

Kerala State Higher Education Council

Minutes of the 29th Executive Body meeting held on 30.06.2022

The Twenty Ninth Executive Body Meeting of the third KSHEC was held on 30.06.2022 at 11.00 am. through video conferencing. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. Vice Chairman presided.

The following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. | Prof.RajanGurukkal P.M. | : | Vice Chairman, KSHEC. |
| 2. | Dr. Gopinath Reveendran | : | Vice Chancellor, Kannur University |
| 3. | Dr.FathimathuZuhara | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 4. | Dr. J. Rajan | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 5. | Dr. K. K. Damodaran | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 6. | Dr. R. K. Suresh Kumar | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 7. | Dr.RajanVarughese | : | Member Secretary, KSHEC |

The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.

Item No. 1 Annual Report 2021-22.

Approved the Annual Report for 2021-22

Item No. 2 Annual Audit and Accounts 2021-22

Approved the Annual Audit and Accounts for 2021-22

Item No. 3 Draft UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Phd Degree) Regulations2022.

Item No. 4 Draft Guidelines to transforming Higher Education Institutions in to Multi Disciplinary.

Item No. 5 Note on Curriculum framework and Credit System for Four Year Under Graduate Programme.

Item No. 6 Vidyanjali Scheme for support to students, Faculties and Institutions through volunteerism.

It was decided to give detailed comments on the above items (Item No. 3 to 6) after further discussion.

Item No. 7 KSHEC –Higher Education Scholarship to IISER Students.

It was resolved to stick to the original Guidelines of the Higher Education Scholarship Scheme confining the scheme to public funded HEIs of the state government.

Item No. 8 Starting of Integrated Four Year B.Ed. Programme.

It was resolved to recommend to the government to start integrated four year B Ed. Programmes initially in the public funded Higher Education Institutions in line with the regulations of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE).

Item No. 9 Renewal of KSHEC Higher Education Scholarship of Lakshya Krishnan.

Resolved to reject the request of Lakshya Krishnan as it is not in conformity with the Guidelines of the Higher Education Scholarship Scheme

Item No. 10 Oversight Committee for Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF).

Approved the constitution of the Oversight Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ganagan Prathap, (Honorary Professor, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University) and decided to expedite the activities related to the implementation of the Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF) with the assistance of National Accreditation Board for Education and Training (NABET) under Quality Council of India (QCI) established by Department for promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GOI.

Item No. 11 Problems of SC/ST students in higher education.

It was resolved to constitute Committee headed by Dr. K. K. Damodaran, Member Executive Body, KSHEC to study the problems of SC/ ST students related to admission and other issues in higher education institutions in the state.

It was further resolved to recommend to the Government / Universities to waive /lower the application fee fixed for SC/ ST students for admission to UG/ PG programmes in the Universities/ Colleges through Centralized Admission Process (CAP).

It was also decided to request the government to release the earmarked fund for Centre for Research and Education for Social Transformation (CREST), Kozhikode and to restore the Governing Council and Executive Council of CREST.

Item No. 12 Allotment of Funds for e-journal Consortium.

Resolved to approve the following amount for the E –Journal Consortium as recommended by the Technical Committee.

Agency	Amount
Elsevier (Science Direct and Scopus)	Rs. 8,51,44,321.96 (Rupees Eight crores fifty one lakh forty four thousand three hundred twenty one only)
KNIMBUS	Rs. 35,00,000 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs only)

Item No. 13 Reporting – KSHEC –14th Five Year Plan.

Approved the 14th Five Year Plan of the Kerala State Higher Education Council submitted to the Kerala State Planning Board.

Item No. 14 Reporting – KSHEC –Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan.

Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan Hon'ble Chief Minister and Visitor, the Kerala State Higher Education Council has consented for the State Level Inauguration of the Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan and Foundation Stone of the *Unnatha Vidya Bhavan* on 5th July 2022 at 5.00 PM. in a meeting presided by Dr. R.Bindu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Chair

Person of the Kerala State Higher Education Council. In this connection it was decided to organize an orientation programme for Principals/ IQAC Coordinators of Higher Education Institutions in Thiruvananthapuram district.

Item No. 15 Reporting – Staff Requirement for Higher Education Empowerment Plan.

The Government of Kerala vide GO (Rt.) No.747/2022/ HEDN. dated 21.05.2022 accorded administrative sanction for implementing Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan for various projects/ initiatives at a total amount of 99.95 Crore. The proposal was also approved by the Special Working Group held on 27.04.2022. The Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan among other things included proposal related to staff requirement in the KSHEC. Hence, it was resolved to take necessary steps to appoint/ engage the following Staff for the implementation of the Higher Education Empowerment Plan subject to conditions specified in the GO (Rt.) 747/2022 / HEDN. dated 21.05.2022.

No	Designation	No. of posts	Mode of appointment	Qualification
1	Faculty/Research officer (Assistant Professor and above)	3	On Deputation	Qualification of Research officers of KSHEC- deputation from Universities and Colleges
2	Research Associate/ Research Assistant	2	On contract	Qualification of Research Associate of KSHEC
3	Documentation Officer	1	On Deputation	UGC Qualified Assistant Librarians (Universities/Colleges)
4	Technical Assistants	3	On contract	(PG Science/Social Science with proficiency in data science & working with statistical software or B.Tech. with similar proficiency)
5	Programme Officer- Internationalisation of Higher Education	1	Permanent/ contract	Scale of Pay of Associate Professor PG in Social Science having at least 3-year post qualification academic experience in internationalisation of education preferably in national or international organisations. Preference would be given for research experience. (Ph.D./M.Phil); Age Limit -50 years; Scale of Pay-as per UGC

Item No. 16 Reporting - Centres of Excellence – Recommendations of the Advisory committee.

Reported the following recommendations of the Council on Centres of Excellence submitted to the Government.

1. Centre of Excellence in Ayurvedic Research, Manuscript Museum, Medicinal Plant Garden, Kannur, Iritty
2. School of Mathematics , Kozhikode as Centre of Excellence
3. Thanu Padmanabhan Centre of Excellence in Astronomy and Astro Physics in the Campus of University of Kerala.

4. Centre of Excellence in Neuro Degeneration and Brain Health in Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT).
5. Centre of Excellence in One Health, Western Ghats Biodiversity, Human Wild Life Interface and Neuronotic Diseases in the Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Wayanad.
6. Centre of Excellence in Nanao Science and Nanao Technology in Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

Item No. 17 Reporting – Chief Minister’s NAVA Kerala Post Doctoral Fellowship.

The Notification for the award of Chief Minister’s NAVA Kerala Post Doctoral Fellowship was issued and Sri Pinarayi Vijayan the Hon’ble Chief Minister distributed the PDF certificates to the awardees in a function held on 16.05.2022. The KSHEC has taken steps to disburse the Fellowship amount to the scholars who have joined various Universities/ Research Centres in June 2022.

Item No. 18 Reporting – Construction of Unnathi Bhavan- Draft Plan & Estimate.

As per the Government Letter No. C2/71/202 HEDN. dated 18.05.2022, KSHEC was directed to submit details of land in the KSSTM Campus and plan and estimate of the proposed KSHEC building to the government. It was also directed to find out agency for the construction of the building in accordance with prevailing rules in this regard. In this connection it was decided to obtain the plan and estimate of the KSHEC building and approach the government for demarcating the land area for the proposed building as given below.

1. An extend of 48.80 cents (19.75 Ares) land area for constructing the Kerala State Higher Education Council Building (Unnatha Vidya Bhavan) in the KSSTM Campus for KSHEC (demarcated as Plot I).
2. Road adjacent to the plot (demarcated as Plot II) has to be authorised for KSHEC as well as KSSTM requirements. Also, setback provisions for the buildings should not be restricted from the road edge of Plot I and Plot II, since the total area belongs to a single campus.
3. Parking area 2 (demarcated as Plot III) has to be authorised for both KSHEC and KSSTM parking requirements for KSHEC can be achieved with this area for sanctioning purposes.

It was further resolved to entrust the Vice Chairman, KSHEC to finalise the plan and estimate of the building and take up the matter with the Government.

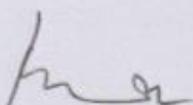
Item No. 19 Reporting – Minutes of the Meeting

- a. Discussion of Recent UGC Directions based on National Education Policy– 2020 on 04.05.2022.
- b. Higher Education Conclave - 05.05.2022.

Item No. 19 deferred.

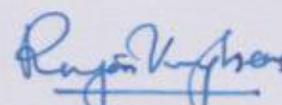
The minutes were read and confirmed.

The Executive Body meeting came to an end by 2.00 pm.



Vice Chairman

Approved



Member Secretary