

## Kerala State Higher Education Council

### Minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Body meeting held on 19.01.2023

The 31<sup>st</sup> Executive Body Meeting of the third KSHEC was held on 19.01.2023 at 11.00 am. through video conferencing. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. Vice Chairman presided.

The following members attended the meeting.

1. **Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M.** : **Vice Chairman, KSHEC.**
2. **Prof. Gopinath Raveendran** : **Vice Chancellor, Kannur University**
3. **Dr. J. Rajan** : **Member, Executive Body, KSHEC**
4. **Dr. K. K. Damodaran** : **Member, Executive Body, KSHEC**
5. **Dr. R. K. Suresh Kumar** : **Member, Executive Body, KSHEC**
6. **Dr. Rajan Varughese** : **Member Secretary, KSHEC**

The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.

#### Item No. 1 Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF- Guidelines)

After the detailed discussion, it was resolved to approve the guidelines of the KIRF

#### Item No. 2 Survey on Student mobility and expectations in Higher Education in Kerala

It was decided to constitute a committee to study student mobility and expectations in Higher Education in Kerala with the following members.

1. **Prof. Gopinath Raveendran (Chairman)**  
Vice Chancellor, Kannur University
2. **Dr. J. Rajan** (Member, Executive Body, KSHEC)
3. **Dr. K.K. Damodaran** (Member, Executive Body, KSHEC)
4. **Sri. Joji Alex** (Association Professor, Department of Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Pala)

It was also decided to engage **Dr. Eldho Mathews**, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi as Consultant for the study.

#### Item No. 3 Overseas Consultancy Licensing in Higher Education

As per Government GO (Rt.) No.1786/2022/Hedn. dated 2.12.2022 it was decided to conduct a detailed study for the framing of a separate legislation for regulating / controlling the activities of the educational consultancy services in Kerala with the following members.

1. **Dr. Saji Gopinath (Chairman)**  
Vice Chancellor, Digital University of Kerala
2. **Dr. R.K. Suresh Kumar** (Member, Executive Body, KSHEC)
3. **Adv. Sriram Parakkat**, Advocate on Record, Chamber No. 41, Left Partition, Old Lawyers Chambers, Supreme Court of India, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi- 110001.

#### Item No. 4 Recognition of Interdisciplinary Master's Programme

It was decided to refer the matter to the State Level Academic Committee (SLAC) for a decision in the matter.

#### Item No. 5 Appointing Statutory auditor for auditing Council's Account 2021-22

It was decided to appoint Ms. Mohan & Mohan Associates, Thiruvananthapuram as Statutory Auditor for Audit the Council's Account for the Financial Year 2022 – 23 as they have quoted the lowest amount of Rs. 1,10,000/-+ GST (One Lakh Ten Thousand + GST)

#### Item No. 6 KSHEC-Scholarships to students of Central Universities

It was decided to reject the request of Devaraj. C for extending KSHEC Scholarships for his study in the Central University in Madhya Pradesh as it is not in accordance with the Guidelines of the Higher Education Scholarship Scheme.

#### Item No. 7 Payment of Honorarium to Prof. R. Ramakumar, Member, Higher Education Reforms Commission – Letter of Prof. Syam B. Menon

It was decided to forward the matter to the government.

#### Item No. 8 Facilities for Higher Education Reforms Implementation Cell

It was resolved to approve the expenditure incurred for providing facilities for Higher Education Reforms Implementation Cell amounting to Rs. 2,27,757 + GST (Two Lakhs Twenty-Seven Thousand and Seven Hundred Fifty-Seven + GST)

#### **Additional Agenda**

#### Item No. A1: Starting of PF for Contract / Daily Wages Staff in the Council

It was resolved to initiate steps for starting Provident Fund (PF) for Contract/Daily Wages Staff in the KSHEC as per rules in this regard and with the concurrence of the government.

#### Item No. A2: K REAP-Project Details

It was resolved to forward details of the K REAP Project amounting to Rs. 50 Crores to the government for approval.

#### Item No. A3: Payment to Digital University for DIGICOL

It was decided to make the payment for the DIGICOL facilities in consultation with the Digital University of Kerala.

#### Item No. A4: Guideline for Knowledge Translation Centre

It was decided to constitute a committee to formulate Guidelines for Knowledge Translation Centres with the following members.

- 1. Dr. Gangan Prathap (Chairman)**
- 2. Dr. Sabu Thomas** (Vice Chancellor, MG University, Kottayam)
- 3. Prof. M.K. Jayaraj** (Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut)

Item No. 5: Journals in the list of Peer Reviewed Journals – Case of *Social Science in Perspective*

It was decided to forward the academic assessment of the Journal *Social Science in Perspective*, **Quarterly Journal of C. Achutha Menon Study Centre & Library, Thiruvananthapuram (ISSN 0975-5497)** to the Higher Education Secretary.

**The Minutes were read and confirmed**

The Meeting which started at 11.00 am concluded by 1.00 pm



**Vice Chairman**



**Member Secretary**