



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Syndicate held on 13.09.2022

(Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A++' Grade)

Place of Meeting : University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram
 Time : 03.30 PM

Members Present:

1. Prof.(Dr.) V.P.Mahadevan Pillai (*In the Chair*)
Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof.(Dr.) P.P.Ajayakumar
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Adv.K.H.Babujan
4. Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai G.
5. Sri.P.Rajendrakumar
6. Sri.Bijukumar.G
7. Dr.K.G.Gopchandran
8. Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai
9. Sri.Arunkumar R
10. Sri.Jairaj.J
11. Adv.B.Balachandran
12. Dr.S.Nazeeb
13. Sri.B.P.Murali
14. Adv.A.Ajjikumar
15. Sri.Sandeep Lal. S
16. Smt.Renju Suresh
17. Prof.K.Lalitha

Item No.01. Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 05.09.2022– Minutes – Approval of - reg.

(PL.G)

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development was held at 10.30 a.m on 05.09.2022 in the Syndicate room.

It may be noted that the Committee made a detailed negotiation with PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd., Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram (L1), regarding **the setting up of Translational Research and Innovation Centre** at the University of Kerala (TRIC-KU) [ITEM No.03] and PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd. was directed to re-examine the bid amount quoted by the firm for the project, as the rate is not affordable.

Then the firm conveyed their willingness to reduce the offered rate to Rs. 30Lakh (Rupees thirty lakh only). Further, the meeting directed the University Engineer to offer remarks on the revised rate amounting to Rs. 30 Lakh (Rupees thirty lakh only) for the project, quoted by PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd.

Accordingly, the University Engineer has offered remarks as follows:

"The rough estimate for the construction submitted by the previous Consultant who prepared the preliminary design was Rs.15 Crores. The construction cost as per the estimate prepared based on DPAR 2019 comes to Rs.26,92,50,000/-. As per GO (P) No. 67/2021/Fin dated 28-04-2021, the Government has fixed the guidelines for the selection procedure of accredited agencies in which the charges fixed for Investigation, Planning, Design, Preparation of Drawings, Detailed Estimate and

DPR for works costing above Rs.5 crore is 1.5% of the project cost. Moreover as per the scope of work, the firm should also periodically supervise the work in the angle of the Architecture to ensure that the project is being carried out as per architectural design.

If we are following the same guidelines for appointing the Consultant for this project, the maximum consultancy fee @ 1.5% of the project cost as per DPAR estimate comes to Rs.40,38,750/- (excluding GST). The negotiated offer from M/s PEMS Engineering Consultant is within the maximum eligible fee as per the above GO.

Considering the above, the offer from M/s PEMS Engineering Consultant at Rs.30,00,000/- + GST is recommendable. Regarding the task period, suitable decision may be taken from the higher ups."

Considering the above remarks of the University Engineer, the meeting **recommended to approve the revised rate amounting to Rs.30Lakh (Rupees thirty lakh only) for the project, quoted by PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd. and also to request the Vice Chancellor to approve this recommendation and to accord administrative sanction for the proposal, by exercising the powers vested under section 10(13) of the KU Act 1974.**

The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place the minutes before the next Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held at 10.30 a.m on 05.09.2022 in the Syndicate room (COPY APPENDED) is placed before the Syndicate for approval.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SYNDICATE
ON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

Date and Time : 05.09.2022 ; 10.30 AM
Venue : Syndicate room, University Buildings, Senate House Campus,
Thiruvananthapuram

Members

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| 1. Adv.A.Ajikumar, Member, Syndicate [Convener, SC on P&D] | - | Sd/- |
| 2. Adv.K.H.Babujan, Member, Syndicate | - | Absent |
| 3. Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member, Syndicate | - | Absent |
| 4. Dr.K.B.Manoj, Member, Syndicate | - | Absent |
| 5. Sri.B.P.Murali, Member, Syndicate | - | Sd/- |
| 6. Adv.Muralidharan Pillai.G, Member, Syndicate | - | Absent |
| 7. Sri.Bijukumar. G, Member, Syndicate | - | Sd/- |
| 8. Sri.Jairaj. J, Member, Syndicate | - | Sd/- |
| 9. Dr.K.G. Gopchandran, Member, Syndicate | - | Sd/- |
| 10. Dr.Vijayan Pillai. M, Member, Syndicate | - | Sd/- |
| 11. Sri.Arun Kumar. R, Member, Syndicate | - | Sd/- |
| 12. Sri.Rajendrakumar P, Member, Syndicate | - | Sd/- |

The meeting began at 10.30 a.m.

Item No.01.01: *Work bill related to the works entrusted to the firms as Project Management Consultant (PMC)- proper guidelines for processing the bills-reg.*

[Pl.G]

The Audit II section, while processing a work bill submitted by the University Engineer in connection with the construction of Staff Quarters at Kariavattom Campus which is entrusted to M/s WAPCOS as Project Management Consultant, has remarked that the work bill was not endorsed and countersigned by the competent authorities of the Engineering wing of the University at the designated places and the U.O attached does not mention anything about the MoU which entrust work to the firm M/s.WAPCOS as Project Management Consultant (PMC) and the method of submitting the bill and making payment to the contractor.

As so many issues raised related to auditing of these type of bills, Audit II section has requested to issue proper guidelines related to the processing and submission of bills for auditing and suggested to incorporate the following points while issuing guidelines.

1. *The U O related to administrative sanction shall be issued mentioning about entrusting the work to the firm as Project Management Consultant and the MoU regarding this.*
2. *The discrepancies and corrections in the work bills submitted by the firm shall be rectified and counter signed by competent authorities of UE Sn.*
3. *Work bill shall be submitted for auditing after proper endorsement and countersignature by the competent authorities of the engineering division of the University.*
4. *GST amount claimed shall be detailed in the work bill.*
5. *The work order issued to the contractor shall be attached to the work bill.*

The Audit II section also requested to mention the conditions to make the entire system of processing Project Management Consultant (PMC) work bills transparent and foolproof.

The Joint Registrar (Campus Administration) has remarked that it would be appropriate to incorporate the five points suggested by Audit II section while framing the guidelines in this matter.

The Finance Officer and the Registrar have approved the proposal.

The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to hold a meeting with FO section, Audit section (Palayam & Kariavattom), Engineering unit, Planning section and Cash section, for discussing the matter and entrusted the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for conducting the meeting. Accordingly, the meeting was conducted on 12.08.2022 at PVC's chamber.

The meeting discussed the matter in details and put forward recommendations as tabulated below.

Sl.No	Points Placed for Discussion	Recommendations
1.	The U.O related to administrative sanction shall be issued mentioning about entrusting the work to the firm as Project Management Consultant and the MoU regarding this.	<i>A new order, specifically incorporating the details of PMC, should be issued immediately after the execution of the MoU. The U.0 should include the details of MoU as well.</i>
2.	The discrepancies and corrections in the work bills submitted by the firm shall be rectified and counter signed by competent authorities of UE Sn.	<i>In case of any discrepancies or corrections in the bill, the same should be returned to the firm through the University Engineer and the corrected bill, countersigned by the competent authority of the firm, should be collected through the University Engineer.</i>
3.	Work bill shall be submitted for auditing after proper endorsement and countersignature by the competent authorities of the engineering division of the University.	<i>A separate certificate should be furnished by the University Engineer in this regard.</i>
4.	GST amount claimed shall be detailed in the work bill.	<i>All works bill submitted by the PMC should necessarily contain the details of GST.</i>
5.	The work order issued to the contractor shall be attached to the work bill.	<i>The work order issued to the contractor shall be forwarded to the University by the PMC and a tripartite agreement should be executed between the University, PMC and Contractor specifying the roles, duties and obligations of each party and the terms of payment for the work, as per G.O. (P) No.67/2021/Fin. Dated 28.04.2021.</i>

The meeting also recommended to issue a fresh U.O specifying the above points as guidelines for processing the work bill related to the works which are entrusted to Project Management Consultant.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the preparation of proper guidelines for the processing of work bills entrusted to Project Management Consultant alongwith the minutes of the meeting held on 12.08.2022 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development for consideration and recommendation.

Recommendation:

- *To defer the item to the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 05.09.2022, be approved.

Item No.01.02: *Providing Network Connectivity at the NSS Section, First floor of new Canteen Building, S H Campus -reg.*

[Ad BII]

The NSS Co-Ordinator informed that the NSS Section, which was functioning at the old building near Election Section has now been shifted to the first floor of new University Canteen Building, S H Campus. Since there is no provision for networking facility in the newly allocated space, the Co-ordinator has requested for providing the same. The NSS Co-ordinator has also forwarded the estimate submitted by the Instrumentation Engineer (i/c) amounting to Rs.1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Eighty Thousand only) towards the same .

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter of providing Network Connectivity at the NSS Section, First floor of new Canteen Building, SH Campus along with the estimate amounting to Rs.1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Eighty Thousand only) submitted by the Instrumentation Engineer (i/c) towards the same is placed before the **Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning & Development** for consideration and recommendation.

Recommendation:

- *To approve the matter of providing Network Connectivity at the NSS Section, First floor of new Canteen Building SH, Campus along with the estimate amounting to Rs.1,80,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Eighty Thousand only) submitted by the Instrumentation Engineer (i/c).*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 05.09.2022, be approved.

Item No.01.03: *Expression of interest-Setting up of TRICK KU- Negotiation with the lowest quoted firm-reg.*

[PLAI]

A meeting was conducted at the Registrar's chamber on 3/9/2022 at 12.40PM to evaluate the expression of interest from vendors for setting up Translational Research and Innovation Centre at the University of Kerala (TRIC-KU). The committee examined the quotations submitted by three firms i.e PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd., Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram, DK Consultants, Ernakulam, WAPCOS Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram. The details of three tenders are furnished below.

Opening date: Sep 3, 2022 Opening time: 12.40 pm

SL No	Name of firm	EMD details	Amount quoted	Sd/-
1.	PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd., Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram	DD No 852640 dt 01-09-2022 SBI, Ambalamukku Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 35,00,000 + GST	Sd/-
2.	DK Consultants, Ernakulam	DD No 314666 dt 02-09-2022 SBI, Palarivattom Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 34,49,999/-	Sd/-
3.	WAPCOS Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram	DD No 305559 dt 01-09-2022 SBI, Kadavantra Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 3.79% of project cost (15 Cr)	

EVALUATION OF EOI BID RECEIVED FOR SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS, TRIC-KU**Date: 03-09-2022 Time: 2 PM**

Sl. No	CRITERIA	FIRM 1	FIRM 2	FIRM 3
1	Registration 10 years in India	PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd., Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram 19 Sep 2005	DK Consultants, Ernakulam Proprietorship: 2014	WAPCOS Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram 12 Feb 1980
2	Valid PAN	AADCP7249J	AASFD7060M	AAACWO764A
3	Valid GST	32AADCE72491Z9	32AASFD70601Z1	32AAACW0764AZZX
4	MOU/MOI with other firms	Nil	MOU with Felix VarkeyKunju, Spot On Engineering Service	--
5	Undertaking Black listing in India/ Abroad	Yes (Attached)	Yes (Attached)	Yes (Attached)
6	Litigation	Not attached	Not attached	Not attached
7	Experience Single work: 6Cr; 2 works 3 Cr each; 3 works 2 Cr each in last 5 years	Certificate from Rail Vikas Nigam Pvt Ltd. Hubli, Karnataka 30-07-2020 Value of contract: 77.91 Cr Completion of project: 31 Aug 2020	Certificate from Loyola College of Social Sciences, Trivandrum, dated 16-09-2020 Project cost: 6 Cr	Certificate from ChattisgarhRajasahakari Bank MYDT, Raipur Project cost: 8.5 Cr Completed on 30-06-2018
8	EMD	DD No 852640 dt 01-09-2022 SBI Ambalamukku Rs. 50,000/-	DD No 314666 dt 02-09-2022 SBI Palarivattom Rs. 50,000/-	DD No 305559 dt 01-09-2022 SBI Kadavantra Rs. 50,000/-
9	Quoted amount (INR)	Rs. 35,00,000 + GST	Rs. 34,49,999/-	Rs. 3.79% of project cost (15 Cr) = Rs. 56,85,000
10	Remarks	Qualified	Registration period less than 10 years	Qualified

The Committee evaluated the 3 EOI and has recommended not to accept the EOI from DK Consultants, Ernakulam as the firm does not fulfill the eligibility criteria.

The other 2 EOIs satisfied the eligibility criteria and hence the committee accepted the 2 EOIs for further processing.

The lowest bid is from PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd., Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram (L1) for Rs. 35 Lakh.

Hence the committee recommended PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd., Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram (L1) for Rs. 35 Lakh. It is also recommended for negotiation with L1.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the minutes of the meeting of the Evaluation Committee to evaluate the Expression of Interest for setting up Translational Research and Innovation Centre at the University of Kerala (TRIC-KU) and ordered to place the matter before the Standing Committee of Syndicate on Planning and Development on 05/09/2022 for consideration and to conduct a negotiation with the qualified firm who quoted the lowest.

Recommendation:

Negotiation was made with the PEMS Engineering Consultants, Pvt. Ltd., Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram (L1), in detail and the PEMS Engineering Consultants Pvt. Ltd. was directed to re-examine the bid amount quoted by the firm, in connection with the setting up of Translational Research and Innovation Centre at the University of Kerala (TRIC-KU), as the rate is not affordable.

Then the firm informed their willingness to reduce the offered rate to Rs. 30 lakhs (Rupees Thirty lakhs only).

The meeting directed the University Engineer to offer remarks on the revised rate amounting to Rs.30 lakhs (Rupees Thirty lakhs only) for the project quoted by the PEMS Engineering Consultants Pvt. Ltd. Then the University Engineer has furnished her remarks on the revised rate quoted by the firm as follows:

" The rough estimate for the construction submitted by the previous Consultant who prepared the preliminary design was Rs.15 Crores. The construction cost as per the estimate prepared based on DPAR 2019 comes to Rs.26,92,50,000/-. As per GO (P) No. 67/2021/Fin dated 28-04-2021, the Government has fixed the guidelines for the selection procedure of accredited agencies in which the charges fixed for Investigation, Planning, Design, Preparation of Drawings, Detailed Estimate and DPR for works costing above Rs.5 crore is 1.5% of the project cost. Moreover as per the scope of work, the firm should also periodically supervise the work in the angle of the Architecture to ensure that the project is being carried out as per architectural design.

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Considering the above, the offer from M/s PEMS Engineering Consultant at Rs.30,00,000/- + GST is recommendable. Regarding the task period, suitable decision may be taken from the higher ups."

- **Considering the above remarks of the University Engineer, the meeting recommended to approve the revised rate amounting to Rs.30 lakhs (Rupees Thirty lakhs only) for the project quoted by the PEMS Engineering Consultants Pvt. Ltd.**
- **Also recommended to request the Vice Chancellor to approve this recommendation and to accord administrative sanction to the proposal, by exercising the powers vested under section 10 (13) of the KU Act 1974.**

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve the consultancy charges of Rs.30,00,000/- (Rs.Thirty lakh only) submitted by PEMS, Thiruvananthapuram towards the scope of work mentioned in the Expression of Interest (EOI) for the construction of four building, 1.Main innovation building, 2.Translational Research Laboratory, 3. Animal Research facility and 4. Industrial area in the TRIC-KU cluster near the Environmental Science Block, University of Kerala, Kariavattom.'

Item No.01.04: ***Submission of Proposal for central assistance for the construction of hostels under the hostel component of the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Aayudh Yojana -reg.***

[P.L.D]

Department of Social Justice and Empowerment had requested, vide letter dated 7/12/20, to conduct need based assessment exercise to assess the requirement of hostels under the scheme of Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana (BJRCY), which has now been merged into Pradhan Abhyundaya Yojana (PM-AJAY) as one of the components.

Higher Educational Institutions which are top ranked as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of the Government of India and fully or partially by the Centre/State/UT Government shall be eligible for funding under this component.

As per the guidelines, the proposal for construction / expansion / repair of hostels of the State Universities / Institutions shall be part of the Annual Action Plan of the respective State Government / UT Administration to be submitted to this Department under the Grants-in-Aid component of the scheme.

It is required to conduct a comprehensive need assessment exercise for sanction of central assistance for the construction of hostel/demand survey. The assessment / survey should focus upon fetching information on the following:

- 1.Number of operational hostels for SC students.
- 2.Number of SC students enrolled
- 3.Number of SC students availing hostel facilities
4. Number of SC day scholars
5. Gap in availability of hostels for SC students.
6. If a hostel is sanctioned. whether the institution has the required land for construction of hostel or not.
7. Willingness of the institutes to provide resources for management and day to day operation of the hostel.

In the meeting held on 1/8/2022 to finalize the proposal to be submitted under PMJVK, the University Engineer was entrusted to submit the proposal for construction of new hostel at Kariavattom campus.

For the need based assessment, it was suggested that the CSS be contacted to get the data. However, the CSS had no such data pertaining to the SC students. The data obtained from the Ad.DII section, based on the request for hostel facility (2021 Admissions), is appended herewith.

Course		Applied	Allotted
PG-CSS/MBA/M.Tech/LLM	Men	21	16
	Women	102	102
PG	Women	27	13
UG	Women	42	16
Ph.D	Men	15	05
	Women	21	02
Total	Men	36	21
	Women	192	133

The University Engineer has submitted the proposal of construction of new hostel at Kariavattom campus for an amount of Rs.54,50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Four Crore Fifty Lakh only). It may be noted that, the amount of financial assistance has not been specified by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal placed before the Standing Committee on Planning & Development for recommendation.

Recommendation:

- *To entrust the University Engineer to submit a detailed project report for the construction of new hostel for girls (prioritising SC students) at Kariavattom campus with accommodation limited to 250 students, with immediate effect.*
- *To entrust IQAC to conduct a comprehensive need assessment exercise for sanction of central assistance for the construction of hostel /demand survey.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 05.09.2022, be approved.

Item No.01.05: *Setting up of Multimedia Classrooms & Multimedia Theatre Classrooms - Extension of Last date of completion of Civil, Electrical and Networking works, with or without fine - Consideration – reg.*

[Ad BII]

The Special Syndicate at its meeting held on 08.10.2021 had resolved to award the Civil, Electrical and Networking components of works in connection with the setting up of Multimedia Theatre Classrooms and Multimedia Classrooms in the University Teaching Departments to M/s Macro Enterprises, Chennai by excluding the components AV Equipment and Server Storage System, for an amount of Rs.5,96,28,744/- (Rupees Five Crore Ninety Six Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Four only), plus tax except for the component Networking.

Later, vide U.O.No.Ad.BII/3415/2022/UOK dated 05.05.2022, the estimate was revised to Rs.7,27,45,164/- (Rupees Seven Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Forty Five Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Four only/-), based on the letter submitted by the University Engineer showing the additional requirements occurred during the works.

The Syndicate held on 07.07.2022 vide item No44.132 resolved to approve the recommendation of combined meeting of the Technical & Monitoring Committee of the multimedia classrooms, to finalize the last date of completion of Civil, Electrical and Networking works as 15.06.2022. Now, the University Engineer vide letter No.DB2/MM-Theatre class/MMC/22 dated 16-08-2022 has requested to clarify whether the extension granted is with or without fine for executing supplementary agreement for the time of extension and the University Engineer has also recommended not to impose fine on the firm, as the delay occurred was not entirely due to the fault of the firm.

Also, the firm M/s Macro Enterprises has requested to release 75% adhoc payment amounting to Rs.2,44,34,332/-, for the completed works. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 05.08.2022 resolved to approve the recommendation of the multimedia monitoring committee, to entrust the University Engineer to issue 75% of adhoc payment against the bill submitted by the firm M/s Macro Enterprises, after obtaining the certification from the Assistant Executive Engineers concerned.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the request of the University Engineer to clarify whether the extension granted is with or without fine for executing supplementary agreement for the time of extension to the firm, M/s Macro Enterprises, Chennai as the date for completion of work was extended up to 15.06.2022 and the request of the firm, M/s Macro Enterprises to release an amount of Rs.2,44,34,332 as 75% adhoc payment for the completed works are placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning & Development, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendation:

- *To execute supplementary agreement for the extension of time of completion of Civil, Electrical and Networking works in connection with the setting up of Multimedia Theatre Classrooms and Multimedia Classrooms in the University Teaching Departments, with M/s Macro Enterprises, Chennai, without fine, as the delay occurred was not entirely due to the fault of the firm.*
- *To levy fine on the delay occurred from the part of M/s Neuf Solutions in completing the AV related works in connection with the setting up of Multimedia Theatre Classrooms and Multimedia Classrooms in the University Teaching Departments, as per PWD norms.*

The meeting came to an end at 11.30 a.m.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning and Development held on 05.09.2022, be approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED to entrust the University Engineer and Joint Registrar, Campus Administration, Kariavattom to report the status of ongoing major civil and other engineering works at Kariavattom Campus and report the same before the Works Monitoring Committee scheduled on 19th and 20th of September, 2022 at Kariavattom Campus.

ALSO RESOLVED to issue notice to M/s. Neuf Solutions that fine will be imposed if there is any delay in completion of works.

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Item No.02.

Establishment of Geological museum and Rock Garden at Department of Geology at Kariavattom campus- Interior & Landscaping works- minutes of the meeting held on 27.08.2022 and concept note to the VIVID –Approval of -reg.

(Pl.G)

As per U.O dated 09.02.2021 sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to entrust Interactive Museum of Cultural History of Kerala (Kerala Museum), Keralam Museum of History and heritage, Park view, Tvpm approving the estimate amounting to Rs. 4,18,900/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand and Nine Hundred only) (including GST @18%) submitted by Executive Director, Interactive Museum of Cultural History of Kerala (Kerala Museum), towards the preparation of DPR in respect of the interior and landscape works of Geological Museum & Rock Garden in the Department of Geology.

On the basis of the MoU, the Keralam Museum Authorities have conducted the final presentation (presented a narrative & Detailed Project Report) for the interior & landscaping works for the Geological Museum and Rock garden on 05.07.2022 in the Pro-Vice-Chancellor's Chamber, after incorporating the modifications in the concept theme and narrative suggested by the Department of Geology.

They have also presented an approximate cost of **Rupees 4.5 crores for the project**. After detailed discussions on the above matter, the meeting recommended to authorize the Head, Department of Geology to explore the possibility of getting external financial support for establishing the Museum and to direct the Keralam Museum Authorities to submit the DPR along with the estimate to the University at the earliest.

The Syndicate held on 07.07.2022, vide item no. 44.136, has resolved to approve the above recommendation of the meeting of the Final Presentation by Kerala Museum authorities with respect to the preparation of DPR in connection with the interior & landscaping works for the Geological museum and rock garden, Department of Geology, Kariavattom held on 05.07.2022 and further **resolved to entrust the Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr. E Shaji, Professor, Department of Geology to have a detailed discussion with Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd, regarding the establishment of Geological Museum & Rock Garden under the Department of Geology at Kariavattom campus, with financial support from VIVID and UNESCO Global Geopark.**

Accordingly, a meeting was held at 11.30 a.m. on 27.08.2022 at PVC's Chamber with Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the minutes of the meeting held on 27.08.2022 (Copy appended) and the concept note on the establishment of Geological Museum and Rock Garden at Kariavattom campus to be submitted to Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd. (Copy appended), are placed before the Syndicate for consideration and approval.

Minutes of the meeting with Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd, on seeking financial support from VIVID and UNESCO Global Geopark for the establishment of Geological Museum & Rock Garden under the Department of Geology at Kariavattom Campus

Date and time : 27.08.2022, 11.30 a.m.
Venue : Pro-Vice-Chancellor's Chamber, Senate House Campus, Palayam

Members Present

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| 1. Prof. (Dr.) P.P. Ajayakumar, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (in the chair) | - | Sd/- |
| 2. Dr. Mini Dejo Kappen, Director, Planning and Development | - | Sd/- |
| 3. Sri.Mohammed Hashir, Deputy Registrar Planning a& Development | - | Sd/- |
| 4. Dr.E.Shaji, Head, Department of Geology | - | Sd/- |
| 5. Dr. Anil Kumar Y, Department of Geology | - | Sd/- |
| 6. Dr. Sajin Kumar K S, Department of Geology | - | Sd/- |
| 7. <u>Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd.</u> | | |
| 8. Sri. V.R Ramachandran Potti, Managing Director | - | Sd/- |

The meeting started at 12.00 noon.

The Syndicate held on 07.07.2022, vide item no. 44.136, has resolved to **entrust the Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dr.E Shaji, Professor, Department of Geology to have a detailed discussion with Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation Ltd, regarding the establishment of Geological Museum with financial support from VIVID and UNESCO Global Geopark.** Accordingly, a meeting was held with the representative of VIVID.

In the meeting the Managing Director, VIVID intimated that the Geological Survey of India has decided to declare Varkala Papanasam Cliff as Geo-heritage site on 28th May 2014, based on the proposal submitted before the Government of India by the Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation. The geological history of Varkala makes it as a potential candidate for UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, and will be first in India and establishment of a Geological Museum is an essential component for every UNESCO GEOPARK in the world. The representative VIVID added that VIVID Corporation was formed for the Comprehensive Infrastructure and Tourism development of Varkala under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. Thus,

Varkala UNESCO Global Geopark forms a prestigious project of VIVID. The areal extent of this Geopark will be 2000 sq.km, which includes the University of Kerala Kariavattom Campus.

The meeting expressed the interest of the University in having a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with VIVID to make the Geological Museum at Kariavattom campus a part of UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, Varkala and responding to the interest of University, the representative of VIVID assured to extend its support to the University to achieve the goal and the expression of interest will be presented in the upcoming board meeting of VIVID, presiding over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala.

After the detailed deliberations, the meeting recommended to forward a brief concept note with the financial out lay submitted by the Kerala Museum on the establishment of Geological Museum and Rock garden at Kariavattom campus, and to incorporate a photograph of the Geological Museum building at Kariavattom and the document form of Video presentation made in the meeting with the Keralam Museum, held on 05.07.2022, to the Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation for presenting the same before the upcoming board meeting of VIVID.

The meeting came to an end at 12.30 p.m.

CONCEPT NOTE ON MAKING THE PROPOSED GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM & ROCK GARDEN AT KARIAVATTOM CAMPUS AS A PART OF UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, VARKALA

The Government of Kerala, vide G.O(Rt.) No. 1383/2012/H.Edn dated 05.07.2012 and G.O.(Rt.) No. 1771/2013/H.Edn dated 26.08.2013, have accorded administrative sanction for a total amount of Rs 2 Crore (Rs 1Crore + Rs 1Crore) for the establishment of Geological Museum in the Department of Geology at Kariavattom Campus, University of Kerala. Accordingly, M/s. Iyer & Mahesh Architects, Thiruvananthapuram, the Architect consultant had completed the construction work of the building on 17.03.2020. (Photograph appended)

The Interactive Museum of Cultural History of Kerala (Kerala Museum), Keralam Museum of History and heritage, Park view, Tvpm was entrusted for the interior and landscape works of Geological Museum, approving the estimate amounting to Rs. 4,18,900/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand and Nine Hundred only) including GST @18% submitted by Executive Director, Interactive Museum of Cultural History of Kerala (Kerala Museum), towards the preparation of DPR in respect of the interior and landscape works of Geological Museum & Rock Garden in the Department of Geology, in light of the G.O (സ.ഉ. (കെ)നം .16 / 2019 /സാം.കാ.വ തിരുതി 04 .06 2019) wherein the State Government has entrusted the Interactive Museum of Cultural History of Kerala (Kerala Museum) as the nodal agency for setting up of museums under all departments and institutions under the State Government. Accordingly a MoU was executed between the University of Kerala and the Interactive Museum of Cultural History of Kerala on 26.03.2022. On the basis of the MoU, the Keralam Museum Authorities have conducted the final presentation (presented a narrative & Detailed Project Report) for the interior & landscaping works for the Geological Museum and Rock garden, with thematic zone having 9 sub theme as summarized below, on 05.07.2022 in the Pro-Vice-Chancellor's Chamber, Senate House Campus, Palayam.

Museum concept introduction	Magical Mighty Earth	Entrance Lobby Area
Thematic zone	Earth Endows Everything	AV room
Sub-theme 1	A Glimpse of Geology: An introduction to geology and the achievements of the geological studies.	Gallery 1
Sub-theme 2	Fossils Telling the Story : Palaeontology, fossils, Geological Time Scale.	Gallery 1
Sub-theme 3	Remarkable Rock Formations Over The World : Some amazing rock formations in the world	Courtyard
Sub-theme 4	Geo-Heritage Sites : Some interesting Geological heritage sites are digitally shown.	Corridor

Sub-theme 5	A Glance to Petros : <i>Different types of rocks, their genesis, texture and structure. Also Rock cycle and Soil profile are included.</i>	Gallery 2
Sub-theme 6	Mesmerizing Minerals: <i>Exhibiting various minerals according to their classification. Their characteristics features are also represented. Gem stones and fluorescent minerals are also shown there.</i>	Gallery 3
Sub-theme 7	Role/ Significance of Geologists : <i>Role of a Geologist in different fields and their significance also mentioned.</i>	In the corridor
Sub-theme 8	Stratigraphic Succession of India: <i>Chronological and Geological arrangement of Rocks formed in India.</i>	At the exit area
Sub-theme 9	Stratigraphic Succession of Kerala : <i>Chronological and Geological arrangement of Rocks formed in Kerala</i>	In front of the entrance

The Keralam Museum have estimated approximately Rs. 4.5 crore for the implementation of the project.

In this context, some related facts are pointed below:

- (i) The Geological Survey of India has decided to declare Varkala Papanasam Cliff as Geo-heritage site on 28th May 2014, based on the proposal submitted before the Government of India by the Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) Corporation.
- (ii) The geological history of Varkala makes it as a potential candidate for UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, and will be first in India and establishment of a Geological Museum is an essential component for every UNESCO GEOPARK in the world.
- (iii) The Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development (VIVID) was formed for the Comprehensive Infrastructure and Tourism development of Varkala under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala. Thus, Varkala UNESCO Global Geopark forms a prestigious project of VIVID.
- (iv) The areal extent of this Geopark will be 2000 sq.km, which includes the University of Kerala Kariavattom Campus. Owing to this, a fruitful collaboration between the University of Kerala and VIVID in this regard will helps to achieve the target in a short period.
- (v) A series of meeting was conducted in connection with the establishment of Geological Museum at Kariavattom campus and the Managing Director of VIVID was an invitee.

In the wake of the above, the University of Kerala is interested in having Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with VIVID to establish the proposed Geological Museum at Kariavattom campus as a part of UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, Varkala and VIVID is requested to extend its support for the same and to bring the matter in the upcoming Board meeting of VIVID, presiding over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve the concept note; to forward the same to Vision Varkala Infrastructure Development Corporation (VIVID) and wait for the outcome of the proposed meeting of VIVID with the Hon'ble Chief Minister and to place the final report before the next Syndicate.

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Item No.03. Department of Optoelectronics – Purchase of “Spares and Replacement Parts” for the existing “Fluorolog-3 Spectrofluorometer” in the Department- Consideration of- reg.

(PLA1)

The Head, Department of Optoelectronics, vide Letter No. KU/OPTO/128/2022-23 dated 20/06/22, informed that the “Fluorolog-3 Spectrofluorometer” (Make: Horiba Scientific Instruments

Inc., USA) installed in the department, on 13th April 2018, purchased from the proprietary owner “M/s. Horiba Scientific Instruments Inc., USA” through the supplier firm “M/s. Laser Spectra Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore” (please see the U.O. dated 05/07/2017), with a warranty of three years from the date of installation, is not working properly. Hence the department requested the supplier firm, “M/s. Laser Spectra Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore” to inspect the instrument.

As per the service report obtained from the Service Engineer authorised by the supplier firm, it is informed that, the “Fluorescence software is not initializing”, also “board, fluor timing control” and “5 wire modified for fluorolog 3” need to be replaced (Please see the copy of the Service Report appended in the file).

As the research activities of the Research Scholars and M.Phil students in the department are mainly dependent on this instrument, the Head has requested sanction for the replacement of the necessary parts of the equipment from the proprietary owner “M/s. Horiba Scientific Instruments Inc., USA” through the supplier firm “M/s. Laser Spectra Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore”.

In this context, the Head, vide reference cited, has forwarded the quotation obtained from “M/s. Horiba Scientific Instruments Inc., USA” (through the supplier firm “M/s. Laser Spectra Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore”), along with a copy of the Service Report of the Engineer from the firm, the Minutes of the Department Council meeting held on 27/05/2022, recommending the purchase & the proprietary certificate from the supplier firm and requested sanction for replacing the faulty parts of the Equipment.

The detailed quote in this regard is enumerated below:

Sl.No.	Description	Qty.	Unit Price (in USD)	Total Price (in USD)
1	5500400349, BOARD, FLUOR. TIMING CONTROL (ASSY)	1 No.	1,314.00	1,314.00
2	5500400530, BOARD, 5-WIRE, MODIFIED FOR FLUOROLOG	1 No.	2,293.00	2,293.00
	Total Ex- works price			3,607.00
	Shipping Charges by Courier			4,00.00
	Total Price CIP Tvm.			4,007.00

The Head, Department of Optoelectronics, has recommended the OEM “M/s. Horiba Scientific Instruments Inc., USA” (through the supplier firm “M/s. Laser Spectra Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore”) for the replacement of the faulty “Board, Fluor Timing Control” and “5 Wire modified for Fluorolog” of the existing “Fluorolog-3 Spectrofluorometer”, at a total cost of **USD 4007.00 and requested to release an amount of Rs.3,25,000/- as provisional advance for effecting advance payment by 'wire transfer' to the above firm (inclusive of Customs Duty, Clearance Charges and provision for possible escalation in exchange rate) for finalizing the purchase of the corresponding spares of the equipment.**

The expenditure for the replacement of parts shall be met from the h/a "Part II - Plan- MH 29- Department of Optoelectronics-4/1885 Development of Department (State)" of the current year's Budget Estimates of the University (SPG 2022-23).

In the quotation obtained from “M/s. Laser Spectra Services India Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore”, on behalf of the OEM “M/s. Horiba Scientific Instruments Inc., USA”, it is also informed that, installation of these parts and checking performance of the Fluorolog-3 TCSPC system by “Morriscet Laser Spectra Services Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore”, is at a cost of **Rs 26,000 /- plus 18% GST (i.e., a total of Rs.30,680/- (Rupees Thirty thousand six hundred and eighty only))**.

The expenditure for the installation of spares and checking the performance of the “Fluorolog-3 Spectrofluorometer” system may be met from the h/a "Part I – Non Plan - MH 29- Department of Optoelectronics-4/3020 Maintenance of Equipment" of the current year's Budget Estimates of the University.

Then, as per the orders of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the proposal was placed before the purchase committee held on 12/08/2022. The Head, Dept. of Optoelectronics attended the meeting via online to discuss the matter.

In the meeting, the head opined that due to escalation in the exchange rate of USD, the earlier requested amount of Rs.3,25,000 /-(Rupees three lakh twenty five thousand) as provisional advance was insufficient for making payment towards the cost of item and all other charges for the purchase of spares and replacement parts for the existing Fluorolog-3 Spectrofluorometer from "M/s. Horriba Instruments INc., USA".

So the committee suggested to obtain a request from the Head, seeking additional fund for the above purchase, and to place the proposal before the next Syndicate.

Accordingly, the Head, Department of Optoelectronics, sent a revised request through email dated 12/08/2022 for a total amount of **Rs.3,90,000 /- (Rupees three lakh ninety thousand)** as provisional advance for making payment towards the cost of item and all other charges for the purchase of spares and replacement parts for the existing Fluorolog-3 Spectrofluorometer from "M/s. Horriba Instruments INc., USA".

In this context, as per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the aforementioned proposal is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve revised proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Optoelectronics, Kariavattom for a total amount of Rs.3,90,000/- (Rupees three lakh ninety thousand) as provisional advance for making payment towards the cost of item and all other charges for the purchase of spares and replacement parts for the existing Fluorolog-3 Spectrofluorometer from "M/s. Horriba Instruments INc., USA".

Item No.04. Department of Student Services - Request for releasing first instalment of Financial Assistance to the Kerala University Union - 2021-22 –Consideration of-reg.

(Ad.DI)

The Director (i/c), Department of Student Services had forwarded a letter dated 11.08.2022, from the General Secretary, Kerala University Union, requesting to release an amount of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only) as provisional advance towards the first instalment of financial assistance to the newly elected Kerala University Union for the year 2021-22, to meet the expenses of the following programmes.

- 1) Kerala University Union - 2021-22 Inauguration
- 2) Sahithya Camp
- 3) Seminars
- 4) Other Programmes

Sanction was accorded by the Vice - Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, to Sri. Siddik R., Director(i/c), Department of Student Services being paid an amount of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only) as provisional advance towards the First Instalment of Financial assistance to the Kerala University Union 2021-22 for conducting the above activities of the Union.

U.O. No.Ad.D1/6641/2022/UOK dated 23.08.2022 was issued accordingly.

The above matter is reported to the Syndicate, herewith.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having sanctioning an amount of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only) as provisional advance towards the first installment of financial assistance to the Kerala University Union for the year 2021-22, for conducting various activities of the Union, be approved.

Item No.05 Accommodation of Trainees from the Government ITI Chennerkara, Pathanamthitta at University Guest House Kariavattom-Consideration of-reg.

(Ad DII)

The University Engineer has forwarded the request letter no. C3/580/2022 dated 01.06.2022 of the Principal, Govt. ITI Chennerkara, Pathanamthitta. It was requested to provide on job training to the trainees from the institute, for 15 days, as part of their syllabus, at the University and requested to grant permission to the same.

In another letter no. C3/580/2022 dated 04.07.2022 forwarded by the Principal, it is also requested to arrange food and accommodation for the trainees, by the University. The UE has remarked that, the University don't have any fund for the same, the expenditure on food cannot be met by the University. It is also suggested that, with regards to accommodation, the possibility of providing accommodation to 10 occupants for 15 days in the ground floor of University guest house free of cost may be considered and it is reported that five rooms in the ground floor of the University guest house are fit for accommodation.

While considering the matter the Joint Registrar Campus Administration remarked that, '5 rooms in the ground floor of Guest House, Kariavattom are fit & safe to accommodate guests as stated by University Engineer. Registrar may consider to permit trainees from Government ITI, Chennerkkara, Pathanamthitta to stay in Guest House, Kariavattom, on a nominal rent, as may be fixed, for 'on-job' training, as suggested by U.E. and further remarked that, these teen aged students may be allowed to stay in the guest house only after posting care takers ,who have been shifted to SH campus. Being the foremost University in the state, it is likely that more institutions may request for such facilities of learning, in the days ahead. Hence, it is suggested to adopt a policy by the appropriate authority on such matters including Internships to students from institutions outside the University.'

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, **the matter regarding the accommodation of trainees from the Govt. ITI Chennerkkara, Pathanamthitta, as part of on-job training**, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above request need not be considered.

Item No.06. Research leading to Ph.D Degree – Re-registration in respect of Sri. Dipyaman Patra, Full-time Research Scholar in Biotechnology -Reporting of-reg.

(Ac.EI)

An application was received from Sri. Dipyaman Patra, Full-time Research Scholar in Biotechnology, at Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram duly recommended by the Supervisor, Head of the Research Centre and Chairman, Doctoral Committee for re-registration of Ph.D. Research due to the defaulted payment of Ph.D. research fee for more than 6 months.

Considering the application, sanction has been accorded by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to Sri. Dipyaman Patra, Full-time research scholar in Biotechnology being granted re-registration due to default in payment of research fee for more than six months w.e.f 01.09.2019, in exercise of the powers vested on him and U.O has been issued in this regard vide U.O No. 6609/2022/UOK dated 23/08/2022, subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Hon'Vice-Chancellor, the matter of having granted re-registration in respect of Sri. Dipyaman Patra, Full-time Research Scholar in Biotechnology is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.07. Setting up of Multimedia Classrooms & Multimedia Theatre Classrooms-Server Storage System - Payment to Star One IT Solutions - Reporting of –reg.

(Ad B II)

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 20.01.2022 vide item No:36.133.08 had resolved to purchase the component Server Storage System with respect to Setting up of Multimedia Theatre Class rooms from the lowest quoted firm, M/s.Star One IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd Thiruvananthapuram, for a total cost of Rs.1,07,30,586/-(Rupees One Crore Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Six only) and supply order was placed accordingly.

M/s.Star One IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd had submitted invoice towards the same for effecting payment. The Director, KUCC had remarked that all the hardware and software items related with Multimedia Theatre Class rooms & Multimedia Classrooms were installed successfully & are working satisfactorily and has forwarded the bills with passed for payment certification on the same.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice Chancellor subject to reporting to the Syndicate to the payment of an amount of **Rs.1,07,30,586/(Rupees One Crore Seven Lakh Thirty Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Six only)** to M/s Star One IT Solutions Pvt. Ltd towards the supply of the component Server Storage System in connection with Setting up of Multimedia Theatre Class rooms and Multimedia Class rooms in the University teaching Departments and U.O. No:Ad.BII/1/11854/07/2022 dated 04.08.2022 was issued in this regard.

The above matter is reported to the Syndicate herewith.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.08

Award of Ph.D Degrees

(Ac.E.II/Ac.E.V/Ac.E.V(A))

Item No.08.01

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt. Sunitha S in Chemistry -reg:-

(Ac. E.II)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D thesis entitled **“PHYTOCHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR DOCKING STUDIES OF EXTRACTS AND ESSENTIAL OIL OF VITEX ALTISSIMA LEAVES COLLECTED FROM SOUTHERN KERALA”** submitted by Smt. Sunitha S.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Sunitha S, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry under the faculty of Science.

Item No.08.02

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Sri. Sujith V.G. in Zoology -reg:-

(Ac. E.II)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D thesis entitled **“SYSTEMATICS AND PHYLOGENY OF SELECTED ANURANS FROM SOUTHERN WESTERN GHATS”** submitted by Sri. Sujith V.G.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Sri. Sujith V.G., be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Zoology under the faculty of Science.

Item No.08.03

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Sri. Smrithy Raj in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries -reg:-

(Ac. E.II)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D thesis entitled **“SURVEY AND MAPPING OF EXOTIC FRESHWATER FLORA AND FAUNA IN KERALA”** submitted by Sri. Smrithy Raj.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Sri. Smrithy Raj, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries under the faculty of Science.

Item No.08.04

Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt.Mini B in Hindi -reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D thesis entitled **“KERAL KE BANKON MEIN RAJBHASHA HINDI KA KARYANVAYAN”** submitted by Smt.Mini B.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt.Mini B, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Hindi under the faculty of Oriental Studies.

Item No.08.05. Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt. Franklin B Vargheese in Malayalam- reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D thesis entitled “*തിരുവനന്തപുരം ജില്ലയിലെ വ്യക്തിനാമങ്ങൾ - പ്രത്യയശാസ്ത്രപരമായ പഠനം*” submitted by Smt. Franklin B Vargheese.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Franklin B Vargheese, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Malayalam under the faculty of Oriental Studies.

Item No.08.06 Consideration of the examiners reports on the Ph.D Thesis submitted by Smt. Ragi G in Malayalam- reg:-

(Ac.EV)

The Syndicate considered the reports of Examiners on the Ph.D thesis entitled “*കുഞ്ഞുണ്ണിയുടെ വ്യക്തിത്വവും ദർശനവും - കവിതകളെയും ഗദ്യരചനകളെയും ആധാരമാക്കി ഒരു പഠനം*” submitted by Smt. Ragi G.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that Smt. Ragi G, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Malayalam under the faculty of Oriental Studies.

Item No.09 University Computer Centre - Request from Smt. Vidya S., Programmer, regarding the extension of Leave Without Allowance for joining spouse – Consideration of- reg.

(Ad D1)

Smt. Vidya S, Programmer in University Computer Centre, was granted Leave Without Allowance for 5 years, as detailed in the table below:

#	From	To	U.O.No.
1	15.04.2016	14.04.2017	Ad. D1/UCC/10681/2016 dt.31.03.2016
2	15.04.2017	14.04.2018	Ad. D1.1/UCC/17679/2017 dt.21.04.2017
3	01.04.2019	31.03.2022	Ad. D1.1/UCC/51119/2019 dt.29.03.2019

Vide G.O (P). No.152/2020/Fin dtd.05.11.2020, the Govt of Kerala has limited the maximum period of LWA that can be sanctioned to an employee as **five years** within the total service period. A show cause memo dated 24.05.2022 was sent to Smt. Vidya S. on her non joining of duty, after the expiry of LWA on 31.03.2022. In reply, Smt. Vidya S. has informed that due to her personal problems and health issues, she is not in a position to join duty and has requested to grant more time for re-joining.

In the Circular No.83/2020/Fin dated 30.12.2020 issued by the Government, it is stated that vide G.O.(P). No.152/2020/Fin dt.05.11.2020, the Govt of Kerala has limited the maximum period of LWA that can be sanctioned to an employee as 5-years within the total service period. **On completion of the leave, if the employee is not joining duty, disciplinary proceedings as envisaged in Rule-9, Appendix-XIIA and Rule-10, Appendix-XIIC of KSR Part-I needed to be imposed.** Consequent amendments to this effect have been brought in the KSR Part I Rule 24 A and in Appendix XII A (Rule 6, Rule 10) and in Appendix XII C Rule 6 by substituting the words 20 Yrs with 5 yrs w.e.f. 5th day of November 2020.

According to Appendix-XIIA and Rule-10, Appendix-XIIC of KSR Part-I, "Those officers who absent themselves unauthorized without getting the leave sanctioned under rules as per KSR Vol-I **shall be proceeded against and their service terminated after following the procedure laid down in the Kerala Civil Services (CCA) Rules 1960. Requests for re-entertainment in Govt service in such cases will be summarily rejected**".

Smt. Vidya S., Programmer, University Computer Centre, has completed her LWA for 5 years on 31.03.2022 and she is not joining for duty even after repeated intimations from the University. Further she had requested to grant more time for re-joining.

As ordered by the Vice Chancellor, the matter of request for extension of LWA to Smt.Vidya.S, Programmer, University Computer Centre, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Staff, Equipment and Buildings.

Item No.10 Kerala University Press - Overtime Allowance to Permanent Employees - Printing of SDE 2nd and 4th semester Study Materials, University Planner 2021 and Answer books - Period from 01.12.2020 to 29.12.2020 –Consideration of- reg.

(Ad D III)

The Superintendent (in charge), Kerala University Press has informed that, as per the oral order issued by the Pro - Vice - Chancellor, additional work in connection with the urgent printing of SDE 2nd and 4th semester Study Materials, University Planner 2021 and answer books started on 01.12.2020. 15 permanent employees attended the additional working hours during the period from 01.12.2020 to 29.12.2020 and all urgent works (printing of SDE 2nd and 4th semester study materials & answer books) were completed within this time limit and the Superintendent (i/c) has forwarded the Bills and Statements of the employees and requested to sanction payment of Overtime Allowance.

Consolidated statement of Overtime work done by Permanent Employees during December 2020 in connection with the production of Self Learning Materials of SDE

Sl. No	Name	Overtime rate	Total Hrs. worked	Calculated OT allowance (Rs.)	OT allowance Admissible (Rs.)
1	M.P. Krishnakumari Sr. Foreman	598	15 1/2	9269	9269
2	A.M. Sakeer Sr. Foreman	657	23 1/2	15439 ½	15440
3	K. Harikumar Sr. Foreman	672	51	34272	34272
4	Nazarudeen S Sr. Foreman	627	42 3/4	26804 ¼	26804
5	R. George Thomas Sr. Foreman	657	4	2628	2628
6	P.S. Rajan Jr. Foreman	571	47	26837	26837
7	A.J. Manuel Das Jr. Foreman	627	35 1/4	22101 ¾	22102
8	S. Kavitha Jr. Foreman	627	15 1/2	9718 ½	9719
9	Jayakumari .S Jr. Foreman	672	15 1/2	10416	10416
10	D. Premakumari Jr. Foreman	571	15 1/2	8850 ½	8851
11	A.V. Sreelakshmi Jr. Foreman	611	15 1/2	9470 ½	9471
12	Udayageetha .B.S Compositor Sr. Gr.	584	15 1/2	9052	9052
13	S. Padmasree Binder Sr. Gr.	554	7 3/4	4293 ½	4294
14	Kumari Sindhu C Binder Sr. Gr.	494	15 1/2	7657	7657
15	Ravi .S Security Guard Hr. Gr.	323	78 1/4	25274 ¾	25275
	Total				Rs.2,22,087/-

The Audit has verified the statement of overtime allowance of 15 permanent employees in the Kerala University Press during the period 01-12-2020 to 29-12-2020, amounting to ₹2,22,087/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Eighty Seven only) and found arithmetically correct.

The Finance, vide Endt. FOS 2772/Finance I/2022-23 dated 03.09.2022, has agreed to the proposal for payment of Rs.2,22,087/- (Rupees Two lakh Twenty Two Thousand and Eighty Seven only) as overtime allowance to the 15 permanent employees at the University Press, towards the printing of SLM for SDE, and University Planner 2021 and answer books, during the period from 01.12.2020 to 29.12.2020.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for the payment of an amount of Rs.2,22,087/- (Rupees Two lakh Twenty Two Thousand and Eighty Seven only) as Overtime allowance to the 15 permanent employees at the Kerala University Press, towards the printing of SLM for SDE, University Planner 2021 and answer books, during the period from 01.12.2020 to 29.12.2020, is placed before the Syndicate, for consideration .

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance.

Item No.11 *Dash Board Service Link in the Official Website of the University - Administrative Sanction - Consideration reg.*

(Ad DI)

The Principal Secretary to the Government, has directed all Universities to create a Dash Board service link for publishing the statistical data of all e-services provided by the University, from 30.06.2022 onwards.

Subsequently a meeting has been conducted by the Registrar on 03.09.2022, 11.00 AM for analyzing various aspects for creating a Dash Board service link for the University.

The Vice - Chancellor has approved the minutes of the meeting and ordered to place the same before the Syndicate.

Accordingly the minutes of the meeting along with the matter regarding "Creating a Dash Board Service Link in the Official Website of the University" is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Minutes of the Meeting held for discussing various parameters in connection with creating a Dash Board service link in the official website of the University

Date : 03.09.2022 (Saturday)
Time : 11.00 A.M
Venue : Office of the Registrar

Members Present

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| 1. Dr.K.S.Anilkumar, Registrar | Sd/- |
| 2) Smt. Shobhanakumari, Joint Registrar Administration: | Sd/- |
| 3) Sri.Madhu.V.T, Director, University Computer Centre: | Sd/- |
| 4) Sri. Ajithkumar, Assistant Registrar, Administration: | Sd/- |

The meeting started at 11.00 A.M.

The Registrar informed that the State Government has started a Dash Board service link, vide www.dashboard.kerala.gov.in providing the statistical data of about 490 e-services given by various Departments to the public and directed all Universities to create a Dash Board service link from 30.06.2022 onwards.

The Director, University Computer Centre informed that he had gone through the Dash Board services of the Government and already created a trial version of a Dash Board service link for the University. It can be verified by login to the link, www.dashboard.keralauniversity.ac.in , which is under maintenance and will be available soon to the public. The link provides statistical data of all e-services given by the University. It has been added to the official website of the University and provides information regarding all websites through which the University is providing various services to the public and a statistical data of our services. It has the following divisions, viz.

- Admissions
- Affiliation
- Examinations

- Recruitment
- Research
- Planning
- Hostel
- Alumni
- Library
- Physical Education
- Administration
- Payments

Each link provides detailed statistical data of every e-services provided by the University. All sections/departments of the University shall be directed to verify the link and verify any additions/modifications are required. The Computer Centre has created the link and will provide the it for public after getting administrative sanction from the University. Details of on-line services are available in the Computer Centre and that of off-line services shall be provided by the sections/ departments.

The meeting decided to obtain administrative sanction for the following.

- All sections/departments should login to the link, www.dashboard.keralauniversity.ac.in and verify if any additions/ modifications are required in the details provided in the Dash Board of the University.
- All sections/departments should forward details of off-line data regarding the number of services/ applications/ files, dealt by them from 30.06.2022 onwards, immediately, which has been called for by Ad H section in connection with file adalath.
- To obtain administrative sanction for the publication of Dash Board services of the University through our official website, as directed by the Government

The meeting concluded at 11.30 A.M.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the Meeting for discussing various parameters in connection with creating a Dash Board service link in the official website of the University held on 03.09.2022, be approved.

Item No.12 B.Ed Degree Course (2015 Scheme) – Request from Smt.Jaseela J.S to complete the Course -reg.

(Ac.AIII)

Smt. Jaseela J S, student of B.Ed Degree Course (2015 Scheme, 2017-19 batch) of KUCTE, Kariavattom had discontinued the course due to Maternity related issues. She had registered for the University examinations up to the third semester. Now 2015 scheme has elapsed and Scheme and Syllabus has been revised with effect from 2019 admission onwards.

As per the Regulations of the B.Ed Degree Course (Two year), “candidates can be given the provision of readmission as long as the Scheme exists. If the Scheme is over, candidates have to join the Course as fresh entrant”. Hence, as per regulation the candidate is not eligible for readmission to the 2019 scheme.

The candidate has not undergone the Teaching practice programme in the fourth semester, which is a compulsory component of the course. The duration of the Teaching practice in fourth semester is 10 weeks. Also as per NCTE norms, Two year B.Ed students should undergo classes of 400 working days. Smt. Jaseela J S has completed 300 working days and should complete 100 more working days.

In a similar case of Smt. Manju Vengidesh, the candidate had filed a petition before the Honourable High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam (WP(c) No. 20050 of 2021. As per the Judgment dated 28/09/2021, a hearing was conducted on 28/09/2021. Her application was rejected after conducting Hearing, as it is against the existing Regulations. The Candidate again filed a new Petition WP © No. 10843 of 2022 before the Hon’ble High Court of Kerala, to readmit her to the 2015 batch B.Ed Course at the Parent College and permit her to complete the studies by perusing 2015 Curriculum during the pendency of writ petition.

The Hon'ble Court vide Judgment dated 14/07/2022, in the WP (c) 10843/2022 ordered that the court will consider the matter on 09.08.2022; within which time, the competent authority of the University should consider the petitioner's case and inform the court what best can be done in the case. It may be noted that the Hon'ble Court has clarified that any decision to be taken by the University in terms of these directions will be only for the petitioner and will not operate as a precedent.

The Special Syndicate held on 05.08.2022 (Item No. 45) considered the matter and its decision is as follows:-

"The Hon'ble High Court vide Judgment dated 14.07.2022 ordered the competent authority to consider the case and inform the Court what best can be done in the case. In the light of the above facts, the Syndicate resolved to permit the candidate Smt. Manju Vengidesh to be readmitted to the 2015 Scheme B.Ed Course at her Parent College and permit her to write the examination as a special case.

Further resolved to intimate the decision of the Syndicate to the Hon'ble High Court with immediate effect"

In the final Judgment of Smt. Manju Vengidesh's case (08.08.2022), the Hon'ble Court has again clarified that the benefit of this Judgment will be ensured only to the petitioner and to no other person.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 16.08.2022 considered the request submitted by Smt. Jaseela J.S, and recommended to refer the matter to the Syndicate, along with the final judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala made earlier in a similar case and the resolution made accordingly by the Syndicate at its Special meeting held on 05.08.2022. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 25.08.2022 (Item no.45.90.D34) resolved to approve the above recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 16.08.2022.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the B.Ed course (2015 Scheme) completion request of Smt. Jaseela J.S, is placed before the Syndicate consideration and decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred to the next Academic Council scheduled on 16.09.2022.

Item No.13 Purchase of a Desktop Computer for Security Wing, Kariavattom and two numbers of All in one Printer, one each for the Ac.AIV Section, Palayam and Security Wing, Kariavattom –Consideration of- reg.

(Ad.BIV)

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, purchase proposal for the supply of a Desktop Computer ACER VT38619 (available model) @ ₹51005.50/- for the Security Wing, Kariavattom and two numbers of Printer HP 329DW (available model) for an amount of ₹71980/- each for the Ac.A IV Section and Security Wing, Kariavattom, from the M/s ihub Digital Technologies Pvt Ltd, Kochi the amount remaining the same as the quoted amount in the Quotation, on the strength of the remarks from the Instrumentation Engineer and the request from the firm on the condition of making the payment within 5 to 7 days after delivery of the equipment has been placed before the 46th meeting of the Syndicate held on 02.09.2022.

The Syndicate has resolved to place the matter before the next meeting of the Syndicate with specific remarks from the Instrumentation Engineer stating that the specifications of received quotes are equal to or higher to the items/ models notified.

Accordingly, the remarks from the Instrumentation Engineer in this regard has been obtained and details are as follows.

- Compared the specifications of Printer HP 329DN quoted by M/s I Hub Digital Technology Pvt. Ltd, with the available model HP 329DW. **The Specifications of the Printer HP 329 DW is higher than the specifications of the quoted model, the offer from M/s I Hub Digital Technology Pvt. Ltd. is acceptable.**

- Also compared the specifications of quoted Desktop Computer model (Acer VT 89819) with the available model (ACER VT38619) and the compliance sheet provided from the firm, **it is found that the specifications of ACER VT38619 is equivalent to the quoted model, and is acceptable.**

Sl No	Lowest quoted Firm	Available Model	Remarks from the firm	Remarks from IE	Amount (including GST @ 18%)
1	M/s. i hub Digital Technologies Pvt Ltd Ernakulam	HP 329DW printer All in one Printer Qty-2	They do not have HP 329DN printer in stock and only HP 329DW printer available which is more advanced than HP 329DN and the price also very high if compared to quoted Printer. But the firm has agreed to supply the 329DW printer in the quoted amount.	Specifications of the Printer HP 329 DW is higher than the specifications of the quoted model, the offer is acceptable	for 2 nos of printers - Rs.71980/- (Price remains the same)
2		ACER VT38619 Windows 10 Pro,20" Monitor, Qty-1	The system model (Acer VT 89819) has changed to (ACER VT38619). But the system configuration has not changed.	Specifications of ACER VT38619 is equivalent to the quoted model, and is acceptable.	Rs.51005.50/- (Price remains the same)

Hence, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, *the purchase proposal for the supply of a Desktop Computer ACER VT38619 and two numbers of Printer HP 329DW each for the Ac.AIV Section and Security Wing, Kariavattom, from the M/s ihub Digital Technologies Pvt Ltd, Kochi on the strength of the specific revised remarks from the Instrumentation Engineer* and the request from the firm on the condition of making the payment within 5 to 7 days after delivery of the equipment, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above proposal be agreed to.

Item No. 14 International Youth Hostel - Meeting of the Monitoring Committee - Minutes - approval of - reg.

(Ad.A.IV)

The meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the International Youth Hostel was held on 26.08.2022 at Pro-Vice Chancellor's Chamber.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the minutes of the meeting is placed before the Syndicate for consideration. (Copy of the minutes is appended)

MINUTES OF MEETING TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS RELATED TO FUNCTIONING OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL

Sub: International Youth Hostel- Convening meeting of the Monitoring Committee -reg.

Venue : Pro-Vice Chancellor's Chamber

Date : 26.08.2022

Time : 3.00 pm

Members Present:

Sl.No	Members	Signature
1.	Dr. P.P Ajayakumar, Pro-Vice Chancellor	Sd/-
2.	Adv. B Balachandran, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Staff Equipment and Building	Sd/-
3.	Dr. K S Anil Kumar, Registrar	Absent
4.	Sri.Siddik.R, Director, DSS	Sd/-
5.	Sri.Manoj Kumar M S, Assistant Engineer, Engineering Unit	Sd/

The meeting began at 3.00 pm to discuss various aspects about the functioning of the International Youth Hostel and its present condition.

The Committee recommended the following.

- To issue work order to Sri. Deepu Radhakrishnan, contractor for the renovation work of International Youth Hostel. The Work order should be issued within one week and renovation work should be completed within 3 months.
- To schedule the next meeting on 13.09.2022 at 3.00 pm. at D.S.S., Palayam. The contractor shall be invited to attend the meeting.

The meeting came to end at 4.00 pm.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the Monitoring Committee of the International Youth Hostel held on 26.08.2022, be approved.

Item No.15 Approval of India-Canada Joint Call for Proposals (CFP) 2022 on Building Resilient and Carbon-Neutral Communities Post Covid by Dr.Shiburaj S, Department of Botany as collaborator - Reporting of - reg:-

(Ad.F1)

Dr.Shiburaj S, Professor, Department of Botany (DBT), University of Kerala has submitted a proposal titled "Next Generation Nano Enabled Plant Protective Formulation" in association with Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IITM) and McGill University, Canada in response to India-Canada Joint Call for Proposals (CFP) 2022 by DBT on Building Resilient and Carbon-Neutral Communities Post Covid.

This Multiple-Institutional project is with a total proposed outlay of Rs.1,48,00,000/- (Rupees One crore forty eight lakhs only) and has two years duration. The summary of the project is that a significant portion of the valuable crops are lost due to fungal attack every year globally. Though several approaches and policies have been adapted to overcome the loss, the detrimental effect and economic loss due to fungal pathogens are insufferable. The current proposal focuses on developing a water-in-water nanoemulsion fungicide formulation that helps the producers to overcome the problems associated with the conventional fungicides. The proposal also research the impact of COVID-19 has been felt disproportionately by remote and rural communities which prior to the pandemic had limited access to reliable infrastructure, secure food supplies clean water and access to health facilities.

Project funded in this Joint Call is expected to be of a high international standard that will lead to a technology solution directly impacting the lives of Indian and Canadian citizens. India-Canada joint projects must be based on meaningful engagement, include a project plan, and involve at least one researcher from Canada and one researcher from India.

The Vice-Chancellor has accorded sanction to the project and the matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having accorded sanction as detailed above, be noted.

Item No.16 Minutes of the Monitoring Committee meeting on SCCPCK- approval of-reg.

(Ad.F1)

As per orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the Minutes of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the scheme on study on the cost of cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala held on 05/09/2022 is placed before Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Minutes of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the scheme on Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala, Kariavattom

Date	:	05/09/2022
Time	:	02.00 PM
Venue	:	Hon'ble Vice Chancellor's Chamber

Members Present

1. Prof. V.P.Mahadevan Pillai, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, University of Kerala Sd/-
2. Smt. Honey C.H.Adviser, DES,
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Govt. of India Absent
3. Prof. Dr. K.S. Anil Kumar, Registrar Sd/-
4. Dr. Sheeja S.R. Professor & HOD Economics,
UOK (Honorary Director SCCPCK) Sd/-
5. Sri. Jeyan J, Hr.Gr.Economic Investigator, SCCPCK, Kariavattom Sd/-
6. Smt. Indulekha P.T, Field Officer, SCCPCK, Kariavattom Sd/-
7. Sri. R. Mahadevan, Finance Officer, University of Kerala Sd/-

The following recommendations were made by the Monitoring Committee on the Scheme on Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in India.

The meeting came to an end at 3.00 pm.

Item No.16.01 Request for granting of 3rd Higher grade (22 years) to non -gazetted officers of the Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala (SCCPCK), Kariavattom- reg:-

The Director, SCCPCK vide letter No.C.C.2/84 dated 21/02/2022 informed that Sri.Ashar M , Regional Supervisor had completed 22 years of service in the Scheme and has requested to grant 3rd Time bound Higher Grade (22 years grade) promotion .The details of the incumbent is noted against his name as follows .

Name	Date of Joining	Date of 2 nd Higer Grade granted	Due date for granting 3 rd Higher grade
Ashar.M, (Regional Supervisor)	13/04/1999	13/04/2014	13/04/2021

The Director, SCCPCK has intimated that since the incumbent had completed a total service of 22 years in the entry post, he is eligible for the benefit of 22 years higher grade in the scale of pay of Rs.50,200-1,05,300 which is the next higher time scale of pay of the incumbent .

Also, it is intimated that after completing 8 years of service in the entry post without getting any promotion, the Economic Investigators of this Scheme are eligible for the benefit of higher grade. The Scale of pay of Higher Grade Economic Investigator is same as that of Regional Supervisor, which is the next promotion post in the Scheme. Since the Economic investigators are qualified for the post of Regional Supervisor and they will be absorbed in the post as and when vacancies arise in the Scheme.

The Finance III Section vide Endt No.FOS 6197/Fin III/2021-22 dated 16/03/2022 endorsed that the next higher Scale of pay of the existing Scale of pay may be granted to Sri.Ashar M. The next higher Scale of pay of Rs.45,600-95,600 is Rs.50,200-1,05,300 under Annexure I and Sri.Ashar. M may be granted the III TBHG w.e.f 13/04/2021 in the scale of pay of Rs.50,200-1,05,300.

As per the resolution of the Syndicate held on 11/05/2022, SCCPCK is a project funded by the Central govt and the decisions pertaining to SCCPCK, including staff working there shall be taken by the Governing body.

Hence as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter is placed before the Monitoring Committee on the scheme on Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendation**Deferred to the next meeting of the Monitoring Committee*****Resolution of the Syndicate***

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the scheme on study on the cost of cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala held on 05/09/2022, be approved.

Item No.16.02 Request for sanctioning the promotion of Sri.P M Satheesan, Senior most Higher grade Economic Investigator as Regional Supervisor in the Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala (SCCPCK), Kariavattom- reg:-

The Director, SCCPCK vide letter No.C.C.3/81 dated 19/04/2022 has informed that Sri.P.M.Satheesan, Senior most Higher grade Economic Investigator may be promoted as Regional Supervisor in the scale of pay of Rs. 43400-91200 since one of the three Regional Supervisors in the scheme was retired on 31/05/2022. The details of the incumbent is noted against his name as follows:

Name	Date of Joining	Date of ITBHG granted	Date of promotion as Regional Supervisor
Sri. P M Satheesan	18/04/2007	01/04/2020	01/06/2022

The Director, SCCPCK has intimated that Sri.P.M Satheesan is the senior most Higher Economic Investigator in the scale of pay of Rs.43400-91200/- and he may be promoted as Regional Supervisor in the same scale of pay (Rs.43400-91200) w.e.f 01.06.2022.

Also, it is intimated that the post of Regional Supervisor has been made a promotion post based on the seniority and the ratio of 1:1 between graduate and post graduate Economic Investigator. It may be noted that the last promote in the post of Regional Supervisor was Sri.Ashar M, Regional Supervisor in the post graduate quota. The Scale of pay of Higher Grade Economic Investigator is same as that of Regional Supervisor, which is the next promotion post in the Scheme. Since the Economic investigators are qualified for the post of Regional Supervisor and they will be absorbed in the post as and when vacancies arise in the Scheme.

The Finance III Section vide Endt No.FOS 1192/Fin III/2022 dated 24/05/2022 has endorsed the proposal.

As per the resolution of the Syndicate held on 07/07/2022(item no.44.138.19), decisions pertaining to staff at SCCPCK be taken by the Governing Body.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the matter is placed before the Monitoring Committee on the Scheme "Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala" for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendation

Deferred to the next meeting of the Monitoring Committee

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the scheme on study on the cost of cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala held on 05/09/2022, be approved.

Item No.16.03 Pension Arrears disbursal in r/o Late Sri.William Johny, Clerk cum Accountant Hr.Gr and Sri.G Muraleedharan, Regional Supervisor, SCCPCK in compliance with Supreme Court judgement.

The Director, SCCPCK has forwarded the documents of pension in r/o Late Sri.William Johny.J (Clerk cum Accountant Hr.Gr) and Sri.C.G.Muraleedharan (Regional Supervisor) and requested to issue necessary orders for claiming their arrears of pension and monthly pension. The Director has also forwarded the details of statements regarding recovery of EPF amount and calculation of pension of Sri.William Johny.J and Sri.C.G.Muraleedharan.

Accounts section has verified their pension amount (including arrears) as detailed below.

Sl No.	Name	Designation	Total pension arrears calculated by SCCPCK	Total pension arrears after verification by Pension Section	Difference
1	Smt. Mary Vimala (W/o Late Sri.William Johny. J)	Clerk cum Accountant Hr.Gr	21,77,256	21,75,576	1680
2	Sri. Muraleedharan C.G.	Regional Supervisor	1,56,925	1,56,925	Nil

As per the details of statement regarding recovery of EPF amount forwarded by the Director, SCCPCK an amount of Rs.2,34,029/- (Rupees Two lakh thirty four thousand and twenty nine only) has to be recovered from the pension arrears payable to Smt. Mary Vimala (w/o Late Sri. William Johny), being the sum of principal and interest of EPF (Employer's contribution) in r/o Sri. William Johny. Hence after recovering the EPF Employer's contribution an amount of Rs.19,41,547/- (Nineteen lakhs forty one thousand five hundred and forty seven only) may be disbursed to Smt.Mary Vimala (21,75,576-2,34,029).

As per the details of statement regarding recovery of EPF amount forwarded by the Director, SCCPCK an amount of Rs.14,90,863 (Rs. Fourteen lakhs ninety thousand eight hundred and sixty three only) has to be recovered from Sri. C.G.Muraleedharan, being the sum of principal and interest of EPF (Employer's contribution). After deduction from the pension arrears (1,56,925-14,90,863) an amount of Rs.13,33,938/- (Rupees Thirteen lakhs thirty three thousand nine hundred and thirty eight only) has to be refunded by Sr. C.G. Muraleedharan.

Finance vide Endorsement No.FOS 2004/Fin II/2022-23 dated 18/07/2022 endorsed that subject to administrative sanction, eligible pension arrears, as per the statement may be disbursed to the incumbents adhering to the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.It was also endorsed to request Sri. C.G.Muraleedharan to refund the amount to KUF towards the recovery of EPF (Employer's contribution).The expenditure regarding the disbursement of arrears may be met from the funds received exclusively for the payment of arrears from the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India.

The file was submitted to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for implementing the Finance Endorsement and also for orders.

- (1) Whether an amount of Rs.19,41,547/- (Rupees Nineteen lakhs forty one thousand five hundred and forty seven only) may be disbursed to Smt. Mary Vimala (legal heir of late Sri. William Johny) as pension arrears as on 31/07/2021.
- (2) Whether an amount of Rs.13,33,938/- (Rupees Thirteen lakhs thirty three thousand nine hundred and thirty eight only) may be refunded by Sri. C.G. Muraleedharan.

Hence as per orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the file is placed before the Monitoring committee on the Scheme on "Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala" for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendations

1. **Recommended for the disbursement of Rs.19,41,547/- (Rupees Nineteen lakh forty one thousand five hundred forty seven only) to Smt. Mary Vimala (legal heir of late Sri. William Johny) as pension arrears as on 31/07/2021.**
2. **Recommended for issuing order to refund an amount of Rs.13,33,938/- (Rupees Thirteen lakh thirty three thousand nine hundred thirty eight only) to KUF towards the recovery of EPF (Employer's contribution) by Sri. C.G. Muraleedharan.**

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be deferred.

Item No.16.04 Enhancement of remuneration - contract staff of Scheme on Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala (SCCPCK), Kariavattom- reg:-

The Contract staff of SCCPCK (through the Director, SCCPCK) vide request dated 08/02/2022 submitted a proposal for enhancing the remuneration of the employees on contract basis in SCCPCK, Kariavattom. The SCCPCK is funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Govt.of India.

It is intimated that, the sponsoring body has already stated in its various communications that the consolidated amount of remuneration payable to 'contracted' personnel would be comparable to the salary admissible to the fresh recruits of that category. As per the above condition the remuneration of contract employees of Cost of Cultivation Scheme was revised vide U.O. No.AdF1/10637/2010 dated 23/01/2014.

As per the pay revision 2016, HRA and CCA were excluded and the pay admissible to the contract staff of the Kerala Government was implemented to the contract staff of SCCPCK. Hence the Staff of SCCPCK, Kariavattom requested to enhance the monthly remuneration of the contract employees of SCCPCK.

As per the Letter No.3-2/2008-CS-ES dated 27/06/2011, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare has intimated that "The consolidated amount of remuneration payable to contracted personnel would be comparable to the salary admissible to the fresh recruits of that category. As the employees under the CS scheme are governed by the rules and regulations of the concerned Universities and the instruction issued are being followed, this Department has no objection in the matter".

It may please be noted that, previously (02/11/2019) when the Director forwarded the request to enhance the remuneration of the employees on contract basis in SCCPCK, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor implemented the resolution of the Syndicate held on 28/07/2021 to approve the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 16/07/2021 that the proposal may be considered along with the revision of remuneration of Contract Staff engaged in the University, as per the G.O P No .29/2021/Fin dated 11/02/2021.

Now, as per the remarks from Ad AV section, G.O P No .29/2021/Fin dated 11/02/2021 was implemented in the University vide U.O No .Ad AV.12762/2021/UOK dated 30/11/2021.

The enhanced monthly remuneration of the contract employees of SCCPCK as per G.O (P)No.29/2021/Fin dated 11/02/2021 and U.O No .Ad AV.12762/2021/UOK dated 30/11/2021 is noted below.

Designation	Sanctioned strength	Existing Remuneration	Suggested remuneration by the contract staff of SCCPCK	Maximum monthly contract pay as per G.O (P) No .29/2021/Fin dated 11/02/2021 and U.O No .Ad AV.12762/2021/UOK dated 30/11/2021.
Clerk/Typist	2	20,760/-	26,500+2,650	21,175/-
Computers	13	20,760/-	26,500+2,650	21,175/-
Peon	1	18,030/-	23,000+2,300	18,390/-

The file was submitted to the Vice Chancellor for administrative sanction, since the G.O.P.No.29/2021/Fin dated 11/02/2021 was implemented in the University vide U.O No.Ad.AV.12762/2021/UOK dated 30/11/2021 for the enhancement of the monthly remuneration of the contract employees of SCCPCK and the Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance.

The standing committee of the syndicate on Finance held on 18/4/2022 considered the enhancement of remuneration of contract staff of SCCPCK and recommended that the matter be considered by the Governing council/Body of the scheme on SCCPCK. The syndicate held on 10/05/2022 vide item No.41.49.15 resolved that the recommendation of the meeting of the standing committee of the syndicate on finance held on 18/4/2022 be approved and the same was implemented by the Hon'ble VC.

Hence the file is placed before the Monitoring Committee on Scheme on Study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendations

Deferred to the next meeting of the Monitoring Committee

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee on the scheme on study on the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in Kerala held on 05/09/2022, be approved.

Item No.17 B.Ed Degree Course-General direction-further clarification sought -reg:

(EG VI A)

The Faculty of Education, at its annual meeting held on 24.03.2022 recommended that before the exam registrations, Principals should ensure that the candidate has completed all the necessary components in the prescribed time and should keep a record and submit the same before the External Board, when it comes for commission. (During 4th Semester) The External Board should verify the report and random verification of the students records is also taken. The Academic Council at its meeting held on 01.04.2022 approved the said recommendation. A circular No. 11059/Ac AIII/2022/Uok, dated 27/05/2022 was also issued and circulated to all Colleges in this regard.

Later, as the above Circular lacked clarification regarding the academic year from which the mentioned verification by the External Board has to come in to effect and whether the students of 2020-22 batch need to present their documents/records in connection with first, second & third Semester B.Ed Degree Examinations before the External Board .

On Clarification, the Chairperson, BOS in Education (Pass) & Dean, Faculty of Education, has remarked that “the matter mentioned in the circular will be effective from 2020-22 batch B.Ed onwards”

Check Lists for documents to be verified in respect of Core Subject, Optional Subject & Physical Education, starting from the First Semester to Third Semester of 2020-2022 admission students were also forwarded by the Coordinating Chairmen, in tune with the said Circular.

In view of the fact that the Fourth semester B.Ed Degree Practical Examinations of 2020-22 batch is proposed to be commenced from 15/09/2022 to 30/09/2022, as per the direction of the Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, the following are placed before the Syndicate ;

- (a) The decision of the Academic Council does not specify the date from which the new Regulation comes into effect. In such cases whether the new guidelines can be made applicable to students who were admitted in 2020
- (b) The Board constituted for Fourth semester Practical Examination has been asked to verify the documents related to previous semester examinations. Whether this may be considered in order.

The matter is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to implement the decision of the Academic Council from 2022 admission onwards.
FURTHER RESOLVED to refer the resolution of the Academic Council held on 01.04.2022 for reconsideration and to place the matter before the next Academic Council scheduled on 16.09.2022.

Item No. 18 Writ petition filed by Karthu Prasobh- Judgment-reg-

(CSS)

Smt.Karthu Prasobh had filed a writ petition before the Honourable High Court vide WP(C) NO. 26737 OF 2022 alleging that she had been denied admission as per the applicable rotation of seats, the one which she is seeking has been assigned to a candidate belonging to another community.

Resultantly, the Honourable High court has directed the Syndicate of the University to consider the claim of the petitioner, if required, by enhancing the number of seats, adverting to the fact WP(C) NO. 26737 OF 2022 that she is Rank No.16 in the list of eligible candidates in the open quota, then stated to be eligible for the next seat. This shall be done not later than 28.09.2022 and if the Syndicate is unable to meet within the afore time frame, it will also be available to the Vice-Chancellor of the University to invoke his emergency powers for such purpose, subject to all other requirements being satisfied.

The matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee held on 13/09/2022 vide item 7 and committee **recommended to enhance the sanctioned strength of M.A Public Administration by two– for the Academic year 2022 only and to distribute 1 seat to General Open Merit and 1 seat to SEBC-Ezhava so as to admit the petitioner as per the Judgement of the Honourable High Court and further resolved to refer the above recommendation to the Syndicate .**

As per the orders of the Honourble Vice Chancellor, the above recommendation is placed before the Syndicate for approval.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the CSS Academic Committee held on 13/09/2022, be approved.

Item No.18(A) Minutes of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee constituted for Setting up of Multimedia Classrooms & Multimedia Theatre Classrooms in University Teaching Departments held on 13.09.2022-Approval of-reg.

(Ad.BII)

A meeting of the Monitoring Committee constituted for Setting up of Multimedia Classrooms & Multimedia Theatre Classrooms in University Teaching Departments was held on 13.09.2022.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the minutes of the said meeting is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Minutes of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee - Setting up of Multimedia Classrooms & Multimedia Theatre Classrooms in University Teaching Departments.

Date & Time : 13.09.2022, 12.30 pm
Venue : PVC's Chamber

Present:

1. The Pro Vice Chancellor : Sd/-
2. The Registrar : Sd/-
3. Instrumentation Engineer (i/c) : Sd/-
4. Sri. Runish, M/s Neuf Solutions : Online
5. Sri. Anand, M/s Neuf Solutions : Online

The meeting commenced at 12:30 p.m.

The Pro Vice Chancellor opened the discussion and directed the Representative of M/s Neuf Solutions to give a clear schedule of the delivery of the items of AV Equipments in connection with Setting up of Multimedia classrooms & Multimedia Theatre classrooms, as the last date for completion of work is already over, and the firm ensured to complete the work within two weeks.

The Committee also noted that the firm M/s Neuf Solutions has not yet reported to the Registrar in response to the notice issued to them dated 26.07.2022.

Recommendations

- To direct the firm M/s Neuf Solutions to give an e-mail on or before 2 pm, 13.09.2022 showing the exact date of completion of their works related to the Multimedia classrooms & Multimedia Theatre classrooms.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to extend the date for completion of works in connection with Setting up of Multimedia classrooms & Multimedia Theatre classrooms to 30.09.2022.

FURTHER RESOLVED to issue notice to M/s. Neuf Solutions that appropriate legal proceedings will be initiated if there is any delay in completion of works.

Item No. 19 Approval of the proposed fee structure of the Post Graduate Diploma in Palaeography and Conservation of Manuscripts-reg-

(CSS)

The Head, Oriental Research Institute and Manuscripts Library has submitted the syllabus of the new Post Graduate Diploma programme – Post Graduate Diploma in Palaeography and Conservation of Manuscripts from 2022 Academic Year onwards for approval.

The matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee held on 13/09/2022 vide item No and committee recommended to approve the Syllabus of the Post Graduate Diploma in Palaeography and Conservation of Manuscripts. Further recommended to place the Syllabus before the Academic Council. The proposed fee Structure for the programme may be placed before the Syndicate. (Fee Structure appended).

As per the orders of the Honourble Vice Chancellor the proposed fee Structure for the programme Post Graduate Diploma in Palaeography and Conservation of Manuscripts is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and recommendation.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the CSS Academic Committee held on 13/09/2022, be approved.

Item No.20 Conduct of Entrance Examination- M S W, M S W(D M) & M.A H R M courses-Rates of Remuneration reg

(CSS)

The Vice Chairman CSS was entrusted to conduct entrance examination to M S W, M S W(D M) and M.A H R M courses to the affiliated colleges under University of Kerala as per the decision of Syndicate held on 25/03/2022.

Vide U.O No. M&C.1.2/1893/2019 dated 02/05/2019 University has fixed the remuneration of Invigilators, Chief Superintendent and Additional Staff for the Common Entrance test of the Post Graduate Programme to teaching the departments. The same rate of remuneration for invigilators and supporting staff may be made applicable to MSW, MSW (DM) and M.A HRM entrance examination. (Appendix VII)

The matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee and CSS Academic Committee at its meeting held on 13/9/2022 vide item No. 8 recommended that the rates of remuneration for PG CSS entrance examination, be made applicable to the common entrance examination for MSW, MSW (DM) and M.A HRM programmes. Further recommended to refer the same before the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance.

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Additional Item 1 Postponement of MA Sanskrit 2nd Semester Examinations scheduled on 14.09.2022 – reg.

(CE Sn.)

Sri.Sandeep Lal. S, Member Syndicate has requested for postponement of MA Sanskrit Examinations scheduled on 14.09.2022 due to the KPSC Examinations scheduled on 14.09.2022.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve the request of Sri.Sandeep Lal.S, Member Syndicate and to entrust the Controller of Examinations to initiate further necessary action.

REGISTRAR

PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR

VICE-CHANCELLOR

University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram,
13.09.2022



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Preliminary Minutes of the 47th Meeting of the
Syndicate held on 14.10.2022

(Re-credited by NAAC with 'A++' Grade)

Place of Meeting : University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram
 Time : 10.00 AM

Members Present:

1. Prof.(Dr.) V.P.Mahadevan Pillai *(In the Chair)*
Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof.(Dr.) P.P.Ajayakumar
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai
4. Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai
5. Dr.K.G.Gopchandran
6. Sri.P.Rajendrakumar
7. Sri.Arunkumar R
8. Adv.B.Balachandran
9. Sri.Jairaj.J
10. Dr.S.Nazeeb
11. Dr.K.B.Manoj
12. Sri.Bijukumar.G
13. Adv.K.H.Babujan
14. Sri.B.P.Murali
15. Prof.K.Lalitha

Item No. 47.03 Confirmation of the Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 13.09.2022 -reg.

(Ac.A.I)

The Syndicate considered and approved the Preliminary Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syndicate held on 13.09.2022.

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