0 shall be completed within **30 days** from the formal signing of the MoU between KSHEC and Keltron.
- Training and onboarding for institutional coordinators and students shall commence immediately thereafter.

## 12. Review and Revisions

These guidelines shall be subject to periodic review based on the operational experience and evolving needs of stakeholders. Any changes or enhancements to the platform or its procedures shall be mutually agreed upon by Keltron and KSHEC.

## Agenda Item No.10 - Guidelines for Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning (CSDCCP)

Approved the following guidelines for Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning (CSDCCP) and urged all the universities/colleges to setup CSDCCP in their institutions in partnership with government approved / empaneled institutions such as ASAP Kerala, Keltron, IHRD, C- APT, LBS, ICT Academy and CCEK.

Guidelines for the Establishment and Functioning of the Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning (CSDCCP)

### 1. Introduction

The Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning (CSDCCP) is to be established in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Kerala, in accordance with UGC guidelines (December 2023) and Government Orders (G.O. Rt. No. 724/HEDN Dated 24.06.2024 and GO(Rt) No 1601/2023/HEDN dated 30-10-2023). The CSDCCP aims to integrate short-term, credit-linked, skill development courses into higher education, bridge the skill gap, and foster employability and lifelong learning.

### 2. Objectives of CSDCCP

1. **Bridging the Skill Gap:** Offering tailored training programs to meet industry needs.
2. **Promoting Employment:** Enhancing employability by delivering industry-demanded skills.
3. **Lifelong Learning:** Fostering a culture of continuous learning.
4. **Empowerment through Education:** Ensuring accessibility and equity in career advancement opportunities.
5. **Community Engagement:** Transforming HEIs into skill hubs for the local population.

### 3. Advantages to HEIs

- Improved reputation and institutional attractiveness.
- Strengthened industry-academia partnerships.
- Enhanced employability and student satisfaction.
- Utilization of underutilized institutional resources.
- Access to additional funding and revenue generation.

### 4. Structure of CSDCCP

- **Establishment:** Each HEI shall establish a CSDCCP within its campus.
- **Leadership:** Headed by a Centre Director, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor/Principal.
- **Advisory Committee:** Constituted by the VC/Principal, includes:
  - Centre Director (Chair)
  - Experts from academia, industry, and awarding bodies
  - Representatives from relevant sectors
- **Reporting:** Advisory Committee formation must be reported to KSHEC.

### 5. Operational Procedures

- **MoU:** HEIs may sign MoUs with industries/professional skilling agencies for:
  - Infrastructure setup
  - Course delivery
  - Internships and placements
- **Infrastructure:**
  - Building/workshop/lab space
  - Machinery, tools, computer labs
  - Use of nearby industrial or training facilities as required

### 6. Guidelines for Course Delivery

- **Faculty:** Courses may be taught by HEI faculty, skill instructors, or industry professionals.
- **Credit System:**
  - Duration: 3–6 months
  - Credit range: 12–30 credits
  - Credit breakup: 1 credit = 15 hours theory / 30 hours practical
  - Skill component: 60–70% of total credits
- **Curriculum Composition:**
  - Practical training in labs, workshops, or industry
  - General education including communication, ICT, and soft skills
- **Delivery Modes:** Physical, online, or hybrid for theory; practical components must be physical.

- Assessment:
  - Conducted transparently as per HEI's Statutory Body approval
  - Aligned with NSQF wherever possible
  - Joint certification with Sector Skill Councils if applicable
  - Credits deposited to Academic Bank of Credit (ABC)
- **Digital Certification:** Issued via NAD and/or DigiLocker
- **Financial Sustainability:** Courses shall be run in a self-sustaining mode as per institutional policy

## 7. Focus Areas for Courses

CSDCCP may offer courses in:

- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
- IoT / Smart Cities
- Data Science & Analytics
- Cloud Computing
- Cyber Security
- Robotics & Industrial Automation
- VR/AR/XR
- 5G Technologies
- CAD/CAM, Mechatronics
- BIM & 3D Printing
- FinTech, Health & Wellness
- Digital Marketing, Soft Skills
- Foreign Languages, English
- Web Design, Gig Economy
- Fashion Technology, Electricals

## 8. Role of State-Level Vocational and Skill Development Cell (VSDC)

- **Establishment:** VSDC will be formed under KSHEC.
- Functions:
  - Recommend empanelled agencies
  - Coordinate curriculum development
  - Monitor course delivery
  - Recommend courses for university approvals

## 9. Expert Committees at University Level

- **Purpose:** Guide course development and ensure NSQF alignment
- Structure:
  - Chairperson: Senior academic/professional
  - Members (max 15):
    - BoS Faculty
    - Skill domain experts

- Industry professionals
- Government/policy representatives
- Alumni/practitioners
- Student representatives
- **Domains:** Industrial Skills, Emerging Tech, Creative Industries, Services, Sustainability

#### 10. Credit Integration in FYUG Programmes

- Credits from skill courses may be counted in lieu of minor courses
- Students may opt for 1–2 short-term skill development courses during their degree/diploma
- Promotes integration of skilling with traditional academics

#### 11. Conclusion

The establishment of CSDCCP will ensure that Kerala’s higher education sector remains aligned with national skill development priorities, enhances student employability, and responds dynamically to regional and global employment trends. These guidelines provide a robust framework for HEIs to design, implement, and sustain impactful skill development initiatives in collaboration with industry and professional bodies.

#### **Agenda Item No.11 - Restructuring of existing programmes/ innovative programmes at the UG level.**

Approved the report and the list of innovative programmes at the UG level and resolved to forward the same to the government for further necessary action.

(Annexure – 7)

#### **Agenda Item No.12 - Reporting - Minutes of the Executive Body Meetings held on 07.08.2024, 04.09.2024, 18.10.2024, 07.11.2024, 20.12.2024, 03.01.2025, 18.02.2025, 11.04.2025, 12.06.2025.**

Approved the Minutes of the Executive Body Meetings held on 07.08.2024, 04.09.2024, 18.10.2024, 07.11.2024, 20.12.2024, 03.01.2025, 18.02.2025, 11.04.2025, 12.06.2025

#### **Additional Agenda**

##### **Item No. A1. - Law Examination in Malayalam -Request of Students.**

The meeting resolved to permit students of Law Education to write their university examination in Malayalam language and decided to forward the same to the government / universities for further necessary action in this regard.

##### **Item No. A2. – International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL).**

Approved the report on International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL) submitted by the Vice Chairman and it was resolved to recommend to transfer the International School of Dravidian Linguistics currently under General Education Department to the Higher Education Department.

**Item No. A3. – National Conference on Regional Knowledge Systems.**

Reported the details of the textbook '*Knowledge Systems of Kerala*' prepared by KSHEC for multidisciplinary course (MDC) in FYUGP as per government direction in this regard.

It was resolved to organise a national conference on Regional Knowledge Systems in the month of October 2025 in Thiruvananthapuram.

**Item No. A4. – Recognition of UG/ PG Degrees of Sree Narayanaguru Open University, Kollam – email from VC SNOU dated 28.07.2025.**

Resolved to urge all the state universities to follow the Norms/ Guidelines relating to equivalency/recognition of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature and degrees of other universities as approved by the government vide Government Order (Go (MS) No. 273/2018 dated 13.11.2018).

It was also resolved that all Universities / HEIs / employment agencies/ employers shall approve/ recognize UG/ PG degrees of Sreenarayanaguru Open University (SNOU), Kollam as per the latest UGC Open and Distance learning Regulations in this regard.

**The minutes were read and confirmed.**

**The meeting which began by 11.00 AM came to an end by 1.00 PM.**



**Member Secretary**



**Vice Chairman**