ANNUAL REPORT

2023-24

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FOREWORD

As you know an annual report is usually a comprehensive report detailing the Council's activities during the year. Its purpose is to inform the official bodies of the Council, Audit Department and the clientele about the programmes and achievements including the financial performance.

A remarkable achievement of this year (2023-24) are the completion of the project of the Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework, implementation of the Four Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP) and the initialisation of the KREAP seeking complete digital automation of the universities including Enterprise Resource Plan (ERP) covering the life-cycle management of students, teachers and the support staff. I congratulate all the people involved in the above efforts. Although it is smug and self-congratulatory for the Council to praise itself, we cannot but state a matter of pride about our Journal. In SCOPUS international Ranking the Council's Journal, *Higher Education for the Future*, is put under Q1 category.

The handwork and cooperation of the entire staff under the administrative leadership and direction of the Member Secretary with the support of the Registrar as well as the Finance Officer of the Council have gone into the making of the Report. I congratulate them all.

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M.
Vice Chairman

Thiruvananthapuram
August 31, 2024

PATRON

Shri. Arif Mohammed Khan

Hon'ble Governor of Kerala
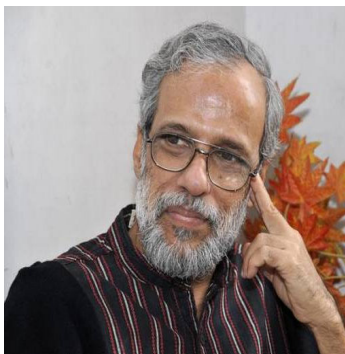
VISITOR

Shri.Pinarayi Vijayan

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala

CHAIRPERSON

Dr. R Bindu

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education

VICE CHAIRMAN

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M

MEMBER SECRETARY

Dr.Rajan Varughese

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SETTING UP OF THE COUNCIL

The National Education Policy of 1986 envisioned state level agencies for coordinating educational activities. The Kerala State Higher Education Council is such an agency that came into existence, following the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act (No.22) passed by the State Legislature in 2007. The State Higher Education Council was earlier set up in 2000 through an executive order, but it had only a short life. Subsequently in 2003, a chapter on State Council of Higher Education was included in the Unified Universities Bill presented in the State Assembly, but that was never enacted. In 2005, the Government organized a one-day workshop involving Vice-Chancellors, academics and administrators. On the basis of the discussions held at the workshop, a draft Ordinance was prepared, and later turned into a draft Bill. However, this Bill was also not enacted. In 2006, a Higher Education Commission under the Chairmanship of Dr. K.N. Panikkar was appointed for making recommendations to the Government for constituting a Higher Education Council. On the basis of the recommendations submitted by the Commission, the Kerala State Higher Education Council was set up on 16th March 2007 through an Ordinance that was later legislated as the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act 2007 (Act 22 of 2007).

Kerala State Higher Education Council Act 2007 was amended through an ordinance by the Government of Kerala on July 2017 and subsequently legislated as the Kerala State Higher Education Council (Amendment) Act (Act 19 of 2018). The major provisions of the amendment are;

(1) Amendment of the preamble:-In the principal Act, in the preamble, in the first paragraph after the word "experts", the symbol and the word ", students" is inserted

(2) Substitution of certain expressions by certain other expressions:-In the principal Act, for the words "Advisory Council", "Executive Council" and "Governing Council", wherever they occur, the words "Advisory Body", "Executive Body" and "Governing Body" are respectively substituted

(3) Collaborate with the Government in the implementation of RUSA and similar centrally sponsored schemes and other central sector schemes within the State;

(4) Evolve common academic guidelines for Universities in the State for mutual recognition, approval or equalization of academic programmes/areas of studies and nomenclature thereof;

(5) Evolve common academic guidelines for Universities in the State for recognition, approval or equalization of academic programmes/ areas of studies and nomenclature thereof of various programmes conducted by Universities or higher education institutions outside the   State and outside the country;

(6) The Patron may refer any matter relating to higher education and higher educational institutions as he deems fit, for the expert opinion of the Council."

(7) The Visitor may refer any matter relating to higher education and higher educational institutions, as he

(8) It shall nominate one of its members to 'the Academic Council of each University' The Council plans and executes schemes and programmes that ensure social justice, access and quality in higher education.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL

The first Kerala State Higher Education Council came into existence on 16th March 2007, with the renowned educationist and historian Dr. K.N. Panikkar as its Vice-Chairman and Prof. Thomas Joseph as Member Secretary. The tenure of this Council ended on 15th September 2011. Subsequently, the second Council, with Shri. T.P. Sreenivasan, the retired Ambassador as the Vice-Chairman and Dr. P. Anvar as Member Secretary, was formed on 12th October 2011. Its term came to an end on 11th April 2016. The third Council was constituted on 7th November 2017 with Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M, former Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and renowned historian, as Vice Chairman and Dr. Rajan Varughese, Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University as Member Secretary. The fourth Council was constituted on 13th September 2023 with Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M and Dr. Rajan Varughese as Vice Chairman and Member Secretary respectively.

Council	Term	Vice Chairman	Member Secretary
1st Council	2007-2011	Prof. K.N.Panikkar	Prof. Thomas Joseph
2nd Council	2011-2016	Shri. T.P. Sreenivasan	Dr. P. Anvar
3rd Council	2017-2023	Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M	Dr. Rajan Varughese
4th Council	2023-onwards	Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M	Dr. Rajan Varughese

The Kerala State Higher Education Council is constituted by the Government of Kerala by Notification as per the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007/2028.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Council shall have the following general responsibilities and functions, namely:-

(a) to render advice to the Government, Universities and other institutions of higher education in the State;

(b) to coordinate the roles of the Government, Universities and apex regulatory agencies in higher education within the State;

(c) to evolve new concepts and programmes in higher education;

(d) to provide common facilities in higher education without impinging upon the autonomy of other institutions of higher education.

STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

The council has a three-tier structure, consisting of advisory body, governing body and executive body.

I.   Advisory Body

This is a 35 member body consisting of the Chief Minister, Minister for Higher Education, Minister for Health, Minister for Law, Minister for Agriculture, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly.

Members

Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan

Chief Minister (The Visitor)

Dr. R. Bindu

Hon. Minister for Higher Education (The Chairperson)

Shri. V.D. Satheesan

Hon. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly

Smt. Veena George

Hon. Minister for Health and Family Welfare

Shri. P. Prasad

Hon. Minister for Agriculture

Shri. P. Rajeeve

Hon. Minister for Law

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M

Vice Chairman

Dr. Rajan Varughese

Member Secretary

Members of Parliament

(1) Adv. A.M. Arif M.P (Loksabha)

(2) Dr. V. Sivadasan M.P (Rajyasabha)

Five Members of Legislative Assembly

(1) Sri. U.A Latheef

(2) Sri. Muhammed Muhasin P.

(3) Sri. K.M. Sachindev

(4) Smt. Uma Thomas

(5) Sri. M. Vijin

Vice Chancellor outside the State University

(Will be nominated by Govt. later)

Prof. V K Ramachandran

Vice Chairman, State Planning Board

Adv. P Satheedevi

Chairperson, Women's Commission

Dr. V. Venu IAS

Chief Secretary, Government of Kerala

Shri. C.J. George

M.D., Jiojith Financial Services

 (A Prominent Industrialist or Businessman)

Shri. Asokan Charuvil

(An Eminent person from the field of Arts and Literature)

Dr. K.N. Harilal

(An Eminent Social Scientist)

Shri. V.B. Parameswaran

(An Eminent Person from Print or Visual Media)

Dr. Anoop Kumar A.S.

(An Eminent Member from the Medical Profession)

Shri. P.R. Sreejesh

(An Eminent Sports Person)

Dr. K.K. Vijayan

(An Eminent Scientist or Technologist)

Shri. George Mathew

(An Eminent Agriculturist)

Prof. K.C. Sunny

 (An Eminent Jurist)

Adv. Saju Xavier T.

(One Grama Panchayath President)

Smt. Lalitha Balan

(One Block Panchayath President)

Smt. K.G. Rajeswari

(One District Panchayath President)

Adv. S. Kumari

(One Municipal Chairperson)

Adv. M. Anilkumar

(One Mayor)

One Chairman or Vice Chairman of a SHEC outside the State of Kerala

(Will be nominated by Govt.)

One Vice Chancellor of a Central University outside the State

(Will be nominated by Govt.)

II.   Governing Body

Members

Dr. R. Bindu (Chairperson)

Hon. Minister for Higher Education

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M

Vice Chairman

Dr. Rajan Varughese

Member Secretary

Five Educationalists

(1)   **Dr. Sabu Thomas**

(Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam),

Chathukulam house, Permbayikkadu P.O., Kottayam

(2)   **Dr. K.K. Damodaran**

Daya, Vengode P.O., Malappuram

(3)   **Dr. M.S. Rajasree**

(Technical Education DirectorT.C 20/1679(1), Midhila, N-9, Sasthri Nagar North, Karamana P.O., Thiruvananthapuram

(4)   **Dr. Sri. Paul V. Karanthanam,**

Botany Department, St. Thomas College, Pala

(5)   **Dr. P.P. Ajayakumar,**

Sr. Professor, School of Distance Education, Kerala University

Vice Chancellors of All Universities in the State

1.   **Hon. Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala**

Senate House Campus, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram-695 034

2.   **Dr. B. Ashok IAS**

Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Vellanikkara,

Thrissur – 680656

3. **Prof. (Dr.) C.T. Aravindakumar**

   Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University

   Priyadarshini Hills, Athirampuzha, Kottayam – 686560.

4. **Prof. (Dr.) M.K. Jayaraj**

   Vice Chancellor, Calicut University, Calicut University PO, Malappuram-673635

5. **Hon. Vice Chancellor APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University**,

   CET Campus, TVM – 695016

6. **Prof. (Dr.) P.G.Sankaran**

   Vice Chancellor, Cochin University of Science And Technology (CUSAT),

   Kochi – 22

7. **Prof. (Dr.) Mohanan Kunnummal**

   Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Health Science,

   Medical College.P.O., Thrissur -   680596

8. **Prof. (Dr.) Gopinath Ravindran**

   Vice Chancellor, Kannur University, Kannur – 670002

9. **Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep Kumar T.**

   Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies

   Kochi – 682506

10. **Prof. (Dr.) M. V. Narayanan**

    Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit,

    Kalady.P.O., Ernakulam – 683574

11. **Prof. (Dr.) L.Sushama**

    Vice Chancellor, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University,

    Vakkad, Tirur,Malappuram-676502

12. **Prof. (Dr.) Anil K.S.**

    Vice Chancellor, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University,

    Pookode, Lakkidy.P.O., Wayanad – 673576

13. **Hon'ble Justice Mr. S. Siri Jagan**

    Vice Chancellor, the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS),

    Medical College-NAD Rd, HMT Colony, North Kalamassery, Kochi – 683503

14. **Hon. Vice Chancellor**

    Kerala Kalamandalam (Deemed to be University for Arts and Culture),

    Vallathol Nagar, Cheruthuruthy P.O., Thrissur-679531

15. **Prof. (Dr.) Saji Gopinath**,

    Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and

    Technology(Digital University Kerala), Technocity Campus,

    Thonnakkal P.O., Mangalapuram,Thiruvananthapuram-695317

16. **Prof. (Dr.) P.M Mubarak Pasha**

    Vice Chancellor, Sree Narayana Gauru Open University,

    University Building, Kureepuzha, Kollam-691609

    A Teacher Member

    (Will be nominated by the Universities)

    Two Student Representatives

1. **Akhila T.P,** II year MA Journalism, Mangattuparamba Campus, Kannur
2. **Abdulla Naseef S.A.,** Rsearch Student, Ecology Department, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peachi, Thrissur

    Person who has distinguished himself in Extension Activities

    (Will be nominated by Government later)

    Director of a Research Institution

    Prof. Jarugu Narasimhamoorthi,
    Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research(IISER),
    Vithura, Thiruvananthapuram-695551

    The Member of the State Planning Board in charge of Education

    A nominee of the University Grants Commission not below the Rank of Joint Secretary

    The Secretary to Govt. Higher Education Department

    Smt. Ishita Ray IAS

    Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department

    The Secretary to Govt. Finance Department

    The Director of Technical Education

    Dr. M.S. Rajasree

    Director of Technical Education

The Director of Medical Education

The Executive Vice President Kerala State Council for Science Technology and Environment

Dr. K.P. Sudheer

Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Collegiate Education

Sri. Sudhir K. IAS

Director of Collegiate Education, 6th Floor, Vikas Bhavan P.O., Thiruvananthapuram

The Agricultural Production Commissioner

One Nominee of MHRD, Govt. of India, Not Below the Rank of Joint Secretary

State Project Director, RUSA

Smt. Ishita Ray IAS

Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department

One Principal of Affiliated College

Dr. T. Muhammad Salim,

Principal, Farook Training College, Kozhikode

One Non Teaching Staff Member of University or College

Sri. Harilal,

Deputy Registrar, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi

III.   Executive Body Members

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M

Vice Chairman, KSHEC

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Dr. Rajan Varughese

Member Secretary, KSHEC

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Dr. Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences Innovation and Technology

(One of the Vice Chancellors, nominated by rotation

by the government for a period of one year**)**

Five Educationalists nominated under   clause (d) of Section 14

1. **Dr. Sabu Thomas**

   (Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam),

   Chathukulam house, Permbayikkadu P.O., Kottayam

2. **Dr. K.K. Damodaran**

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   Botany Department, St. Thomas College, Pala

5. **Dr. P.P. Ajayakumar,**

   Sr. Professor, School of Distance Education, Kerala University

   The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, *Ex-officio*

 Smt. Ishita Roy IAS

 Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, *ex-officio*

Meetings of the Bodies of KSHEC during 2023-24

i.   **Advisory Body**

   A meeting of the Advisory Body was held on 05/03/2024 during the report year.

ii. **Governing Body Meeting**

Two meetings of the Governing Body were held during the report year on.

21/08/2023
09/01/2024

iii.   Executive Body

Seven meetings of the Executive Body were held during the report year on.

27/04/2023
23/05/2023
09/08/2023
09/10/2023
24/11/2023
04/03/2024
19/03/2024

COMMITTEES CONSTITUTED BY KSHEC DURING 2023-24

1. Committee for Formulating the Selection Criteria for Foreign Travel Fellowship

The Budget 2023-24 announced the launching of the short-term fellowship to support the travel and living expenses of 100 researchers who obtain short term research assignments in the world's top 200 universities annually. In this connection, for determining the selection criteria for this fellowship, an expert committee was constituted by the Kerala State Higher Education Council with the following experts:

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Capacity in the Committee
1	Prof. Sabu Thomas, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University	Chairman
2	Dr.Fathimathu Zuhara, Executive Body, KSHEC	Member

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Capacity in the Committee
3	Dr.Vani Kesari A, Director (ICREP),School of Legal Studies Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi	Member

2. Committee to Formulate Guidelines for Starting of New UG/PG Programmes in Universities/ Affiliated Colleges.

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Capacity in the Committee
	Dr. Sabu Thomas Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Chairman
	Dr. Saji Gopinath Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation & Technology	Member
	Dr. M.S. Rajasree Director, Technical Education	Member
	Dr. K.K. Damodaran Member, Executive Body, KSHEC	Member
	Sri. Paul V Karanthanam Member, Executive Body, KSHEC	Member

3. Committee to Revise the Curriculum of Music

Sl. No	Name and Designation	Capacity in the Committee
1	Smt. Omanakutty Amma Rtd. Professor and Head of Department of Music, University of Kerala	Chairperson
2	Sri. Umayalpuram K Shivaraman, Founder Director, UKS School of Mrudangam, Chennai	Member

3	Mr. Alphonse Joseph, Director, Crossroads School of Music, Kalamassery, Kochi	Member
4	Prof. Dr. CA Sreeedhara, Department of Music, University College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore	Member

4. Committee to Study the Workload Related Problems of B.Com/BBA Courses.

Sl. No	Name and Designation	Capacity in the Committee
1	Dr. K K Damodaran, Member, Executive Body, KSHEC	Member
2	Sri. Paul V Karanthanam, Member, Executive Body, KSHEC	Member

5. Committee for Formulating the Curriculum of 4 year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP)

Sl. No	Name and Designation	Capacity in the Committee
1	Dr. Mohan B Menon Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Singapore National University	Chairman
2	Dr. T Mohammed Saleem, Principal, Farook Training College, Kozhikode 9496363353,9778206739 Principalftc1@gmail.com drsalimt@gmail.com	Member/ Convenor
3	Prof. Anil Kumar K, Professor, Regional Institute of Teacher Education Mysore dranilkumar97@gmail.com	Member

4	Prof. (DR.) Asha J V, Professor & Head of the Department, School of Pedagogical Studies, MGU, Kottayam 9447043489 ashajv3@gmail.com, ashajv@mgu.ac.in	Member
5	Prof. Suresh, Professor, Department of Education, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod 04902477234 drsureshkp@cukerala.ac.in	Member
6	Dr. K S Sajan, Assistant Professor of Education Teacher's Training College, Ottapalam, Palakkad sajan@nssce.org Ph. 9496354916	Member

6. Organising Committee for International Conference cum Hands-on Workshop

The Vice Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council has constituted an organizing committee for conducting International Conference cum Hands-on Workshop on 3rd and 4th August, 2023 at Sree Chitra Tirunnal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram with the following scholars:

Sl.No	Name & Designation	Capacity in the Committee
1	Prof.M.S. Valiathan Founder Director, SCTIMST, National Research Professor, School of Life Science, Manipal University	Patron
2	Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M., Vice Chairman, KSHEC	Chairman
3	Dr. Sanjay Behari, Director, SCTIMST	Member
4	Dr.Mohanan Kunnummal, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Health Sciences	Member

5	Dr.P.R. Harikrishna Varma, Head of BMT Wing, SCTIMST	Member
6	Dr.Roy Joseph, Scientist G, Dept. of Medical Devices Engineering, SCTIMST	Member
7	Dr. Vijayakumar, Former Professor of Community Medicine, Medical College Thiruvananthapuram	Member
8	Dr. Fathimath Zuhra, Former Professor, Dept. of Life Sciences, University of Calicut	Member
9	Mr. C.Padmakumar, Special Officer, Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council(K-DISC)	Member
10	Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, KSHEC	Convenor

7. Technical Sanction Committee for the Construction of KSHEC Unnatha Vidya Bhavan

The Government of Kerala has constituted a Technical Committee for the construction of Head Quarters building for the Kerala State Higher Education Council (Unnatha Vidya Bhavan) in KSSTM campus, Thiruvananthapuram with the following members.

Sl.No	Name & Designation	Capacity in the Committee
1	Sri. Madhavan Pillai, CE (Rtd) Kerala PWD	Chairperson
2	Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, KSHEC	Member & Convenor
3	Sri. Rajesh D, Executive Engineer, LID EW, Jilla Panchayath, Thiruvananthapuram	Member

4	Smt. Mini S., Deputy Chief Engineer (Rtd), KSEB, Electrical Circle	Member
5	Sri,. Suresh Babu M, Executive Engineer, KSEBL (Electrical Circle, Kattakkada	Member
6	Sri. B.K. Gopakumar, Asst. General Manager, ULCC Ltd	Member

Important Meetings held during 2023-24

1. Meeting of the Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Committee held on 05/04/2023 at Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Thiruvananthapuram.

2. Meeting of Registrars and Pro Vice Chancellors for the discussion and regulation on FYUGP held on 23/06/2023 at Board Room of KSHEC

3. Meeting of the committee for Foundation Courses as part of curriculum reforms held on 30/10/2023 at Board Room of KSHEC.

4. Meeting of the committee to formulate guidelines to starting new UG/PG programmes in Universities/Colleges held on 20/11/2023 at board room of KSHEC.

5. One day workshop for the B.Voc courses in Universities and Colleges held on 01/02/2024 at board room of KSHEC

6. One day discussion on Foundation Courses held on 15/02/2024 at board room of KSHEC

7. Meeting of the Technical Sanction Committee for Unnatha Vidya Bhavan held on 14/03/2024 at board room of KSHEC.

8. Meeting of Universities on Study in Kerala held on 26/03/2024 at board room of KSHEC.

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Academic activities of the Council fall under its three Centers viz:

(1) Centre for Research on Policies in Higher Education

(2) Centre for Curriculum Development and Examination Reforms

(3) Centre for Human Resources Development and Capacity Building.

(4) Faculty Development Centre. (FDC)

(5) State Assessment and Accreditation Centre. (SAAC)

I. Centre for Research on Policies in Higher Education

The Kerala State Higher Education Council provides advice on policy matters to the Government in general and on specific issues referred to the Council by the Government. During the report year the Council provided reports/ recommendations on the following matters/ areas.

I. **Journal-Higher Education for the Future**

The journal "Higher Education for the Future" (ISSN: 2347-6311; Online ISSN: 2348-5779) is published biannually in January and July by the Kerala State Higher Education Council in collaboration with SAGE Publications India Pvt. Ltd. Currently in its ninth volume, the journal is a member of the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE). It features an Editorial Board and an International Advisory Board comprised of prominent academicians from India and around the globe.

Manuscripts are submitted and reviewed via SAGE Track, an online system that allows authors to track their submissions through various stages of the review process. The journal is indexed in several databases, including:

DeepDyve, Dutch-KB, ERIC (Education Resources Information Center), Indian Citation Index (ICI), J-Gate, OCLC, Ohio, ProQuest, SCOPUS, UGC-CARE (GROUP II).

"Higher Education for the Future" boasts a CiteScore of 12.300, a Source-Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) of 4.368, and a SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) of 2.107. The journal enjoys a wide readership, with contributions from across several countries. The contributions were primarily from Asian countries, with notable submissions from India, Kazakhstan, and Indonesia. The United States also submitted significant number of manuscripts. Among European countries, the United Kingdom and the Russian Federation were key contributors.

II. Kerala Academic Libraries Network (KALNET)

In a major initiative to enhance academic collaboration and resource sharing, a unified platform for academic resources, connecting the libraries of higher education institutions across the State was developed in February 2021. This platform, known as KALNET, integrates a comprehensive collection of over 1.5 million titles from 11 universities and 147 libraries, providing unparalleled access to academic materials.

The platform leverages VuFind, an open-source software, to deliver a seamless, single-point search interface. This interface allows users to search across the collections of all participating universities by title, subject, author, call number, ISBN, and more. The following universities are contributing to this vast resource pool:

Sl. No	University	Titles
1.	University of Kerala	5,07,313
2.	University of Calicut	3,21,526
3.	Cochin University of Science and Technology	1,84,221
4.	Mahatma Gandhi University	1,54,387
5.	Kerala Agricultural University	1,24,619
6.	Kannur University	82,863

Sl. No	University	Titles
7.	Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit	73,902
8.	Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University	29,190
9.	Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University	23,767
10.	Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies	15,751
11.	National University of Advanced Legal Studies	11,977

This collaborative effort has culminated in a total collection of 1,529,516 titles, significantly enhancing the academic resources available to students, researchers, and educators across the State.

Future Enhancements and Services

Moving forward, the platform will be enhanced to provide real-time status updates on the availability of library materials, making it easier for users to access the resources they need. Plans are in place to extend the network to include libraries from affiliated colleges, thereby expanding the reach and accessibility of the platform.

Additionally, it is aimed to introduce Document Delivery and Inter-Library Loan services to facilitate the sharing of materials between institutions. This will further streamline access to academic resources and support the needs of the academic community. The platform will also offer Institutional Membership within the State and Individual Membership to teachers and research scholars, fostering a more inclusive and collaborative academic environment for all.

III.   E-Journal Consortium

In January 2020, the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) initiated the formation of an E-Journal Consortium as part of its mission to elevate the quality of higher education and unify resources across the state's universities. Officially operational in May 2022, this consortium aims to provide extensive e-journal access to all 16 state universities, with KSHEC serving as the central coordinating body.

Objectives and Approach

The E-Journal Consortium was established to streamline access to electronic journals, or e-journals, which are distributed via the internet. These resources are available through paid subscriptions and allow multiple users to access them simultaneously from remote locations. By adopting a consortium model, centralized negotiations for licensing and subscription agreements are conducted in consultation with all the participating universities.

Formation and Planning

In response to the discontinuation of free services by UGC INFLIBNET and the escalating subscription costs, the Vice Chancellors of state universities requested KSHEC to set up a state-level e-journal consortium. This proposal received detailed consideration by the KSHEC Governing Body, which resolved to establish the consortium to mitigate rising costs and address limited funding for university libraries (GB meeting on January 21, 2020, Item No. 7). The Governor's Address to the State Assembly on January 29, 2020, further endorsed the establishment of this consortium as a significant initiative.

To ensure effective implementation, two committees were formed:

- Advisory Committee: Comprised of Vice Chancellors from the participating universities.
- Technical Committee: Consisting of librarians and representatives from each university, responsible for technical and operational matters of the consortium.

Implementation and Collaboration

Recognizing the varied needs of each university, KSHEC requested lists of required e-resources from all institutions. A consensus on the inclusion of specific e-journals and the financial responsibilities was reached during a videoconference meeting of Vice Chancellors on July 29, 2020. The Technical Committee convened on September 24, 2020, to define the terms for negotiating with service providers.

The consortium became operational after successful negotiations with key publishers:

- Elsevier: An agreement was finalized for access to 1,500 titles in 11 subject collections on Science Direct, and the Scopus database for all 16 universities.
- KNIMBUS: Knimbus is a digital library platform that facilitates seamless access to a wide range of scholarly e-journals and other academic resources. Within the E-Journal Consortium, Knimbus acts as a centralized gateway, enabling universities to efficiently search, access, and manage e-journal subscriptions from various publishers. Its intuitive interface supports remote access and collaborative research, making it an indispensable tool for enhancing the research capabilities of consortium members.

Operational Impact and User Engagement

Since its establishment, the consortium has enabled state universities to access a diverse array of e-journals from renowned publishers globally. Usage statistics reveal substantial engagement, with significant increases in user registration, visits, and downloads across different periods. KSHEC has facilitated this success through regular meetings and interactions with university librarians and stakeholders, ensuring smooth access via the KNIMBUS platform.

Impact and Future Plans

- Enhanced Usage: The platform has witnessed a notable rise in user engagement, with increased registrations, visits, and downloads, underscoring its value to the academic community.
- Expansion Plans: Future plans include incorporating libraries from affiliated colleges and providing real-time updates on the availability of materials.
- Governance and Collaboration: The consortium is managed by an Advisory Committee of Vice Chancellors and a Technical Committee of university librarians, ensuring comprehensive oversight and continuous improvement.

The E-Journal Consortium marks a significant advancement in delivering high-quality academic resources and promoting a collaborative research environment across state

universities. KSHEC remains committed to supporting this initiative and ensuring its ongoing success in the years ahead.

IV. Library

The library of the Council is a specialized one, mainly related with resources on higher education. The library has a collection of 765 books, reports of the various committees constituted by the Council and newspaper clippings related to matters on Kerala State Higher Education Council and other news related to higher education.

The library plays a crucial role in supporting the research and educational activities of the KSHEC. We provide comprehensive resources and services that aid in curriculum development, academic research, and the dissemination of scholarly work.

V. All India Survey on Higher Education

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) has been designated as the State Nodal Agency for the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), an annual web-based survey conducted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. In the 2022-23 AISHE survey, approximately 90% of institutions from the state participated: 100% of universities, 90% of colleges, and 84% of stand-alone institutions.

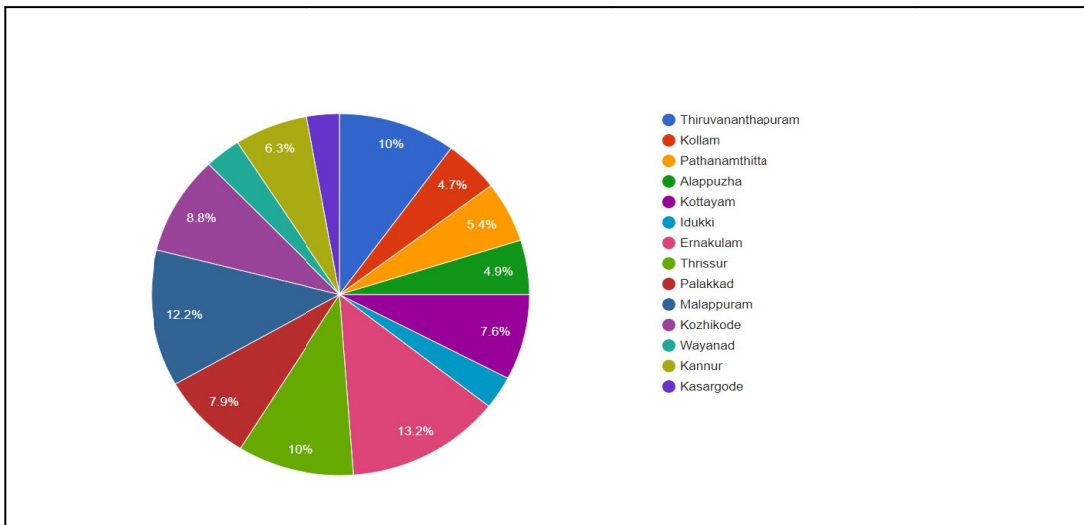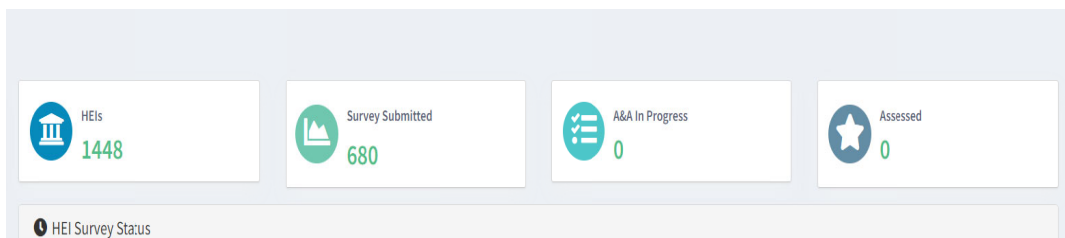### VI. All Kerala Higher Education Survey (AKHES)

All Kerala Higher Education Survey (AKHES), under the auspice of the Government of Kerala, has been mandated with the path breaking objective of strengthening the official statistical system to produce a comprehensive database of higher education institutions in the state, enabling a periodical and time bound updating so as to assess and review the performance of the education sector in its regional divergence across the state. The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) has launched an All Kerala Higher Education Survey (AKHES) in the year 2019, which is an annual exercise too. The main objective of the survey is to identify and capture all the institutions of higher learning in the state by collecting all the relevant data pertaining to higher education from the HEIs in the state. The All Kerala Higher Education Survey is web- based and uploaded through the KSHEC portal.

The AKHES survey report 2021-22 was delayed due to the COVID pandemic; therefore, on March 5, 2024, during the first meeting of the reconstituted Kerala State Higher Education Council's Advisory Committee, Hon. Chief Minister Sri. Pinarayi Vijayan released the AKHES report 2021–22.

The All Kerala Higher Education Survey (AKHES) report 2021-22 has recorded a Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) of 41.3% in Higher Education Institutions in the state which is higher than the national average of 28.4%. in terms of inclusiveness, Kerala's GER of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are 28.3% and 28.9%. The national average of the latter category stood as low as 21.2%. In 2021-22, the total student enrolment was 10,99,113, out of which 3,31,244 (30.1%) were in universities and 7,67,869 (69.9%) in colleges. Female students outnumber male students by accounting for 59.47% (numbering 5,95,512) of the total enrolment. There were 114 transgender students in the State. The total number of foreign students across institutions in Kerala stood at 437.The total number of faculty is 58,255, including 2,312 teachers in universities. The overall pupil-teacher ratio stood at 17.76.While the overall pass rate across universities was recorded to be 70%, some universities posted a pass percentage of above 90%. The overall pass rate across affiliated colleges is 70.26%.

The 2022-23 All Kerala Higher Education Survey is currently being conducted.

HEIs **1448**	Survey Submitted **680**
A&A In Progress **0**	Assessed **0**

🕐 HEI Survey Status

District wise submission statistics of All Kerala Higher Education Survey 2022-23

II.   Centre for Curriculum Development and Examination Reforms

The major initiatives undertaken by the Council through Centre for Curriculum Development and Examination Reforms during 2023-24 are the following:

1.   Project on Outcome Based Education (OBE)

Since 2018, The Council has been actively involved in providing quality Training to the faculty members of the State Universities and Colleges in Redesigning of their Courses under the Outcome Based Education (OBE) format. In the context of the Four Year Undergraduate (FYUG) Programmes introduced in the State, the emphasis of OBE has been doubled. Extensive activities at the levels of Universities and Colleges have been held in terms of this purpose.

In this connection, University wise & district wise orientation trainings of FYUGP have been organised by the Council during this term which include training sessions on OBE in this context for moulding the master trainers for the respective Universities. Along with this, curriculum for Foundation Courses has been prepared by the Council so as to enable the Universities and Board of Studies could frame their needs based on the model put forward by the Council. This framework was conceptualised and structured by experts from various fields based on the outcomes defined by the cognitive levels. The document prepared by the Council includes the concepts contributed by Prof. N.J.Rao in this purpose.
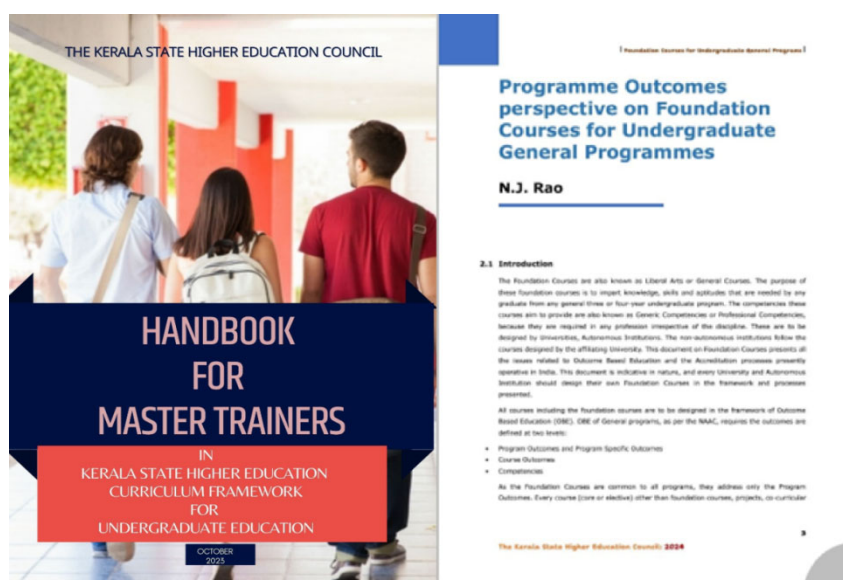
All HEIs in the country are advised to implement OBE in curriculum design and practice by stating the learning outcomes of programmes and their courses including the Graduate Attributes. NAAC, UGC, NBA, AICTE etc. moot for the OBE in educational programmes.

In continuation to the ongoing training programme offered by the council for the faculty members of the affiliated colleges, training programme on Outcome Based Education was held. The council has continued its support to the faculty members of those institutions which have already availed this training programme and started developing their course contents in the form of OBE framework & learning taxonomy statements addressing different cognitive levels as per Bloom's revised Taxonomy. In

the context of NAAC & SAAC accreditation criteria, the curriculum revision is expected to be framed under the OBE structure with emphasis on Learning Outcomes.

No	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
1	FDP: Teacher Professional Development (TPD) programme for Physics Teachers (UG) on "Mathematical Modelling-Using Technology Enabled and Student-Centered Learning Systems', conceived and developed at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Mumbai • Dr. Mashood KK (HBCSE, TIFR, Mumbai) • Dr. Sasidevan (CUSAT) and others	Organised jointly by KSHEC & Dept. of Physics, University of Kerala Venue: Janaki Ammal Hall, CLIF, Kariavattom No. of Participants: 23	5-9 June 2023 (9.30-4.30)
2	Connect to Collaborate-Enhancing Health Research-Workshop	Government Medical College (GMC) Kozhikode	1st August 2023
3	International Conference cum Hands on Workshop in Biomedical Translation Research	Medical College Faculty and PG Research Students engaged or interested in Biomedical Research	2 & 3 August 2023
4	National Seminar Restructuring Higher Education: Innovation and Strategies for NEP Implementation: Topic: Curriculum Design and OBE Organised by MA College Kothamangalam	All teaching Faculty of MA College Kothamangalam and sister Institutions Participants: 120	19th August 2023
5	Workshop on Philosophy of Foundation Courses- Prof. K.P. Mohanan Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Ananya Dasgupta	KSHEC-Invited Guests & teachers and Students from B.Ed. Colleges KSHEC-Tvpm	13th & 14th September 2023

No	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
6	Outcome based Education & Scope of FYUGP in Kerala Sree Narayana Guru College of Advanced Studies, Nangiarkulangara	All Teaching Faculty of Sree Narayana Guru College of Advanced Studies, Nangiarkulangara Participants: 30	15th September 2023
7	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at MG University, Kottayam Member Secretary & Research Officers	BoS Members & Core Committee Members of UG programmes Participants: 160	12th & 13th October 2023
8	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at University of Calicut, Tehnjipalam Member Secretary & Research Officers	BoS Members & Core Committee Members of UG programmes Participants: 160	19th & 20th October 2023
9	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram Member Secretary & Research Officers at Senate Hall	BoS Members & Core Committee Members of UG programmes Participants: 130	3rd & 4th November 2023
10	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery, Ernakulam for Colleges in Ernakulam District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Ernakulam District Participants: 140	7th November 2023
11	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at St. Thomas College (Autonomous) Thrissur for Colleges in Thrissur District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Thrissur District Participants: 130	8th November 2023

No	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
12	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at Mercy College Palakkad for Colleges in Palakkad District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Palakkad District Participants: 126	9th November 2023
13	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at Marian College (Autonomous) Kuttikkanam for Colleges in Idukki District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Idukki District Participants: 80	13th November 2023
14	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at CMS College (Autonomous), Kottayam for Colleges in Kottayam District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Kottayam District Participants: 140	14th November 2023
15	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at Seminar Hall, Electronics, CUSAT, Kalamassery for CUSAT and SSUS	Participants: BoS Members & Core Committee Members of UG programmes Participants: 60	17th November 2023
16	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP at Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous), Nalanchira for Colleges in Thiruvananthapuram District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Thiruvananthapuram District Participants: 120	28th November 2023

No	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
17	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP at Fatima Matha National College (Autonomous), Kollam For Colleges in Kollam District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Kollam District Participants: 130	29th November 2023
18	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP at MSM College, Kayamkulam for Colleges in Alappuzha District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Alappuzha District Participants: 140	30th November 2023
19	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP at St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery for Colleges in Pathanamthitta District	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Pathanamthitta District Participants: 120	1st December 2023
20	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP for Kannur University at Cherussery Auditorium, University main Campus, Kannur	Participants: BoS Members & Core Committee Members of UG programmes of Kannur University Participants: 140	13th & 14th December 2023
21	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP for Kannur District at Students Amenities centre Hall, University main Campus, Kannur	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Kannur District Participants: 100	14th December 2023

No	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
22	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP for Kasaragod District at Nehru Arts and Science College Padnakkad, Kanghangad	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Kasaragod District Participants: 80	14th December 2023
23	FYUGP Training for Board of Studies Members of PG Board of SSUS, Kalady (4 batches) Two batches/day	Participants: BoS Members of SSUS Region: SSUS, Kalady Participants: 80	19th & 20th December 2023
24	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP for Malappuram District at MES College, Valanchery	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Malappuram District Participants: 130	17th January 2024
25	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP for Kozhikode District at SN College Koyilandi	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Kozhikode District Participants: 100	18th January 2024
26	District level Orientation Programme of FYUGP for Wayanad District at St. Mary's College, SulthanBathery	Participants: Principal, IQAC Coordinator & Nodal Officer of FYUGP Region: Colleges in Wayanad District Participants: 60	19th January 2024
27	CMNPF-Orientation programme for Mode II Batch II fellows as part of the guidelines (Residential Mode) Resource persons: Dr. Khatakar IISc Dr. N.D. Narayana etc.	Participants: CMNPF-Mode II, Batch II fellows (57) Venue: CSIR-NIIST, Pappanamcode, Thiruvananthapuram	30th To 31st January 2024 (9.30 Am To 5.00pm)

No	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
28	FYUGP-Curriculum for Foundation Course & Outcome Based Education (2 day workshop) Resource Persons: Dr. K.P. Mohanan & Prof. N.J. Rao	Participants: BoS members of Universities & FYUG Coordinators, Academic Staff of KSHEC	15th & 16th February 2024
29	FYUGP-Curriculum for Foundation Course -OBE Assessment & Attainment (1 day workshop) Resource Persons: Dr. Sudheendran& Dr. Manulal P. ram At Kannur University	Participants: BoS members of Kannur University, & FYUG Coordinators Venue: Cherussery Auditorium Kannur University	19th February 2024
30	Master Trainers Programme of FYUGP for TEM Tirur (Malayalam University) at Seminar Studio Hall, University main Campus, Tirur	Participants: BoS Members & Core Committee Members of TEMU Participants: 40	21st & 22nd March 2024

2. Brain Gain: Database of Keralite Academic Diaspora

The Kerala State Higher Education Council has built up comprehensive database of the Keralite-Academic Diaspora of Scientists, Social Scientists and Humanities Experts, working abroad in famous Universities and Research Institutions worldwide and specialising in emerging areas of knowledge.

Under this scheme, nearly 446 scholars working in reputed national or international academic and research institutions have registered in the portal so far. The purpose of this scheme is to invite these experts for engaging with the academic and research activities for the benefit of students and teachers of universities in the State. In tune with Erudite Scholars in Residence scheme of KSHEC, a corollary scheme under the name Brain Gain is also going on. This is to identify a larger group of experts ready to make themselves available for a relatively long duration but at a smaller cost for teaching and research. It will facilitate

brain circulation by bringing the experts as short-term teachers, part-time collaborators in projects and co-supervisors in research. The academic community in the State as well as Keralite Academic Diaspora around the globe can mutually contribute and share the intellectual resources for achieving the larger developmental goals, thereby increasing research productivity of the State.

The Council is implementing this scheme in consultation with the Vice Chancellors of the Universities. The following scholars have visited the various universities in the State as part of the Brain Gain Scheme during the year 2023-24.

Details of the Brain Gain Programmes conducted during-2023-24

Sl. No	Details of the Scholar	Host Institution/Dept.&Duration of the programme
1	**Dr.Vinoy Thomas,** Associate Professor & Director of Graduate Programmes , Dept. of Material Science and Engineering, University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA, Vice President of Alabama Academy of Sciences (AAS)	International and Inter University Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam 3rd to 16th June,2023
2	**Dr. Shubha Sathyendranath** Merit Scientist, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, Prospect Place, The Hoe, Plymouth, UK	Dept. of Chemical Oceanography, Cochin University of Science And Technology, Kochi 26th January 2024 to 10th April, 2024

3. Erudite Scholar –in- Residence Programme

As part of the Erudite Scholar-in-Residence Programme, 20 programmes have been conducted by the various universities and colleges during the financial year 2023-24. The Kerala State Higher Education Council directly conducted programmes, involving Prof. Salim Yusuf, Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Executive Director of the Population Health Research Institute, McMaster University and Chief Scientist Hamilton Health

Sciences, on 1st August 2023 at Govt. Medical College, Kozhikode and on 3rd & 4th August, 2023 at Sree Chitra Thirunnal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram.

Prof. Salim Yusuf delivering lecture at the Sree Chitra Thirunnal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram

Details of the Erudite Scholar in Residence Programmes conducted during 2023-24 are as follows:

Sl. No	Details of the Erudite Scholar	Host Institution/Dept. date & duration of the Programme
1	**Dr. P.M Ajayan,** Benjamin M. and Mary Greenwood Anderson Professor of Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Nano Engineering, Rice University, Houston, Texas, USA	Department of Physics, Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara 10th to 12th July, 2023
2	**Prof. Madhura Swaminathan,** Professor and Head of the Department, Economic Analysis Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore	Women's Studies Centre, CUSAT 18th to 22nd July 2023

Sl. No	Details of the Erudite Scholar	Host Institution/Dept. date & duration of the Programme
3	**Prof. Dr. med. Dr. rer. nat. Habil Thomas Braun,** Director, Max Planck Institute for Heart and Lung Research, Bad Nauheim, Germany	Dept. of Agricultural Extension Education, College of Agriculture, Vellayani 7th to 11th August, 2023
4	**Prof. Ha-Joon Chang**, Professor of Economics, SOAS, University of London.	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation(GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram 11th to 14th October, 2023
5	**Prof. Gabriela Dutrenit**, Professor, Metropolitan Autonomous, University Mexico.	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation(GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram 11th to 14th October, 2023
6	**Prof. Charles Edquist**, Ruben Rausing Chair in Innavation Research at Centre for Innovation Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE), Lund University, Sweden.Z	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation(GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram 11th to 14th October, 2023
7	**Prof. Susan Cozzens**, Gorgia Tech University, United States.	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation(GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram 11th to 14th October, 2023
8	**Prof. Bengt-Ake Lundvall**, Professsor Emeritus Alborg University	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation(GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram 11th to 14th October, 2023
9	**Prof. Mammo Muchie**, DST/NRF Research Professor at the Faculty of Management Sciences, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa.	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation(GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram 11th to 14th October, 2023

Sl. No	Details of the Erudite Scholar	Host Institution/Dept. date & duration of the Programme
10	**Prof. Luc Soete**, UNU-MERIT, The Netherlands	Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation(GIFT), Thiruvananthapuram 11th to 14th October, 2023
11	**Prof. Christian Sonne,** Department of Biosciences, Faculty of Technical Sciences, Aarhus University Roskilde, Denmark	School of Environmental Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam 26th October, 2023 (Hybrid mode)
12	**Prof. Crispin James Halsall**, Lancaster University, UK	School of Environmental Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam 26th October, 2023 (Hybrid mode)
13	**Prof. Christine Helen Foyer,** Professor of Plant Sciences, School of Biosciences, College of Life Science and Environmental Sciences, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston	Department of Botany, University of Calicut, Malappuram October 31st to November 5th 2023
14	**Dr. Syed Hashsham,** Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Michigan State University, USA	Department of Marine Biology, Microbiology and Bichemistry, CUSAT 4th to 11th December, 2023
15	**Dr. Sanjay Madria,** Curator's Distinguished Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, Missouri University of Science And Technology, USA	Dept. of Computer Application, CUSAT 2nd to 11th January, 2024
16	**Prof. Morten P. Meldal, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry(2022),** Professor, University of Copenhagen, Denmark	Dept. of Chemistry, University of Kerala 7th &8th February, 2024
17	**Padmasree Dr. Neelam Mansingh Chaudhry,** Prof. Emeritus, Punjab University	School of Drama& Fine Arts, University of Calicut, Dr. John Mathai Centre, Thrissur 15th to 19th January, 2024
18	**Prof. Maya Krishna Rao,** Retired Professor, Shiv Nadar University, Uttar	

Sl. No	Details of the Erudite Scholar	Host Institution/Dept. date & duration of the Programme
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19	**Prof. Glenn W. Muschert,** Professor of Sociology, Acting Chair, Department of Social Sciences, Khalifa University of Sciences and Technology, Abu Dhabi, UAE	Dept. of Commerce, University of Kerala 20th to 23rd February, 2024
20	**Prof. Salim Yusuf,** Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Executive Director of the Population Health Research Institute, McMaster University and Chief Scientist Hamilton Health Sciences	Kerala State Higher Education Council 1st to 4th August 2023 1) Govt. Medical College, Kozhikode (1st August 2023) 2) Sree Chitra Thirunnal Institute for Medical Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram (3rd & 4th August 2023)

Prof.Morten P. Meldal (Nobel Laureate in Chemistry) delivering erudite lecture at University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

III. Centre for Human Resource Development and Capacity Building Programmes and Activities

I. Higher Education Scholarship Scheme

The very concept of instituting scholarships to meritorious students to pursue higher education was an offshoot of the declared motto of the Kerala State Higher Education

Council, that is to bring about equity and excellence in higher education sector. Act 22 of 2007, by which the KSHEC was set up, empowers the council to evolve schemes for providing equitable opportunities for higher education through scholarships and free ships and financial assistance to the needy students. Invoking the foregoing provision of the Higher Education Council Act, a unique Higher Education Scholarship Scheme was framed and launched in 2009. One thousand first year undergraduate students who pursue studies in science, humanities, social science, and business study streams in Government/Aided Colleges and Universities of the State are selected for the scholarships every year. The scholarships of the awardees so selected would be renewed in the ensuing years till they complete their post graduation. Students pursuing professional courses are not eligible for Higher Education Scholarships of the Council. During the report year, 2368 UG and 467 PG scholarships were sanctioned with a total amount of Rs**.** 6,42,83,000/-(Rupees Six Crore Forty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Only).

Higher Education Scholarships paid during the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Year of Scholarship	No. of Students		Amount		Total Amount		Total Paid
	Regular	PH	Regular	PH	Regular	PH	Amount
2019-20(UG 2nd Year 2020-21)	1	-	18,000	22,500	18,000	-	18,000
2016-17 (PG 2nd Year 2020-21)	1	-	60,000	75,000	60,000	-	60,000
2020-21(UG 2nd Year 2021-22)	38	-	18,000	22,500	6,84,000	-	6,84,000
2019-20(UG 3rd Year 2021-22)	12	1	24,000	30,000	2,88,000	30,000	3,18,000
2018-19(PG 1st Year 2021-22)	2	-	40000	50000	80,000	-	80,000
2017-18(PG 2nd Year 2021-22)	7	-	60,000	75,000	4,20,000	-	4,20,000
2022-23(UG First Year)	962	31	12000	15000	1,15,44,000	4,65,000	1,20.09,000

2021-22 (UG 2nd Year 2022-23)	681	16	18,000	22,500	1,22,58,000	3,60,000	1,26,18,000
2020-21(UG 3rd Year 2022-23)	614	12	24,000	30,000	1,47,36,000	3,60,000	1,50,96,000
2019-20 (PG 1st Year 2022-23)	222	6	40,000	50,000	88,80,000	3,00,000	91,80,000
2018-19(PG 2nd Year 2022-23)	225	4	60,000	75,000	1,35,00,000	3,00,000	1,38,00,000
Total Scholarship amount paid							**6,42,83,000**
(Six Crore Forty Two Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Only)							

II. International Conference cum Hands-on Workshop in Biomedical Translational Research

Ever since the Chief Minister's exhortation to universities for evolving mechanisms, methods, and means to produce new knowledge amenable to social application, one of the main initiatives of the Kerala State Higher Education Council has been the enrichment of the Biomedical research Ecosystem in the Medical Colleges in the State, where we have a concentration of the most brilliant people. If enabled to undertake issue-based research, they can generate outcomes amenable to translation and identification of iterative evidence in various practical contexts and situations. Nevertheless, the present institutional setup hardly demands research. Hence efforts to promote biomedical research aiming production, synthesis, contextualization, adaptation, dissemination, and exchange of knowledge are in progress.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurates the two day International Conference cum Hands –on-Workshop at SCTIMST Trivandrum

With the aim of enriching the Biomedical Research Ecosystem in the Medical Institutions in the State, the Council organised a two day International Conference cum Hands-on Workshop in association with Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) and Kerala Medical Technology Consortium (KMTC) under the leadership of Prof. Salim Yusuf (Distinguished Professor, School of Medical Science, McMaster University, Canada) and Prof. James Spudich (Winner of Lasker Award and Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Stanford University). The Conference cum Hands-on Workshop held at Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram on 3rd and 4th August 2023 was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan. Smt.Veena George, Hon'ble Minister for Health, Dr.R.Bindhu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice, Prof.Rajan Gurukkal P.M., Vice Chairman, KSHEC, Dr. M.S. Valiathan (Founder Director, SCTIMST, National Research Professor, School of Life Science, Manipal University), Dr.Mohanan Kunnummal (Vice Chancellor, KUHS), Prof. Sanjay Behari (Director, SCTIMST) and Mr.Padmakumar (Special Officer, KMTC) were also present during the function.

The Conference cum Workshop was open to the teaching faculties, PG students and final year MBBS students of the Medical Colleges of the State and the Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post Doctoral Fellows.

The other eminent scientists/personalities who participated in the event are:

- Dr. Annamma Spudich, Renowned Cellular Biologist and Expert in knowledge translation
- Mr.Balagopal Chandrasekhar, Founder Terumo Penpol & Chairman Dederal Bank
- Prof.V.K. Ajit Kumar, Cardiologist, SCTIMST
- Prof.Sanjeev Mishra, Vice Chancellor, University of Health Sciences, Uttar Pradesh
- Mr.Thomas John, MD, Agape Diagnostics Ltd.
- Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Dept. of Psychiatry, NIMHANS
- Prof.Abhay Karandikar, Director, IIT Kanpur
- Prof.Amitabh Bandopadhyay, Dept. of Biological Sciences & Bioengineering, IIT, Kanpur
- Prof. Anurag Agarwal, Former Director, CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi
- Dr. Vinod Scaria, Scientist, CSIR-IGIB, New Delhi
- Dr. U.C. Jaleel, Principal Scientist, OSPF-NIAS
- Prof. Roy Joseph, Dean, SCTIMST
- Dr. P.S. Indu, Professor, Community Medicine & Nodal Officer SBMR
- Prof. Harikrishna Varma, Biomedical Technology Wing, SCTIMST
- Mr. Sunil Khurana, CEO, BPL Medical Technologies Ltd.
- Dr. Sandhya C.V, MRU, Government Medical College, Trivandrum
- Mr. Manoj A., Vice President & ID, Terumo Penpol Pvt.Ltd
- Dr. R.S. Jayasree, Scientist, SCTIMST
- Dr. Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation & Technology
- Shri. Mohammed Hanish IAS, Principal Secretary-Health, Govt. of Kerala
- Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council

IV. Faculty Development Centre

The first council (2007-2012) initiated the concept of a Faculty Development Centre (FDC) to promote continuous capacity-building programmes for faculty members of state universities and affiliated institutions. Over these years, the Council conducts various workshops, training programmes, and seminars both at different locations across the State and at its headquarters. The FDC programs are designed for faculty members and non-teaching staff, covering a wide range of topics to enhance their professional skills. All capacity-building workshops of varying durations are organized under the FDC.

General nature of Programmes organized by the KSHEC for Capacity Building

No.	Programme	Duration	Organising Type	Nature
1	Faculty Development Programme (FDP)	5 days	Region-wise	Discipline Specific
2	Workshops/Seminars/Conference	1-2 days	Institution based	Subject Specific
3	Hands-on-workshop on OBE	2-3 days	Institution based	General-Faculty
4	Orientation Programmes	1 day	Region-wise	General-Administration

No.	Programme	Duration	Organising Type	Nature
5	NGP (Nourishing Guru Programme)	5 days and above	Institution based	Subject Specific
7	Academic Collaboration Programmes	Up to 1 week	Institution Based	Subject Specific/ Non-Specific

No.	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
1	FDP: Teacher Professional Development (TPD) programme for Physics Teachers (UG) on "Mathematical Modelling-Using Technology Enabled and Student-Centered Learning Systems', conceived and developed at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, TIFR, Mumbai • Dr. Mashood KK (HBCSE, TIFR, Mumbai) • Dr. Sasidevan (CUSAT) and others	Organised jointly by KSHEC & Dept. of Physics, University of Kerala Venue: Janaki Ammal Hall, CLIF, Kariavattom No. of Participants: 23	5-9 June 2023 (9.30-4.30)
2	Connect to Collaborate-Enhancing Health Research-Workshop	Government Medical College (GMC) Kozhikode	1st August 2023
3	International Conference cum Hands on Workshop in Biomedical Translation Research	Medical College Faculty and PG Research Students engaged or interested in Biomedical Research	2 & 3 August 2023
4	National Seminar Restructuring Higher Education: Innovation and Strategies for NEP Implementation: Topic: Curriculum Design and OBE Organised by MA College Kothamangalam	All teaching Faculty of MA College Kothamangalam and sister Institutions Participants: 120	19th August 2023

No.	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
5	Workshop on Philosophy of Foundation Courses- Prof. K.P. Mohanan Dr. Sanjay Kumar Dr. Ananya Dasgupta	KSHEC-Invited Guests & teachers and Students from B.Ed. Colleges KSHEC-Thiruvananthapuram	13th& 14th September 2023

DIGICOL-Digital Enablement of Higher Education Institutions in Kerala

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), in collaboration with the Digital University of Kerala (DUK), initiated the Digital Enablement of Higher Education Institutions in the name of "let's Go Digital" online hands-on Moodle LMS training for faculty members of colleges in the State as well as Institutional Training programme for the entire faculty members of the selected colleges. The project includes setting up server infrastructure for these colleges after training. Due to space constraints at the State Data Centre, project envisages that DUK establishing a new data centre for this purpose. Currently the LMS facility is being provided to the institutions trained under the 'Let's Go Digital' scheme within the existing capacity of DUK under the scheme called Digicol. So far, 23 colleges have been accommodated there and provided LMS under this Scheme.

Work Completed

- Training continued for this year under Let's Go Digital scheme
- Developed the Digital Platform DIGICOL for colleges
- Trained over (600 faculty members in 2023-24) 6000 faculty members from university departments and colleges
- Trained the entire faculty of 110 (16 in 2023-24) colleges under the Institutional Training Programme
- So far Provided server space for 23 colleges at DUK
- Engaged expert trainers for Moodle LMS training in Cluster level & individual level
- Offered training in digital pedagogy and outcome-based course framing
- Included e-content development in the training program

- Provided post-training technical support to faculty and institutions
- Enabled most institutions to offer hybrid learning post-training
- Familiarized students with Moodle LMS

Work Proposed

- Expand Moodle LMS Digital Platform to 500 colleges
- Utilize additional platforms like Coursera, edX, Udacity, Future Learn, and Canvas
- Integrate Virtual Labs from MHRD, Merlot, Siemens, etc.
- Complete training for 500 colleges
- Facilitate blended learning, flipped classrooms, and online teaching-learning evaluation
- Bridge the digital divide
- Incorporate AI in pedagogy and instructional strategies

No	Programme	Beneficiary Group	Period
1	Let's Go Digital – KSHEC- LMS-(Moodle)-Common Training for Teachers (One week) 5 days online (Advanced Group) RP: Dr. Santhosh H.K & Team	Participants from various Institutions No. of Participants:120	3-9 May 2023 6.00 PM TO 8.00PM
2	Let's Go Digital – KSHEC- LMS-(Moodle)-Common Training for Teachers (One week) 5 days online (Basic Group) RP: Dr. Santhosh H.K & Team	Participants from various Institutions No. of Participants:120	18-23 May 2023 6.00 PM TO 8.00PM
3	Let's Go Digital – KSHEC- LMS-(Moodle)-Institutional Training for Teachers (One week) 5 days online (Cluster XI) RP: Dr. Santhosh H.K & Team	Participants from • 5 colleges • No. of Participants:140	18-23 August 2023 6.00 PM TO 8.00PM

4	Let's Go Digital – KSHEC- LMS-(Moodle)-Institutional Training for Teachers (One week) 5 days online (Cluster XII) RP: Dr. Lajish AL and Team, Centre for E-Learning, University of Calicut	Participants from • 12 colleges • No. of Participants: 220	6-12 December 2023 6.00 PM TO 8.00PM

CLUSTER XI

LIST OF COLLEGES & DETAILS

No	Name of the Institution	No. of Teachers	Period of Training
1	Christian College, Kattakkada	49	18-23 August 2023
2	Alphonsa College, Pala	79	18-23 August 2023
3	Govt. College, Kasaragod	78	18-23 August 2023
4	SJB College of Education	6	18-23 August 2023
5	Sreekrishna College, Guruvayur	78	18-23 August 2023
	Total	290	

CLUSTER XII

LIST OF COLLEGES & DETAILS

No	Name of College	No. of Teachers	Period of Training
1	Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam	54	6-12 Dec-23
2	Sahrudaya College of Advanced Studies, Kodakara	103	6-12 Dec-23
3	IMDR College of Advanced Studies (I-CAS)	16	6-12 Dec-23
4	KNM Govt Arts and Science College Kanjiramkulam	31	6-12 Dec-23
5	CSI College for Advanced Studies, Punnakkad	13	6-12 Dec-23
6	Dr. Palpu College Pangode- Puthussery	29	6-12 Dec-23
7	Rajagiri College of Management & Applied Sciences	42	6-12 Dec-23
8	College of Applied Science, Konni	7	6-12 Dec-23
9	College of Applied Sciences, Kundara	14	6-12 Dec-23
10	College of Applied Sciences, Karthikappally	31	6-12 Dec-23
11	MGM College of Arts and Science, Kaniyapuram	19	6-12 Dec-23
	Total	359	

2. Report on Online Digital Repository of Course Materials

The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) has developed a dedicated portal to provide students with access to a comprehensive repository of online study materials for various undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) programs across State Universities. This initiative aims to support students in B.Sc., B.A., B.Com., B.B.A., M.Sc., M.A., and M.Com. programmes by offering a user-friendly platform for searching, viewing, and downloading course materials and various topics.
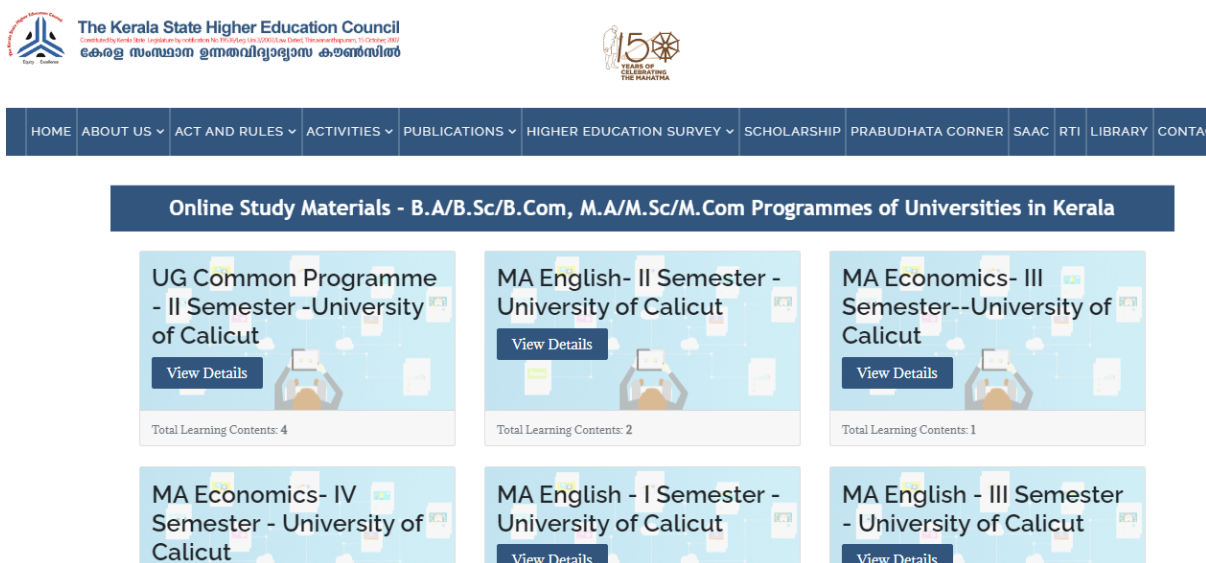
Key Features

- Content Availability: Over 3000 e-contents, including more than 500 direct materials and YouTube links, Study materials cover a broad range of subjects within UG and PG programs.

- Portal Accessibility: The portal is designed to be user-friendly, allowing easy access to course materials. It provides a single-window access point for students and faculty.

- Development and Collaboration: The repository has been developed in collaboration with faculty members from government and affiliated colleges,

as well as state universities. Continuous efforts are made to enhance and expand the repository's resources.

- Funding and Proposed Enhancements: The project requires a total of Rs. 1 Crore to further enhance the quality and reach of the course materials. Key areas for funding and proposed improvements include: (1) Training and Financial Support- Providing training to faculty for content development, offering financial support for the creation of high-quality digital content (2) Technological Advancements- Utilizing advanced digital pedagogy technologies to improve the content, Making the portal dynamic with real-time access to courses offered by faculty. (3) Content Expansion- Increasing the number of available e-contents to over 5000, Enhancing the quality of existing materials. (4) State-Level Knowledge Asset-Developing a state-level repository for research and knowledge development, aiming to contribute to the creation of a knowledge economy.

Current Status and Future Goals

Completed Activities: (1) Portal development hosting over 3000 e-contents (2) Ongoing platform and software development (3) Training programs are being held for teachers to develop e-content.

Future Objectives:(1)Creating a dynamic portal with real-time course access (2) Expanding e-content access to over 5000 resources (3) Establishing a state-level knowledge asset for research and knowledge economy development (4) The KSHEC continues to work towards fine-tuning and expanding the portal to better serve the educational community in Kerala. KSHEC Learning Portal (http://167.172.224.184/kshec_learning/).

2. **Chief Minister's Navakerala Post- Doctoral Fellowships(CMNPF)**

The Government of Kerala introduced the prestigious Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post-Doctoral Fellowship scheme for meeting the innovation and development needs of the State through promoting quality research, spanning the sectors like social, economic, agriculture,

development and industry. The scheme envisages 500 individual Post Doctoral fellowships and each one carries an amount ranging from 50,000/- to 1,00,000/-per month. A maximum amount of Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) per year shall be sanctioned for contingency and other requirements for Arts and Humanities while a maximum amount of Rs.2,00,000/-(Rupees Two Lakh Only) per year shall be sanctioned for contingency and other requirements for Sciences and Technology. Fund will be sanctioned as per the requirement of the project. The fellowship is given under ten knowledge domains viz. *Life Science, Chemical Science, Material Science, Political Science, Historical Studies, Humanities & Liberal Arts, Economic Studies, Agriculture and Ecological Science, Climate Change and Geological Studies, Medical Science, Commerce and Management Studies, and Digital Technology and Engineering.*

CMNPF-2021-22(1st Batch): Annual Evaluation under the Progress Monitoring and Assessment System (PMAS)

As originally notified, CMNPF has been instituted so specifically as to lead the research inevitably to the production of original knowledge relevant to Rebuild Kerala Project (RKP). As per the guidelines of CMNPF, KSHEC constituted a Committee of Experts (CE), representing all the ten domains. The committee recognized the need for a two-day evaluation programme for critical appraisal of research progress in the CMNPF projects. Hence, the Council directed the CMNP Fellows to attend the two-day annual evaluation programme (interactive in nature) and to make presentation regarding (a) General assessment of the progress of the project & (b) Advisory support for further research. Subsequently, the 1st annual evaluation meeting was conducted by the Kerala State Higher Education Council at the Institute of Management in Government (IMG), Thiruvananthapuram on 21st & 22nd August 2023 for the first batch of CMNP Fellows, who completed one year of their Fellowship.

In this meeting, CMNP Fellows presented PPT regarding Self-Assessment Report on the Progress (SARP) of their research project and it was assessed by the panel of experts who provided advisory support for further research. Following this, the Committee of Experts (EC) submitted confidential report to the Council on the research projects.

CMNPF-2022-23 (2ⁿᵈ Batch) Mode II

The 68 CMNPF has been awarded during the 2ⁿᵈ phase (2022-23) under mode-II. The award ceremony was held on 21ˢᵗ August, 2023 at Mascot Hotel Thiruvananthapuram.

Hon. Chief Minister Shri.Pinarayi Vijayan presenting the certificate of fellowship. Hon. Minister for Higher Education Dr. R. Bindu, Principal Secretary Smt.Ishita Roy IAS, Higher Education Council Vice Chairman Prof.Rajan Gurukkal P.M. and Member Secretary Dr.Rajan Varughese also seen

Orientation Programme

The Kerala State Higher Education Council conducted a two day orientation programme (Residential mode) for the awardees and mentors of Chief Ministers Navakerala Post Doctoral Fellowship-2022-23 (2ⁿᵈ Batch-Mode II) in academic collaboration with CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology(NIIST) on 30ᵗʰ and 31ˢᵗ January, 2024 at CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram. The experts who led the various sessions in the programme are as follows.

- **Prof. Raghavendra Gadagkar**, Professor, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.
- **Dr. C. Anandharamakrishnan**, Director, CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST)**,** Thiruvananthapuram
- **Prof. D. Narayana**, Advisor and Professor of Eminence, M S Ramaiah University, Bengaluru
- **Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M.**,Vice Chairman, the Kerala State Higher Education Council

- **Dr.U.S. Hareesh**, Head, Human Resources and Academic Division, Senior Principal Scientist, Material Science & Technology Division (MSTD), CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram

Prof. Raghavendra Gadagkar, delivering lecture in the interactive session on Methodological Reflections in the orientation programme organized at Seminar Hall, C.V.Raman Block, CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram

CMNPF-2023-24 (3rd Batch) Mode II

As per notification No.KSHEC-A3/344/Govt.Kerala-NKPDF/2023 dated 30/11/2023, the Kerala State Higher Education Council invited applications under mode-II from eligible scholars for the Chief Minister's 'Nava Kerala' Post Doctoral Fellowships for the year 2023-24.

Applications received were divided among ten domains: *Life Science, Chemical Science, Material Science, Political Science, Historical Studies, Humanities & Liberal Arts, Economic Studies, Agriculture and Ecological Science, Climate Change and Geological Studies, Medical Science, Commerce and Management Studies, and Digital Technology and Engineering.* The final list of selected candidates will be published with government approval.

Chief Ministers Navakerala Post Doctoral Fellows Meet-up

In connection with the 'Keraleeyam', an annual festival showcasing the development and achievements of Kerala and its culture, the Kerala State Higher Education Council conducted a meet up of Chief Ministers Navakerala Post Doctoral Fellows on 3rd November 2023 at University College Campus, Thiruvananthapuram.

Dr.R. Bindu, Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice inaugurated the Meet-Up. Smt. Ishita Roy IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education and Dr.Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, KSHEC also attended the Meet-Up. More than 50 CMNP Fellows participated in the Meet-Up.

CMNPF Mode I- 2023-24(1ˢᵗ Batch) at Centres of Excellence/Inter University Centres/ Translational Labs

As per G.O.(Ms) No.594/2022/HEDN dated 03/12/2022, Centres of Excellence/Inter University Centres/ Translational Labs invited applications and after due process, short list prepared and submitted to the Council for approval.

The Kerala State Higher Education Council has approved the short list for the eligible candidates for the award of Chief Minister's Navakerala Post Doctoral Fellowships during the year 2023-24 under Mode-I at Centres of Excellence/Inter University Centres/Translational Labs constituted by the Government of Kerala.

The following 31 CMNPF have been awarded during the 1st phase (2023-24) under mode-I.

Sl.No	Name & Address of CMNP Fellow	Domain	Name of Registering University with Centre/Department/School (for NavaKerala Post-Doctoral Fellowship)	Title of the Research Proposal
1	Dr. Divya P, Puthusseri House, Valiyakunnu Post, Valanchery via Malappuram, Pin-676552	Material Science	Centre for Translational Research, Department of Chemistry, University of Calicut	Development of Less-Defective Graphene-based Supercapacitor Devices for Energy Storage
2	Dr. Raseena N R, NR Manzil, Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram - 695609	Life Science	Centre for Translational Research, Department of Botany, University of Calicut	Bio stimulant formulation for biofortification, stress tolerance and yield enhancement of rice
3	Dr. Shijina K, Adikkalathil House, Pariyaram P O, Kannur - 670502	Material Science	Centre for Translational Research, Department of Nano Science & Technology, University of Calicut	Scalable synthesis of nanoscale metal sulfide electrocatalysts
4	Dr.Jithin Bhagavathi, Bhagavathi Parambath, Madathilmukku, Chevayur P O, Kozhikode - 673017	Material Science	Centre for Translational Research, Department of Physics, University of Calicut	Developing Microcontroller Based Devices for Biosensing, Farming and community Water Supply Systems
5	Dr. Vidya P, Jyothirgamaya, Edachira, Kadalundi P O, Calicut - 673302	Life Science	Centre for Translational Research, Department of Zoology, University of Calicut	Development of cake yeast with probiotic, antiviral and immunostimulatory properties

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6	Dr.Dhanya M	Material Science	Centre for Translational Research, Department of Physics, University of Calicut	Affordable phthalate quantification sensor as pollutant action device
7	Dr. Reshmi John Valanjattil, Chalukunnu, Kottayam-686001	Water Purification Technology	Inter University Instrumentation Centre,Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Is prolonged exposure to household liquid insect repellents safe for human health?
8	Dr.Yogesh Choudhary, 465/A, Professor's Colony, Hanuman Nagar, Nagpur, Maharashtra-440024	Water Purification Technology	Inter University Instrumentation Centre,Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Water Remediation by Effective Removal of Antibiotics; Adsorption or Photocatalysis?
9	Dr. Ambili K.S., Souparnika, VK Padi, AR Nagar P.O., Malappuram 676305,	Chemical Science	Inter University Instrumentation Centre,Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Development of efficient inorganic-organic hybrid systems for photocatalytic water remediation through modified advanced oxidation process under sunlight.
10	Dr. Mahalaxmi N., Ginger County Villa No.43, Ernakulam-682308	Chemical Science	Inter University Instrumentation Centre,Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	A Molecular Assessment of Triclosan and Phthalate DEHP Toxicity Utilizing Human Cell Line Models

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11	Dr. Chandini P.K., Palakkunnel House, Kinginimattam P.O., Kolenchery, Ernakulam-682311	Advanced Technique for sustainable Agriculture	Inter University Centre for Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture(IUCOF SA), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Evaluation of super pest and impact assessment of major agroecosystems of Kerala: A biomarker approach
12	Dr. Smitha M., Ragasudha, Kumaranalloor P.O., Kottayam-686016	Science of Music & Music Therapy	Inter University Centre for Studies in Science of Music, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	A Novel, Portable Passive Music Therapy Device to Assist Mental, Emotional and Physical Health with Special Concern about the Rising Substance Abuse Among the Youth in Kerala
13	Dr. Anitha Isac, Valumannil(H), Kanakappalam P.O.,, Erumeli-686509	Social Science	Inter University Centre for Social science Research and Extension, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Ecology - Development Interface: Tourism Potential of River Conservation Project, Kerala
14	Dr. Dinoop K., Kalathumkandi (H), Chenakkalangadi P.O., Thenhippalam (via), Malappuram-673636	Social Science	Inter University Centre for Social science Research and Extension, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Human Mobility, Return Migration, and Reintegration Challenges in Kerala

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15	Dr. Ajay M.G., Mathangamukalel House, Kothanalloor P.O., Kottayam-686632	Social Science	Inter University Centre for Social science Research and Extension, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Labour, Marginalized Communities and Economic Empowerment under MGNREGS in Kerala.
16	Dr. Boban Joseph., Chathukulam House, Perumbaikad P.O., Kottayam-686016	Historical Studies, Humanities and Liberal Arts	Inter University Centre for Disability Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Enhancing perceived social support, social-belonging, subjective happiness and social well-being with social group work among mothers of children with autism
17	Dr. Chothisha K.S.,Kalabhavan, Neduvaramcodu P.O., Chengannur, Alappuzha-689508	Special Education	Inter University Centre for Disability Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Inclusion of children with Cochlear Implants: Needs and Challenges
18	Dr. Vivek S., Muprappallil House, Vechoor P.O., Kottayam-686143	Material Science	International & Inter University Centre for Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Tuning the magnetic anisotropy of Fe_3Al Heusler alloy for heat energy harvesting application

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19	Dr. Lakshmipriya Ravindran, Kokkathara House, Piraroor P.O., Mattoor, Kalady, Ernakulam-683574	Material Science	International & Inter University Centre for Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Development of 'green photocurable ink" from cellulose nanocrystals for 3D printing complex architectures for sustainable oils/water (O/W) separation.
20	Dr. Jince Thomas, Pottenplackal, Edavaramba, Kannur	Chemical Science	International & Inter University Centre for Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Design and fabrication of poly (ionic liquid) – armored triazatriangulenium based ge1 polymer electrolytes for fuel cell applications.
21	Dr. Meera A.V., Anugraha House, Panavally P.O., Cherthala, Alappuzha-688526	Material Science	International & Inter University Centre for Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Investigation of a new compound with commensurately modulated super lattice as anode material in sodium-ion

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22	Dr. Praveen Kumar C.S., Chakkalathundiyil, Puliyoor P.O., Chengannur, Alappuzha-689510	Agriculture and Ecological Sciences	Advanced Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Microalgae assisted fuel cell for waste water treatment and bioelectricity generation
23	Dr. Jerry Mechery, Udumbanattu House, Amayannoor P.O., Kottayam-686019	Agriculture and Ecological Sciences	Advanced Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Application of indigenous bacteria and biosynthesized iron nanoparticles for enhanced biohydrogen production from market waste biomass A waste to energy approach
24	Dr. Anuja R., Kalarikkal House, Minalur P.O., MG Kavu, Thrissur-680581	Agriculture and Ecological Sciences	Advanced Centre for Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	Application of biomolecular and functional genomics for small grain plant conservation amidst climate change challenges
25	Dr. Deepthi Varughese, Plathara House, Pampady P.O, Kottayam - 686502	Medical Science	Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research & Super Speciality Hospital, M G University, Kottayam	Identification of biomarkers for drug addiction using a computational approach.

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26	Dr. Remya V R, Puthenkulangara Bunglow,Kandallo or North, Puthiyavila P.O, Kayamkulam - 690531	Medical Science	Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research & Super Speciality Hospital, M G University, Kottayam	Novel, easy to savour Ayurvedic formulations for difficult to ingest medicinal preparations
27	Dr. Sruthy S, Puthuveedu, Thakazhy P O, Alappuzha-688562	Agriculture and Ecological Sciences	Advance Centre for School of Environmental Studies and Sustainable Development, M G University,Kottayam	Bioremediation of Microplastics - heavy metal complexes in wastewater: utilizing microbial-based nanoparticle - decorated biochar for sustainable treatment.
28	Dr. Rakesh R S, Puthenkulangara Bunglow, Kandalloor North, Puthiyavila P O, Kayamkulam	Medical Science	Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research & Super Speciality Hospital, M G University, Kottayam	Impact of brain hyperglycemia on cognition: A multidisciplinary approach
29	Dr. Sreetama Sen Chandra	Life Science	Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research & Super Speciality Hospital, M G University, Kottayam	Genetic Basis of drug-seeking behavior among adolescents in Kera
30	Dr. Jibin George	Special Education	Inter University Centre for Disability Studies, MG University, Kottayam	Exclusion and Neglect in Inclusive Education; with special reference to Children with Specific Learning Desorders(SLD)

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31	Dr. Sethulekshmi A.S.	Chemical Science	International and Inter University Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, MG University, Kottayam	Multifunctional Cotton Textiles Coated with Natural RubberLatex, Lignin, and Block Copolymer for Biomedical Applications

1. KAIRALI RESEARCH AWARDS

Awards to the eminent scholars (Keralite Origin) who excel in their research work

The Kairali Research Awards, established by the Government of Kerala from the 2017-2018 academic year, aim to recognize and support outstanding research contributions across various fields including Chemical Sciences, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities. The awards are categorized into three types: Kairali Gaveshaka Puraskaram for postdoctoral research students, Kairali Gaveshana Puraskaram for faculty members, and Kairali Lifetime Achievement Award for eminent scientists. Each award includes a financial grant and is intended to promote innovative research, support interdisciplinary studies, and acknowledge lifelong contributions to scientific and scholarly advancement. The selection process involves rigorous scrutiny and evaluation by expert committees, ensuring that only the most deserving candidates receive these prestigious accolades.

In the year 2023, the process has been started for the selection of awardees based on their credentials as on the period up to 2023. The five sub committees formed for the preliminary as well as final selection process has convened in many occasions.

V.   State Assessment and Accreditation Centre (SAAC)

The Kerala State Higher Education Council has formulated the concept of state level accreditation mechanism namely SAAC, in line with the suggestions of National Assessment and Accreditation Council and University Grants Commission. Objective of SAAC is to assess and assign state level accreditation and grades to all higher education institutions in the state including universities, government and aided colleges autonomous colleges and self-financing institutions/colleges.SAAC has completed accreditation of three colleges in 2021-23. Farook Training College secured A+ Grade (CGPA 3.39), Bishop Moore College secured A Grade (3.21) and Christ College (Autonomous), Irinjalakkuda secured 'A+ Grade' (CGPA - 3.45).

Activities during 2023-24

Revisited SAAC criteria and metrics in the context of the Modified NAAC manual. SAAC Manual was revised incorporating the key indicators and criteria prescribed by NAAC and retaining those which were specific to SAAC namely Social Inclusion, Equity and Excellence and Scientific Temper and Secular Outlook. Standard Operating Procedure and Benchmarking for all the ten SAAC criteria were formulated and published in KSHEC website for facilitating the SAAC accreditation process.

Orientation programmes were conducted in various Higher Education Institutions with the view of familiarizing the accreditation criteria in national and state level and encouraging the institutions to participate in the accreditation process.

- In the Orientation programme conducted at Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum on 26th May 2023, there were over 100 participants including Principals and IQAC Coordinators from various colleges of Trivandrum and Kollam districts.
- In the Orientation programme conducted at CMS College, Kottayam on 29th May 2023, there were over 110 participants including Principals and IQAC Coordinators from various colleges of Kottayam and nearby districts.
- Under the auspices of the Higher Education Council, the management of NSS facilitated SAAC Orientation Program at NSS Headquarters, Changanassery on

14th July 2023 for Principals & IQAC co-ordinators of all institutions managed under NSS. There were over 80 participants in the program.

- SAAC Orientation program was held at LBS Institute of Technology for Women, Poojappura, Thiruvananthapuram on 24th July 2023. There were over 100 participants including Principal, IQAC Coordinator, teachers and non-teaching staff working in the institution.

- SAAC Orientation program was held at Mar Athanasius College (Autonomous), Kothamangalam on 19th August 2023 as part of NAAC sponsored National Seminar titled "Restructuring the Higher Education: Innovations and Strategies for NEP Implementation". Over 150 teachers from various colleges of the State attended the program.

- Orientation on NAAC and SAAC accreditation process was given to the teachers of Parumala Mar Gregorious College, Thiruvalla on 9th February 2024. There were over 60 participants in the program.

It is proposed to conduct SAAC Assessment and award accreditation status to maximum number of institutions. Assistance in the preparation of Institutional Development Plan can also be provided. Govt. insistence on SAAC Accreditation of HEIs will be helpful in enhancing the visibility, quality and performance of Higher Education institutions (HEIs).Inclusion of accreditation as a mandatory clause in the University / Government affiliation order and direction to all unaccredited institutions for SAAC accreditation is also proposed.

Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF)

Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF) is a comprehensive ranking system for higher education institutions in the state to ensure the quality of education. The KIRF envisages assessing institutional performance, maintaining its sustainability and providing access to higher education with equal opportunity for all eligible persons, identifying the institutions to collaborate and partner, improving their national/ state institutional level ranking etc. A Committee led by Prof. Gangan Pratap, Former Director of CSIR and Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology was established to carry out research and technical work.

Based on the NIRF model, Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework has been developed. The parameters in KIRF are broadly grouped under 5 major indicators such as Teaching, Learning and Resources (TLR), Knowledge Dissemination and Research Excellence (KDRE), Graduation Outcome (GO), Outreach and Inclusivity (OI), Scientific Temper and Secular Outlook (STSO) and 20 sub indicators. KIRF includes state specific criteria and indicators such as Scientific Temper and Secular Outlook, Adoption of Green Technology and Accreditation and Ranking for assessment. Higher education institutions will be ranked under 12 categories- Overall, Universities, Colleges, Engineering, Management, Architecture, Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Law and Teacher Education.

A dedicated website for KIRF was developed in association with Raintels Technology for uploading the institutional data. Performed several trial runs and made frequent updates wherever necessary. Prepared a manual for the Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework and designed a logo. The official launch of the KIRF website (www.kirf.kshec.org) and the release of logo were done by Dr. R. Bindu, Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice on May 3, 2023 at C.V Raman Hall, Clif, University of Kerala, Kariavattom. The launch of Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework was included in the Government's third 100 day action programme. The portal was opened for uploading institutional data on July 5, 2023.
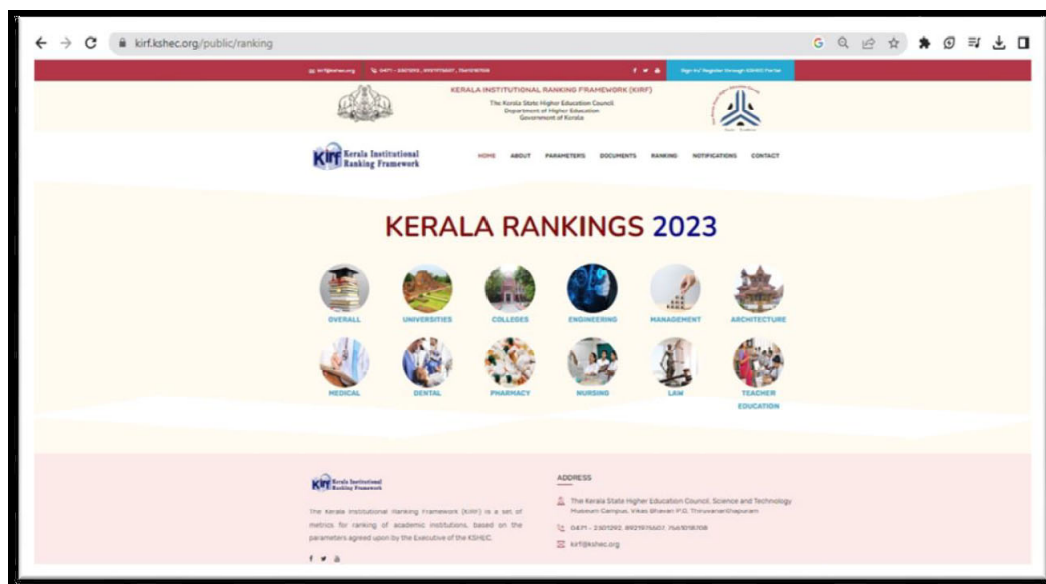
KIRF Website

KIRF Logo

Orientation Programmes for IQAC co-ordinators were conducted at Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram on May 26, 2023, at C.M.S College Kottayam on May 29, 2023 and at N.S.S Head Quarters Perunna, Changanassery on July 14, 2023. Online assistance was ensured during the period to upload the institutional data to the portal.

461 Higher Education Institutions participated in the first edition of the Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework. Of which, 449 institutions have submitted the institutional data and the remaining 12 institutions have not submitted the data within the stipulated time. Category wise registration of HEIs is as follows,

Sl. No.	Category	Number
1	University	10
2	College	231
3	Engineering	72
4	Management	9
5	Architecture	7
6	Medical	12
7	Dental	8
8	Pharmacy	6
9	Nursing	30
10	Law	3
11	Teacher Education	73
12	Overall	461
	Total	**461**

The verification of data by HEIs is in progress and based on the assessment of information received from Higher Education Institutions via the KSHEC portal ranking in various categories will be determined.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (2023-24)

The fourth State Higher Education Council of Kerala assumed office under the Vice Chairmanship of Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. The varied and innovative activities of the Council were continually carried out by the competent team of officers, who were assigned with specific responsibilities.

Meetings of the Bodies of the Council

The Advisory Body of the Council met once during the year 2023-24 on 05/03/2024. The Governing Body of the Council met twice during 2023-24 on 21/08/2023 and 09/01/2024. The Executive Body met 7 times during the year on 27/04/2023, 23/05/2023, 09/08/2023, 09/10/2023, 24/11/2023, 04/03/2024 and 19/03/2024.

File Management System

Shortage of staff, floating staff and flux of senior administrative officers has been persisting problems for the Council since its inception. To tide over the issues to the extent possible and to streamline the administrative procedure, a new file management system was introduced in the Council from 1st of January 2018 by the name Easy File Management System (EFMS) and the same system was continued in 2022-23 also.

Easy File Management System (EFMS), bearing the pet name *easy-peasy,* is a simple and straight forward file management system. This system has been planned and designed as a solution to many of the administrative issues faced by the Council, including shortage of staff, multiplicity of files, increase of workload and floating staff.

Objectives and Salient Features: The objectives and salient features of EFMS are given below in bullet points.

- Simple & straight forward, but efficient, transparent and quick

- Basically a pragmatic way of doing things
- Aims to limit the number of files created every year
- Facilitates easy retrieval and keeping of files
- Subject-wise creation of files (one file/file number for a subject in a year)
- Pre-determined file number for each subject
- In consonance with budget heads and plan proposals
- List of files that would be operated in a calendar year is distributed to everybody concerned in advance (Hence transparent)
- Facilitates smart work
- Provides room to take up more work

The administrative procedure of the Council became more pragmatic, efficient, quick and transparent with the introduction of EFMS.

Internal Committees

Internal committees have been formed in the Council with the aim to make decision making and implementation transparent and democratic. Internal Management Committee (IMC) and Internal Finance cum Purchase Committee are the two committees functioning within the Council to facilitate decision making and implementation, on the basis of democratic discussions and opinion sharing. Of course, the internal committees are functioning to execute the decisions of the statutory bodies of the Council; viz, the Governing Body and the Executive Body.

Internal Management Committee is headed by the Vice Chairman himself and all the officers of the Council including the Member Secretary, Registrar, Finance Officer, Assistant Registrar, Research Officers, Section Officer and Documentation Officer are its members. Internal Purchase cum Finance Committee is chaired by the Member Secretary/ Registrar and Finance Officer, Assistant Registrar, Section Officer, one of the Research Officers and Assistant (Accounts Section) are the members of the Committee. The committee makes recommendations to the Vice Chairman on finance/ purchase related matters.

The internal committees of the Council functioned quite efficiently during the reporting year. Besides the meetings of the aforesaid committees, Staff Meetings were also frequent

during the year and the democratic way of functioning created a cordial & healthy working atmosphere and warm interpersonal relationships.

Though there was not even a single complaint, the committee constituted under the Sexual Harassment against Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 met periodically during the year as envisaged in the Act.

Right to Information Act- Compliance

Under the RTI Act, 2005, Registrar of KSHEC is the State Public Information Officer and Assistant Registrar is the Assistant State Public Information Officer. The Vice Chairman of the Council is the Appellate Authority.

Altogether 21 applications were lodged under RTI Act during 2023-24, out of which only one application was rejected for want of payment of fees in the prescribed mode. Reply was furnished to all the other applications in time.

Malayalam as Administrative Language

The Council has always worked in tandem with the policies of the Government upholding the significance of its programmes. In tune with the Government focus on incorporating the mother tongue in Administrative governance, the Council staffs have lent an yeoman's service in following the trails of the Government so as to carry on with this endeavor.

More than 50 percent of the correspondences of the Council is with central/ State agencies and Centrally assisted ones such as UGC, MHRD, NAAC, RUSA, other state Higher Education Councils etc., and the link language used for the communication is predominantly English, whereas in all other correspondence / communications, be it internal or with Government, Staff of the Council is making sincere efforts to use the mother tongue.

Interpersonal Relationship

Interpersonal relationship of the employees of KSHEC was cordial and warm during the period under report as in the past. The Council team continued the custom of celebrating festivals with great fervor, secular spirit and mirth.

The Kerala State Higher Education Council

Trivandrum

Audit for the Year ended 31 March 2024

Mohan & Mohan Associates

Chartered Accountants

Independent Auditor's Report

To
The Vice Chairman
The Kerala State Higher Education Council
Thiruvananthapuram.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Kerala State Higher Education Council ('the Council'), which comprise the balance sheet as at March 31, 2024 and the Income and Expenditure statement for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the entity are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with The Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing (SAs). Our responsibilities under those Standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Management of the Council is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Council in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India, including the Accounting Standards. The respective office bearers of the Council are responsible for maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Council and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; the selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and the design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements

can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.
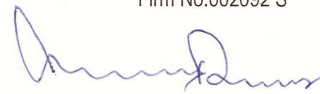
As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

For Mohan & Mohan Associates
Chartered Accountants
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R Suresh Mohan
(Partner)
Mem No. 13398
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Place: Trivandrum
Date: 22.08.2024

THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Science and Technology Museum Campus Vikas Bhavan P.O., PMG,Thiruvananthapuram-695033, Kerala, India

A society registered under The Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act, 1955

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

Liabilities	Sch No.	As at 31 March 2024 ₹	As at 31 March 2023 ₹	Assets	Sch No.	As at 31 March 2024 ₹	As at 31 March 2023 ₹
Capital Reserve	1	26,21,361	30,34,030	Property, Plant and Equipment	26	26,21,361	30,34,030
Endowment Fund		5,00,000	5,00,000	Cash & Bank Balances	5	10,83,53,052	9,88,88,891
Current Liabilities	2	48,92,174	40,79,329	Loans & Advances	6	46,11,342	31,91,275
Scholarship Corpus Fund	3	10,44,24,321	9,19,37,133				
Unspent Balance	4	31,47,900	55,63,705				
Total		**11,55,85,755**	**10,51,14,196**	**Total**		**11,55,85,755**	**10,51,14,196**

In terms of our report attached

For Mohan & Mohan Associates

Chartered Accountants

FRN:002092S

R. Suresh Mohan

(Partner)

M No:013398

Finance Officer

Registrar

Member Secretary

Vice Chairman

Thiruvananthapuram

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Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024

Expenditure	Sch No	Year ended 31 March 2024 ₹	Year ended 31 March 2023 ₹
To Higher Education Scholarship	7	6,48,69,825	6,67,00,823
To Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post Doctoral fellowship	8	5,34,27,181	2,39,57,647
To Programmes Under Center for Research on policies in higher education	9	86,513	18,68,067
To Programmes Under Center for Curriculum Development & Examination reforms	10	21,51,702	2,07,977
To Programmes Under Center for Human Resources Development & Ca	11	3,55,840	1,30,800
To Expenditure On ERUDITE Scheme	12	28,28,660	49,66,695
To Expenditure On Brain Gain	13	4,81,469	6,30,924
To Expense in association with 3 commissions constituted by Govt. of Kerala	14	-	53,54,834
To Expenses for Kairali Research Awards	16	63,20,299	70,54,273
To Salaries & Allowances	17	2,81,14,627	2,10,24,708
To Office Expenses	18	21,65,998	34,88,423
To State Assessment and Accreditation Centers	19	1,13,271	15,772
To All Kerala Higher education Survey	20	8,31,707	5,38,584
To Formation of State Level Consortium for E- Journals		1,15,00,000	1,89,82,727
To Depreciation	26	4,80,359	6,17,024
Total		17,37,27,451	15,55,39,278

Income	Sch No	Year ended 31 March 2024 ₹	Year ended 31 March 2023 ₹
By Grant from Government of Kerala Reckoned during the year	21	16,23,55,194	14,26,23,909
By Other Receipts	22	3,25,805	2,47,724
By Grant reckoned for ERUDITE Scheme	23	28,28,660	49,66,695
By Grant reckoned for Kairali Research Awards	24	63,20,299	70,54,273
By Interest earned during the year	25	14,17,134	29,653
By Depreciation written back	26	4,80,359	6,17,024
Total		17,37,27,451	15,55,39,278

In terms of our report attached
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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. ACCOUNTING CONVENTION:

The financial statements are prepared on the basis of historical cost convention, unless otherwise stated, and on the accrual method of accounting followed by going concern concept, except for the Government Grants and other receipts except interest on investments.

B. REVENUE RECOGNITION:

Interest on investments / temporary parking of unspent funds is recognized on accrual basis on the basis if the statements from banks and estimates and interests on savings banks Accounts and Grants from Government are taken on actual receipt basis as and when credited by bank. In certain cases where tax has been deducted on the interest paid the interest income has been accounted on accrual basis for matching the income with the income tax records. Royalty on sale of books are accounted on realization basis.

C. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses The estimates and assumptions used in the accompanying financial statements are based upon management's evaluation of the relevant facts and circumstances as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from the estimates and assumptions used in preparing the accompanying financial statements.

D. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT:

Property, Plant& Equipment of the Council are stated at historical cost less depreciation. The fixed assets acquired out of plan funds from the Government of Kerala have been incorporated by credit of Capital Reserve Account.

The balance of Property, Plant& Equipment asset represents historical cost less depreciation.

E. DEPRECIATION

Depreciation on Property, Plant& Equipment has been charged under Written Down Value method by applying the rates specified under Income Tax Act 1961.

F. GOVERNMENT GRANT

The amount received from the government of Kerala through the Council is utilized for the purposes for which they were sanctioned. The amount after meeting the center's capital and revenue expenses is represented by the unspent balance of Government Grant in the utilization certificate.

G.   UNSPENT BALANCE

The balance of amount received after capital and revenue expenses is stated in Utilization certificate. The balances as stated in the accounts are based on the classifications made in the previous years and the outstanding unspent balance under different heads may be from the assumptions used in preparing the accompanying financial statements. Unspent balance of grants received for projects are accounted separately as per the sanction orders. The grants received from specific projects are classified separately in the schedule of Unspent Balance. The grants are utilized only for the purposes for which it was granted.

H.   CURRENT ASSETS

•   Cash and bank balances represent the balances with the Treasury account and savings bank account.
•   Cash equivalents like fixed deposits are as per the confirmations provided.

I.   LOANS AND ADVANCES.

•   Advances and deposits with the suppliers and creditors are as certified by the management and are considered good.

J.   INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Income and expenses of the center other than grant from government and other receipts except interest on investments are accounted on accrual basis unless otherwise stated elsewhere. The institute is implementing projects under the following categories namely, Higher Education Scholarship, Higher Education Scholarship Renewal, Programmes under Center for Research on Policies in Higher Education, Programmes under Center for Human Resources Development & Capacity Building, Manapuram Endowment Scheme, and Project Financing.

K.   INTEREST INCOME

Interests earned on deposits with banks are accounted on accrual basis based on the confirmations received. Interest earned on savings bank accounts are paid back to treasury at the end of the year except in the case of any endowment fund received.

L.   Previous year figures have been regrouped wherever necessary to suit the current years lay out.

1 Capital Reserve

Particulars	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Opening Balance of the reserve	30,34,030	29,41,643
Add: additions during the year	67,690	7,09,411
Less: Deletions during the year	-	-
Less: Depreciation Charged in the books	4,80,359	6,17,024
Total	**26,21,361**	**30,34,030**
Corpus Donation received from Manapuram Finance	5,00,000	5,00,000
Total	**31,21,361**	**35,34,030**

2 Current Liabilities

Particulars	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Savings Bank Interest Payable to Government	1,04,534	1,04,432
Professional Fees Payable	73,230	73,230
Salaries payable	26,48,110	18,35,367
RTI Fee Payable to Treasury	50	50
Navakerala Fellowship Payable	20,00,000	20,00,000
Database of the Keralite Project	-	-
Auditors Remuneration Payable	66,250	66,250
Total	**48,92,174**	**40,79,329**

3 Scholarship Corpus Fund

Particulars	As at 31 March2024	As at 31 March 2023
Grant from Government of Kerala		
Interest received during the year	1,24,87,188	4,16,582
Total	**1,24,87,188**	**4,16,582**
Unspent balance as at the beginning of the year	9,19,37,133	9,15,20,551
Unspent balance as at the end of the year	**10,44,24,321**	**9,19,37,133**

3.1 Govt. vide order G.O. (MS) No. 176/08/H.Edn accorded Administrative sanction for the implementation of Higher Education Scholarship Fund with an initial Govt. contribution of Rs. 3 crores. The scheme envisaged to collect a corpus of 100 crores within a period of two years from the institution of the fund. Later, vide G.O.(MS) No. 33/09/H.Edn dtd. 30.03.2009, the Administrative Sanction order was modified by incorporating the following points:

The Sate Government will hereinafter provide funds to the extent of 50% of the contribution raised by Kerala State Higher Education Council over and above Rs. 3 crores and the existing scheme of Scholarships to Degree/PG students being implemented by the Director of Collegiate Education will be subsumed within this scheme after the Higher Education Scholarship Fund becomes operational". An amount of Rs. 3 crores set apart in the administrative sanction order was also released to KSHEC. Subsequently, vide G.O.(MS) No. 124/2010/H.Edn dtd. 18.6.2010, Govt. accorded sanction for depositing the funds received for scholarship fund in Treasury/ Nationalised Bank/ Public Sector Bank/ Post Office as fixed deposit and to draw maximum interest so as to mobilise maximum fund for the purpose. On strength of the order, KSHEC deposited an amount of 4 crore (Rs. 3 crore Govt. contribution and one crore public contribution) as fixed deposit on 13.12.2011. Later, another 20 lakh was raised as public contribution towards scholarship fund and the same was deposited as another fixed deposit on 09.05.2016.The interest received is net of Tax Deducted at Source.

4 Unspent Balance

Particulars	As at 31 March2024	As at 31 March 2023
Grant from Government of Kerala		
Grant Received during the year	15,88,85,335	19,02,07,935
Refund received during the year	-	-
Other Receipts	3,25,805	2,47,724
Interest received during the year	14,17,134	29,653
Total Receipts	**16,06,28,274**	**19,04,85,312**
Amount utilized for Capital expenses	67,690	7,09,411
Amount utilized for Revenue expenses-Programs	13,38,17,508	11,83,88,155
Amount utilized for Revenue expenses- others	3,02,80,625	2,45,13,131
Total Expenditure	**16,41,65,823**	**14,36,10,697**
Unspent balance for the year	**(35,37,549)**	**4,68,74,615**
Unspent balance as at the beginning of the year	55,63,705	(3,34,83,619)
Less :Amount Taken Over By the Government	**57,958**	**78,27,291**
Unspent balance as at the end of the year	**19,68,198**	**55,63,705**
Grant under Erudite Scheme		
Unspent Balance Brought forward	-	2,60,37,542
Amount Received in the financial year	35,41,525	47,93,042
Refund received during the year	-	-
Add: Prior Period Adjustments	-	-
Amount utilized in the financial year	28,28,660	49,66,695
Amount resumed during the year	7,12,865	2,58,63,889
Unspent Balance at the end of the year- ERUDITE Scheme	**-**	**-**
Grant under Festival of Ideas		
Amount Received in the financial year	-	-
Amount utilized in the financial year	-	-
Amount Taken Over By the Government	-	-
Less : Prior Period Adjustments	-	-
Unspent balance for the year	**-**	**-**
Unspent balance as at the beginning of the year	-	-
Unspent Balance at the end of the year- Festival of Ideas	**-**	**-**
Kairali Research Awards		
Amount Received in the financial year	75,00,000	75,00,000
Amount utilized in the financial year	63,20,299	70,54,273
Refund received during the year	-	5,13,750
Amount resumed during the year	-	1,31,38,155
Unspent balance for the year	**11,79,701**	**(1,21,78,678)**
Unspent balance as at the beginning of the year	-	1,21,78,678
Unspent Balance at the end of the year- Kairali Research Awards	**11,79,701**	**-**
Less :Amount Taken Over By the Government	-	-
Total Unspent Balance for the year	**31,47,900**	**55,63,705**

4.1 Based on the comment from C&AG Unspent balance is regrouped by classifying amount received towards scholarship corpus fund as a separate line item to the financial statement. In order to match with the current year presentation previous year has been regrouped in the same manner

4.2 Errors in the unitisation of grants under different heads have been corrected during the year and the comparative numbers are also changed accordingly

5 Cash & Bank Balances

Particulars	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Cash In hand	904	-
Bank of India A/c no.560	-	-
Bank of India A/c no.858	15,505	15,086
Union Bank of India A/c no.9637	23,69,081	53,83,101
Kerala Grammin Bank Corpus Fund FD	5,00,000	5,00,000
Kerala Gramin Bank 10350	43,141	53,472
Plan Scheme Treasury Saving Bank Alc (New A/c Opened)	10,00,000	10,00,000
Treasury account 208	100	100
Treasury account 279	31,39,342	31,39,342
Treasury fixed deposit 746	10,12,84,979	8,87,97,791
Total Cash & Bank balances	**10,83,53,052**	**9,88,88,891**

6 Loans & Advances

Particulars	As at 31 March 2024	As at 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Telephone & Internet Deposit	5,883	5,883
Accrued Interest on deposits	15,08,662	15,08,662
Security Deposit	50,000	50,000
TDS on Interest received	30,45,976	16,20,052
Prepaid Insurance- Vehicles	821	6,678
Total Loans & Advances	**46,11,342**	**31,91,275**

7 **Higher Education Scholarship**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Scholarship Disbursement	6,48,29,825	6,66,60,823
Scholarship Administration Charges	-	-
Manappuram Endowment Scheme	40,000	40,000
Total	**6,48,69,825**	**6,67,00,823**

8 **Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post Doctoral fellowship**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post Doctoral fellowship	5,34,27,181	2,39,57,647
Total	**5,34,27,181**	**2,39,57,647**

9 **Programmes Under Center for Research on policies in higher education**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Expert Committee Expenses	49,346	8,19,468
Expenses for SLAC	3,000	3,000
Activities&Policies Taken Up As Per Govt.Directions	(7,368)	75,003
KALNET	6,136	9,136
National Seminar and conference	35,399	9,61,460
Total	**86,513**	**18,68,067**

10 **Programmes Under Center for Curriculum Development & Examination reforms**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Commission Expense	21,51,702	2,07,977
Total	**21,51,702**	**2,07,977**

11 **Programmes Under Center for Human Resources Development & Capacity Building**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Seminars ,Workshops for Academic Administers	-	22,800
Faculty Training Programme	3,55,840	1,08,000
Total	**3,55,840**	**1,30,800**

12 **Expenditure On ERUDITE Scheme**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Conducting ERUDITE scheme	28,28,660	49,66,695
Total	**28,28,660**	**49,66,695**
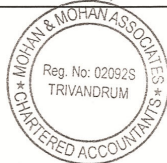
13 Expenditure On Brain Gain

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Brain Gain Programme	4,81,469	6,30,924
Total	4,81,469	6,30,924

14 Expense in association with 3 commissions constituted by Govt. of Kerala

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Commission Expense	-	53,54,834
Total	-	53,54,834

15 Expenses for Kairali Research Awards

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Kairali Research Awards Expenses	63,20,299	70,54,273
Total	63,20,299	70,54,273

16 Salaries & Allowances

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Salaries and Allowance	2,81,14,627	2,10,24,708
Total	2,81,14,627	2,10,24,708

17 Office Expenses

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Miscellaneous Expenditure	70,206	1,27,271
Other Office Expenses	4,734	51,000
Bank Charges	10	1,615
Auditors Remuneration	59,000	59,000
News Paper& Periodicals	34,460	1,86,923
Professional Charges	70,800	70,800
Office Exp-Electricity & Water Charges	1,86,450	3,47,157
Office Exp-Hospitality	-	3,493
Repair & Maintenance-Vehicles	4,09,536	6,39,304
Repair & Maintenance-Building	1,15,995	3,02,345
Repairs and maintenance- furniture & equipment	1,73,074	2,85,551
Printing & Stationary	3,60,107	7,35,098
Postal charges	29,016	23,715
Security Charges	1,54,330	2,96,593
Telephone & Internet	1,51,870	2,42,805
Travel Expenses	3,46,410	1,15,753
Total	21,65,998	34,88,423

18 State Assessment and Accreation expenses

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
SAAC SEMINAR	1,13,271.00	15,772
Ta/ Da/Honorarium	-	-
Total	1,13,271.00	15,772

19 All Kerala Higher education Survey

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
All Kerala Higher education Survey	8,31,707	5,38,584
Total	8,31,707	5,38,584

20 Formation of State Level Consortium for E- Journals

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Formation of State Level Consortium for E- Journals	1,15,00,000	1,89,82,727
Total	1,15,00,000	1,89,82,727

21 Grant from Government of Kerala

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Amount Received	15,88,85,335	19,02,07,935
Less Capital Expenditure Transferred to Capital Reserve	67,690	7,09,411
Add: Unspent balance as on the beginning of the Financial Year	55,63,705	(3,34,83,619)
Add: Refund Received during the year	-	-
Less: Unspent balance as on the end of the Financial Year	19,68,198	55,63,705
Less:Amount Taken Over By the Government	57,958	78,27,291
Grant reckoned from Government of Kerala for the year	16,23,55,194	14,26,23,909

22 Other Receipts

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Miscellaneous Income	-	15,530
FDP receipt	-	-
Royalty	3,25,805	2,32,194
TOTAL	3,25,805	2,47,724

23 **Grant from Government of Kerala for ERUDITE**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Grant Receive during the year	35,41,525	47,93,042
Add: Unspent balance as on the beginning of the Financial Year	-	2,60,37,542
Add: Refund Received during the year	-	-
Less:Amount Taken Over By the Government	7,12,865	2,58,63,889
Less: Unspent balance as on the end of the Financial Year	-	-
Grant reckoned from Government of Kerala(ERUDITE) for the year	**28,28,660**	**49,66,695**

24 **Grant from Government of Kerala for Kairali Research Awards**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Grant Receive during the year	75,00,000	75,00,000
Add: Unspent balance as on the beginning of the Financial Year	-	1,21,78,678
Add: Refund Received during the year	-	5,13,750
Less:Amount Taken Over By the Government	-	1,31,38,155
Less: Unspent balance as on the end of the Financial Year	11,79,701	-
Grant reckoned from Government of Kerala for the year	**63,20,299**	**70,54,273**

25 **Interest received during the year**

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Bank interest	-	-
Interest on Savings Bank accounts	-	-
Interest on Fixed Deposits	14,17,134	29,653
Total	**14,17,134**	**29,653**

26 Property, Plant and Equipment

Particulars	As at 1 April 2023	Additions	Deletions/ Adjustments	Total	Depreciation	As at 31 March 2024
Building	5,22,819	-	-	5,22,819	52,282	4,70,537
Furniture&Fixtures	6,51,516	5,944	-	6,57,460	65,449	5,92,011
Vehicles	6,10,280	-	-	6,10,280	91,542	5,18,738
Computers	3,58,328	-	-	3,58,328	1,43,331	2,14,997
Library Books	6,62,320	2,074	-	6,64,394	99,504	5,64,890
Electrical Equipment	2,28,767	59,672	-	2,88,439	28,251	2,60,188
Total	30,34,030	67,690	-	31,01,720	4,80,359	26,21,361
Previous Year	29,41,643	7,09,411	-	36,51,054	6,17,024	30,34,030

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Utilisation Certificate for the year ended 31 March 2024 -Grant from Government of Kerala

	Particulars	Utilization Year ended 31 March 2024	Utilization Year ended 31 March 2023
		₹	₹
I	**Receipts**		
1	Grant received from Govt of Kerala	15,88,85,335	19,02,07,935
2	Grant received from Govt of Kerala for ERUDITE Scheme	35,41,525	47,93,042
3	Grant received from Govt of Kerala for Kairali Research Awards	75,00,000	75,00,000
4	Refund received during the year	-	5,13,750
5	Other Receipts	3,25,805	2,47,724
6	Interest from Banks	14,17,134	29,653
	Gross Receipts	17,16,69,799	20,32,92,104
II	**Utilisation of Plan Grant from Government of Kerala**		
1	Higher Education Scholarship Administration	40,000	40,000
2	Higher Education Scholarship	6,48,29,825	6,66,60,823
3	Programmes Under Center for Research on policies in higher education	86,513	18,68,067
4	Expenses for Kairali Research Awards	63,20,299	70,54,273
5	Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post Doctoral fellowship	5,34,27,181	2,39,57,647
6	Programmes Under Center for Curriculum Development & Examination reforms	21,51,702	2,07,977
7	Programmes Under Center for Human Resources Development & Capacity Building	3,55,840	1,30,800
8	Expense in association with 3 commissions constituted by Govt. of Kerala	-	53,54,834
9	State Assessment and Accreditation Centers	1,13,271	15,772
10	Formation of State Level Consortium for E- Journals	1,15,00,000	1,89,82,727
11	Expenditure On Brain Gain	4,81,469	6,30,924
12	Expenditure On ERUDITE Scheme	28,28,660	49,66,695
13	All Kerala Higher education Survey	8,31,707	5,38,584
14	Capital asset Creation	67,690	7,09,411
15	Travelling Expenses	3,46,410	1,15,753
16	Salaries & Allowances	2,81,14,627	2,10,24,708
17	Office Expenses	18,19,588	33,72,670
18	Amount Permanently resumed by Government of Kerala	7,70,823	4,68,29,335
	Total	17,40,85,605	20,24,61,000

Unspent balance under Government Grant

Particulars	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
	₹	₹
Unspent balance as at the beginning of the year	55,63,705	47,32,601
Amount Received during the year	17,16,69,799	20,32,92,104
Amount Utilized during the year	17,40,85,605	20,24,61,000
Unspent balance of Plan Grant from Government of Kerala as at the end of the year	31,47,900	55,63,705

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Annexure-I

FOUR YEAR
UNDERGRADUATE
PROGRAMME
(FYUGP)

REPORT

THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

Four Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP) Orientation Programmes

The Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala constituted the Kerala State Curriculum Committee for Higher Education in January 2023 based on the recommendations of the Higher Education Reforms Commission, headed by Dr. Shyam B. Menon. The Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Framework for Four Year Under Graduate Programmes (FYUGP) was approved and submitted for implementation. The Curriculum document embodies the recommendations of the Curriculum committee, the Curriculum Framework including the guidelines for foundation courses, curriculum perspective, curriculum components and credit structure. A model regulation for FYUGP was also forwarded to the universities. UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework, National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF), Outcome Based Education (OBE) are all integral to the new curriculum.

Major Features of Four Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP)

The new Curriculum Framework proposed by the Government of Kerala for the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) intends to provide opportunities that can enable the students to acquire competence in using digital technologies, computational methods, order statistics, data analytics, and other skills essential to participate in the knowledge economy. Guidelines for the foundation courses are also proposed. The UGC has also made it mandatory and circulated a Curricular Framework and Credit System for the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme, model course design with distribution of credits for all universities to adopt.

The salient features of the Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Framework are the following:

- The framework is formulated with a student (learner) centric approach and provides maximum flexibility in terms of choice of disciplines of study and it allows to move from one discipline of study to another.
- It has the options for developing various academic pathways by a creative combination of disciplines of study.
- The students are getting a chance to determine his/her own semester-wise academic load and will be allowed to learn at his/her pace, to the extent possible.

- There is an increase in the number of choices of courses available to students and the students are getting an opportunity to choose the courses of their interest from all disciplines.

- This framework provides multidisciplinary and holistic education with the emphasis on research, skill development and higher order thinking.

- The framework promotes innovation and employability of the student.

- The framework offers flexibility for the students to move from one institution to another as per their choice.

- The framework offers the flexibility to switch to alternative modes of learning (offline, ODL, and online learning, and hybrid modes of learning).

Possible Programme pathway options available for the students

- 3-year UG Degree: Students who wish to exit after 3 years of a 4 year degree programme (then he) will be awarded UG Degree in the Major discipline after the successful completion of three years, securing specific number of credits (133 or above) and satisfying the minimum course requirement as given in tables.

- 4-year UG Degree (Honours): A four-year UG Honours degree in the major discipline will be awarded to those who complete a four-year degree programme with the specific number of credits (177 or above) and have satisfied the minimum course requirement as given in tables. Honours students not undertaking research project will do 3 courses for 12 credits in lieu of a research project / Dissertation.

- 4-year UG Degree (Honours with Research): Students who are highly motivated to opt research as their career can choose honours with research stream in the fourth year. The selection criteria for this stream can be as per the guidelines of UGC/respective universities. They should do a research project or dissertation under the guidance of a faculty member of the University/College. The research project/dissertation will be in the major discipline. The students who secure 177 credits, including 12 credits from a research project/dissertation, are awarded UG Degree (Honours with Research).

Curricular Structure of FYUGP

a) Foundation Components (4 major course baskets)

- Ability Enhancement courses (AEC)
- Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)
- Value Addition Courses (VAC)
- Multi-disciplinary Courses (MDC)

 b) Discipline Specific Pathway Components (Major/Minor)

- Discipline Specific Core Course (DSC) (Level 100- 300)
- Discipline Specific Elective Courses (DSE) Level 300
- (DSC courses at Level 100 are for building the foundations)

c) Discipline Specific Capstone Components.

- Advanced DSC and DSE Courses (Level 400)
- Projects, field training internship, community activity etc
- (Any programmes to promote experiential learning)

Credit structure of the FYUG Degree Programme

A. **General Foundation Courses:**

- It is mandatory for all the students who enrolled for a FYUG degree programme (need) to acquire 39 credits from general foundation courses which are classified in to four different sub categories (approximately about 30% credit decided for the three-year programme)
- The suggested credit distribution for each of the sub category of General Foundation Courses are given below

SI No	Name of the General Foundation Courses	Required Credit
1	Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)	12
2	Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)	09
3	Value Added Courses (VAC)	09
4	Multi-disciplinary Courses (MDC)	09

B. Discipline Specific Foundation and Pathway Courses for 3 year Degree

- The student who wishes to exit with a degree after three years need to acquire 94 credits from Discipline Specific foundation, pathway and capstone level courses approximately about 70% of the credits decided for the three year programme.

- The suggested credit distribution for each of the sub category of Discipline Specific Courses are given below.

SI No	Name of the Pathway Courses	Required Credit
1	Major Pathway Courses	68
2	Minor Pathway Courses	24
3	Internship/Apprenticeship	02

C. Discipline Specific foundation and pathway courses for four-year Honours Degree

The student who wishes to continue for the fourth year for the honours degree, he/she should successfully complete 133 credits in first 3 years and should acquire 44 credits during their fourth year, out of which 32 credits should be from the major discipline at the Capstone level and 12 credits can be from a minor pathway.

SI No	Name of the Pathway Courses	Required Credit
1	Major Capstone Level Pathway Courses	12
2	Major Capstone level Specialisation/ electives (online/blended courses)	8
3	Minor pathway courses/additional minor	12
4	Capstone /research project	12

Honours students may opt to do three capstone level/PG level courses instead of the capstone project. For students who opt for honours with research programme, it is mandatory to complete a research project with original research.

When the State switches over to a new curriculum, which is novel in every aspect, rigorous awareness and training programmes are to be conducted to spread its spirit. The stakeholders and general public should have a clear understanding of this change in the higher education system in

the state. In this context, the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) organised number of training programmes for the creation of a group of trained faculties all over the state.

FYUGP ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

The Kerala State Higher Education Council organised several training programmes for teachers in connection with the newly proposed Four Year Under Graduate Programme. The KSHEC conducted Two-day Orientation Programme for Master Trainers of FYUGP of the universities which are going to implement FYUGP. Also, District Level Orientation Programmes were organised for teachers of all Arts and Science colleges in the state. Around 2000faculty members participated in these training programmes. All the training programmes were inaugurated by Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC. Prof. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, KSHEC made the introductory remarks and the Research Officers of KSHEC, Dr.Sudheendran K, Dr.Shefeeque V, Dr.Manulal P Ram, Ms. Tinchu P. James and Dr.Uthara Soman led the training sessions. A detailed report of the training programmes follows.

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam

The KSHEC conducted Two-day Orientation Programme for Master Trainers of FYUGP for Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on October 12 and 13, 2023. A total of 152selected teachers from different disciplines across the university participated in the programme and actively engaged in the discussions. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC inaugurated the programme. Prof. CT Aravindakumar, Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Syndicate members of the University and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC addressed the gathering. The Research Officers of KSHEC led the sessions. Dr. Shefeeque V spoke on "FYUGP- Major Features and Context", Dr. Sudheendran K led the session on "FYUGP Curricular Framework- Structure, Components and Pathways" and Dr. Uthara Soman spoke on "Structure of Foundation Courses". On the second day, Ms. Tinchu P. James led the session on "Regulations and Frameworks for FYUGP" and Dr. Manulal P Ram spoke on "OBE and Course Designing for FYUGP". The orientation programme ended with a valedictory session at 3.30 pm with the concluding remarks of Prof. CT Aravindakumar, V C, M G University and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC.

Calicut University

The Two-day Orientation for Master Trainers of FYUGP of Calicut University was conducted on October 19 and 20, 2023. Around 100members of Board of Studies of different disciplines of the university participated in the training programme. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC inaugurated the programme. Prof. M K Jayaraj, Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Syndicate members of the University and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC shared their insights on FYUGP. The Research Officers of KSHEC led the technical sessions. Dr.Shefeeque V spoke on "FYUGP- Major Features and Context", Dr.Sudheendran K led the session on "FYUGP Curricular Framework- Structure, Components and Pathways" and Dr.Uthara Soman spoke on "Structure of Foundation Courses". On the second day, Ms. Tinchu P. James led the session on "Regulations and Frameworks for FYUGP" and Dr.Manulal P Ram spoke on "OBE and Course Designing for FYUGP". The orientation programme ended with a valedictory session at 3.30 pm with the concluding remarks of Dr. M. Nasser, Pro- Vice Chancellor and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC.

University of Kerala

On November 3 and 4, 2023, the Two-day Orientation for Master Trainers of FYUGP for University of Kerala was organised. Total 123 teachers from different disciplines attended the training programme. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC inaugurated and Prof. Mohanan Kunnummal, Vice Chancellor, presided over the programme. Also, Registrar, Syndicate members of the University and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC shared their insights on FYUGP. The Research Officers of KSHEC led the technical sessions. Dr.Shefeeque V spoke on "FYUGP- Major Features and Context", Dr.Sudheendran K led the session on "FYUGP Curricular Framework- Structure, Components and Pathways" and Dr.Uthara Soman spoke on "Structure of Foundation Courses". On the second day, Ms. Tinchu P. James led the session on "Regulations and Frameworks for FYUGP" and Dr.Manulal P Ram spoke on "OBE and Course Designing for FYUGP". The orientation programme ended with a valedictory session at 3.30 pm with the concluding remarks of Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC.

Kannur University

The Two-day Orientation for Master Trainers of FYUGP programme was conducted for Kannur University on December 13 and 14, 2023. Total 108 teachers from different disciplines attended the training programme. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC inaugurated and Prof. Bijoy Nandan, Vice Chancellor, presided over the programme. Also, Registrar, Syndicate members of the University and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC shared their insights on FYUGP. The Research Officers of KSHEC led the technical sessions. Dr. Shefeeque V spoke on "FYUGP- Major Features and Context", Dr. Sudheendran K led the session on "FYUGP Curricular Framework- Structure, Components and Pathways" and Dr.Uthara Soman spoke on "Structure of Foundation Courses". On the second day, Ms. Tinchu P. James led the session on "Regulations and Frameworks for FYUGP" and Dr. Manulal P Ram spoke on "OBE and Course Designing for FYUGP". There was also a valedictory session at the end of the programme.

CUSAT and SSUS, Kalady

One day orientation programme on FYUGP was held for the teachers of CUSAT and SSUS, Kalady on November 17, 2023. A total of 40 teachers from CUSAT and 13 teachers from SSUS, Kalady participated in the programme. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC inaugurated and Prof. P G Sankaran, Vice Chancellor, CUSAT presided over the programme. Also, Syndicate members of the University and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC shared their insights on FYUGP. The Research Officers of KSHEC led the technical sessions. Dr.Shefeeque V spoke on "FYUGP- Major Features and Context", Dr.Sudheendran K led the session on "FYUGP Curricular Framework- Structure, Components and Pathways" and Dr. Uthara Soman spoke on "Structure of Foundation Courses". On the second day, Ms. Tinchu P. James led the session on "Regulations and Frameworks for FYUGP" and Dr. Manulal P Ram spoke on "OBE and Course Designing for FYUGP". There was also a valedictory session at the end of the programme.

Besides, all the teachers of SSUS Kalady were given training on FYUGP on December 19 and 20, 2023. The teachers were grouped into four, depending on the discipline they teach and the research officers from KSHEC took individual sessions for each group. A total of 156 faculty members participated in the programme.

District level Orientation Programmes on Implementation of FYUGP

The district level FYUGP orientation Programmes were organised for teachers of all Arts and Science colleges from November 2023 onwards. All the Principals and the university concerned were directed to send two teachers each, mainly Principal, IQAC Coordinator/ FYUGP Coordinator to the orientation programme.

Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC inaugurated all the district level orientation programmes and Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC chaired the inaugural session. The Principals of colleges concerned addressed the gathering. The Research Officers of KSHEC Dr. Sudheendran K, Dr. Shefeeque V, Dr. Manulal P Ram, Ms. Tinchu P. James and Dr. Uthara Soman led the sessions. Dr. Shefeeque V spoke on "FYUGP- Major Features and Context", Dr. Sudheendran K spoke on "FYUGP Curricular Framework- Structure, Components and Pathways", Dr. Uthara Soman spoke on "Structure of Foundation Courses", Ms. Tinchu P. James spoke on "Regulations and Frameworks for FYUGP" and Dr. Manulal P Ram spoke on "Course Designing for FYUGP". The orientation programmes ended with a valedictory session at the end of the day with the concluding remarks of Dr. Rajan Varghese, Member Secretary, KSHEC.

Thiruvananthapuram

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the teachers of Thiruvananthapuram district was organised on 28.11.2023 at Mar Ivanios Thiruvananthapuram. Total 105 teachers from different disciplines from 61 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Meera George, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Kollam

The orientation programme for Kollam district was conducted on 29.11.2023 at Fatima Matha National College, Kollam. A total of 114 teachers from different disciplines from 38 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Cynthia Catherine Michael, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Pathanamthitta

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the teachers of Pathanamthitta district, was conducted on 01.12.2023 at St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry. A total of 118 teachers from different disciplines from 44 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. George K. Alex, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Alappuzha

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the teachers of Alappuzha district was organised on 30.11.2023 at MSM College, Kayamkulam. A total of 172 teachers from different disciplines from 38 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Prof. (Dr.) Muhammed Thaha A, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Kottayam

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the teachers of Kottayam district was conducted on 14. 11.2023 at CMS College Kottayam. A total of 91 teachers from different disciplines from 54 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Prof. Varghese C. Joshua, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Idukki

On 13.11.2023, the orientation programme on FYUGP was conducted at Marian College Kuttikkanam for the teachers of Idukki district. A total of 69 teachers from different disciplines from 37 colleges in the district attended the training programme. **Prof. Dr. Ajimon George,** Principal delivered the felicitation.

Ernakulam

The FYUGP Orientation Programme was conducted on 07.11.2023 for the teachers of Ernakulam district, held at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery. A total of 142 teachers from different disciplines from 76 colleges in the district attended the training programme.FR. (DR.) SAJU M.D CMI, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Thrissur

For the teachers of Thrissur district, the Orientation programme on FYUGP was held on 08.11.2023 at St. Thomas College Thrissur. A total of 141 teachers from different disciplines from 52 colleges in the district attended the training programme. **Dr. Fr. Martin K. A,** Principal delivered the felicitation.

Palakkad

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the teachers of Palakkad district was organised on 09.11.2023 at Mercy College, Palakkad. A total of 125 teachers from different disciplines from 50 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Sr. Gisala George, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Malappuram

On 17.01.2024, the Orientation programme on FYUGP was conducted at MES Keveeyam College, Valanchery for the teachers of Malappuram district. A total of 84 teachers from different disciplines from 107 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Vinod Kumar K P, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Kozhikkode

On 18.01.2024, the Orientation programme on FYUGP was conducted at RSMSNDP Yogam College, Koyilandi for the teachers of Kozhikkode district. A total of 99 teachers from different

disciplines from 80 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Sujesh. C. P, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Wayanad

On 19.01.2024, the orientation programme on FYUGP was conducted at St. Marys College, Sulthanbathery for the teachers of Idukki district. A total of 78 teachers from different disciplines from 20 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Vijayakumar AR, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Kannur

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the teachers of Kannur district was held at Amenity Centre, Kannur University Campus, Kannur on 14.12.2023. A total of 101 teachers from different disciplines from 52 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Prof. (Dr.) Joby K Jose, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Kasaragod

The Orientation programme on FYUGP for the teachers of Kasargod district, was organised on 15.12.2023 at Nehru Arts and Science College, Kanhangad. A total of 55 teachers from different disciplines from 30 colleges in the district attended the training programme. Dr. K.V. Murali, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Orientation Programme for Journalists

An Orientation Programme for Journalists was done on 24.05.2024 at Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram. 66 journalists from print and visual media participated in the programme.

Orientation Programme for Plus Two Students and Teachers

Thiruvananthapuram
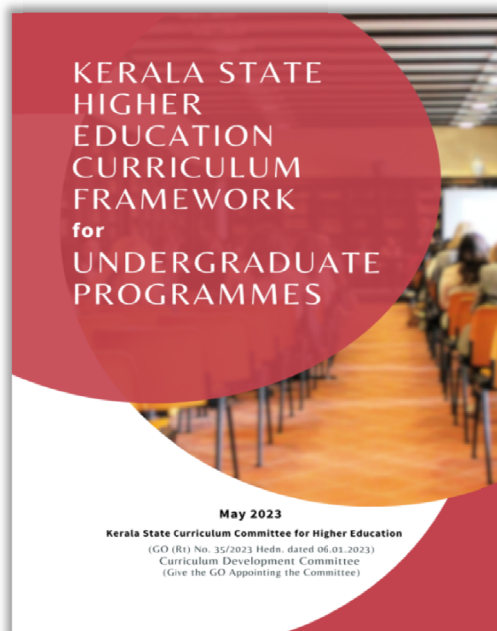
The orientation programme on FYUGP for the Plus Two students/ teachers of Thiruvananthapuram district, was conducted on16.05.2024 at St. Mary's Higher Secondary School, Pattom. A total of 150 students and 11 teachers from different Higher Secondary Schools in the district attended the training programme. Fr. Nelson. P, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Kollam

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the Plus Two students/ teachers of Kollam district, was conducted on 16.05.2024 at Mar Thoma College of Science and Technology, Ayur. Total 110 students and 30 teachers from different Higher Secondary Schools in the district attended the training programme. Prof. Dr. K. Jacob, Principal delivered the felicitation.

Alappuzha

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the Plus Two students/ teachers of Alappuzha district, was organised on 24.05.2024 at St. Joseph's College for Women, Alappuzha. Total 112 students and 20teachers and 18 parents from different Higher Secondary Schools in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Sr. Usha Antony, Principal delivered the felicitation.
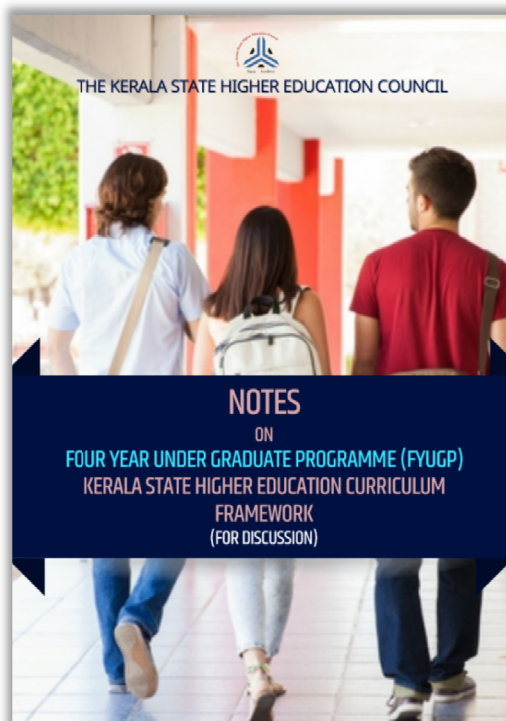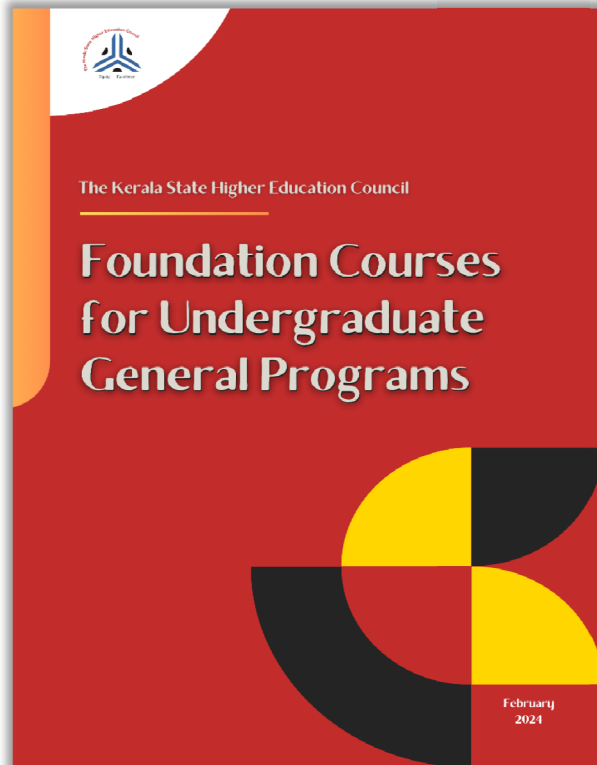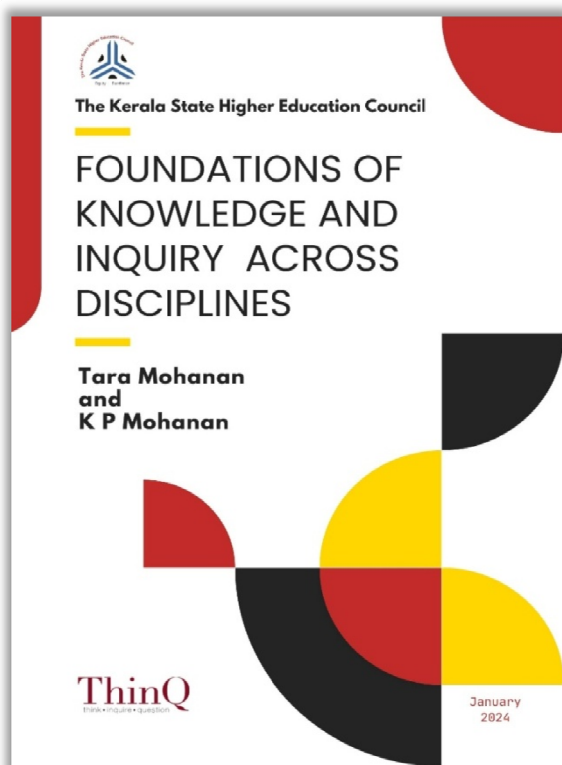
Thrissur

The orientation programme on FYUGP for the Plus Two students/ teachers of Thrissur district, was inaugurated by Dr. R. Bindu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education on 25.05.2024 at St Joseph College, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur. A total of 825 students, 300 NCC students and 85 teachers from different Higher Secondary Schools in the district attended the training programme. Dr. Sr. Eliza, Principal delivered the felicitation.

FYUGP Related Publications

1. *Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Framework for Undergraduate Programmes*
2. *Model Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP) Regulations, 2023.*
3. *Foundations of Knowledge and Inquiry Across Disciplines -*
   Tara Mohanan and K P Mohanan
4. *Foundation Courses for Undergraduate General Programmes –*
   N J Rao & Rajan Gurukkal
5. *Hand Book for Master Trainers* in *Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Framework for Undergraduate Education*
6. *Notes on Four-Year Undergraduate Programmes (FYUGP)Kerala State Higher Education Curriculum Framework (For Discussion)*
7. *Four-Yea rUndergraduate Programmes (FYUGP) -Draft Note for Plus Two Students*

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ACT 22 OF 2007
THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL ACT, 2007
An act to provide for the setting up of the Kerala State Higher Education Council.

Preamble.- WHEREAS, it is expedient to establish a State Higher Education Council as a collective of the Government, Universities, academics, experts and people's representatives in order to forge a synergic relationship among them by occupying an operational space in between the Government and Universities and between Universities and apex level regulatory bodies, with the objects of (i) ensuring the autonomy and accountability of all institutions of higher education in the State, (ii) promoting academic excellence and social justice by providing academic input to the State Government for policy formulation and perspective planning, and (iii) guiding the growth of higher education in accordance with the socio-economic requirements of the State;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to achieve the above said objectives, to empower this Council to (i) review and coordinate the implementation of policies in all higher education institutions in the State including Universities, research institutions and colleges, (ii) network various programmes in higher education undertaken and promoted by the Central and State Governments and by national level regulatory bodies including the University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education, National Council for Teacher Education, Medical Council of India, Bar Council of India and other similar statutory bodies, (iii) undertake independent work for the generation and dissemination of new ideas in higher education, (iv) provide common facilities for all Universities, research institutions, colleges and other centers of higher education (v) provide for the generation and optimum utilization of funds for the expansion and development of higher education and (vi) undertake such other programmes for promoting the objectives of social justice and excellence in education;

BE it enacted in the Fifty-eighth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

1. **Short title, Extent and Commencement. –**

   (1) This Act may be called the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007.

   (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Kerala.

   (3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on 25th January, 2007.

2. Definitions.-- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-

   (a) "Advisory Council" means the Advisory Council of the Council;

   (b)"All India Council for Technical Education" means the Council constituted under the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987 (Central Act 52 of 1987);

   (c) "Bar Council of India" means the Bar Council constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961 (Central Act 25 of 1961);

   (d) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council;

   (e) "college" means any Higher Education Institution affiliated to a University;

   (f) "Council" means the Kerala State Higher Education Council constituted under section 3;

   (g) "Executive Council" means the Executive Council of the Council;

   (h) "Governing Council" means the Governing Council of the Council;

   (i) "Government" means the Government of Kerala;

   (j) "Higher education" means the education and research studies leading to the award of a degree or diploma or certificate by a University or institution approved by the University;

   (k) "institution" means an academic institution of higher education and research, not being a college, associated with and admitted to privileges of a University or maintained by a University ;

   (l) "Medical Council of India" means the Council constituted under the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (Central Act 102 of 1956);

   (m) "Member" means a member of the Advisory Council, the Governing Council or the Executive Council, as the case may be;

(n) "National Council for Teacher Education" means the Council constituted under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 (Central Act 73 of 1993);

(o) "Notification" means the notification published in the official Gazette;

(p) "Patron" means the Patron of the Council;

(q) "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;

(r) "Regular student" means a regular student of a university or a college affiliated to a university;

(s) "regulations" means the regulations made by the Governing Council under this Act;

(t) "State" means the State of Kerala;

(u) "Statutes", "Ordinances" and "Regulations" of a University mean respectively, the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations issued under the respective Acts of a University;

(v) "teacher" means any regular teacher working in a University, Government College or Government aided College or institution whose appointment has been made by a University or Government or approved by a University;

(w) "University" means any University in the State established by an Act of the State Legislature;

(x) "University Grants Commission" means the Commission established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 (Central Act 3 of 1956);

(y) "Vice-Chairman" means the Vice-Chairman of the Council;

(z) "Visitor" means the Visitor of the Council

3. Constitution of the Council.-

(1) The Government may by notification, constitute, with effect from such date as may be specified therein, a Council to be called the Kerala State Higher Education Council.

(2) The Council shall be a body corporate by the name aforesaid, having perpetual succession and a common seal and shall by the said name sue and be sued.

(3) The headquarters of the Council shall be at Thiruvananthapuram

4. Responsibilities and functions of the Council.-

(1) The Council shall have the following general responsibilities and functions, namely:-

(a) to render advice to the Government, Universities and other institutions of higher education in the State;

(b) to co-ordinate the roles of the Government, Universities and apex regulatory agencies in higher education within the State;

(c) to evolve new concepts and programmes in higher education;

(d) to provide common facilities in higher education without impinging upon the autonomy of other institutions of higher education.

(2) For the furtherance of the above responsibilities and functions, the Council shall specifically undertake the following, namely:-

(a) provide academic input to the Government and to the Universities, research institutions and other centers of higher education in the State for the formulation and implementation of the policies on higher education and evolve a perspective plan for the development of higher education, suo moto or on the suggestion from Government or requests from Universities or other institutions;

(b) undertake independent research for the generation of new ideas for the promotion of social justice and academic excellence in higher education, hold awareness programmes for the academia and initiate or propose or pilot projects on an experimental basis in selected higher education institutions for implementation of the new ideas;

(c) undertake human resources development planning for the State and plan the growth and development of higher education in accordance with such planning;

(d) evolve guidelines for linkages of an academic nature among higher education institutions in the State and institutions within and outside the country;

(e) evolve programmes in order to promote the relevance of higher education for the economic, social and cultural development of the State;

(f) review existing guidelines and furnish recommendations for regulating admissions to various courses and for appointments to the posts of teachers and teacheradministrators in Universities, colleges and other institutions of higher education;

(g) suggest improvements in curriculum and syllabi in accordance with the changing societal and academic requirements and facilitate the development and publication of appropriate teaching material, including textbooks, educational softwares and e-learning facilities in order to improve the quality of education;

(h) organise short term courses to train and update the knowledge and skills of higher education teaching personnel, educational administrators and other similarly situated;

(i) advise the Government on the starting of new courses, colleges, and other higher education institutions in the State;

(j) make proposals for the generation and utilisation of funds in accordance with the objectives of this Act;

(k) evolve general guidelines for the release of grants by the Government to Universities and other institutions of higher education and advise the Government about the release of such grants to Universities and other institutions of higher education;

(l) evolve schemes for providing equitable opportunities for higher education and scholarships and freeships and financial assistance to the needy students and co-ordinate implementation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other eligible backward classes welfare programmes of the Central and the State Governments and other Central and State Level Funding Agencies;

(m) review periodically the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the Universities in the State and suggest appropriate improvements for the realisation of the objectives of social justice and academic excellence in education and suggest the framework for new Statutes, Ordinances, or Regulations for existing Universities or other institutions of higher education or new Universities or other institutions of higher education;

(n) provide common facilities for the entire State by establishing centres, namely:-

(i) Centre for Research on Policies in Higher Education;

(ii) Curriculum Development Centre;

(iii) Centre for Capacity Building in respect of faculty and educational administrators;

(iv) State Council for Assessment of Higher Education Institutions;

(v) Examination Reforms Cell;

(vi) Human Resources Development, Employment and Global Skills Development Cell;

(o) hold discussions, conduct workshops and seminars with the objective of facilitating the widest possible consultations with experts and stakeholders including organizations of students and teachers for formulating the policies on higher education and facilitating their proper implementation;

(p) facilitate the development of a synergic relationship among different agencies such as the State Government, Universities, colleges and other institutions of higher education in the State and the Central Government and regulatory bodies at the national level;

(q) co-ordinate various programmes being promoted and undertaken by Central and State Governments and national level bodies like University Grants Commission, All India Council for Technical Education, National Council for Teacher Education, Medical Council of India, Bar Council of India and other similar statutory bodies and State level institutions like Universities, research institutions, colleges and other institutions of higher education in the territory of India;

(r) provide a forum for the interaction among the academy, industries, agriculture and service sectors;

(s) facilitate the conduct of workshops and seminars on questions of importance in higher education in different parts of the State;

(t) undertake necessary steps for establishing inter-linkages between research and learning processes;

(u) promote extension activities in colleges, institutions and Universities and encourage their integration into the curriculum so that the students and teachers become sensitive to social issues;

(v) promote sports and cultural activities in the colleges, other institutions and Universities and integrate them with the co-curricular activities;

(w) perform such other functions for the realisation of the twin objectives of social justice and excellence in higher education;

(x) suggest steps for promoting democratisation and academic autonomy of Universities and other institutions of higher education;

(y) evolve schemes to sensitise the students to environmental and gender issues.

5. The Patron.-

(1) The Governor of Kerala, by virtue of his office shall be the Patron of the Council.

(2) The Patron shall have the right to call for report on any matter pertaining to the affairs of the Council and offer suggestions for the improvement of the functioning of the Council.

(3) The Patron shall have the right to address any meeting of the Council, if he so desires.

6. The Visitor.-

(1) The Chief Minister of Kerala shall, by virtue of his office, be the Visitor of the Council.

(2) The Visitor shall have the right to call for report on any matter pertaining to the affairs of the Council and offer suggestions for the improvement of the functioning of the Council.

(3) The Visitor, shall preside over the meeting of the Advisory Council.

7. The Chairman.-

(1) The Minister in charge of Higher Education of the State shall, by virtue of his office, be the Chairman of the Council.

(2) The Chairman shall have the right to call for report on any matter pertaining to the affairs of the Council and offer suggestions for the improvement of the functioning of the Council.

(3) The Chairman, shall preside over the meeting of the Governing Council and shall preside over the meeting of the Advisory Council in the absence of the Visitor.

8. The Vice-Chairman.-

(1) An eminent educationalist, preferably a former Vice-Chancellor, shall be appointed by the Government as the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

(2) The Vice-Chairman shall be the executive head of the Council.

(3) The Vice-Chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Council and shall preside over the meetings of the Advisory Council and the Governing Council in the absence of the Visitor and the Chairman, as the case may be.

(4) The Vice-Chairman, shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

9. The Member-Secretary.-

(1) An academician, preferably with administrative experience, shall be appointed by the Government as Member-Secretary of the Council.

(2) The Member-Secretary shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the academic functions of the Council.

(3) The Member Secretary shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

10. The Registrar.-

(1) An officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary to Government shall be appointed by the Government as Registrar of the Council, on deputation.

(2) The Registrar shall be responsible for the administration of the office of the Council.

(3) The Registrar shall represent the Council in all suits and other legal proceedings for and against the Council.

(4) The Registrar shall exercise such other powers and perform such other functions as may be prescribed.

(5) The terms and conditions of service of the Registrar shall be such as may be prescribed.

11. Composition of the Council.—

(1) The Council shall comprise of the following bodies, namely:-

(a) the Advisory Council;

(b) the Governing Council;

(c) the Executive Council.

(2) The Bodies of the Council shall be reconstituted every four years from the date of their constitution: Provided that in the event of delay in the constitution of the Bodies, they shall continue to be in office for a further period of six months or their reconstitution, which ever is earlier.

12. The Advisory Council.-

The Advisory Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) the Visitor;

(b) the Chairman;

(c) the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly;

(d) the Minister for Health and Family Welfare;

(e) the Minister for Agriculture;

(f) the Minister for Law;

(g) the Vice-Chairman;

(h) the Member-Secretary;

(i) two members of the Parliament from the State, one from the Lok Sabha and the other from the Rajya Sabha, nominated by the Government;

(j) five members of the Legislative Assembly of Kerala, of whom one shall be a member of the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe and one shall be a woman, nominated by the Speaker;

(k) one Vice-Chancellor of a University outside the State, nominated by the Government;

(l) the Vice-Chairman, State Planning Board;

(m) the Chairperson, Women's Commission;

(n) the Chief Secretary to Government;

(o) a prominent industrialist or business man, nominated by the Government;

(p) an eminent person from the field of arts or literature, nominated by the Government;

(q) an eminent social scientist, nominated by the Government;

(r) an eminent person from, print or visual media, nominated by the Government;

(s) an eminent member from the medical profession, nominated by the Government;

(t) an eminent sports person, nominated by the Government;

(u) an eminent scientist or technologist, nominated by the Government;

(v) an eminent agriculturist, nominated by the Government;

(w) an eminent jurist, nominated by the Government;

(x) one Grama Panchayat President, nominated by the Government;

(y) one Block Panchayat President, nominated by the Government;

(z) one District Panchayat President, nominated by the Government;

(aa) one Municipal Chairperson, nominated by the Government;

(ab) one Mayor, nominated by the Government.

13. Powers and Functions of the Advisory Council.-

The Advisory Council shall meet at least once a year and shall deliberate on the general policies in higher education with particular reference to the functioning of the Council.

14. The Governing Council.-

The Governing Council shall consist of the following members, namely:-

(a) the Chairman;

(b) the Vice-Chairman;

(c) the Member-Secretary;

(d) five educationalists of repute from different Academic disciplines of whom one shall be a woman and one belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, nominated by the Government;

(e) the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities;

(f) A teacher member of the Academic Council of each University elected by the respective Academic Council of the University;

(g) two student representatives of the University Unions or two regular students, of whom one shall be a woman, nominated by the Government;

(h) a person who has distinguished himself in extension activities, nominated by the Government;

(i) the Director of a Research Institution, nominated by the Government;

(j) the member of the State Planning Board in charge of education;

(k) a nominee of the University Grants Commission not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Ex-officio;

(l) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Ex-officio;

(m) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Ex-officio;

(n) the Director of Technical Education, Ex-officio;

(o) the Director of Medical Education, Ex-officio;

(p) the Executive Vice-President, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Ex-officio;

(q) the Director of Collegiate Education, Ex-officio;

(r) the Agricultural Production Commissioner, Ex-officio.

15. Powers and functions of the Governing Council.-

The Governing Council shall have the following powers and functions, namely:-

(a) it shall take all policy decisions on behalf of the Council;

(b) it shall chalk out a perspective plan for the implementation of the policies, evolve various programmes to be implemented and determine the priorities of such programmes for implementation;

(c) it shall approve the annual budget and the audited statement of expenditure in such manner as may be prescribed;

(d) it shall make a self-appraisal of its performance and prepare an annual report showing details of its academic performance;

(e) it shall give such directions to the Executive Council as may be necessary for the effective functioning of the Council in accordance with its objectives;

(f) it shall with prior approval of the Government to frame regulations in accordance with this Act and the rules made there under;

(g) it shall propose general guidelines for the release of grants by the Government to Universities and other institutions of higher education and advise the Government about the release of such grants to each University and other institutions of higher education;

(h) it shall suggest measures for the academic and financial accountability of the Universities and other Institutions of higher education in the State;

(i) it shall advise the Government and Universities and other institutions of higher education regarding the procedure of implementation of its decisions in all institutions of higher education including Universities, colleges and other institutions of higher education in the State;

(j) it shall have such other powers as may be prescribed for the effective implementation of the programmes for the furtherance of the objectives of this Act;

(k) it shall meet, as often as may be necessary, at such time and place and observe such rules of procedure as may be provided in the regulations provided that it shall meet at least twice a year;

(l) it shall have power to act, notwithstanding any vacancy in the membership or any defect in the constitution thereof, and the proceedings of the Governing Council shall be valid notwithstanding that some person, who was not entitled to be a member, had attended, or otherwise had taken part in the proceedings of the Governing Council.

16. The Executive Council.-

There shall be an Executive Council for the Council consisting of the following members of the Governing Council, namely:-

(a) the Vice-Chairman;

(b) the Member-Secretary;

(c) one of the Vice-Chancellors, nominated by rotation by the Government for a period of one year;

(d) five educationalists nominated under clause (d) of section 14;

(e) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Ex-officio.

17. Powers and duties of the Executive Council.-

The Executive Council shall have the following powers and duties, namely:-

(a) it shall be competent to take decisions on behalf of the Council, subject to the concurrence of the Governing Council in all matters with policy implications: Provided that in urgent circumstances instead of concurrence, subsequent ratification of the Governing Council shall be sufficient;

(b) it shall incur such expenses as are necessary to fulfill the objectives set out in this Act and carry out all decisions taken by the Governing Council;

(c) it shall nominate one of its members to the Syndicate/Executive Committee of each University and such member shall ensure effective communication of the views of the Council and co-ordinate the implementation of programmes common to all universities;

(d) it shall present before the Advisory Council the annual academic and financial audit reports of the Council for its perusal;

(e) it shall present before the Governing Council the annual academic and financial audit reports of the Council for its approval;

(f) it shall have such other powers, functions and duties as may be prescribed.

18. Special Invitees.-

(1) The Vice-Chairman of the Council may for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of this Act, invite in writing any person who is not a member of the Council to take part in the deliberations of particular meetings of the Advisory Council, Governing Council, Executive Council and any other Body constituted by the Council for specific purposes as special invitees and such invitees shall have no right to vote in the meetings.

(2) The special invitees shall be paid from and out of the funds of the Council such sums as may be approved by the Vice-Chairman.

19. Meetings.-

(1) The meetings of the Advisory Council, the Governing Council and the Executive Council shall be convened by the Member-Secretary on the advice of the Vice-Chairman.

(2) The quorum for the meetings of the Governing Council and the Executive Council shall be one third of filled up membership in each body and decisions may be taken in the meetings by simple majority of those present and voting. There shall be no quorum for the meetings of the Advisory Council and decisions may be taken in the meetings by simple majority of those present and voting.

20. Terms and Conditions of Service of the Vice Chairman, Member Secretary and Members.-

(1) The Vice Chairman, Member Secretary and Members other than the Member of the Executive Council nominated under clause (c) of Section 16, unless removed from the office in accordance with the provisions of this Act, shall hold office for the entire term of the Body of Council to which they are appointed or nominated or elected as the case may be : Provided that they shall continue to hold office of Vice Chairman, Member Secretary and Members respectively for a further period of six months or till further appointment or nomination or election is made to the respective offices, whichever is earlier: Provided further that Vice Chairman, Member Secretary, and the members shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-nomination or re-election for a further term of four years, as the case may be.

(2) The Vice-Chairman, Member-Secretary or Members, may in writing under his signature, addressed to the Chairman, resign his membership from the Council: Provided that he shall continue to hold such office until his resignation is accepted and communicated in writing.

(3) The salaries, allowances and other perquisites payable to the Vice-Chairman shall be the same as that of Vice - Chancellor of a University and that payable to the Member Secretary shall be the same as that of a Pro-Vice- Chancellor of a University.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this section, the other terms and conditions of service of the Vice-Chairman, Member Secretary and Members shall be such as may be prescribed.

21. Removal from Membership of the Council.-

If, at any time, it appears to the Government that an appointed or nominated or elected Member has proved himself to be unfit to hold such office or has been guilty of misconduct or neglect which in the opinion of the Government renders his removal from the membership of the Council, as expedient, the Government may, after giving such member, a reasonable opportunity of showing cause as to why he shall not be removed from the Council and after examining the same decide whether to continue or remove such member, as the case may be, from his membership and in case of such removal from the membership of the Council it shall be made by notification.

22. Filling up of casual vacancy.-

If a casual vacancy arises in the office of a nominated or appointed Member, either by reason of

his death, resignation, removal or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled up by the Government

by nomination or appointment and such Member shall hold office only for the remainder of the

term of the Member in whose place he was nominated or appointed, as the case may be.

23. Protection of acts done in good faith.-

No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Council or any member or officer or employee of the Council for anything which is done or intended to be done in good faith in pursuance of the provisions of this Act or any rules or regulations made there under.

24. Staff of the Council.-

The Council shall, with prior approval of the Government appoint such officers and staff, as it deems necessary for the discharge of its functions under this Act. The terms and conditions of

service of the officers and staff of the Council shall be such as may be specified in the regulations

to be framed by the Council.

25. Funds of the Council.-

(1) The funds of the Council shall include all sums which may, from time to time, be paid to it by the Government and all other receipts including any sum from the Central Government, any State Government, the University Grants Commission or any other authority, institutions or person.

(2) The Government may pay to the Council every financial year such sums as may be considered necessary for the functioning of the Council and for the discharge of its responsibilities and duties.

(3) All expenditure incurred by the Council under or for the purposes of this Act shall be defrayed from out of the Fund and any surplus remaining, after such expenditure has been met, shall be invested in such manner as may be prescribed.

26. Annual Accounts and Audit.-

(1) The accounts of the Council shall be maintained in such manner and in such form as may be prescribed.

(2) The Council shall prepare an annual statement of accounts in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The accounts of the Council shall be audited once in a year by such auditor as the Government may appoint in this behalf.

(4) The auditor appointed under sub-section (3) shall, for the purposes of audit, have such rights, privileges and authority as may be prescribed.

(5) The Member-Secretary to the Council shall cause the annual audit report to be printed and forward a printed copy thereof to each member and shall place such report before the Governing Council for consideration at its next meeting.

(6) The Governing Council shall take appropriate action forthwith to remedy any defect or irregularity that may be pointed out in the audit report.

(7) The accounts of the Council as certified by the auditor together with the audit report along with the remarks of the Governing Council thereon shall be forwarded to the Government within such time as may be prescribed.

(8) The Government shall, as soon as may be after the receipt of the annual accounts together with the audit report under sub-section (7) cause the same to be laid before the Legislative Assembly.

Annual Report.-

(1) The Council shall prepare for every year a report or its activities under this Act during that year and submit the report to the Government in such form as may be prescribed.

(2) The Government shall, as soon as may be after the receipt of a report under sub-section (1), cause the same to be laid before the Legislative Assembly.

28. Members and Staff of the Council to be public servants.-

The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Members, Officers and Staff of the Council shall be deemed, when acting or purporting to act in pursuance of any of the provisions of this Act or any rule or regulation or order or direction made or issued under this Act shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code (Central Act 45 of 1860).

29. Overriding effect of the Act.-

The provisions of this Act or any rule made there under shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any law, other than this Act or in any instrument having effect by virtue of any law other than this Act or in any decree or order of any court or other authority.

30. Power to make regulations.-

(1) The Governing Council may with prior approval of the Government frame regulations in accordance with this Act and Rules made there under for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act.

31. Power to make rules.-

(1) The Government may by notification make rules either prospectively or retrospectively, for carrying out all or any of the purposes of this Act.

(2) Every rule made under this Act shall be laid, as soon as may be after it is made, before the Legislative Assembly, while it is in session for a total period of fourteen days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, the Legislative Assembly makes any amendment in the rule or decides that the rule should not be made, the rule shall, thereafter, have effect only in such form as amended or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such amendment or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

32. Power to remove difficulties.-

(1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Act, the Government may, by order, as occasion may require, do anything not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act which appears to them to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulty.

(2) Every order issued under sub-section (1) shall, as soon as may be after it is made be laid before the Legislative Assembly.

33. Repeal and Saving.-

(1) The Kerala State Higher Education Council Ordinance, 2007 (49 of 2007) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under this Act.

Annexure– III

ACT 19 OF 2018

THE KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018

An act to amend the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007

Preamble. – WHEREAS, it is expedient to amend the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007, for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty- ninth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This act may be called the Kerala State Higher Education Council (Amendment) Act, 2018. (2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 5th day of July 2017.

2. Amendment of the preamble.-In the Kerala State Higher Education Council Act, 2007 (22 of 2007) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in the preamble, in the first paragraph, for the word "experts", the words and symbols "experts, teachers, students " shall be substituted.

3. Substitution of certain expressions by certain other expressions.- In the principal Act, for the words "Advisory Council", "Executive Council" and "Governing Council", wherever they occur, the words "Advisory Body", " Executive Body" and "Governing Body" shall, respectively, be substituted.

4. Amendment of section 2.- In section of 2 of the principal Act, after clause (s), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:- "(sa) "RUSA" means the Rashtriya Uchchatar Sahiksha Abhiyan, a centrally sponsored scheme for higher education;".

5. Amendment of Section 4.- In section 4 of the principal Act,- (i) In sub-section (1), for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(a) to render advice to the Government, Universities, colleges and other institutions of higher education in the State in matters of access, equity and excellence in higher education;"

(ii) in sub-section (2) after clause (y), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:-

"(z) conduct longitudinal studies to understand the impact of student learning;

(za) promote and integrate scientifically proven indigenous knowledge systems in the State higher education system;

(zb) evolve programmes to improve access to higher education for differently abled students;

(zc) collaborate with the Government in the implementation of RUSA and other similar centrally sponsored schemes and other central sector schemes within the State;

(zd) evolve common academic guidelines for Universities in the State for mutual recognition, approval or equalization of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature thereof;

(ze) evolve common academic guideline for Universities in the State for recognition,approval or equalization of academic programmes or areas of studies and nomenclature thereof of various programmes conducted or co-ordinated by Universities or higher education institutions outside the State and outside the country;

(zf) facilitate the dissemination of knowledge of higher education to target audience through electronic and print media."

6. Amendment of section 5.- In section 5 of the principal Act, after sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:- "(4) The Patron may refer any matter relating to higher education and higher education institutions as he deems fit, for the expert opinion of the Council."

7. Amendment of section 6. – In section 6 of the principal Act, after sub-section (3) the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:- "(4) The Visitor may refer any matter relating to higher education and higher education institutions, as he deems fit, for the expert opinion of the Council."

8. Amendment of section 9.- In section 9 of the principal Act, in sub-section (3), after the words " as may be prescribed", the words, "or delegated by the Vice- Chairman from time to time" shall be inserted .

9. Amendment of section 10.- In section 10 of the principal Act, in sub-section (4) , after the words "as may be prescribed", the words "or delegated by the Vice- Chairman from time to time" shall be inserted.

10. Amendment of section 11.- In section 11 of the principal Act in sub-section (2),- (i) after the words "shall be reconstituted" , the word "simultaneously" shall be inserted; (ii) in the proviso, for the words, "shall continue to be in office for a further period of six months or till their reconstitution, whichever is earlier", the words "shall continue to hold office till their reconstitution" shall be substituted.

11. Amendment of section 12.- In section 12 of the Principal Act.- (i) for item (k) the following item shall be substituted, namely:- "(k) one Vice- Chancellor of a University outside the State of Kerala established by an Act of another State, nominated by the Government;" (ii) after item (ab), the following items shall be inserted, namely;- "(ac) one Chairman or Vice- Chairman of a State Higher Education Council outside the State of Kerala, nominated by the Government: (ad) one Vice- Chancellor of a Central University outside the State, nominated by the Government.".

12. Amendment of section 14.- In section 14 of the principal Act, after item (r), the following items shall be inserted, namely:- "(s) one nominee of the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India, not below the rank of a Joint Secretary; (t) State Project Director, RUSA;

(u) one Principal of an affiliated college, nominated by the Government; (v) one non-teaching staff member of a University or College, nominated by the Government,".

1961 Amendment of section 15.- In section 15 of the principal Act, in clause (k),-

1962 (i) after the words "it shall meet", the words "at least twice a year and" shall be inserted;

1963 (ii) the words "provided that it shall meet at least twice a year" shall be omitted.

1964 14. Amendment of section 17.- In section 17 of the principal Act, for clause (c), the following

1965 clause shall be substituted, namely:-

1966 "(c) it shall nominate one of its members to the Academic Council of each University".

1967 15. Amendment of section 20.- In section 20 of the principal Act, in sub- section (1)

1968 in the first proviso, the words, "for a further period of six months or" and the words

1969 "whichever is earlier" shall be omitted.

1970 16. Amendment of section 25.- In section 25 of the principal Act, in sub - section (1), after

1971 the words "the University Grants Commission". the symbol and word, "RUSA" shall

1972 be inserted.

1973 17. Special provision relating to existing Governing Council.-

1974 Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, on and from the date

1975 of commencement of the Kerala State Higher Education Council (Amendment)

1976 Ordinance, 2017 (13 of 2017), the existing Governing Council shall stand dissolved

1977 and all the members of the said Governing Council shall be deemed to have vacated

1978 their offices a such on such dissolution.

1979 18. Repeal and saving.- (1) The Kerala State Higher Education Council (Amendment)

1980 Ordinance, 2018 (26 of 2018) is hereby repealed.

1981 (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or

1982 any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the Principal Act as amended

1983 by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the

1984 Principal Act as amended by this Act.