

## Kerala State Higher Education Council

### Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Executive Body meeting held on 02.02.2021

The Twenty third Executive Body Meeting of the third KSHEC was held on 02.02.2020 at 11.00 am. through video conferencing. Prof.RajanGurukkal P.M. Vice Chairman presided.

The following members attended the meeting.

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. R. K. Suresh Kumar : Member, Executive Body, KSHEC
6. Dr. K. K. Damodaran : Member, Executive Body, KSHEC
7. Dr.RajanVarughese : Member Secretary, KSHEC

#### Obituary Reference

The meeting observed one minute silence in memory of Dr. K K Damodaran's mother who expired on 27/01/2021.

**The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.**

**Item No.1. Report of the Committee to Study and Report on the Problems of Academic Recognition for the Teachers of Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed to be University.**

Resolved to approve the Report and forward the same to the Government.

**Item No.2. Report of the Committee on Problems of Researchers in the State Universities and Colleges.**

After detailed discussion, it was resolved to approve the Report with modifications.

**Item No.3. Report on Examination Reforms.**

Resolved to hold discussion with the stake holders on the draft Report submitted.

**Item No.4. Tri semester programmes –Government letter.**

Curriculum revision in the State universities at UG/PG level was initiated on the basis of the recommendations of various committees on curriculum restructuring and as per the directives of the UGC envisaged in its Programme of Action (POA) in 2010. Several rounds of discussions in the university bodies and with stake holders were also conducted before the implementation of these academic reforms. Hence the proposal

for Tri semester system as in IIT Madras is not feasible and hence cannot be imposed on the prevailing academic context in the State Universities.

**Item No.5. Higher Education Council Scholarships to students of Integrated Programmes in Universities and Colleges.**

Resolved to extend the Kerala State Higher Education Scholarships scheme to students of the five year integrated masters programmes (BA-MA/BSc-MSc/BS-MS) in Universities/Government/Aided Colleges with effect from 2020-21 academic year, subject to the existing guidelines of the scholarship scheme.

**Item No.6. Participation of self financing colleges in Higher Education Survey – Letter from Government.**

Resolved to request all the Universities to provide the data pertaining to all Higher Education Institutions including self financing Colleges /Institutions to the State unit of the AISHE in the KSHEC. The universities may take necessary steps to ensure the participation of all affiliated Higher Education Institutions including Self financing colleges in the Higher Education Survey conducted by the KSHEC.

**Item No.7. Separate Competition for students belonging to transgender community in Arts Festival –Letter from Government.**

Resolved to recommend to the Government/Universities to hold separate competitions for students belonging to transgender community in Youth Festivals. For this the university Youth Festival Manual may be suitably amended.

**Item No.8. Construction of Unnathi Bhavan – Budget Proposal in the Green Book.**

Resolved to request the Government to include the budget proposal related to the purchase of head quarters for the Higher Education Council in the Green Book for projects envisaged in the Budget 2021-22.

**Item No.9. Petition of Sri Nikhilesh N. relating to illegal termination from service – Government letter.**

Resolved to entrust Dr. K K Damodaran, Member Executive Committee to enquire the matter and submit a report.

**Additional Agenda**

**Item No. A1. Kerala Academic Library Network (KALNET)**

Reporting- Kerala Academic Library Network (KALNET) is a Shared Platform for Academic Resources of Libraries in Kerala, consisting of 11 Universities , 147 Libraries and 15 Lakh Titles , with a single search interface

The universities in Kerala have developed a rich collection of library resources over the past several decades. These resources are spread across various academic libraries in Kerala and so it is quite difficult for a user to visit the library catalogues of different universities separately in order to locate information for teaching and research. The Higher Education Council has come up with a solution to make this task easy by implementing a discovery service to enable single point access to the entire library resources of universities in Kerala called KALNET (Kerala Academic Library Network).

Based on the VuFind open source software, a team of library staff from Calicut University has developed this new generation search interface. Library data from various university libraries are combined to form a single interface which is not only fast but also has many advanced features.

In the second phase the libraries of affiliated colleges will be linked to KALNET.

KOHA a free software will be used for this.

### **Important Features of the KALNET**

A single, unified catalogue to search for items across the collections of different academic libraries in Kerala.

Quick searches based on the Title, Subject, Author, etc.

Better integration of the Library's traditional print materials, electronic and digital collections.

In addition to books, other library resources such as journals/periodicals, PhD theses, Postgraduate dissertations, Daisy Digital talking books (audio books) and various reports are also indexed.

Advanced searching with Boolean operators and for more precise results, as well as a "Narrow Search" feature to limit, sort and refine the search results.

A Virtual Browse feature for print books to see what's related to the book by subject area.

When viewing a record, the user will be offered suggestions of resources that are similar to the current resource

Unlike traditional library catalogues, the open source based search interface offers various features like spelling suggestions, auto completion of queries.

The main advantage of this search facility is the easiness provided by a single interface to search resources spread across 147 libraries in universities in Kerala. Recommendation of related topics and similar search tips help users to locate apt content. Vufind software is capable of integrating various resources and in the second phase the Higher Education Council of Kerala plans to provide live status of the availability of the library materials.

## Item No. A2. Chancellor's Award 2020

Reported the details of the revised criteria

### a. Background

The Chancellor's award was instituted by the then Hon'ble Chancellor and Governor of Kerala Shri. Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam in 2014 to nurture the spirit of healthy competition among the State Universities in Kerala, in becoming vibrant centers of learning. The award is in two categories - **Established Universities** and the **Emerging Young University** (Universities up to 12 years of existence). The award carries an amount of Rs. 5 crores / Rs. 1 Crore, a citation and a gold plated trophy. The prize money, provided by the State Government in its Budget, is meant for capital expenditure for any major project in the University. Government of Kerala authorized the Kerala State Higher Education Council to conduct the selection process of Chancellor's Award for the Best University and Emerging Young University, vide letter No. B2/171/2018/H.EDN dated 03/08/2018.

### b. Methodology and Selection Process

The award is given based on parameters like academic achievements, teaching, research, extension, student profile, governance, social inclusiveness and other accomplishments of Universities in the state. Marks are awarded based on the performance of the universities on the above criteria for the preceding year, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. The uploaded data along with the supporting documents are verified by the Selection Committee.

### c. Chancellor's Award - Previous Winners

Year	Established Universities	Emerging Young University
2015	University of Kerala	Nil
2016	Mahatma Gandhi University	Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Science
2017	Cochin University of Science and Technology	Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
2018	Mahatma Gandhi University	Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
2019	Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT)	Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University

### d. Selection Committee with CNR Rao as Chairman

The Selection Committee for the Chancellor's Award consists of the following persons.

1. (Bharat Ratna) Prof. C.N.R.Rao (Chairman)  
National Research Professor  
Linus Pauling Research Professor & Honorary President  
CSIR Centre for Excellence in Chemistry,  
New Chemistry Unit and  
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  9. Dr. Rajan Varughese (Convenor)  
(Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University)  
Member Secretary  
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e. **Portal for Chancellor's Award in KSHEC Website**

The council has developed a portal in its website, exclusively for the purpose of enabling the participating universities to upload the details regarding the assessment items/ criteria from 2019 onwards.

f. **Meeting of the Selection Committee for Chancellor's Award 2020**

There was a general demand for revising the criteria presently followed in the selection of Chancellor's Award from the state universities. A discussion was held in this regard in a meeting of the selection committee with Vice Chancellors of all the Universities (06-10-2020). Vice-Chancellors were requested to present /forward specific suggestions on or before 20-11-2020. Five universities submitted their specific suggestions/opinions to the council and a meeting led by Dr Suresh Das was subsequently held on 21-12-2020 at KSHEC to examine the inputs from the universities. On the basis of these deliberations, a draft of the revised criteria was circulated among the Selection Committee members. The meeting of the selection committee held on 07/01/2021 finalised the revised criteria for Chancellor's Award.

Following a detailed discussion Selection Committee unanimously resolved the following:

1. To adopt the new classification of Universities into **Multi Disciplinary Universities** and **Specialized Universities** as shown below

<b>Multidisciplinary Universities ( Established Universities)</b>	<b>Specialized Universities (Emerging Young University)</b>
1. <i>University of Kerala</i>	1. <i>Kerala Agricultural University</i>
2. <i>University of Calicut</i>	2. <i>Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit</i>
3. <i>Mahatma Gandhi University</i>	3. <i>Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies</i>
4. <i>Kannur University</i>	4. <i>Kerala University of Health Sciences</i>
5. <i>Cochin University of Science and Technology</i>	5. <i>Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University</i>
	6. <i>Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University</i>
	7. <i>APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University</i>
	8. <i>Kerala Kalamandalam of Art and Culture</i>

2. To approve the revised criteria of evaluation consisting of the following five categories.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Revised Categories</b>	<b>Total Marks</b>
1	Knowledge Generation	200
2	Knowledge Dissemination	200
3	Student Profile	100
4	Academic Governance	300
5	Social Impact	200
	Grand Total Marks	1000

The notification for the Chancellor's award 2020 will be based on the revised criteria of evaluation and other modifications approved by the selection committee.

**Item No. A3. Medical reimbursement of Rs. 92,973 of Member Secretary verified by Director Health Services (DHS) Thiruvananthapuram.**

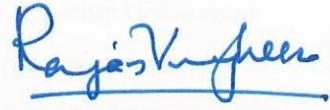
Approved the medical reimbursement of Rs 92,973/- (Ninty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Three)of the Member Secretary incurred for the treatment of his mother, the Essentiality Certificate for which was verified by the Director Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram.

**The minutes were read and confirmed.**

The Executive Body meeting began at 11.00 am and came to an end at 12.45 pm



**Vice Chairman**



**Member Secretary**