

**Kerala State Higher Education Council**  
**Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council held on**  
**21.12.2022 at KSHEC, Thiruvananthapuram**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council was held on 21.12.2022. (Video Conferencing)  
Dr. Bindu, Hon. Minister for Higher Education and Chairperson, KSHEC presided.

The following members attended the meeting

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| 1. Dr. R. Bindu                 | - | Hon. Minister for Higher Education   |
| 2. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M     | - | Vice Chairman, KSHEC   |
| 3. Dr. Rajan Varughese          | - | Member Secretary, KSHEC  |
| 4. Dr. K. Mohanan               | - | Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala (i/c)  |
| 5. Prof. Sabu Thomas            | - | Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University   |
| 6. Prof. Gopinath Ravindran     | - | Vice Chancellor, Kannur University   |
| 7. Prof. Dr. K.N. Madhusoodanan | - | Vice Chancellor, Cochin University of<br>Science and Technology                                    |
| 8. Prof. V.Anilkumar            | - | Vice Chancellor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan<br>Malayalam University.                                    |
| 9. Prof. M. V. Narayanan        | - | Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University<br>of Sanskrit, Kalady                              |
| 10. Dr. K. Mohanan              | - | Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of<br>Health science  |
| 11. Dr. R. Saseendranath        | - | Vice Chancellor, Kerala Veterinary and<br>Animal Science University                                |
| 12. Dr. Saji Gopinath           | - | Kerala University of Digital Sciences,<br>Innovation And Technology (Digital<br>University Kerala) |
| 13. Dr. P. M. Mubarak Pasha     | - | Sreenarayanaguru Open University   |
| 14. Director                    | - | The Kerala Engineering Research<br>Institute, Peechi   |
| 15. Dr. Jiju P Alex             | - | Member, Kerala State Planning Board  |
| 16. Dr. J. Rajan                | - | Member - Executive Body, KSHEC   |
| 17. Dr. Fathimathu Zuhara       | - | Member - Executive Body, KSHEC   |
| 18. Dr. Suresh Kumar            | - | Member - Executive Body, KSHEC   |
| 19. Dr. K. K. Damodaran         | - | Member - Executive Body, KSHEC   |
| 20. Sri N. Sathyanandan         | - | Member - Governing Body, KSHEC   |

Dr. M. Nasser Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut and Dean, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies were also present.

The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken at the meeting:

**Item No.1 Annual Report 2021-22.**

Approved the Annual Report 2021-22.

**Item No.2 Annual Audit and Accounts Report 2021-22.**

Approved the Audit and Accounts Report 2021-22

**Item No.3 Guidelines for NAVA KERALA Post Doctoral Fellowship.**

Approved the Guidelines for NAVA KERALA Post Doctoral Fellowship

**Item No.4 Report of the SAAC Peer Team Visit to Christ College, Irinjalakkuda**

Approved the Report of the SAAC Peer Team Visit to Christ College, (Autonomous) Irinjalakkuda and resolved to award 'A+' Grade (CGPA - 3.45) to Christ College, (Autonomous) Irinjalakkuda in the SAAC assessment held on 22nd and 23rd of September 2022.

**Item No.5 Action Plan for Empowering Higher Education.**

Reported the details of Action Plan for Empowering Higher Education as given below

1	<b>Digitisation Projects in HEIs</b>	52.2 Crore
2	<b>Faculty Development Project</b>	8 Crore
3	<b>Institutional Strengthening and Quality Assurance</b>	21 Crore
	<b>Total</b>	<b>81.2 Crore</b>
4	<b>NAVA Kerala Post Doctoral Fellowship</b>	18.75 Crore
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>99.95</b>

Sl. No.	Items	Expenditure
<b>1</b>	<b>Digitisation Projects in HEIs</b>	<b>52.2 Crore</b>
1.1	Project for Digitisation of Library Resources & Development of Kerala Academic Library Network (KALNET)	10 Crore
1.2	E-Journal Consortium	20 Crore
1.3	DIGICOL - Digital Enablement of HEIs in Kerala (Let's Go Digital initiative)	20 Crore
1.4	Online Digital Repository of course materials of UG/PG programmes	1 Crore
1.5	All Kerala Higher Education Survey	20 Lakhs
1.6	Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF) and Institutional Mapping Project	1 Crore
<b>2</b>	<b>Faculty Development Project</b>	<b>8 Crore</b>
2.1	Induction Training Programmes for faculty	1 Crore
2.2	Nourishing Guru Programmes (NGP)	1 Crore
2.3	Project on Outcome Based Education (OBE)	5 Crore

2.4	Faculty Development Programme (FDP)	1 Crore
<b>3</b>	<b>Institutional Strengthening and Quality Assurance</b>	<b>21 Crore</b>
3.1	State Assessment and Accreditation Centre (SAAC)	1 Crore
3.2	Brain Gain - Database on Keralite-Academic Diaspora around the Globe	5 Crore
3.3	Cluster of Colleges Scheme	10 Crore
3.4	Erudite-Scholar in Residence Programme	5 Crore
<b>4</b>	<b>NAVA Kerala Post Doctoral Fellowship</b>	<b>18 .75 Crore</b>

**Item No.6 Reporting - Minutes of the Executive Body Meetings held on 06.07.2021, 22.10.2021, 07.12.2021, 25.03.2022, 30.06.2022, 29.09.2022**

Reported the Minutes of the Executive Body Meetings held on 06.07.2021, 22.10.2021, 07.12.2021, 25.03.2022, 30.06.2022, 29.09.2022

**Additional Agenda**

**Item No. A1. Problems Regarding the Council - Delay in commencing the Building Project of the Council.**

The Chairperson assured that the Government will issue within one or two weeks the necessary Order demarcating the actual space in the land area approved vide Letter No. C2/71/202 dated 18.05.2022 for the construction of the Council's building.

**Item No. A2 Issues of incompatibilities between Schemes in Government and Universities' proposals**

It was recommended that each University to keep a Master Plan and put forward its Institutional Development Plan accompanied by carefully prepared DPR based on the Guidelines made available by the Council.

The Vice Chairman pointed out that the incompatibilities prevail in the case of proposals for Centres of Excellence (CoE) and Centres of Knowledge Translation (KT). He referred to the Council's Concept note, following what the repeated mention by the Chief Minister and the Minister for Higher Education, clearly defines a CoE as an autonomous institution, the establishment of which is to be legislated.

Likewise, the Vice Chairman referred to the KSHEC Guidelines for the establishment of the Centre for KT, which in alignment of the Government intent, defines Knowledge Translation Centre, not as an architecturally independent entity, but as an institutional arrangement for incubation of Startups. Hence the implicit presumption is that the allocated amount of Rs.20 crores is not to be expended for buildings.

**Item No. A3 Problems of New Generation Programmes started by Universities and colleges.**

It is reported that the new generation programmes at the college level face several problems including recognition of these programmes by the PSC. It was decided to convene a meeting at the government level with the participation of the PSC for resolving issues of equivalency/ recognition of the new programmes. It was further decided that each programme must clearly indicate its knowledge area, Learning Outcomes of Courses and the Programme Outcomes as demonstrated in the Equivalency Handbook issued by the KSHEC.

**Item No. A4 Government scheme of Centre of Excellence and Knowledge Translation Centres**

It was decided to convene a meeting of the universities and the state Planning Board in consultation with the KSHEC .

**Item No, A5 Constitution of a Committee to formulate expert opinion on the UGC draft Guidelines for training of faculty on Indian Knowledge System**

It was resolved to constitute a committee consisting of Prof. MS Valiathan (National Research Professor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education) , Prof. Romila Thapar (Emerita, JNU, New Delhi, Prof. PP. Divakaran (Tata Institute of Fundamental Research), and Prof. Sreenivasa Varakhedy (Vice Chancellor, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek. Maharashtra) to study and prepare a report on the UGC draft ‘Guidelines for Training of Faculty on ‘Indian Knowledge System (IKS)’’.

**Item No, A6 Advice to Universities to Institute Memorial Lectures**

It was resolved to institute following memorial lectures in the Universities. For this world famous Scholars under the Scholar -in -Residence Programme of the KSHEC will be provided to Universities.

SI No.	Name	Universities
1	Dr. Palppu Memorial Lecture	Kerala University of Health Sciences & Malayalam University
2	Dr. Janaki Ammal Memorial Lecture	Kannur University
3	Dr. Thanu Padmanabhan Memorial Lecture	University of Kerala
4	Dr. GN Ramachandran Memorial Lecture	Cochin University Science and Technology
5	Dr. M. Vijayan Memorial Lecture	Calicut University
6	Dr. ECG Sudarshan Memorial Lecture	Mahatma Gandhi University

**Item No, A6 Establishment of Constituent Colleges - Implementation Plan**

It was decided to formulate draft legislation for the establishment of Constituent Colleges in the state.

**Item No. A7 Advice to the Sree Narayana Guru Open University - Quality assurance to parallel colleges**

Self-financing colleges and parallel colleges constitute higher education institutions in the unaided sector. While a few self-financing colleges especially those in the engineering and medical colleges maintain quality, many even in the professional fields fall short of mechanisms for quality assurance. However, they are under purview of the National Regulatory Body and within the university’s surveillance, partially though. This can be improved upon through assessment and accreditation by SAAC. A category most problematic and widespread across the state is the Parallel College, amounting to a huge number is totally informal and hence beyond quality control. At the same time, they cater to a commendable body of students, significantly female outnumbering the male, deprived of admission to the mainstream institutions, for being economically backward and academically poor

in learning. Universities register them as private students of distance education and ensure their eligibility to continue higher education. Through contact classes and the circulation of learning material under the SDE protocol Universities are able to maintain the minimum quality. But the main business of imparting education to this huge population on a regular basis is in the hands of Parallel Colleges, totally unaccountable and away from the quality assurance system.

This is not only an issue of poor quality higher education but also a problem of social injustice, which demands immediate and sustainable attention. It is the considered advice of the Council that Sree Narayana Guru Open University must take steps to make Parallel Colleges accountable and their educational enterprises follow mechanisms of quality assurance.

**Item No. A8. Issues faced by transgender students in Higher education in Kerala - Advice to Universities**

The meeting considered the representation of Mr. Anil Chilla, a member of the Kerala State Transgender Board empowered by National Legal Services Authority v. Union of India 2014; The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019; State-Policy-for-Transgenders-in-Kerala-2015; TRANSGENDER Survey Kerala 2014-15, enlisting the following:

Each and every higher education institution in our state must have a policy for transgender and intersex persons; Hostel facility (with bathroom) must be provided for transgender students; Institutions must provide (atleast one) unisex toilet; There must be category for transgender students in youth festivals, arts & sports meets or any other such activities including NCC, NSS and clubs; There must be transgender representation in college unions; Education scholarships must be provided for transgender students; Awareness programs for faculty members, non-teaching staff and students must be conducted in issues faced by Transgender and other LGBTQ+ communities; All institutions shall have queer clubs; All institutions should have a queer cell for addressing and resolving issues faced by transgender students; All application forms must also have transgender category; Dress code, hair style, self expression, uniforms must be according to personal gender preferences; Guidelines need to be issued to the Universities/Directorates for changing Name and gender in Certificates and other documents for those who are currently enrolled as students as well as for those who have completed their courses;

Chairperson assured that government is committed to issue a Government Order detailing the arrangements/facilities that higher education institutions have to provide for their transgender students.

**Item No. A9 Anti-drug campaign - documentary film - certification regarding**

It was resolved to recommend to the government to grant permission to screen the short film 'Binocular' in all Higher Education Institutions as part of the governments campaign against Drugs.

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**Item OA1 Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Framework**

The Hon'ble Higher Education Minister reported that the government order incorporating the general guidelines for Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Framework will be issued at the earliest. It was also decided to organize workshop for teachers in universities/ colleges in this regard.

**Item OA2 Student Mobility Fund**

It was decided to recommend to the government to provide student mobility fund to enable meritorious students in universities/ colleges to undertake foreign travel for participating in international conference/ Seminar/ workshop/ Lab visit.

**Item OA3 Reporting two day National Conference/ Workshop on Knowledge Translation at Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)**

A Two Day Cross-disciplinary National Conference of Experts and a hands-on Workshop, in Knowledge Translation (KT), was held on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 at the Cochin University.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the Programme on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 11.00 am. The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Dr. R. Bindu chaired the Inaugural Session. The Minister for Industry, was the Guest of honour.

Prof. MS Valiathan, Professor Samir Kumar Brahmachari (former DG of CSIR) and Prof. Salim Yusuf (Distinguished Professor, School of Medicine, McMaster University, Canada) led the Conference as well as the Workshop. The members of the State Board of Medical Research (SBMR) were also present. Other key personnel of the Programme were the Advisory Committee for Knowledge Translation Project across domains, Vice Chancellors / Pro Voce Chancellors, CMNPF Fellows, Assistant Professors from Medical Colleges, final year MBBS students, PG Medical students and teachers from various universities representing Translational Research Centres. The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education Dr. R. Bindu inaugurated the valedictory session.

The Vice Chairman thanked the Vice Chancellor and his team in CUSAT for providing all the support and facilities for organizing the National Conference in a successful manner.

**The minutes were read and confirmed.**

**The meeting which began by 2.30 pm came to an end by 4.15 pm.**



**Vice Chairman**



**Member Secretary**