

Item No:18.106 Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025 - Consideration of – reg
(Ac.BII)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025 may be seen appended.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of colleges in the 23 items considered are placed before the Syndicate for consideration and decision.

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SYNDICATE ON AFFILIATION OF COLLEGES

Date : 14.03.2025
Time : 11.30 a.m.
Venue : Syndicate Room, University of Kerala

Members Present

Sri. R.Rajesh	Member, Syndicate (Convener)	Sd/-
Dr.Rahim K.	Member, Syndicate	Sd/-
Adv.R.B.Rajeev Kumar	Member, Syndicate	Sd/-
Sri.Ahamed Fazil Y.	Member, Syndicate	Sd/-
Dr.Shijukhan J.S.	Member, Syndicate	Online
Prof.(Dr.)Manoj V.	Member, Syndicate	Online
Sri.Ajay D.N.	Member, Syndicate	Online
Dr.Pramod N.	Member, Syndicate	Online

Members Absent

Dr. Nazeeb S.	Member, Syndicate
Adv.Muralidharan Pillai G.	Member, Syndicate

Item No.18.106.01 Mar Thoma College of Science & Technology, Chadayamangalam, Kollam (Unaided) - Cancellation of B.Sc Chemistry programme from the academic year 2024-'25 – request – consideration of – reg.

[Ac.BII]

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 23.12.2024 vide item no. 16.68.07 considered the request of Mar Thoma College of Science & Technology, Chadayamangalam, Kollam (Unaided) for suspension of B.Sc Chemistry programme for the academic year 2024-'25 and resolved for suspension of B.Sc Chemistry programme for the academic year 2024-'25 in Mar Thoma College of Science & Technology, Chadayamangalam, Kollam (Unaided), subject to fulfillment of the procedural formalities.

Accordingly, letter dated 09.01.2025 had been forwarded to the Educational Agency of the college to remit the suspension fee.

In reply, the Principal, Mar Thoma College of Science & Technology, Chadayamangalam, Kollam vide letter no.MTCST/5110/2025 dated 29.01.2025 has requested to cancel B.Sc Chemistry programme at the college from the academic year 2024-'25 since the institution is facing a severe crisis on account of extremely low admissions in half of the programmes.

Provisional affiliation was granted to B.Sc Chemistry programme in Mar Thoma College of Science & Technology, Chadayamangalam, Kollam from the academic year 2021-'22.

As per Statute 15(b), Chapter 24, Kerala University First Statutes, “No course of study shall be abolished in any College with out the prior approval of the Syndicate”.

As per the U.O No.Ac.B/03/2014-15 dated 31.12.2015, the Educational Agency concerned has to remit a fee of Rs.20,000/- +5% as additional resource mobilization towards the closure of each course of study. GST @18% is also applicable on the affiliation services provided by the Universities as per the circular no.234/28/2024-GST dated 11.10.2024.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request of Mar Thoma College of Science & Technology, Chadayamangalam, Kollam (Unaided) for closure of B.Sc Chemistry programme from the academic year 2024-'25 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to permit closure of B.Sc Chemistry programme in Mar Thoma College of Science & Technology, Chadayamangalam, Kollam (Unaided) from the academic year 2024-25, as per norms.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.02 : National College, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram (UNAIDED) – Request for discontinuance of B.Sc Botany and B.Sc Physics and Computer Application programmes from the academic year 2025-2026 – for consideration – reg.

[Ac.BII]

The Managing Director, National College, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram vide letter no. B3/90A/2025/NC dated 04.02.2025 and the Principal, National College, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram vide letter no.B3/90/2025/NC dated 04.02.2025 has requested for discontinuance of B.Sc Botany and B.Sc Physics and Computer Application programmes in National College, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram from the academic year 2025-2026 since the total intake of students is very low.

Provisional affiliation was granted to National College, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram during the academic year 1995-1996 on self financing basis and provisional affiliation was granted for B.Sc Botany and B.Sc Physics and Computer Application programmes during the academic year 2020-21 with an intake of 30 students .

As per Statute 15(b), Chapter 24, Kerala University First Statutes, “No course of study shall be abolished in any College with out the prior approval of the Syndicate”.

As per the U.O No.Ac.B/03/2014-15 dated 31.12.2015, the Educational Agency concerned has to remit a fee of Rs.20,000/- +5% as additional resource mobilization and 18% GST also as per the circular No.234/28/2024-GST dated 11.10.2024 towards the closure of course of study. The educational agency has not remitted the fee for closure of these programmes.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request for the closure of B.Sc Botany and B.Sc Physics and Computer Application programmes in National College, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram (UNAIDED) from the academic year 2025-2026 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter ***and recommended to permit closure of B.Sc Botany and B.Sc Physics and Computer Application programmes in National College, Manacaud, Thiruvananthapuram (UNAIDED) from the academic year 2025-26, as per norms.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.03 Saraswathi College of Arts & Science, Vilappilsala, Thiruvananthapuram (UNAIDED) – Request for closure of B.Sc Physics programme from the academic year 2025-2026 – consideration of – reg.

[Ac.BII]

The General Secretary, Ananthapuri Educational Society vide letter no.SCAS/530/2024-25 dated 04.02.2025 has requested for closure of B.Sc Physics programme in Saraswathi College of Arts & Science, Vilappilsala, Thiruvananthapuram from the academic year 2025-2026 due to insufficient number of students.

They had also informed that "the already admitted students studying in the fourth and sixth semesters will be provided all facilities till they complete the programme."

Provisional affiliation was granted to B.Sc Physics programme in Saraswathi College of Arts & Science, Vilappilsala, Thiruvananthapuram during the academic year 2021-22 on self financing basis with an intake of 24 students.

As per Statute 15(b), Chapter 24, Kerala University First Statutes, “No course of study shall be abolished in any College with out the prior approval of the Syndicate”.

As per the U.O No.Ac.B/03/2014-15 dated 31.12.2015, the Educational Agency concerned has to remit a fee of Rs.20,000/- +5% as additional resource mobilization and 18% GST also as per the circular No.234/28/2024-GST dated 11.10.2024 towards the closure of course of study. The educational agency has not remitted the fee for closure of the programme.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request for the closure of B.Sc Physics programme in Saraswathi College of Arts & Science, Vilappilsala, Thiruvananthapuram (UNAIDED) from the academic year 2025-2026 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to permit closure of B.Sc Physics programme in Saraswathi College of Arts & Science, Vilappilsala, Thiruvananthapuram (UNAIDED) from the academic year 2025-26, as per norms.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.04 M.S.M. College, Kayamkulam- Dispute regarding the appointment of Manager cum Secretary of M. S. M. trust- Legal opinion-reg.

[Ac.BII]

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 15.03.2024, vide item no. 09.82.09 considered the matter regarding the dispute in appointment of Manager at MSM College, Kayamkulam and resolved to hear Sri. P.M Hilal Babu and Sri. Sadiq Ali Khan in connection with the representations submitted before the University.

The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on affiliation of colleges held on 29.05.2024 heard the two parties on dispute and Sri.Sadiq Ali Khan requested more time for producing the documents.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 09.09.2024, vide item no. 14.13.02 considered the documents submitted by Shaik P Harriz and order dated 25.06.2024 in No.IA.7/2024 in O.S 149/2024 by the Hon'ble Munsiff Court, Kayamkulam and resolved to seek the learned opinion of the Standing Counsel regarding the further course of action by the University in the matter of dispute in the Manager post in M.S.M. College, Kayamkulam.

In obedience with the resolution of the aforesaid Syndicate, learned opinion has been sought from the Standing Counsel.

Now the Standing Counsel furnished his learned opinion regarding the further course of action by the University in the matter of dispute in the Manager post in M.S.M. College, Kayamkulam, as follows.

“This matter is a civil dispute in which already litigation starting from the lowest rung of the civil courts has reached the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala just before the Christmas recess commenced and a stay has been granted by the Hon'ble Court against the judgment dated 30/9/2024 of the Additional District Court I. Mavelikkara in C.M.Appeal No.22/2024. Nine persons who appear for one side who are defendants in O.S. No. 149/2024 of Munsiff's Court, Kayamkulam are the petitioners in the aforesaid O.P. [C]No.2753 of 2024 pending before the High Court. Nineteen plaintiffs are the respondents in the said case as they were appellants in the aforesaid C.M. Appeal. On a perusal of the entire papers in the file. I find that they all pertain to the factual and legal disputes now pending adjudication before the Civil Courts in the aforementioned proceedings. It is true that under Section 54 of the Kerala University Act and Statute 19(2) of Chapter 24 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977. The University is vested with certain powers regarding both unitary and corporate managements to the defined extent. But at any rate, the University cannot exercise its aforesaid powers to interfere in disputes before the Court of Law where Civil Courts alone have jurisdiction to adjudicate on disputes over the right to act as Manager. This being the position of law, the University is bound to await a final outcome of the pending cases.”

In the light of the above facts and as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the learned opinion from the Standing Counsel regarding dispute in the Manager post in M.S.M. College, Kayamkulam is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the Legal Opinion and *recommended to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.05 *Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala- Request for the nomination of Syndicate/ Senate member for constituting Governing Body-Legal opinion-reg.*

[Ac.BII]

The Principal, Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala vide letter dated 27.05.2024 has requested to nominate Syndicate/ Senate member for constitution of the governing body to the College.

As per Section 52 of the Kerala University Act, 1974, every colleges under unitary management shall constitute a governing body, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.

As per Statute 2 in Chapter 25 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, the Syndicate of the University shall nominate a member of the Senate or the Syndicate or the Academic Council as a member of the Governing Body of a Private College to represent the University.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2024, vide item no.13.20.03 resolved to seek learned opinion of the Standing Council whether Self financing Colleges can be considered as Private Colleges for purpose of constitution of Governing Bodies as per Section 52 of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

In obedience with the resolution of the aforesaid Syndicate, learned opinion has been sought from the Standing Counsel.

Now the Standing Counsel furnished his learned opinion regarding the question involved is whether Unaided/Self Financing Colleges can be considered as Private Colleges for the purpose of the stipulations regarding constitution of the Governing Body in Section 52 of the Kerala University Act, as follows.

“It is true that Section 52 which comes under Chapter VIII of the Act takes in only Private Colleges. But in 1995, when Section 69 was incorporated as Chapter VIII A exclusively for unaided colleges, the scope of Section 52 also gets widened. Even a cursory glance through the newly incorporated Section 69 would show that the intention of the legislature is to exercise more control on aspects like service conditions of teachers and non- teaching staff and the admission, selection and fee payable of students etc. These aspects are to be governed on the basis of the recommendations of a high level committee constituted by the Government is also worth to be noted. The purpose of Section 52 also is to ensure that there is a uniform and proper management of institutions by constituting a governing body for all private colleges. As stated supra, the spirit of Section 69 which is a non- obstante clause doubtlessly shows that the stipulation under Section 52 also has to be treated as applicable for the unaided colleges covered by Chapter VIII A of the Act.

Apart from the above, it can be seen that even the plain reading of the definition of 'private college' under Section 2(16) of the Act is inclusive of unaided colleges as the same are colleges 'maintained by an educational agency other than Government or the University and affiliated to the University. It may also be seen that this is not in any manner conflicting with Section 2(28A) of the Act where 'unaided colleges are defined. It is asserted that it is a private college but not entitled to any financial assistance from the Government or the University, which had to be specifically mentioned because the other private colleges are covered by the provisions for Direct Payment or Grants.

In view of the above, it can be safely concluded that since nominating a representative to the Governing Body of the Unaided Colleges will be in the spirit of the provision under Section 69 of the Act, the same is fully justified.”

In the light of the above facts and as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the nomination a person as a member of the Governing Body of Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala and the learned opinion from the Standing Counsel regarding the question involved is whether Unaided/Self Financing Colleges can be considered as Private Colleges for the

purpose of the stipulations regarding constitution of the Governing Body in Section 52 of the Kerala University Act is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the legal opinion and recommended to accept it.

Further recommended that the Syndicate may nominate Prof. (Dr.) Manju S. Nair, Member of the Senate, to the Governing Body of Naipunnaya School of Management, Cherthala, as per Section 52 of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.06 *Sree Narayana Guru College of Legal Studies, Kollam- request for permission to start the new Unitary Degree Course in Law(3 year) for the academic year 2025-26 which has already been sanctioned for the academic year 2023-24, and to extend the same to the 2024-25 academic year.- reg.*

[Ac.BII]

The Principal, Sree Narayana Guru College of Legal Studies, Kollam vide the letter dated 07.01.2025 informed that the University of Kerala had extended the conditional affiliation granted for new Unitary Degree Course in Law(3 year) in their college during the academic year 2024-25, subject to fulfillment of procedural formalities of affiliation and directed to submit the approval of affiliation from Bar Council of India. But they did not received the approval of affiliation order for the year 2024-25 from BCI. As such their college was not included in the Centralised Allotment Process of Commissioner of Entrance Examinations. Government of Kerala during 2024-25.

Mean while, the BCI has conducted online Inspection to assess their facilities to start new Unitary Degree Course. Now it has been informed by the BCI, New Delhi that they are considering application for new Unitary Degree course for the year 2025-26 and directed to submit the approval order extending the conditional affiliation for the year 2025-26 from University of Kerala. The delay in receiving the affiliation order from BCI for the year 2024-25 was due to reasons beyond their control.

Hence, the Principal requested to extend the affiliation granted to start the new Unitary Degree Course in Law (3 year) programme for the academic year 2023-24 to the academic year 2025-26 so as to enable them to submit the same to BCI.

The following points may be noted in this context.

- The Syndicate held on 27.06.2023 vide item no. 59.151.25 approved to grant conditional affiliation as stipulated in Statute 12, Chapter 24 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, to new Unitary Degree Course in Law (3year) with intake of 60 students in Sree Narayana Guru College of Legal Studies, Kollam during the academic year 2023-'24, subject to fulfillment of procedural formalities of affiliation.
- The college has fulfilled the procedural formalities of affiliation for new Unitary Degree Course in Law (3year) for the academic year 2023-'24.
- Being a professional course, LL.B Programmes requires approval from the Bar Council of India for conducting in the college. But the college couldn't obtain approval from the BCI.
- The Syndicate held on 28.11.2023 vide item no. 06.71.15 approved to extend the conditional affiliation granted for new Unitary Degree Course in Law (3year) in the college during the 2023-'24 academic year to 2024-'25 academic year as the college fails to start the programme for want of approval from the Bar Council of India.
- Hence, the University has directed the college to submit order of approval from the Bar Council of India for the sanctioned programme so as to commence admission procedures for the 2024-25 academic year vide the letters 5882/Ac B II/2023/UOK dated 21.12.2023. The college has not submitted the same.

- Now, the Principal, Sree Narayana Guru College of Legal Studies, Kollam informed that the BCI, New Delhi informed the college that they are considering application for new Unitary Degree course for the year 2025-26 and directed to submit the approval order extending the conditional affiliation for the year 2025-26 from University of Kerala.

In the light of the above, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request of the Principal, Sree Narayana Guru College of Legal Studies, Kollam to extend the affiliation granted to start the new Unitary Degree Course in Law (3 year) programme for the academic year 2023-24 to the academic year 2025-26 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to extend the conditional affiliation already granted for new Unitary Degree Course in Law (3 year) in Sree Narayana Guru College of Legal Studies, Kollam, to 2025-'26 academic year.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred back to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges.

Item No.18.106.07 Applications for affiliation of new programmes/additional batches in unaided colleges for the academic year 2024-'25- Reports of final inspection conducted - consideration of -reg.

[Ac.BII]

Applications for affiliation of new courses/Permanent enhancement of seats/Additional batch in existing courses in Colleges for the academic year 2024 – '25 were received from Educational Agencies of various affiliated colleges pursuant to notification dated 07.08.2023.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 12.10.2023 vide item no.05.52.03 considered the Applications for Affiliation of New Courses/ Permanent enhancement of seats/ additional batches in Affiliated Unaided Colleges for the Academic Year 2024-'25 and resolved to entrust Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate to constitute team to conduct local enquiry as stipulated in Statute 8 of Chapter 24, Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 in the applicant colleges and then the Vice Chancellor approved the list of team submitted by the Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for conducting local enquiry at the applicant colleges.

Accordingly, local enquiry were conducted in the colleges. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2024 vide item no.13.19.01 resolved to approve the reports of Local Enquiry with respect to application for affiliation of new courses/ Additional batches in affiliated colleges and to seek views of the Government in starting the programmes in affiliated colleges which have been recommended by the local enquiry teams.

Letter no.3228/Ac B II/2024/UOK(3) dated 12.09.2024 was forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government to furnish the views of the Government on the matter of starting new programmes in affiliated Unaided colleges in obedience with the provisions of Statute 9, Chapter 24 of KUFS, 1977.

The Government has accorded administrative sanction for starting new programmes/ additional batches in unaided colleges affiliated to University of Kerala during the academic year 2024-'25 vide G.O (Ms) No.600/2024/HEDN dated 16.10.2024.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on held on 05.11.2024 & 11.11.2024 vide item nos.15.135.01 considered the views of the Government and resolved to conduct inspection in the colleges by teams constituted with Subject Experts and Members of the Syndicate to check the instructional facilities provided for starting the new course.

Accordingly, inspections were conducted in Mar Gregorios College of Arts & Science, Punnappra and Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala for affiliation of BCA (Additional Batch) by a team consisting of Dr.Shijukhan.J.S., Dr.Gopchandran K G., Members, Syndicate and Dr. Aji S., Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science and inspection reports were submitted.

Sl. No.	Name of the College	Additional Batch	Recommendations of the Inspection team
1	Mar Gregorios College of Arts & Science, Punnapra	BCA (Additional Batch)	The college has the institutional and instructional infrastructures for the requested additional batch of BCA programme. Undertaking for appointing additional teachers is also produced. On this ground, the affiliation can be given to the college for starting an additional batch of BCA programme with a maximum intake of 30 seats with the consent of AICTE (if required).
2	Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala	BCA (Additional Batch)	The college has the institutional and instructional infrastructures for the requested additional batch of BCA programme. On this ground, the affiliation can be given to the college for starting an additional batch of BCA programme with a maximum intake of 30 seats with the consent of AICTE (if required).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the reports of the final inspection conducted in the colleges for affiliation of additional batches for the academic year 2024-'25 are placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to accept the report submitted by the inspection team.

Further recommended to sanction conditional affiliation to start the additional batch of BCA programme with an intake of 30 each in Mar Gregorios College of Arts & Science, Punnapra & Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala, from the academic year 2025-'26, as per Statute 12 in Chapter 24 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, subject to fulfillment of procedural formalities of affiliation.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.08 Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni, Neyyattinkara, Thiruvananthapuram (Unaided) – Inspection report – consideration of- reg. [Ac.BII]

Victory College of Teacher Education, Olathanni, Neyyattinkara has been provisionally affiliated to the University of Kerala since the year 2005, offering the B.Ed Degree Course on self-financing basis with a total intake of 50 seats.

Sri.Ramakrishnan Nair, Thirur, Malappuram vide letter dated 26.09.2021 submitted a complaint against Victory College of Teacher Education, Olathanni, Neyyattinkara. The allegations raised by the petitioner are as follows.

- The college lacks Computer Lab facility & Science Lab
- The management is not paying enough salary to the teachers of the college.

Accordingly, inspections were conducted in the college as resolved by the Syndicate. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 28.02.2023 vide item no.52.123 considered the inspection report and resolved to issue urgent notice to Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni to rectify the defects before 31 st March 2023. Further resolved to hear the Manager and Principal, Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni by a sub-committee consisting of Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai, Sri.P.Rajendra Kumar and Smt.Renju Suresh, Members Syndicate and place the report before the Syndicate.

Accordingly, letter dated 10.03.2023 had been forwarded to the Chairman and to the principal of Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni, Neyyattinkara and a sub-committee had been constituted as per U.O.No.28160/2023/UOK dated 20.03.2023.

As per the direction of Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai, Member, Syndicate, the hearing with the Manager and Principal of Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni scheduled on 26.05.2023 at 10.00 am in the Syndicate room, University buildings, Thiruvananthapuram.

Accordingly, Smt. B. Beebi, Principal, Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni and Sri. Nikhil S. N., authorized by the Chairman appeared before the sub committee on his behalf, attended the hearing.

The sub committee after having heard the manager and principal of the college and recommended as follows.

1. To give an ultimatum of four months time to the college to rectify the defects in respect of infrastructure facilities
2. To appoint adequate number of qualified teachers and to produce the staff list endorsed by the University before 30th June 2023
3. Moving all courses other than training programmes as sanctioned in the college to premises outside the area earmarked for the college
4. To facilitate the computer lab in the close proximity of the Teacher Training College
5. To conduct a final inspection after four months.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 27.06.2023 vide item no.59.151.07 considered the recommendations made by the Sub Committee and resolved to approve the decision made by the sub-committee of the Syndicate consisting of Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai, Sri.P.Rajendra Kumar and Smt.Renju Suresh, Members Syndicate and to direct the college to rectify all the defects pointed out by the sub-committee within the stipulated time limit.

Meanwhile, vide letter dated 27.06.2023 the Manager of the college had informed that the defects noted by the inspection team dated 12.01.2023 had successfully and effectively been rectified. The decision of the Syndicate held on 27.06.2023 had been intimated to the educational agency of the college vide letters dated 13.07.2023 and 27.02.2024. Accordingly, vide letter dated 16.03.2024 the Manager of the college had informed that they had rectified all the defects as per the direction given by the sub committee and Syndicate.

It may be noted that the Syndicate at its meeting held on 15.03.2024 vide item no.09.82.07 resolved to constitute a Board of Inspection as stipulated in Clause (vi) in Section 23 of the Kerala University Act, 1974, for conducting direct inspection in colleges, hostels and other institutions with the following members

1. Sri.R.Rajesh, Member, Syndicate and Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges,
2. Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai, Member, Syndicate and Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance,
3. Dr.Shijukhan J.S, Member, Syndicate and Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Teaching and Nonteaching Staff of Private Colleges,
4. Dr.P.M.Radhamany, Member, Syndicate and Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Student Discipline and
5. The Director, College Development Council.

Accordingly, the final inspection at Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni as recommended by the sub committee had been conducted on 11.06.2024 with the members of the Board of Inspection and the report had been submitted.

The observations of the inspection team are as follows.

1.Regarding qualified teachers

College had forwarded a list of 11 teachers with details of qualification and experience to the University for endorsement. Endorsement of the list by the University is still pending since four teachers, viz., Dr. Priya P C, Ms. Sumi S R, Ms. Ancy does not possess qualifications/experience as per norms. Further the Principal in Charge informed that one of teachers Ms. Nisha S R had left the college and the post is vacant. Further, on enquiry it was informed that the salary of the teachers are not disbursed through bank account.

2.Moving courses other than training programmes as sanctioned in the college to premises outside the area earmarked for the college

Earlier courses regarding health education and computer classes for other courses were conducted in the building earmarked for the Teacher training college. As per the direction of the University this practice is stopped. However, it was noted that the building earmarked for Teacher training college does not have ample compound. Buildings housing classes of higher secondary school are in the close proximity of the college building. The land agreement signed during the inception of the college may be verified and ample space for running the college must be ensured. Lack of space is clearly limiting the infrastructure facilities. The building is four storied. There is no ramp or lift facility for the convenience of a differently abled person to access any facility.

3.Computer Lab

Computer lab is functioning in a building adjacent to the college building. The facility has 28 computer most of which are laptops. This lab has no computer table or chair and the systems are kept on desks and students sit on benches without back support. The height of the benches and width of the desks are not at all suitable for convenient use of the facility. Further the laboratory is not provided with any air conditioning. In short the facility needs to be urgently upgraded to the level of college level computer lab. Further there is no numbering of the computers (as per stock entry) that validates the claim that the facility is exclusively for the teachers Training College.

4.Other observations

(i) Library

Library facility of the college is not sufficient. No qualified person is appointed as Librarian. As per records, Library has 1492 books and 805 titles. This statistics is quite old (27-5-2009). The acquisition of books along with date and classification scheme is not properly entered in the register. No updating of the facility or records is done and it seems that even books as per latest syllabus are available at the disposal of students. Currently no journals (hard copy or E- journals) are subscribed. This situation needs to be addressed on a war footing. It is highly recommended that the Library facility should be upgraded with qualified staff, acquisition of new relevant books, enough copies, reference section, internet facility, journal subscription, etc.

(ii) Psychology Laboratory

College has purchased new equipments and has setup a psychology laboratory.

In connection with the report, It may be noted that as per the NCTE Regulations 2009, the institutions shall possess 1500 sq. mtrs (one thousand five hundred square meters) of exclusive well demarcated land for the initial intake of fifty students out of which 1000 sq mts (one thousand square meters) shall be the built up area and the remaining space for lawns, playfields etc.

It may also be noted that letter no.2984/Ac.BII/2025/UOK dated 18.01.2025 has been forwarded to all the affiliated training colleges including Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni, Neyyattinkara, Thiruvananthapuram to make the regular payment of salary of the faculty members into their individual bank accounts as per NCTE Regulations.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the report of the inspection conducted in the Victory College of Teacher Education Centre, Olathanni, Neyyattinkara, Thiruvananthapuram is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the inspection report and recommended ***to forward the report to the Principal of the College and direct the college to rectify all the defects mentioned in the report before the commencement of the next Academic Year.***

Further, the committee recommended that a surprise inspection be conducted in the college to verify compliance of the direction.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.09 KNMKNMS Training College, Vellarada, Thiruvananthapuram – Request to waive off the arrears of annual administration fee - Consideration of-reg.

[Ac.BII]

Sri.J.Lawrence, President, Kerala Nadar Mahajana Sangham (KNMS) vide email dated 06.01.2025 submitted a letter as an appeal for reviewing the University decision. He has requested to review the Syndicate decision duly waiving off the arrears as a special case and for exemption so as to function KNMKNMS Training College, Vellarada, Thiruvananthapuram without any further delay.

The following points may be noted in this context.

- The KNMKNMS Training College, Vellarada, Thiruvananthapuram was granted provisional affiliation in 1995 to function as a Self Financing Training College, for the conduct of BED Courses in Mathematics, Social Science, Physical Science, Natural Science and Malayalam.
- It has come to the notice of the University that KNMKNMS Training College, Vellarada, Thiruvananthapuram was not enrolling students for the B.Ed Degree course from 2011 onwards.
- The Educational Agency of the KNMKNMS Training College viz: The Kerala Nadar Mahajana Sangham, Reg.No.5/64, H.O. Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14 voluntarily suspended the courses at their own will from 2011 academic year onwards without obtaining prior sanction from the University.
- The Syndicate at its meeting held on 25.05.2022 vide item no.42.59.08 considered the status of remittance of outstanding dues in annual administration fee in compliance with the Judgment dated 20.12.2021 in WP(C) No.10350 of 2009 and Connected cases and the requests from various Colleges for waiving the dues in annual administration fee/ extension of time for the remittance and resolved to reject the request from the various educational agencies seeking enlargement of time and for waiving the remittance of arrears made on Annual Administration Fee and to issue notice to the Educational Agencies of the defaulter Training Colleges directing to remit the arrears of Annual Administration Fee immediately in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court vide judgment dated 20.12.2021 in WP(C) No.10350 of 2009 and Connected cases, failing which the college will be excluded from the B.Ed Online Admission portal for the academic year 2022-23.
- The Chairman and State president of Kerala Nadar Mahajana Sangham vide letter no. KNMS/002/EDN/02/2023 dated 21.05.2024 submitted a request to restart the functioning of KNM KNMS B.Ed Training College, Vellarada and to waive off the arrears of annual administration fee.
- The Syndicate at its meeting held on 02.07.2024 vide item no.11.132.24 considered the letter and resolved to direct the college to clear the arrears in Annual Administration Fee, only after which the request for restarting the college can be considered.
- Accordingly, letter no.29538/Ac.B II/2024/UOK dated 05.08.2024 had been forwarded to Sri.J.Lawrence, Chairman & State President, Kerala Nadar Mahajana Sangham to remit an amount of Rs. 19,80,000/- towards the arrears in Annual Administration Fee as on 2024-2025 academic year. But, the college has not remitted the arrears of annual administration fee till now.

Sri.J.Lawrence, President, Kerala Nadar Mahajana Sangham (KNMS) vide email dated 06.01.2025 submitted a letter as an appeal for reviewing the Syndicate decision duly waiving off the arrears as a special case and for exemption so as to function KNMKNMS Training College, Vellarada, Thiruvananthapuram without any further delay.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request of the president of Kerala Nadar Mahajana Sangham to waive off the arrears of annual administration fee of KNMKNMS Training College, Vellarada, Thiruvananthapuram and to accord sanction to restart the functioning of the college is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended *to reject the request dated 06.01.2025 from Sri. J. Lawrence, President, Kerala Nadar Mahajana Sangham (KNMS) for waiver of Annual Administration Fee.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.10 Complaint from Sri. Akash Rathod - detailed report from the Principal – SAI- LNCPE -reg.

[Ac.BI]

Sri. Akash Rathod, a student of SAI- LNCPE, was admitted to BPED course in 2023-24. He studied CBSE Board till his 11th standard in the State of Madhya Pradesh and due to the Financial issues aroused due to the Covid pandemic he appeared the Higher Secondary Examination through the State Board as a private candidate. He took admission at SAI -LNCPE for the BPED course in 2023 and completed his first semester here paying the annual fees. Only at the end of the year he was informed that his Higher Secondary Certificate is not valid for acquiring the Eligibility Certificate and hence his admission procedure cannot be completed. If he was informed this earlier during the first semester this could have been dealt properly. It is submitted that, during document verification, this was not informed.

A report from the Principal, SAI LNCPE was sought in this regard. As per the report, Sri. Akash Rathod was provisionally admitted in BPED course and it was informed that he had applied for an Eligibility Certificate at the University of Kerala. But later on 25/03/2024 he again submitted a letter at the College requesting to guide him for the next step to take as the University guided him to collect equivalency certificate from Higher Secondary Education Board.

On the basis of the letter submitted by Sri. Akash Rathod, the College vide letter dated 03.04.2024 requested the University to issue an official communication regarding his eligibility to study in BPED course at SAI-LNCPE. In response Ac.C section, vide letter dated 16.04.2024 informed the College that the University of Kerala has not recognised the Higher Secondary Education conducted by Board of Secondary Education, Madhya Pradesh through Private mode. Therefore the application for Eligibility certificate in r/o Sri. Akash Rathod cannot be considered. But by that time he had attended his first semester examinations, results of the same is with held. On 23/04/2024 the candidate was informed that he shall discontinue the course.

As per the remarks from Ac.C section, no application for Eligibility Certificate has been received from Sri. Akash Rathod .More over, in reply to the clarification sought from the Principal, LNCPE , it has been informed that the University of Kerala has not recognised the Higher Secondary Examination conducted by Board of Secondary Education, Madhya Pradesh through Private mode. Hence the statement, of the Principal, LNCPE that the candidate Sri. Akash Rathod applied for eligibility certificate at the University and the subsequent delay as submitted does not stand.

On verification with the tabulation software, it is found that the candidate Sri. Akash Rathod, candidate code: 46023500010 was registered and appeared for the First Semester B.P.Ed. (4 year innovative course) Degree Examination which was conducted during December 2023. However, the result of the candidate was withheld due to pending of matriculation and recognition details. The candidate has not registered for the Second Semester B.P.Ed. Degree Examination which was conducted during June 2024.

The Syndicate held on 05.11.2024 & 11.11.2024 vide item no.15.11.21 resolved to approve the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges to seek a detailed report from the Principal, LNCPE, regarding the admission of Sri. Akash Rathod to B.P.Ed (4 year innovative course) Degree Programme, without satisfying the eligibility criteria.

In obedience to the above, the Principal has forwarded a detailed report regarding the admission of Sri. Akash Rathod. As per the report the following has been stated:

- Sri. Akash Rathod was provisionally admitted to the B.PEd 4 Year Innovative program for the academic year 2023-24.
- At the time of admission, the candidate have not produced his eligibility certificate, instead he requested for additional time to submit it and produced an undertaking to this effect. (copy of which has not been produced).
- Taking into account his request, he was provisionally admitted to the course.
- When he was asked to produce the eligibility certificate, he informed that, he had applied for eligibility certificate at the University but haven't received yet.
- Due to delay in receiving eligibility certificate Sri.Akash Rathod requested for assistance in contacting the University of Kerala to ascertain the status of his eligibility.

- As such a letter was sent to the University seeking eligibility of Sri. Akash Rathod. In response, University has intimated that, ' The Higher Secondary Examination conducted by the Board of Secondary Education, Madhya Pradesh in Private mode is not recognized by the University of Kerala. Therefore Sri. Akash Rathod's application cannot be considered.
- Following the letter from the University an order has been issued to Sri. Akash Rathod to discontinue the course and vacate the College Hostel.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the admission of Sri. Akash Rathod to BPED programme in SAI-LNCPE without eligibility certificate along with the detailed report from the Principal is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the report from the Principal and recommended to accept the report and to close the matter.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.11 : Complaint received from a group of students of Christ Nagar College, Maranalloor against the Head Department of English, Christ Nagar College, Maranalloor-reg

[Ac.BI]

A complaint has been received from students pursuing English Degree at Christ Nagar College, Maranalloor to address the concerns pointed out by them against the Head of the Department, Department of English.

The concerns put forth by the students are as follows:

- students doubt the eligibility of the present HoD of the English department holding such pivotal position . They have submitted that the particular faculty does not hold NET/Ph.D degree.
- HOD is creating toxic work environment within the department, this compelled three of the dedicated faculties to resign and hence the students had to compromise with the quality of education.
- Shows disregard for student needs and Faculty welfare. Also it is submitted that, the College could have secured a higher grade in NAAC accreditation, if the faculties were qualified enough.
- The punitive approach and disregard for students and faculty create an oppressive atmosphere, deterring students from expressing themselves or fully engaging in their academic pursuits.
- The alleged teacher often skips essential topics and give undue focus on less relevant materials.
- She express discriminatory behaviour based on caste towards the students.

The principal has forwarded a report on the complaint. As per the report Mrs. Rani Varghese, the Head of the Department of English is an academican with rich experience and academic brilliance. She has Done her BA English from Mar Ivanios College, Tvpm and MA from University College, Tvpm. Also completed her B.Ed. But it is stated that she does not possess NET or Ph.D in the relevant subject. It may be noted here that, as per clause 4.4.1 of the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for appointment of Teachers and other Academic staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2010 for direct recruitment of Assistant Professor it is mandatory to have at least 55% marks in Masters Degree and Shall qualify NET/SLET/SET or shall have a Ph.D degree.

Further the Principal has stated that she is punctual, responsive, responsible and pro-active faculty member of the College and contributed significantly towards the maintenance of discipline and in ensuring student welfare in the past.

Also it is informed that, there is a well knit complaint redressal machinery in line with the UGC stipulations to address any such complaints received from the students or Faculty members. No such complaints have been received so far against the said faculty.

It may also be noted here that, the same complaint has been forwarded from the Governor's office and the office of Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice seeking report on the same.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the complaint filed by the students of Christ Nagar College, Maranalloor is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to conduct a hearing of the Principal and the Head of the Department of English, Christ Nagar College, Maranalloor by the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.12 : Complaint against CSI Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam – Report sought from Higher Education and Social Justice Department –reg [Ac.BI]

The Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice has forwarded a complaint filed by the students of CSI Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam vide letter No. C1/288/2024 -HEDN dated 23.11.2024. The Principal Secretary, Higher Education (C) Department has requested to furnish urgent report regarding the complaint forwarded.

As per the complaint the following has been submitted:

Due to the lack of sufficient class rooms students are not getting regular classes.

The campus is not having sufficient capacity to accommodate the whole students of the College at same time. Hence irregular holidays are given to the students to manage the situation.

Lengthy study leaves are a most often practice at the College. Even after the Exams the students are not called for regular classes.

When the new academic year starts and new batch of students arrive, the last year students are usually transferred to Online class mode. The Online classes are not possible for the final semester students who have practicals. The students are losing their offline classes and campus life.

Holidays are given on marriages and cremations of relatives of the staff.

All these are affecting the internal marks of the students.

The students have hence requested to resolve these issues and allow them to attend offline regular classes.

A report was sought from the principal in this regard, as per the report the Principal has denied the allegation that, no sufficient classrooms are there to accommodate all the batches, instead it is clarified that, there are 25 class rooms of which 22 is functioning and ascertained that the College have sufficient space to accommodate all the batches. Also the Principal denied the allegation that excess leaves are given, the Principal stated that no leaves other than public holidays are been granted as leave. Further it is stated that, the final year students are having court work, chamber work and Moot court etc as their components as part of the curriculum. Therefore the final year students are instructed to visit courts for completing the mandatory components. Hence the Principal affirms that the complaint filed by the students are false and fabricated.

But it may be noted here that, no documental evidence have been submitted along with the report substantiating their part. Moreover the Principal Secretary, Higher Education (C) Department has sought report on the complaint.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the complaint raised by the students and the report received from the Principal, CSI Institute of Legal Studies is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to conduct a hearing of the Principal, CSI Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam, Parassala, Thiruvananthapuram by the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.13 ***Complaint from the students of Sports Authority of India- Lakshmibhai National College of Physical Education (SAI-LNCPE) against the SAI NCOE (National Centre for Excellence) athletes.***

[Ac.BI]

Complaints were received from the students of Sports Authority of India- Lakshmibhai National College of Physical Education (SAI-LNCPE) against the SAI NCOE (National Centre for Excellence) athletes. From the complaint received, it is learnt that there are students who study the courses BPED and MPES and also there are students under the national centre of Excellence who are given coaching to participate in various events.

Following are the allegations raised by the BPED students against the NCOE athletes;

- On the way to the hostel the Female students of the BPED course are facing various abusive comments and experienced in - appropriate behaviour from the NCOE athletes.
- NCOE Coaches and athletes are behaving very badly to the teachers of LNCPE
- NCOE athletes denied access to the Football ground by the LNCPE students and Faculties in a very disrespectful way.
- When a faculty was taking evening activity class in the basketball court, the NCOE athletes came and started to play game. The Faculty shouted to stop the game but they didn't listen.
- Time to spent at the Gym has also been reduced by the NCOE Students.
- In the occasion of Onam celebration they hit one of the BPED student at his head, and this lead to a clash between the LNCPE students and SAI NCOE athletes.
- But the NCOE athletes submitted a fake complaint regarding the clash and without even conducting an enquiry the College authority suspended 20 BPED students of LNCPE.

A report was sought from the Principal, SAI LNCPE, on 01.10.2024 and as per the report the following has been submitted:

- On 11.09.2024, during onam celebration four SAI- NCOE athletes were injured by the attack of a group of BPED / MPES students and one among them was hospitalised due to serious head injury. A Committee was constituted on 12.09.2024, to conduct a preliminary enquiry. As per the report of the committee after due examination of CCTV footages and other relevant evidences, 20 BPED/ MPES students were suspended.
- A police complaint was also lodged in this matter, which is under investigation by the Kazhakootam Police Station.
- Shri Siv Sharma, Deputy Director General of SAI and Pandurang Chate, Regional Director personally visited SAI LNCPE on 13.09.2024 to evaluate the matter and referred the matter to SAI Head office for detailed enquiry.
- Further the Principal also submitted that, since it is an internal issue of SAI, appropriate action will be taken in due course of time.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the complaint from the students of LNCPE against the SAI NCOE students and the report received from the Principal, SAI LNCPE is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to conduct an inspection at LNCPE, by a team consisting of Sri. R. Rajesh, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Adv. G. Muraleedharan Pillai, Dr. S. Nazeeb and Dr. Shijukhan J. S., Members, Syndicate, in connection with the complaint from the students of LNCPE against SAI NCOE athletes.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.14: ***KVVS Institute of Technology - winding up of MCA course and closure of the college & release of FD receipt - request from the Secretary – reg.***

[Ac.BII]

The Secretary, Vanika Vaisya Educational and Employment Trust, vide letter dated June 3, 2024, had submitted a request for release of the receipt of FD for an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) furnished as financial guarantee towards affiliation of K.V.V.S Institute of Technology, Adoor.

The following may be noted about the affiliation of the college.

K.V.V.S Institute of Technology, Adoor, was granted conditional affiliation for conducting MCA programme with an intake of 60 students during the academic year 2002-'03 vide U.O No.Ac.B1/13360/2002 dated 26.06.03.

The Syndicate held on 30.03.2023, vide item no.54.16.14, considered the request submitted by the Secretary, Vanika Vaisya Educational and Employment Trust, for cancellation of the affiliation order of K.V.V.S Institute of Technology, Adoor, and resolved to issue No Objection Certificate to K.V.V.S Institute of Technology, Adoor, and also to direct the college to submit No Objection Certificate from the Government and AICTE, after which only formal University order regarding closure of the college shall be issued.

No Objection Certificate dated 08.05.2023 for closure from the academic year 2023-2024 onwards, as resolved by the Syndicate was issued to the college and the college was directed to submit the No Objection Certificate from the Government and Approval for closure from AICTE for issuing formal University order regarding closure of the college.

The Government of Kerala issued No Objection Certificate vide Certificate No. J2/105/2023/HEdn dated 04.07.2023 for closure of existing MCA course with 60 seats and the institution also.

The Secretary, Vanika Vaisya Educational and Employment Trust vide a letter dated 10.02.2025, has now forwarded the 'Approval of Closure of the College' of AICTE, F.No.South-West/1-36592441328/2023/Complete Closure dated 03.02.2025, from the academic year 2023-24 onwards, along with the NOC from the University and the NOC from the Government and has requested release of the Financial Guarantee of Rs.10,00,000/- with lien marked to the Registrar, and has requested to issue formal orders regarding winding up of MCA programme and closure of K.V.V.S. Institute of Technology, Kaithaparambu, Adoor.

In the meantime, the Secretary, Vanika Vaisya Educational and Employment Trust, vide letter dated June 3, 2024, submitted a request for release of the receipt of FD for an amount of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) furnished as financial guarantee towards affiliation of K.V.V.S Institute of Technology, Adoor.

On the basis of the request received, Note was forwarded to PA to the Controller of Examinations and PA to the Finance Officer, seeking details regarding dues or liabilities, if any, pertaining to 1) the conduct of examination or by any other means 2) pertaining to any section under the Finance department.

In reply, the following have been informed.

- As per the remarks received from M&C I section, there are no dues/liabilities financial or non-financial pending with the section against KVVVS Institute of Technology, Adoor.
- As per CA section, no dues/liabilities financial or non-financial were found against KVVVS Institute of Technology, Adoor.
- EC IV and EC V sections have also informed that no dues/liabilities were found against the college and EC III section has informed that the section does not deal with payment if remuneration for conduct of examinations in KVVVS Institute of Technology, Adoor.
- AR (Examination) has informed that there are no dues/liabilities pending against KVVVS Institute of Technology, Adoor.
- Further, EE II B section has also remarked that there are no liabilities or dues pertaining to the conduct of MCA examinations or by other means regarding tabulation
- No dues in Special fee during the academic years from 2002-03 to 2021-22 for MCA programme as reported by Revenue Audit section has been approved by the Finance Officer

The Cash IV section, has informed that K.V.V.S Institute of Technology, Adoor, has furnished FD receipt no.MSP/TDRC/T 039313 with a/c no.TD 1528 dtd.18.06.2003 (w.e.f 12.06.2003) of S.B.I (Former SBT), Pappanamcode branch, for an amount of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only) for a period of 36 months with maturity date.12/06/2006, towards financial guarantee for affiliation of the college.

In the light of the NOC received from the State Government, the Approval of Closure of K.V.V.S. Institute of Technology, Adoor, received from AICTE and the remarks from the various sections, the Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the requests of the Secretary, Vanika Vaisya

Educational and Employment Trust, (1) for formal orders for disaffiliation of the college and (2) return of the Fixed Deposit Receipt submitted as Financial Guarantee before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to release the lien on the FD furnished as Financial Guarantee and to return the FD receipt, as no liabilities have been reported against the college. Also, formal orders of closure of the college be issued as per norms.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.15 : ***Shree Vidyadhiraja College of Arts & Science, Thevarkavu, Karunagapally (UNAIDED) – Request for closure of four programmes and suspension of two programmes from the academic year 2025-2026– consideration of – reg. [Ac.BII]***

The Secretary, Shree Vidyadhiraja Vidya Samajam and the Manager, Shree Vidyadhiraja College of Arts & Science, Karunagapally vide letter no.114/A1/2025/SVVS dated 18.02.2025 has requested for

- closure of B.A. Malayalam, M.A. English Language & Literature, M.Sc. Physics and M.Sc. Mathematics programmes from the academic year 2025-2026
- suspension of B.Sc Physics and B.Sc. Mathematics programmes from the academic year 2025-2026

Provisional affiliation was granted to Shree Vidyadhiraja College of Arts & Science, Thevarkavu, Karunagapally during the academic year 1995-'96 on self financing basis. It is informed that the proposed fee for closure and suspension of programmes will be paid.

Statute 15, Chapter 24, Kerala University first Statutes, 1977 provides that:

- a. It shall be open to a college to suspend for want of students with prior approval of the Syndicate, for a total period not exceeding one academic year, instruction in any subject or course of study in which the College is affiliated. At the end of the period of suspension, work may be resumed after intimating the Syndicate.
- b. No course of study shall be abolished in any College without the prior approval of the Syndicate.

As per the U.O No.Ac.B/03/2014-15 dated 31.12.2015, the Educational Agency concerned has to remit a fee of Rs.10,000/- +5% as additional resource mobilization + 18% GST towards the suspension of each course of study and a fee of Rs.20,000/- +5% as additional resource mobilization+18% GST towards the closure of each course of study.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request for the closure of four programmes and suspension of two programmes in Shree Vidyadhiraja College of Arts & Science, Thevarkavu, Karunagapally from the academic year 2025-2026 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended ***to permit closure of four programmes: 1)B.A. Malayalam, 2) M.A. English Language & Literature, 3) M.Sc. Physics and 4) M.Sc. Mathematics programmes and suspension of 1) B.Sc Physics and 2)B.Sc. Mathematics programmes in Shree Vidyadhiraja College of Arts & Science, Thevarkavu, Karunagapally from the academic year 2025-2026, as per the existing norms.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.16 : ***The Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada- request for permit to start the new courses viz; BBA LL.B and B.Sc (IT) LL.B for the academic year 2025-26 which have already been sanctioned for the academic year 2023-24, and to extend the same to the 2025-26 academic year.- reg.***

[Ac.BII]

The Principal, the Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada vide the letter dated 14.02.2025 stated that they have already received conditional affiliation for starting the new BBA LLB and B.Sc (IT) LLB courses for the academic year 2023-24. Subsequently on their request the affiliation granted for the academic year 2023-24 had been extended to the academic year 2024-25. He further stated that the Bar council of India had not conducted the inspection required for the approval of the said courses so far, even though they have submitted the application for that purpose and remitted the required fees on time. So the extension of the conditional affiliation granted for the said courses for the academic year 2024-25 to the academic year 2025-26 is necessitated to obtain the approval from the Bar Council of India.

Hence, the Principal requested permission to start the new BBA LLB and B.Sc (IT) LLB courses for the academic year 2025-26, which has already been sanctioned for the academic year 2023-24, and extension granted to the 2024-25 academic year.

The following points may be noted in this context.

- The Syndicate held on 27.06.2023 vide item no. 59.151.25 approved to granted conditional affiliation as stipulated in Statute 12, Chapter 24 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, to new Integrated 5 year BBA LLB course with intake of 60 students in the Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada during the academic year 2023-'24, subject to fulfillment of procedural formalities of affiliation.
- Also, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 12.07.2023 vide item no.01.11 approved to grant conditional affiliation as stipulated in Statute 12, Chapter 24 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, to new Integrated 5 year BSc (IT) LL.B course with intake of 60 students in he Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada during the academic year 2023-'24, subject to fulfillment of procedural formalities of affiliation.
- The college has fulfilled the procedural formalities of affiliation for of new Integrated 5 year BBA LLB and Integrated 5 year BSc (IT) LL.B course for the academic year 2023-'24.
- Being a professional course, LL.B Programmes requires approval from the Bar Council of India for conducting in the college.
- Hence, the University has directed to the college to submit order of approval from the Bar Council of India for the sanctioned programme so as to commence admission procedures for the current academic year vide the letters 5882/Ac B II/2023/UOK dated 08.07.2023 and 25.07.2023. The college has not submitted the same.
- The Syndicate held on 28.11.2023 vide item no. 06.71.15 approved to extend the conditional affiliation granted for new Integrated Five Year BBA LLB and Integrated Five Year B.Sc (IT) LLB programmes in the Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada during the 2023-'24 academic year to 2024-'25 academic year as the College failed to start the programme for the want of approval from the Bar Council of India.
- Now, the Principal, the Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada vide the letter said above stated that the Bar Council of India has not given the permission to start the above mentioned courses in the academic years 2023-24 and 2024-25. on the reason that the Bar council of India had not conducted the inspection required for the approval of the said courses so far, even though they have submitted the application for that purpose and remitted the required fees on time.
- Also, he has requested to extend the conditional affiliation of the new courses viz; BBA LL.B and B.Sc (IT) LL.B for the academic year 2025-26, which was not started for the want of approval from the BCI.

In the light of the above, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request of the Principal, the Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada for extending the conditional affiliation, to the new Integrated Five Year BBA LLB and Integrated Five Year B.Sc (IT) LLB sanctioned during the previous academic years and classes could not be started for want of BCI approval, to the academic year 2025-26 is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to extend the conditional affiliation already granted for new programmes: Integrated Five Year BBA LLB and Integrated Five Year B.Sc (IT) LLB in The Kerala Law Academy Law College, Peroorkada, to 2025-'26 academic year.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred back to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges.

Item No.18.106.17 : Application for affiliation of new Unaided Arts & Science College for the academic year 2024-25 – MVM College of Arts and Science – consideration of –reg.

[Ac.BII]

As per Notification No. 41980/Ac.BII/2023/UOK dated 07.08.2023, applications were invited from Educational Agencies for the establishment of new colleges for the academic year 2024-25. Accordingly, the Chairman of the Educational Agency, Manjappara Educational and Charitable Trust, Ayur, Kollam has submitted application for affiliation to new un-aided Arts and Science College namely, Proposed MEACT Arts and Science College, Manjappara, Ayoor, Kollam for the academic year 2024-'25.

The syndicate at its meeting held on 12.10.2023 vide item.no: 05.52.15 considered and accepted the request to change the name of the college from 'MEACT Arts and Science College' to 'MVM College of Arts and Science, Manjappara, Ayoor, Kollam.'

It is pertinent to note that, as per the prescribed regulations, Educational Agencies seeking to establish new colleges must possess undisputed ownership and possession of land (dry land) as a single plot. The statutory land requirement for setting up an Arts & Science College is 202.34 Ares (5 acres).

Upon preliminary verification, the applicant has submitted the requisite land documents and copies of title deeds along with the application. These documents were forwarded to the Estate Officer for verification.

The Estate Officer, in Land Verification Report dated on 07.05.2024, has confirmed that the educational agency is in possession of only 1 Hectare 45 Ares 75 sq. Metres of land. A land use agreement for 1 Hectare 56 Ares 20 sq. metres has been submitted permitting the educational agency to utilize the land for the establishment of the proposed MVM College of Arts and Science which cannot be considered as a legal document. Hence, a registered lease deed pertaining to the above mentioned land area is required to be produced.

Accordingly, Manjappara Educational and Charitable Trust was directed to submit the registered lease deed and other requisite documents in respect of the concerned property within 20.05.2024. But in reply the educational agency via email dated 20.05.2024 has requested one month time for submitting the required documents as their chairman is out of station for the time being.

In accordance with the resolution of the syndicate held on 02.07.2024 vide item no: 11.132.21, Manjappara Educational and Charitable Trust was granted with a final time enlargement of 15 days to submit land documents for the affiliation of MVM College of Arts and Science, Manjappara, Ayoor, Kollam, for the 2024–25 academic year.

Later, before meeting the specified time constraint the Educational Agency had submitted all the documents demanded by the Estate Officer. Upon verifying the land documents the Estate Officer has ascertained that Educational Agency has absolute possession and enjoyment over 1 Hectare 41 Ares 73 sq. Mtrs of dry land in Kottukkal village block no 43 comprised in Resurvey Nos 167/4, 167/1-2-11, 167/1-3-2. The Educational Agency has also possession over an extent of 71.52 Ares of dry land in block no.43 comprised in resurvey nos 167/1, 167/5, 167/6, 167/1-3 as per the lease deed No. 1592/24 dated 07/08/2024. And thus, the EA has possession over 2 Hectare 13 Ares, 25 sq. Mtr of dry land. The land is jointly situated.

Subsequently, the land documents, along with the Estate Officer's report, were forwarded for legal scrutiny. After due examination, the Legal Adviser has affirmed that there are no legal impediments to proceeding with the affiliation process, as the Educational Agency has undisputed ownership and possession of the required land.

Based on the Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, the next procedural step in the affiliation process is to decide whether to proceed with the application and to Conduct the Local Inquiry by a team appointed by the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the land verification report and the Legal Adviser's remarks in respect of the application for the affiliation of the proposed MVM College of Arts and Science, Manjappara, Ayoor, Kollam (AIDED) are hereby submitted before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for its consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the application for affiliation of New College, along with the Land Verification Report and remarks of the Legal Adviser, and recommended to conduct a Local Enquiry at the site by a team consisting of the members of the Syndicate.

The Committee further recommended to constitute a team consisting of Sri R. Rajesh, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai, Dr.S.Nazeeb and Dr.Shijukhan J.S. Members, Syndicate, for conducting Local Enquiry as stipulated in Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.18 : Application for affiliation of new aided Arts & Science College for the academic year 2025-26 – KVVVS College of Arts and Science, Paruthiyara, Veliyam (Application No. C2409) - consideration of– reg.

[Ac.BII]

As per Notification No. 29536/Ac.B II/2024/UOK dated 06.08.2024, applications were invited from Educational Agencies for the establishment of new colleges for the academic year 2025-26. S.Kuttappan Chettiar, Secretary, Vanika Vaisya Educational and Employment Trust had submitted application no.C2409 for affiliation of the new Aided Arts & Science College for the academic year 2025-26 viz., Proposed KVVVS College of Arts and Science, Paruthiyara, Veliyam (AIDED).

It is pertinent to note that, as per the prescribed regulations, Educational Agencies seeking to establish new colleges must possess undisputed ownership and possession of land (dry land) as a single plot. The statutory land requirement for setting up an Arts & Science College is 202.34 Ares (5 acres).

Upon preliminary verification, the applicant has submitted the requisite land documents and copies of title deeds along with the application. These documents were forwarded to the Estate Officer for verification.

The Estate Officer, in Land Verification Report No. 46132/EO/2024, has confirmed that the Educational Agency holds absolute ownership and possession of 10 acres (4.0484 hectares) of dry land situated in Veliyam Village of Kottarakkara Taluk. The land is jointly situated.

Also its essential to note that as per the resolution of the Syndicate meeting held on 17.07.2020, all land documents and records submitted for the purpose of affiliation must undergo legal scrutiny.

Subsequently, the land documents, along with the Estate Officer's report, were forwarded for legal scrutiny. After due examination, the Legal Adviser has affirmed that the documents are sufficient for granting affiliation.

Based on the Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, the next procedural step in the affiliation process is to decide whether to proceed with the application and to conduct the Local Inquiry by a team appointed by the Syndicate.

As per the order of the Vice Chancellor, the land verification report and the Legal Adviser's remarks in respect of the application for the affiliation of the proposed KVVVS College of Arts and Science, Paruthiyara, Veliyam (AIDED) are hereby submitted before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for its consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the application for affiliation of New College, along with the Land Verification Report and remarks of the Legal Adviser, and recommended to conduct a Local Enquiry at the site by a team consisting of the members of the Syndicate.

The Committee further recommended to constitute a team consisting of Sri R. Rajesh, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai, Dr.Shijukhan J.S. and Dr.Rahim K., Members, Syndicate, for conducting Local Enquiry as stipulated in Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.106.19 : *Application for affiliation of new Unaided performing arts college for the academic year 2025-26 – proposed Visva Bharati College, Kottarakkara (Application No. C2415) - consideration of – reg.*

[Ac.BII]

As per Notification No. 29536/Ac.BII/2024/UOK dated 06.08.2024, applications were invited from Educational Agencies for the establishment of new colleges for the academic year 2025-26. Accordingly Juno Sadasivan, Chairman, Rabindranath Tagore Education Trust, Kollam has submitted application no.C2415 for affiliation of new unaided performing arts college for the academic year 2025-'26 viz. Visva Bharati College, Eruthanamkadu, Kaithacode, Pavithreswaram, Kottarakkara (UNAIDED).

It is pertinent to note that, as per the prescribed regulations, Educational Agencies seeking to establish new colleges must possess undisputed ownership and possession of land (dry land) as a singleplot. The statutory land requirement for setting up an Arts & Science College is 202.34 Ares (5acres).

Upon preliminary verification, the applicant has submitted the requisite land documents and copies of title deeds along with the application. These documents were forwarded to the Estate Officer for verification.

The Estate Officer, in Land Verification Report No. 48528/EO/2024, has confirmed that the Educational Agency holds absolute ownership and possession of 2 hectares 40 Ares (5acres and 94 cents) of dryland in Pavithreswaram Village, Kottarakkara Taluk, Kollam district, comprised in Resurvey No.297/6, 297/15-4, 297/9, 299/3, 299/4, 300/1, 300/1-2, 299/5-2, 299/10, 299/6, 299/8, 299/2-8, 299/7, 299/2-4, 299/2.

Also its essential to note that as per the resolution of the Syndicate meeting held on 17.07.2020, all land documents and records submitted for the purpose of affiliation must undergo legal scrutiny.

Subsequently, the land documents, along with the Estate Officer's report, were forwarded for legal scrutiny. After due examination, the Legal Adviser has affirmed that there are no legal impediments to proceeding with the affiliation process, as the Educational Agency has undisputed ownership and possession of the required land.

Based on the Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, the next procedural step in the affiliation process is to decide whether to proceed with the application and to conduct the Local Inquiry by a team appointed by the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the land verification report and the Legal Adviser's remarks in respect of the application for the affiliation of the proposed Visva Bharati College, Eruthanamkadu, Kaithacode, Pavithreswaram, Kottarakkara(UNAIDED), are hereby submitted before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for its consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the application for affiliation of New College, along with the Land Verification Report and remarks of the Legal Adviser, and recommended to conduct a Local Enquiry at the site by a team consisting of the members of the Syndicate .

The Committee further recommended to constitute a team consisting of Sri R.Rajesh, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai, Dr.Shijukhan J.S. and Sri.Ajay D.N., Members, Syndicate, for conducting Local Enquiry as stipulated in Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.20 : Application for affiliation of new unaided Arts & Science college for the academic year 2025-26 – proposed Concordia College of Arts & Science Peroorkada (Application No. C2401)- consideration of – reg.

[Ac.BII]

As per Notification No. 29536/Ac.B II/2024/UOK dated 06.08.2024, applications were invited from Educational Agencies for the establishment of new colleges for the academic year 2025-26. In response, Prof. Dr. Laladhas K.P., Corporate Manager, Lutheran Schools, has submitted Application No. C2401 on behalf of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) for the affiliation of Concordia College of Arts & Science (Unaided), Peroorkada.

It is pertinent to note that, as per the prescribed regulations, Educational Agencies seeking to establish new colleges must possess undisputed ownership and possession of land (dry land) as a single plot. The statutory land requirement for setting up an Arts & Science College is 202.34 Ares (5 acres).

Upon preliminary verification, the applicant has submitted the requisite land documents and copies of title deeds along with the application. These documents were forwarded to the Estate Officer for verification.

The Estate Officer, in Land Verification Report No. 46132/EO/2024, has confirmed that the Educational Agency holds absolute ownership and possession of 11.65 acres (4.72 hectares) of dry land situated in Kudapanakunnu Village (Block 10387/22) of Thiruvananthapuram Taluk, in Block 22, Resurvey No. 669. The land is jointly situated.

Also it's essential to note that as per the resolution of the Syndicate meeting held on 17.07.2020, all land documents and records submitted for the purpose of affiliation must undergo legal scrutiny.

Subsequently, the land documents, along with the Estate Officer's report, were forwarded for legal scrutiny. After due examination, the Legal Adviser has affirmed that the documents are legally sufficient for granting affiliation.

Based on the Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, the next procedural step in the affiliation process is to decide whether to proceed with the application and to Conduct the Local Inquiry by a team appointed by the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the land verification report and the Legal Adviser's remarks in respect of the application for the affiliation of the proposed Concordia College of Arts & Science, Peroorkada (Unaided) are hereby submitted before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for its consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the application for affiliation of New College, along with the Land Verification Report and remarks of the Legal Adviser, and recommended to conduct a Local Enquiry at the site by a team consisting of the members of the Syndicate.

The Committee further recommended to constitute a team consisting of Sri R. Rajesh, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai, Dr.Shijukhan J.S. and Sri. Ahamed Fazil Y., Members, Syndicate, for conducting Local Enquiry as stipulated in Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.106.21 : Application for affiliation of new unaided law college for the academic year 2025-26 – Mount Carmel Law College and Research Institute, Kazhakootam (Application No.C2413) - consideration of – reg.

[Ac.BII]

As per Notification No. 29536/Ac.B II/2024/UOK dated 06.08.2024, applications were invited from Educational Agencies for the establishment of new colleges for the academic year 2025-26. Accordingly Fr.Tony Muthappan, Provincial, South Kerala Province OCD has submitted application no. C2413 for affiliation of new unaided law college for the academic year 2025-'26 viz., Proposed Mount Carmel Law College and Research Institute (UNAIDED), Kazhakootam.

It is pertinent to note that, as per the prescribed regulations, Educational Agencies seeking to establish new colleges must possess undisputed ownership and possession of land (dry land) as a single plot. The statutory land requirement for setting up an Arts & Science College is 202.34 Ares (5 acres).

Upon preliminary verification, the applicant has submitted the requisite land documents and copies of title deeds along with the application. These documents were forwarded to the Estate Officer for verification.

The Estate Officer, in Land Verification Report No. 48763/EO/2024, has confirmed that the Educational Agency holds absolute ownership and possession of 3.56 hectares (8 acres and 79 cents) of dry land in Menamkulam Village, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk, Block No. 10, Resurvey No. 165/2.

Also it's essential to note that as per the resolution of the Syndicate meeting held on 17.07.2020, all land documents and records submitted for the purpose of affiliation must undergo legal scrutiny.

Subsequently, the land documents, along with the Estate Officer's report, were forwarded for legal scrutiny. After due examination, the Legal Adviser has affirmed that the documents submitted are sufficient for granting affiliation.

Based on the Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, the next procedural step in the affiliation process is to decide whether to proceed with the application and to Conduct the Local Enquiry by a team appointed by the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the land verification report and the Legal Adviser's remarks in respect of the application for the affiliation of the proposed Mount Carmel Law College and Research Institute Kazhakootam (UNAIDED), are hereby submitted before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for its consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the application for affiliation of New College, along with the Land Verification Report and remarks of the Legal Adviser, and recommended to conduct a Local Enquiry at the site by a team consisting of the members of the Syndicate.

The Committee further recommended to constitute a team consisting of Sri R. Rajesh, Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Adv.G.Muraleedharan Pillai, Adv.R.B.Rajeevkumar and Dr.Jayan S., Members, Syndicate, for conducting Local Enquiry as stipulated in Statute 8, Chapter 24 of The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.22 : First Degree Programme in Commerce (BCom Accounting with Computer Application) under CBCS System - Request of Ms. Amina Salam S. for granting re-admission to IV th Semester for the second time-consideration-reg.

[Ac. AV]

Ms.Amina Salam S., a candidate of 2021 admission of First Degree Programme in Commerce (BCom Accounting with Computer Application) at MSN Institute of Management and Technology, Chavara, had discontinued her studies and was granted readmission from University to IVth Semester in the College during the academic year 2023-2024 along with the 2022 admission candidates, as per UO No.2488/2024/UOK dated: 16.03.2024. But she did not join the College, and the reason was stated that it was her marriage during that period.

Now, the candidate has submitted an application dated: 17.02.2025 for readmission to IVth Semester of First Degree Programme in Commerce during the academic year 2024-25 along with the 2023 admission candidates. The Principal, MSN Institute of Management and Technology, Chavara, as per letter dated: 24.02.2025, informed that they have no objection to accommodate the candidate, subject to the approval of University.

As per Clause 12.15 of the Regulations relating to the First Degree Programmes, Students who fail to secure the minimum required aggregate attendance during a Semester shall be given one chance to repeat the Semester along with the subsequent batch of students after obtaining readmission.

As per conditions no. 6 and 8 of the UO granting re-admission to the candidates, stating that, re-admission shall be granted only once during the entire programme and the candidate who could not avail the re-admission once granted to a Semester, should inform the matter to the University within a week from the date of the order through the Principal of the College, respectively. But, she failed to report her inability to avail re-admission to the University and failed to produce a valid document in support of the reason for not joining to the College.

The Registrar has given orders to place the request of the candidate before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges.

As per the Circular dated; 17.01.2025, the classes for IVth Semester First Degree Programmes under CBCS System of 2023 admission candidates has commenced on 20th January 2025.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request of Ms. Amina Salam S. for granting readmission to IVth Semester once again, as she had not availed the readmission granted earlier, is placed before Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and ***recommended to grant readmission to Ms. Amina Salam S. to fourth semester of First Degree Programme in Commerce (BCom Accounting with Computer Application) at MSN Institute of Management and Technology, Chavara, as the candidate has not availed the chance for readmission as stipulated in Clause 12.15 of the Regulations relating to the First Degree Programmes.***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.106.23 : PG Inter College Transfer- Third Semester-Application submitted by Sri. Adersh B, PWD candidate - From T K M College of Arts & Science, Kollam to SN Kollam - Hearing -reg:-

[Ac.AIII]

Sri Adersh B, second semester M.Com (Finance) student of TKM Arts and Science College, Kollam (Aided, Merit) has applied for Inter College Transfer to SN College, Kollam (Aided), for continuing his Civil Service Coaching and to overcome the conveyance difficulty. He was unable to submit his application within the time limit specified in the notification for inter college transfer due to some defects in the application. Also the candidate submitted a medical certificate showing 50% Permanent Disability.

As per the notification dated 04.05.2024 of PG Inter College Transfer to second semester the last date for submitting the application was 25.05.2024 and UO issued to the applicants on 27.06.2024.

The availability of vacant seat in the intended college of transfer for Sri. Adersh B i.e., S. N. College, Kollam, is not mentioned in the application form and the Principal has given a Non Objection Certificate stating that there is no objection in admitting the candidate to second semester M.Com (Finance), if the University create additional seat to accommodate the candidate. It may be noted that as per clause (2) of the norms for inter college transfer of PG Courses, - Inter Collegiate transfer within the University shall only be permitted within the sanctioned strength of the course.

As per the verification report of PG tabulation section, this candidate had registered for first and second semester PG examinations and SN College, Kollam is offering the same Course with same Elective (M.Com Finance and Marketing Course).

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 27.08.2024 considered the matter and recommended that the request for inter college transfer from Sri. Adersh B, second semester M.Com (Finance) student of TKM Arts and Science College, Kollam, be considered as per the norms of the Inter College Transfer for PG programmes and the Syndicate at its meeting held on 09.09.2024 vide item no.14.12.01, resolved to approve the recommendation of the meeting of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges held on 27.08.2024.

As per the Clause no. 2 of the norms of PG Inter College Transfer, transfer shall only be permitted within the sanctioned strength of the course. Accordingly Memo dated 28.09.2024 was issued to the candidate intimating that his request cannot be considered.

The candidate has now requested to reconsider his request of ICT to third semester to SN College Kollam by creating an additional seat, considering his disability as the 2023-2025 PG batch students are doing their third semester now.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 23.12.2024.(Item No. 16.12) considered the matter and resolved to hear the candidate , Sri. Adersh B regarding the granting of Inter College Transfer from TKM Arts and Science College, Kollam to SN College, Kollam (to third semester) by the Standing Committee on Affiliation"

Meanwhile the complaint of the candidate, routed through the Office of the Kerala State Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities was received and the current status of the matter was reported vide Lr.No.77836/Ac.AIII/2024/UOK dated 09.01.2025.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the hearing note is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation for consideration.

The Committee heard Sri. Adersh B, fourth semester student of T K M College of Arts & Science, Kollam. Being a PWD candidate, he explained his difficulty in commuting from his house at Muthukulam, Alappuzha, to T K M College of Arts & Science, Karicode, Kollam, and back. He requested for college transfer by creation of an additional seat in S N College, Kollam, relying on the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The candidate also submitted the same in writing.

The Committee after detailed deliberation recommended that the matter be referred to the Syndicate for a final decision.

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

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred back to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges.

Item No.18.107

Order no.34/2024-25 GST (JC) dated 31.12.2024 from the Office of the Commissioner, CGST, Thiruvananthapuram- Confirming the amount of Rs.2,20,66,146/- from the University u/s 74 of the CGST Act 2017 – for consideration and preferring an appeal -reg

(Ac B II)

Sruthi.J.S, I.R.S., Joint Commissioner, Department of Revenue, Office of the Commissioner, CGST, Thiruvananthapuram had issued order no.34/2024-25 GST (JC) dated 31.12.2024 declared that the service provided by the University of Kerala to its affiliated colleges by way of collecting Affiliation Fee and Administration Fee as taxable supply of Service and confirm the amount of Rs. 2,20,66,146/- (Rupees Two crore Twenty lakh Sixty-Six thousand One hundred and Forty-Six only) (CGST Rs. 1,10,33,073/- and SGST Rs. 1,10,33,073/-) from the University (as provided under Section 74(1) read with Section 74(9) of the CGST Act, 2017, for the period from 01.07.2017 to 31.03.2022.

It is also declared that the University should pay Interest on the amount of Rs. 2,20,66,146/- at the applicable rate under Section 50 (1) of the Act and imposed penalty of Rs. 2,20,66,146/- (Rupees Two crore Twenty lakh Sixty Six thousand One hundred and Forty Six only) (CGST Penalty Rs. 1,10,33,073/- and SGST Penalty Rs. 1,10,33,073/-) leviable under Section 74(1) of the Act, read with Section 74(9) ibid., on them for the various contraventions of the Act, and the Rules made thereunder on the amount.

The following facts may also be noted in this context.

- The Directorate of Goods and Service Tax has served a Show Cause Notice on University fixing a liability of Rs. 1,43,69,882/- towards arrears of Service Tax due, interest and penalty during the period from April 2014-June 2017.
- The Syndicate at its meeting held on 30.10.2019 vide item no.05.126 considered the matter and resolved to entrust a Tax Consultant for initiating further proceedings in the matter. The reply to the Show Cause Notice was forwarded to the Office of the Joint Commissioner of Central Tax and Central Excise, Thiruvananthapuram and was reported to the Syndicate held on 28.04.2020 vide item no.10.212.

- In reply, vide letter dated 21.12.2020, the GST authorities intimating that the Show Cause Notice demanding Service Tax of Rs.1,43,69,882 served by the GST authorities has been transferred to Call Book till the disposal of appeal filed before CESTAT, SZB, Bangalore against the dropping of similar demand in respect of CUSAT by the Commissioner of Central GST and Central Excise, Cochin and the matter was intimated the Tax Consultant and Finance Officer .
- Later, Sri.Shahul Hameed A., Senior Intelligence Officer, Directorate General of GST Intelligence. Regional Unit. Thiruvananthapuram had issued summons no.35/2023 dated 05.04.2023 to appear before him on 17.04.2023 at 11.00am for giving evidence and to produce the following details/documents for this period from July 2017 to March 2023.
 1. Details of the Annual Administrative Fees Collected from Affiliated Colleges.
 2. Details of the Initial Development Fees Collected from Affiliated Colleges.
 3. Details of the Affiliation Fees Collected from constituent colleges other than under the above two categories.
- Accordingly, the Finance wing had furnished the above sought details vide letter dated 12.04.2023 to the office of Directorate General of GST Intelligence. Regional Unit. Thiruvananthapuram under signed by the Registrar. The Registrar had authorised Adv Vinod S. Nair to act as his representative for submitting documents regarding the Summons No.35/2023 dated 05.04.2023. Also entrusted officials from the Finance and Academic Sections concerned to accompany Adv.Vinod S.Nair with relevant files.
- The Analysis made by the Additionl Director, Directorate General of GST Intelligence, Kochi Zonal Unit is that the Affiliation Fee and Annual Administration Fee collected by the University from the Colleges does not have GST Exemption as per SI No.66 of Notification No.12/2017- Central Tax (Rate) dated 28.06.2017 coming under SAC Code 9992. It is stated that exemption is for services provided by an educational institution to its students, faculty and staff. There is no exemption provided to supplies made by an education institution to its affiliated colleges. Unless there is a specific exemption granted the University is liable to pay GST on the affiliation fee.
- The investigation was summarised that the University has violated the provisions of CGST Act 2017 and Rules thereunder with an intent to evade payment of GST making liable for invocation of section 74 of the CGST Act 2017.
- Accordingly, notice has been issued to the University of Kerala to show cause, as to why GST an amount of Rs.2,20,66,146/- (Rupees Two Crores Twenty Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand One Hundred and Forty Six only) being GST not paid over the amount received as Administration Fee/affiliation Fee for the period July 2017 to March 2022 should not be demanded and recovered. The Directorate General of GST Intelligence, Kochi Zonal Unit vide Show Cause Notice No.SCN No. 19/2024-25 (GST) dated 25.07.2024, informed that University of Kerala is liable to pay GST on the affiliation fee as per notification No.11/2017 Central Tax dated 28.06.2017. The total GST payable proposed on the affiliation fee is Rs.2,20,66,146.00/- (CGST Rs.1,10,33,073.00/- SGST Rs.1,10,33,073.00/-). It is also proposed to levy interest at appropriate rates under section 50 of Central GST 2017 and Kerala GST Act, 2017 and impose Penalty under section 74(1) of the CGST and KGST Act, 2017.
- Reply to Show cause notice SCN No. 19/2024-25 (GST) dated 25.07.2024 has been furnished to Additional/Joint Commissioner of Central GST and Central Excise vide letter no.40043/Ac.B II/2024/UOK dated 23.08.2024.
- Subsequently , Superintendent, Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Central Tax and Central Excise, Thiruvananthapuram South Division vide letter dated 30.08.2024 intimated to appear before the Assistant Commissioner of CGST, South Division, Trivandrum at Room no.602, Vth floor,GST Bhavan, Press Club Road, in person or through authorized representative, with all the evidences on 05.09.2024 at 11.15 am. Later, the person hearing date has been rescheduled to 19.09.2024.
- Accordingly, person hearing had been conducted on 19.09.2024. Sri.Hyder Ali P.K.,Chartered Accountant, authorized by the Registrar along with Sri R.Mahadevan, Finance Officer, University of Kerala and Sri.Ribu Jacob Mathew, Section Officer Ac.BII Section has attended

the personal hearing conducted by Smt.Sruthi J.S.,I.R.S., Joint Commissioner Central GST and Central Excise on 19.09.2024. Additional facts had also been submitted before the Joint Commissioner of Central Tax & Central Excise, Thiruvananthapuram vide letter dated 18.09.2024.

- As part of the discussion with the Joint Commissioner Central GST and Central Excise, it was stated that several state Universities has been issued with show cause notice against the demand of GST on Affiliation & Administration Fee under section 74 of CGST Act, 2017. It was instructed to take up the matter to the Ministry of Higher Education for obtaining general orders exempting the Universities from GST on the fees levied from the Colleges.
 - Accordingly, letter No.FOS/2024 dated 20.09.2024 had been forwarded to the P.S.to the Hon'ble Minister of Finance, P.S.to the Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education and the Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education to provide exemption from levy of GST on Affiliation fees collected from colleges and reply is awaiting.
 - Meanwhile, the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India had issued a circular no.234/28/2024-GST dated 11.10.2024 about the clarifications regarding applicability of GST on certain services based on the recommendations of the GST Council in its 54th meeting held on 09.09.2024 at New Delhi in exercise of the powers conferred under section 168(1) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. The Finance Officer has ordered to take steps to demand GST accordingly.
 - As per the circular clauses 2.2 & 2.3, "the activity of affiliation is to monitor and ensure whether the institution possesses the required infrastructure in terms of space, technical prowess, financial liquidity, faculty strength, etc. and is thereby eligible for the privileges to conduct the course/program of study for the degree/title extended by the University to the students enrolled in such institutions. The affiliation services provided by the universities to colleges are not by way of services related to the admission of students to such colleges or the conduct of examinations by such colleges.
 - Thus, as recommended by the 54th GST Council, it is hereby clarified that the affiliation services provided by universities to their constituent colleges are not covered within the ambit of exemptions provided to educational institutions in the notification No. 12/2017-CT(R) dated 28.06.2017 and **GST at the rate of 18% is applicable on the affiliation services provided by the universities.**
 - Accordingly, the Syndicate at its meeting held on 05.11.2024 & 11.11.2024 vide item no.15.101, resolved to approve the remarks of the Finance Officer and the directions in the circular no.234/28/2024-GST dated 11.10.2024 regarding applicability of GST @18% on Affiliation and Administration Fee from colleges and that the same be implemented. Circular no. 40043/Ac B II/2024/UOK dated 21.12.2024 had been issued regarding this.
- The order no.34/2024-25 GST (JC) dated 31.12.2024 from the Office of the Commissioner, CGST, Thiruvananthapuram had been issued on the basis of the following.
- The 54th meeting of GST Council held on 09.09.2024 itself has clarified that the exemptions provided to educational institutions does not cover the affiliation services provided by the universities to their constituent colleges.
 - As per clause 15.2 of the order, Joint Commissioner, CGST informed that Tax Payer (University) has not disclosed the income of Affiliation Fee and Administration Fee, either in taxable category or exempted category in the Annual Returns filed to the department, despite having full knowledge about the provisions of the GST Act, Rules and procedure.
 - The Tax Payer also withheld the information from the Department of having availed exemption from the CGST Act, 2017.
 - In the GST regime the onus is placed on the Tax Payer to comply with the statutory provisions on a self-assessment basis and disclose the correct information in the statutory Returns filed by them. Non-disclosure of actual ineligible credit in their GSTR 3B and GSTR 9 Returns amounts to suppression of facts. The Tax Payer, by not showing the actual GST payable in their statutory Returns had suppressed the facts with malafide intention to avail exemption and not correctly disclosed in GSTR 3Bs filed by them.

Hence, invoking the provisions of Section 74(1) of CGST Act, 2017 is justified for demanding of the short paid GST by them from 01.07.2017 to 31.03.2022. However, the Tax Payer is at liberty to avail the reduction in penalty provided under Section 74(11) of the Act.

It is also provided that appeal against this order to the Commissioner (Appeals), Central Tax & Central Excise, Central Revenue Building, I.S Press Road, Cochin may filed within three months from the date of communication of this order. The order has been communicated on 03.01.2025 vide email. Hence the last date to file appeal is 02.04.2025.

An appeal against this order shall lie before the Commissioner (Appeal) on payment (a) in full, such part of the amount of tax, interest, fine, fee and penalty arising from the impugned order, as is admitted by him; and (b) a sum equal to ten percent of the remaining amount of tax in dispute arising from the said order, subject to a maximum of twenty five crore rupees, in relation to which the appeal has been filed.

The Finance Officer had remarked as following in this matter.

“Appeal has to be filed within 3 months from the date of communication of the order. We may file appeal before the Commissioner (Appeals), Central Tax & Central Excise, Cochin. The order has been communicated on 03.01.2025 vide email. Hence the last date to file appeal is 02.04.2025. Detailed statement of facts with latest Notifications/case laws is being prepared in consultation with GST consultant. It is also suggested that the matter may be placed before the Syndicate. If approved we may remit the GST amount along with interest at the earliest.”

The Vice Chancellor considered the remarks of the Finance Officer and approved to place the order no.34/2024-25 GST (JC) dated 31.12.2024 from the Office of the Commissioner, CGST, Thiruvananthapuram before the Syndicate for consideration and decision on preferring an appeal against the order.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to entrust the Convenor of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges, Dr.S. Nazeeb, Dr. Shijukhan J.S., Members Syndicate and the Registrar, to have a discussion with the Standing Counsel regarding the scope of filing an appeal in the Honourable High Court against the order from the office of the Commissioner, CGST.

FURTHER RESOLVED to initiate immediate steps to file an appeal before the Commissioner of Central Tax & Central Excise, Kochi, by remitting the required pre-deposit.

Item No.18.108 ***Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025- approval - reg.***

(AcE1)

The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research has been held on 15.03.2025, Saturday at 11.00 a.m. in the Syndicate Room. (Minutes appended).

The Committee, by considering the exigency on Item No.C10, recommended that the matter regarding change of research supervisor and the research centre, as requested by the research scholar may be approved by the Vice-Chancellor, in the exercising the powers of the Syndicate vested under Section 10 (13) of the Kerala University Act 1974. The Vice-Chancellor approved the same and the matter is reported to the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and approval.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SYNDICATE
ON ACADEMICS AND RESEARCH**

Date : 15-03-2025
Time : 11.00 a.m.
Venue : Syndicate Room

Members Present

1. Dr. Gopchandran. K.G. (Convenor)
2. Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai G.
3. Dr. S. Nazeeb
4. Dr. Manoj V.
5. Dr. Pramod N. (Online)

6. Dr. Rahim K. (Online)
7. Dr. T. R. Manoj (Online)
8. Dr. Vinodkumar T. G. Nair
9. Dr. Prakash K. C. (Online)
10. Dr. S. Jayan
11. Sri. Ahamed Fazil Y. (Online)

Members Absent

- 1) Dr. P. M. Radhamany
- 2) Dr. Shijukhan J. S.
- 3) Dr. M. Lenin Lal

Item No: 18.108.A1 - University Junior Research Fellowship-Extension of tenure third Year – Ms. D Sarada Devi - Condonation of the delay in publication of articles – reg.

Name : **D. Sarada Devi**
 Subject : Economics
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Anilkumar P.
 Research Centre : University College, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 21.06.2023 to 20.06.2024 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in publication of research oriented paper.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in publishing research oriented paper.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A2 - Ph.D Research – Extension of University JRF –Third year–Ms.Risana C.P. - Political Science- reg.

Name : **Risana C. P.**
 Subject : Political Science (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Sreelekha R. G.
 Research Centre : University College, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 12.07.2024 to 11.07.2025 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentations.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentations.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A3 - Ph.D. Research - Extension of University JRF to the third year - Ms. Anooja S. - Optoelectronics - reg

Name : **Anooja S.**
 Subject : Optoelectronics (Full Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. K.G. Gopchandran (Retd.)
 Research Centre : Dept of Optoelectronics, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 04.01.2025 to 03.01.2026 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.A4 - University Junior Research Fellowship-Extension of tenure third Year – Ms. Sulfath A. - Economics - reg.

Name : Sulfath A.
 Subject : Economics (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Binu Kumar B. J.
 Research Centre : Government College, Attingal
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 05.07.2023 to 04.07.2024 @Rs.13,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in publication of research oriented paper.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in publishing research oriented paper.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A5 - Ph.D. Research - Extension of University JRF to third Year - Ms. Aswathy A. Mohan - Optoelectronics - reg.

Name : Aswathy A. Mohan
 Subject : Optoelectronics (Full-Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Sam Solomon
 Research Centre : Dept of Optoelectronics, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 25.11.2022 to 24.11.2023 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentations.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentations.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

ItemNo: 18.108.A6 - Recognition as approved Research Centre – P.G Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur – reg.

Application has been forwarded by the Principal, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur, for recognising the P.G Department of Chemistry of that institution as an approved Research centre of University of Kerala. Institution profile, bio data of faculties, details of research publications are also enclosed. The required fee for **Centre Recognition ₹11025/- (₹10,500/- Remittance No. OP241052934 dated 07.08.2024 & ₹525/- Remittance No.OP241136451 dated 14-02-2025), Inspection Commission fee ₹2100/-** (Remittance no. OP241136444 dated 14-02-2025) has been remitted (Application received on 23.09.2024)

An **undertaking** has also been submitted by the Principal, in which it is ensured that, adequate funds will be made available for the centre, the scholars shall not be admitted beyond the sanctioned strength, academic programmes like seminars, workshops, projects etc will be undertaken as part of the Centre's functioning and a report will be forwarded annually, in the month of December, to the University on the functioning of the Centre along with the annual fees.

As per the application submitted, following teachers working at the Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur, are approved research supervisors of the University of Kerala.

1. Dr. Ambily Chandran, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur with facility centre at Department of Chemistry, Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara. ([U.O.No.Ac.EVI/860/2022/UOK dated 02.02.2022](#))
2. Dr. Reshmi R, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur with facility centre at Department of Chemistry, SN College for Women, Kollam. ([U.O.No.AcEVI\(2\)/48650/2017 dated 29.03.2017](#))
3. Dr. Anju K.S, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur with facility centre at Department of Chemistry, SN College, Kollam. ([U.O.No.AcEVI/8877/2023/UOK dated 25.10.2023](#))
4. Dr. Smitha Sasidharan, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur with facility centre at Department of Chemistry, SN College, Kollam. ([U.O.No.AcEVI/8876/2023/UOK dated 25.10.2023](#))

The above four Research Supervisors conveyed their willingness to change the facility centre to PG Dept. of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur, if granted recognition. The Head of the present centres of the four supervisors certified that they have no objection in allowing the above research supervisors to change their facility centre to Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur and have sufficient research supervisors (5 research supervisors in Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam, 13 research supervisors in Sree Narayana College, Kollam & 3 research supervisors in Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara) to run their research centres.

As per the procedure for the recognition as Research Centre an inspection committee has to be constituted with two members of the Syndicate and one Subject Expert, for making enquiry into all matters relevant to the application by visiting the institution.

As per the orders of Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the recognition of P.G Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur as an approved Research Centre in Chemistry, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to constitute the inspection committee comprising of Dr.P.M. Radhamany, Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai G., Dr.T.R.Manoj (Members Syndicate) and Dr. Suneesh C.V., Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry, University of Kerala as subject expert to conduct an inspection in P.G Department of Chemistry, Sree Narayana College, Chengannur and submit the report.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A7 - Ph.D research - Re-registration due to break in research and default in payment of research fee - Mr. Faizal N.- Computer Science - reg.

Name : Faizal N.
 Subject : Computer Science (Part Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. D. Muhammad Noorul Mubarak
 Research Centre : Department of Computer Science, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Tvpm.
 Requests : 1. Re-registration due to break in research occurred from 14.01.2022 to 11.04.2024 (819 days)
 2. Re-registration w.e.f. 23.10.2021, due to default in payment of research fee for more than six months.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to hear the Research Scholar before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A8 - University SRF - Fourth year fellowship - Ms.Reshmi L.B., Research Scholar in Futures Studies -reg.

Name : **Reshmi L. B.**
 Subject : Futures Studies (Full-Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. K. Satheesh Kumar (Retd.)
 Research Centre : Dept. of Futures Studies, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Fourth year University Fellowship for the period from 05.02.2023 to 04.02.2024 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in publication of research oriented paper.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant fourth year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in publishing research oriented paper.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A9 - Qualifying Course Work & conduct of Pre-submission Seminar to the Research Scholars registered for Ph.D prior to the commencement of Ph.D Regulations 2009 -Implementing the resolution of the Academic Council – reg.

The Academic Council at its special meeting held on 11.11.2024, vide Item No. 78, considered the matter of qualifying the Course Work examination and the conduct of Pre-submission Seminar to the Research Scholars registered for doing Ph.D. Research prior to the commencement of Regulations, 2009 and resolved that such Research Scholars who are yet to submit their Ph.D. thesis shall qualify the course work examination and to conduct Pre-submission seminar, before submitting their thesis, at par with that of the research scholars coming under the purview of Regulations, 2009.

The following proposals may also be considered on implementing the above resolution of the Academic Council:

1. The Coursework, with duration of six months, having Research Methodology as the common paper and other two papers related to the area of research, as introduced, vide U.O. No. Ac.E1.B3/2009 dated 10.07.2009 applicable to the Research Scholars coming under the purview of 2009 Regulations, may also be made applicable to the Research Scholars writing the Course work examination and registered for the Ph.d programme prior to 2009 Regulations.
2. The exemption from appearing Paper-I of Course Work examination (Research Methodology), granted vide U.O. No. Ac.E1.C/2014 dated 11.09.2014, for all Full-time / Part-time Research Scholars, having M.Phil Degree, may also be made applicable to the above mentioned Research Scholars.
3. The above mentioned Research Scholars may be directed to submit the Course Work syllabus, duly endorsed by the Research Supervisor and the Chairman Doctoral Committee, along with the request for granting grace time for qualifying the same, as the Syndicate at its meeting held on 29.12.2022, vide Item No.50.38.A1 resolved that the requests received, on or after 01.01.2023, from the Research Scholars whose maximum research period had already been expired, would be considered individually for approval.
4. Permission for the conduct of Course work examination and grace time shall be granted after due consideration and approval of the matter by the Syndicate. Such scholars shall qualify the Course Work examination within the stipulated time from the date of issuance of the University Order issued accordingly.
5. All the norms related with qualifying the Course Work examination, conduct of pre-submission seminar and submission of Ph.D. thesis, applicable to the Research Scholars coming under the purview of the Regulations, 2009, may also be made applicable to such Scholars. Such Scholars shall successfully complete all the above procedures, by remitting the requisite fee/ fine, within the grace period granted for the same by the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of implementing the resolution of the Academic Council in tune with the above proposals is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research for consideration.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to obtain remarks from the Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom and to place the matter, along with the remarks, in the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A10 - Second year University Junior Research Fellowship - Ms.Devi Sanjeev S. - Environmental Sciences - reg.

Name : Devi Sanjeev S.
 Subject : Environmental Sciences (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Suja G.
 Research Centre : Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI), Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Second year University JRF for the period from 24.04.2024 to 23.04.2025 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant second year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A11 Ph.D. Research - Extension of grace time for submitting the Thesis – Request received from Ms. Preethi S. Nair, Research Scholar in Computer Science, whose maximum research period has already expired – reg.

Ms.Preethi S Nair, full-time Research Scholar in Computer Science, whose maximum research period has already been expired has now requested for granting extension to conduct the Pre-submission seminar and to submit the Thesis.

The details of the Research Scholar are as follows:

- Ms. Preethi S. Nair has been granted full-time Ph.D. registration in Computer Science under the supervision of Dr. Madhu S. Nair at Department of Computer Science, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram w.e.f. **01.10.2014**, vide UO.No. AcE1.B/714/CSC/11439 dated 16.10.2014.
- Dr. Madhu S. Nair has been relieved from the post of Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala w.e.f. 02.05.2018 AN and joined as Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, CUSAT w.e.f. 03.05.2018 FN.
- Accordingly Dr. Madhu S. Nair has submitted a request to grant grace period to the Research Scholars under his supervision including Smt. Preethi S. Nair for submitting their Thesis.
- The Syndicate at its meeting held on 31.08.2018 considered the above request along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to entrust the Vice-Chancellor for resolving the said issue appropriately. The Vice-Chancellor has allowed a grace period of one year under the supervision of Dr. Madhu S. Nair from the date of intimation of the decision or up to valid research period, whichever is earlier, vide [Letter No. AcE1/A2/2018 dated 08/11/2018](#).
- As per the above decision, Ms. Preethi S. Nair was allowed to complete her research under the present supervisor Dr. Madhu S. Nair, Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, CUSAT, Kochi for a period of one year from 08/11/2018 or up to her valid research period whichever is earlier, vide memo No. AcE1/2018 dated 04.12.2018.

- As per the above memo, the research period of the Research Scholar was expired on **30.11.2019**. Hence, she has submitted a request to grant her grace period for completing the research work under the guidance of Dr. Madhu S. Nair.
- The Syndicate at its meeting held on 28.12.2019 considered the request submitted by Smt. Preethi S. Nair, duly recommended by the Chairman, Doctoral Committee for extending the grace period to submit her Ph.D. thesis under the guidance of Dr. Madhu S. Nair along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council to explore the possibility to continue research by Preethi S. Nair under Dr. Madhu S. Nair.
- The Academic Council at its meeting held on 04.03.2020 considered the above matter along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council and resolved to permit the Research Scholar to continue research in University of Kerala itself under the supervision of the same research guide.
- Accordingly, Ms. Preethi S. Nair has been granted permission to continue her research at Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala, Kariavattom and to submit her Ph.D. thesis under the guidance of Dr. Madhu S. Nair subject to the rules and regulations of the University for Ph.D. research as applicable to the candidate, vide UO. No. AcE1/2140/2020/UOK Dated 15.07.2020.
- Now the Research scholar has submitted a request for the extension of grace time of six months to conduct the Pre-submission seminar and for submitting the thesis.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request received from Ms. Preethi S. Nair, Full-time Research Scholar in Computer Science for granting grace time for submission of Thesis, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to hear the Research Scholar before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.A12 Recognition as approved Research Centre in Geology and Physics – Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad – reg.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 08.12.2022, considered the matter of granting recognition to Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad as approved Research centre of the University and resolved to constitute a subcommittee comprising of Dr. K.G Gopchandran, Member Syndicate (as Convenor), Director Research, Vice-Chairman CSS, the Head, Dept. of Physics, University of Kerala, to study the matter of granting recognition to Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad, as an approved research centre of the University and submit a report in this regard.

Accordingly the report of the sub-committee, with following recommendations, has been placed before the Syndicate held on 26.04.2023 and it was resolved to approve the same:

1. By considering its international reputation as evidenced by its research outcomes, Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad may be granted recognition as approved research centre of the University, as a special case, in the subjects Geology and Physics, by exempting the formalities prescribed by University of Kerala in the norms for granting recognition as research centre.
2. In the National Interest, Scientists working in the Physical Research Laboratory may be granted recognition as approved research supervisors, as special case, by exempting the restriction of geographical jurisdiction of the University as prescribed in Clause 5.2 of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2016, subject to fulfilment of all other qualifications and requirements.

3. The candidates to whom Ph.D. registrations are to be granted with Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) as their research centre, with a Supervisor from the PRL, shall have a co-supervisor, who is a regular faculty, from the University teaching department, in the subject concerned.
4. The research scholars in Geology or Physics from the University teaching Departments may also be granted Co-supervisor from the PRL, if applied.
5. An MoU may be signed between the Physical Research Laboratory and the University of Kerala in this regard and the recognition as research centre shall be granted subject to signing of the MoU.

Dr. Sajin Kumar K.S., Assistant Professor, Department of Geology, University of Kerala, vide reference above has forwarded the draft MoU, which was submitted by the Dean, Department of Space, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad and requested to establish a MoU for recognising Physical Research Laboratory(PRL), as an approved Research Centre of University of Kerala.

The details of the MoU is detailed below:

The Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), a Unit of the Departmental of Space, established in 1947 is the cradle of space sciences in India. As a unit of the Department of Space, Government of India, PRL carries out fundamental research in select area of Astronomy, Astrophysics, Solar Physics, Space Physics, Atmospheric Science, Geosciences, Planetary Sciences, Space Exploration, Theoretical Physics, Atomic Physics, Molecular Physics, Optical Physics and Astrochemistry.

Objectives: To establish a program for research and academic cooperation in areas of mutual interest and in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

This MoU aims to foster collaboration and facilitate the advancement of knowledge based on reciprocity, best effort, mutual benefit and interactions between both parties.

Bot parties agree:

1. to exchange information on research and academic programmes.
2. to jointly propose and engage in research and/or training programmes sponsored by funding agencies and to invite each others faculty to participate therein,
3. to jointly organize seminars, conferences, lectures and workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each others faculty to participate therein,
4. to encourage exchange of students for limited periods for education, research, training, etc on a reciprocal basis.

Education and Human Resource Development

- a. Both parties agree to encourage collaboration between academic faculty, scientists, and students from the two institutions.
- b. Faculty of KU and PRL agreed to give lectures and take courses in online mode for the benefit of Students education ath each others institutions.
- c. PRL will consider offering final semester training to MSc and MTech students from KU.
- d. KU will recognize PRL as a research institution to carry out research work leading to the degree of PhD in Science. The Faculty of PRL eligible to guide doctoral research students at PRL will be accorded the status of PhD supervisor by KU for the purposes of research guidance of PRL students registered at KU. One Faculty from KU will be the Co-Supervisor in this case.
- e. KU will entrol eligible PRL employees and students for PhD and as per the applicable UGC admission guidelines, as may be required, from time to time.

Joint Sponsored Research and Development

- a. Both parties agree to help identify research and development projects of mutual interest and relevance to the research being carried out at both institutions. If appropriate, faculty (scientists and engineers) members from other institutions could also be invited to join such projects. Such joint projects (both intra-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary) could also be submitted to external funding agencies for financial support.
- b. University of Kerala agrees to host scientific instrument(s) from PRL on a best-effort basis for the mutual benefit of both institutions faculties and students. PRL also agrees to host scientific instument(s) from KU on a best effort basis for the mutual benefit of research being carried out by the faculties and students at both the institutions.

The MoU shall remain valid for five years from the signing of the agreement. Unless terminated, this MoU will be deemed to be effective and valid beyond the first year period.

The draft MoU has been perused by the legal Adviser and opined that the same is legally in order.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 02.07.2024 vide item No.11.11.D11 resolved to approve the MoU for recognising the Physical Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad as approved Research centre of the University of Kerala for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing of Memorandum of Understanding (03.12.2024) in this regard and U.O. No. Ac.D/4/112/2023 dtd 29.01.2025 has been issued accordingly.

It may be noted that as per Clause (5) of the same Norms, there should be at least two approved research supervisors working as regular faculty in the centre. It may also be noted that, as per Clause 12 (2) of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degrees, University of Kerala, 2022, (Minimum Standards and Procedures) :

Colleges and Research Institutions established by the Central Govt. or a State Government whose degrees are awarded by the University shall offer Ph.D. programmes provided they have:

- (i) *At least two faculty members in a college or two Ph.D. qualified scientists in the research institution*
- (ii) *Adequate infrastructure, administrative support, research facilities and library resources as specified by the University.*

As per the orders of Vice-Chancellor, matter regarding the recognition of Physical Research Laboratory, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad as an approved Research Centre as a special case, in the subjects Geology and Physics, by exempting the formalities prescribed by University of Kerala in the norms for granting recognition as research centre, for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing of Memorandum of Understanding (i.e. 03.12.2024), is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for recommendations.

Recommendation: *The Committee recommended to refer the matter to the meeting of the Senate.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

Item No:18.108.A13 - Ph.D Research – Extension of University JRF – Third Year – Ms.Vijaya Lekshmi C. S. - History - reg.

Name : **Vijaya Lekshmi C. S.**
 Subject : History (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Radhika B. C.
 Research Centre : Iqbal College, Peringammala, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 27.01.2025 to 26.01.2026 @Rs.13,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B1 Ph. D Research - Extension of grace time for submitting Thesis - Requests received from Research Scholars whose maximum research period expired - reg.

The following research scholars whose research period is already expired, has submitted application for granting extension to conduct pre-submission seminar and to submit thesis.

The details of requests received are as follows:

Sl No.	Name, Subject, Mode of Research	Application submitted on	Session	Period of Research	Period of Request	Application for Pre-submission
1	Divya M Home-Science Part-time	21.02.2025	July 2014	22/12/2014 to 21/06/2024 (granted extension, vide memo AcEVI(4)/8323/2023/UOK dated 20/11/2024) Extension granted - 4 times	3 months	No
2	Mijo V Abraham Full-time Aquatic Biology & Fisheries	19.02.2025	July 2017	30/06/2017 to 21/06/2024 (granted extension, vide memo AcEVI(4)/8323/2023/UOK dated 20/11/2024) Extension granted -3 times	6 months	No
3	Aneesh K S Full-time Aquatic Biology & Fisheries	20.03.2025	January 2016	03/04/2017 to 02/04/2023	6 months	Yes
4	Renu Anna Boban English Part-time	20.03.2025	January 2016	03/11/2015 to 21/06/2024 (granted extension, vide memo AcEVI(4)/8323/2023/UOK dated 20/11/2024) Extension granted - 3 times	4 months	No
5	Aparna K K Psychology Full time	10.03.2025	January 2016	13/02/2020 to 12/02/2025	3 months	Yes
6	Pradeep Kumar G Physics Part-time	07.03.2025	July 2017	03/01/2018 to 08/07/2024 (granted extension, vide memo AcEVI(4)/8323/2023/UOK dated 20/11/2024) Extension granted - 2 times	3 months	Yes

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of granting grace time for submission of thesis for the above mentioned scholars is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to grant grace time of three months to Aneesh K.S., Aparna K.K. for submitting their thesis from the date of issuance of Memo.*

The Committee also recommended to grant grace time of three months, without any further extension, to Divya M., Mijo V. Abraham, Renu Anna Boban and Pradeep Kumar G. for submitting their thesis from the date of issuance of Memo, as these four research scholars failed to submit their thesis even after availing the grace time already granted.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.B2 - Ph.D Research – Change of Research Supervisor & inclusion of Co-supervisor and Re-registration due to defaulted payment of research fee – Mr. Jithu V.S. - Biochemistry -reg:-

Name : Jithu V. S.
 Subject : Biochemistry (Full-Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Annie Abraham (Retd)
 Research Centre : Dept of Biochemistry, University of Kerala, Kariavattom
 Requests : 1. Change of research supervisor to Dr. Arun A Rauf, Associate Professor, Dept of Biochemistry, University of Kerala, Kariavattom.
 2. Inclusion of present supervisor Dr. Annie Abraham as co-supervisor.
 3. Re-registration w.e.f 19.07.2024 due to defaulted payment of research fee

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the requests.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B3 - Ph.D Research - Application for Change of Research Supervisor & Change of Research Centre - Ms. Vani Girish - Part-time Research Scholar in English - reg.

Ms. Vani Girish, a Part-time Research Scholar in English has submitted application for the following purposes.

1. Change of Research Supervisor from Dr. Deepa Prasad L., Associate Professor, Dept. of English, University College, Tvpm to Dr. Vishnu Narayanan, Assistant Professor, Institute of English, University of Kerala, Tvpm.
2. Change of Research Centre from University College, Tvpm to Institute of English, University of Kerala, Tvpm.

The application has been verified. The candidate has remitted the requisite fees and the detail of the candidate is shown below.

Name of the candidate	Vani Girish
Subject/Full-time or Part-time	English, Part-Time
Registration details	UO. No. Ac.EVI(1)/3870/2024/UOK dated 07.05.2024, w.e.f. 22.04.2024
Research Supervisor	Dr. Deepa Prasad L., Associate Professor, Dept. of English, University College, Thiruvananthapuram.
Research Centre	University College, Thiruvananthapuram.
Requests	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change of Research Supervisor to Dr. Vishnu Narayanan, Assistant Professor, Institute of English, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. DoS- 31.05.2048 2. Change of Research Centre to Institute of English, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application is recommended and forwarded by the Supervisor, Centre Head & Chairman DC • Submitted NOC from present centre & NOC from Present Supervisor • Copy of registration order. • Facility Certificate from proposed centre • Consent and Proforma of the proposed Supervisor. • Fee of Rs.400/- for guide change & Rs. 400/- for centre change. • Detailed Fee Statement submitted has been verified and found that there is no defaulted payment of research fee. • The Doctoral Committee meeting held on 07.01.2025 recommended the application for change of research supervisor and research centre in r/o Ms. Vani Girish.
Reason for guide change	Ms. Vani Girish has requested change of research supervisor to Dr. Vishnu Narayanan, as her research has evolved towards a specialized area that aligns more closely with Dr. Vishnu Narayanan's expertise. She stated that her request is not due to any dissatisfaction with Dr. Deepa Prasad's guidance, but rather a reflection of the need for a supervisor whose expertise is more closely aligned with her refined research objectives.

As per UGC Regulations the University shall allocate only regular faculty members in the teaching department or the affiliated Colleges/Institutes as Research Supervisors. The proposed guide Dr. Vishnu Narayanan is working as Assistant Professor at Institute of English, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram and have two regular candidates currently doing research under his guidance. Ms. Vani Girish is to be registered as the third regular candidate under the guide, if she granted change of Research Supervisor.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of granting change of Research Supervisor and Change of Research Centre in respect of Ms.Vani Girish, Research Scholar in English, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, for consideration.

Recommendation: *The Committee recommended to hear the Research Supervisor and the Research Scholar before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B4 - Availing University fellowship for the Second year - Ms. Vijitha V. – Botany -reg:

Name : Vijitha V.
Subject : Botany (Full-Time)
Research Supervisor : Dr. Cinthya Christopher
Research Centre : Christian College, Kattakada, **Thiruvananthapuram**
Request : Second year University JRF for the period from 20.06.2023 to 19.06.2024 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Second year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B5 - Second Year -University Junior Research Fellowship-Ms. Mugdha Sukumaran - Zoology-reg.

Name : Mugdha Sukumaran
Subject : Zoology (Full-Time)
Research Supervisor : Dr. Siny G Benjamin
Research Centre : Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram.
Request : Second year University JRF for the period from 19.05.2024 to 18.05.2025 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Second year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B6 - Second Year - University Junior Research Fellowship - Ms. Meera Nair I – Zoology- reg.

Name : Meera Nair I.
Subject : Zoology (Full-Time)
Research Supervisor : Dr. Siny G. Benjamin
Research Centre : Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram
Request : Second year University JRF for the period from 19.05.2024 to 18.05.2025 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Second year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108. B7 - Third Year University Junior Research Fellowship - Mr. Manoj Kumar M. - Aquatic Biology and Fisheries- reg:-

Name : Manoj Kumar M.
 Subject : Aquatic Biology and Fisheries (Full-Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. B. Santhosh
 Research Centre : Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) Vizhinjam, Tvm
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 15.03.2023 to 14.03.2024 @Rs.13,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B8 - Third Year University Junior Research Fellowship - Ms.Anjana S. Kumar – Botany - reg.

Name : Anjana S. Kumar
 Subject : Botany (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Lekshmi G. M.
 Research Centre : N.S.S. College, Pandalam.
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 17.01.2024 to 16.01.2025 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentations.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentations.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B9 - Application for availing third year JRF - submitted by Manisha S.J. Kurup - Botany -reg:

Name : Manisha S. J. Kurup
 Subject : Botany (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Rajalakshmi R.
 Research Centre : Department of Botany, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 22.06.2024 to 21.06.2025 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B10 - Third Year University Junior Research Fellowship - Mr. Anoop S.P. – Chemistry - reg.

Name : Anoop S.P.
 Subject : Chemistry (Full-Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph
 Research Centre : Mar Ivanios College, Tvm

Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 11.07.2024 to 10.07.2025 @Rs.11,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in publication of research oriented paper.

Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in publishing research oriented paper.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.B11 – Approval as Research Supervisor in Chemistry - Dr. Jijo Johnson - reg.

Name : Dr. Jijo Johnson, Asst. Professor, Department of Chemistry, Santhom Malankara Arts and Science College, Edanji, Thiruvananthapuram

Subject : Chemistry

Faculty : Science

Facility Centre : Mar Ivanios College, TVPM

Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Chemistry

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B12 - Approval as Research Supervisor in Mathematics – Dr.Dhanya Shajin- reg.

Name : Dr. Dhanya Shajin, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, T.K. Madhava Memorial College, Nagiarkulangara, Alappuzha

Subject : Mathematics

Faculty : Science

Facility Centre : Sanatana Dharma College, Alappuzha

Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Mathematics

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108. B13 Approval as Research Supervisor in Zoology – Dr. Rohini Krishna M.V. - reg.

Name : Dr. Rohini Krishna M.V, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam

Subject : Zoology

Faculty : Science

Facility Centre : N.S.S. College, Pandalam, Pathanamthitta

Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Zoology

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.B14 - Approval as Research Supervisor in Botany - Dr. Asha Ramachandran – reg.

Name : Dr.Asha Ramachandran, Asst. Professor, Department of Botany, Govt. College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram.

Subject : Botany
 Faculty : Science
 Facility Centre : Govt. College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram.
 Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Botany

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.B15 - Approval as Research Supervisor in Chemistry - Dr. Pinky Abraham - reg:-

Name : Dr. Pinky Abraham, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry,
 St. Gregorious College, Kottarakara

Subject : Chemistry
 Faculty : Science
 Facility Centre : Fatima Mata National College, Kollam
 Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Chemistry

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.B16 - Approval as Research Supervisor in Chemistry - Dr.Renjini S. - reg:-

Name : Dr. Renjini S., Asst. Professor, Department of Chemistry, SN College for
 Women, Kollam

Subject : Chemistry
 Faculty : Science
 Facility Centre : S N College for Women, Kollam
 Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Chemistry

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.B17 - Ph.D research - Chemistry - Complaints received from Bini B.S & Dr.Sonia Mol Joseph - Exclusion of co-supervisor - reg:-

Ms. Bini B.S, Research Scholar. Dept. of Chemistry, Mar Ivanios College, TVPM and her Co-supervisor Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph, Asst. Professor, Mar Ivanios College, TVPM had submitted separate complaints against each other.

Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph complained that, Bini B.S. had published a research work without including the name of Co- supervisor and she requested to exclude her from the position of Co-supervisor and also investigate her complaint of not including her name in the research publication as she is the co supervisor.

Ms, Bini B.S in her complaint submitted to the Registrar alleged that, she had endured gross mental harassments and discrimination from her Co-guide Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph. She was not at all co operative and helpful in her research work. She also stated that Dr.Sonia Mol Joseph denied to give NOC for applying exclusion of Co- guide, since her name is not included in the publication. She requested to permit her to complete the research work and to pass orders to get NOC from Co-guide.

Ms. Bini B.S. submitted the same complaint before the Hon'ble minister of Higher Education, Govt of Kerala and it was forwarded to the University for enquiry and report and the Registrar directed to sought a report in this regard from the Principal, Mar Ivanios College, TVPM.

In response to the [letter dated 27.11.2024](#) from this office to the Principal, Mar Ivanios College to furnish urgent report on the complaint submitted by Bini B.S, the Principal, vide [letter dated 21.12.2024](#) has informed that, on the basis of the complaint filed by Ms. Bini B S and her Co-Supervisor Dr.Sonia Mol Joseph against each other, a subcommittee of the Research and Development Cell (RDC) of the college was constituted to look into the matter and resolve the issue amicably, and the complaints from the students as well as co-supervisor were forwarded to the same. In compliance with one of the requests of Ms. Bini B S, she was issued no objection certificate from the college permitting to her to do part of her research lab work at the Department of Chemistry on the next day of her written complaint.

He has also informed that, the following decisions were taken as per the recommendation of the RDC subcommittee.

1. Ms. Bini B.S. can continue research in another laboratory within the Department of Chemistry, Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous), with the academic support of Dr. R. Selwin Joseyphus, a recognized research guide of the University of Kerala and the associating faculty of Dr. Sindhu Yeshodharan.
2. All the certificates of Ms Bini B. S. submitted to Dr Sonia Mol Joseph will be returned to her upon request to the Head of the Department of Chemistry.
3. Ms. Bini B. S. will be permitted to take away from Dr Sonia Mol's research lab, the chemicals the former had purchased, in the presence of Head of the Department of Chemistry as and when she submits a written request for the same.
4. Since Ms Bini B.S. and Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph have submitted requests to the Registrar, University of Kerala, for a change/exclusion of co-supervisor, the University's decision on this matter is awaited.

Since, Ms. Bini B S has not submitted application for exclusion of Co-supervisor, as per the orders of the Registrar, the Principal, Mar Ivanios College, vide [letter dated 28.01.2025](#) has been intimated to direct Ms. Bini B. S., the Research Scholar, to submit the application for exclusion of Co-supervisor with all supporting documents.

In response to this, Bini B.S. has submitted the application for exclusion of Co- Supervisor on 22.02.2025, without the recommendation and NOC of Dr Sonia Mol Joseph, the co supervisor.

Following are the requirements for exclusion of Co- Supervisor.

- Application in the prescribed format duly recommended by the Guide, Head of the research centre and the Chairman, Doctoral Committee
- NOC from the Research supervisor
- Fee of Rs. 265/- for inclusion of Co-Supervisor
- Fee statement endorsed by the research supervisor.

Name & details of the candidate	Bini B .S. Full Time, Chemistry, U.O.No.AcEVI(2)/ 2394/2023/UOK , dated: 13.03.2023, w.e.f. 02.03.2023
Research Supervisor & Research centre	Dr. Sindhu Yesodharan Asso Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, All Saints College, TVPM Co-Supervisor Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph, Asst Professor, Dept of Chemistry, Mar Ivanios College, TVPM Centre Mar Ivanios College, Tvpm
Request	Exclusion of Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph, Asst Professor, Dept of Chemistry, Mar Ivanios College, TVPM
Remarks	The Research Supervisor, Head of the research centre and the Chairman, Doctoral Committee recommended for exclusion of Co- Supervisor. The Co supervisor has not recommended the application for exclusion and not submitted the NOC from the co-supervisor. In the minutes of the Doctoral Committee in Chemistry held on 20.02.2025, reported that, the current co-guide Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph, has not provided the no objection certificate (NOC) for the exclusion nor signed the necessary various

	<p>purpose form. Dr. Sonia has informed that she submitted a complaint to the Registrar on November 4, 2024, regarding research ethics issues and has expressed her willingness to be excluded from her role as Co-Supervisor for Ms. Bini in that letter. The Doctoral Committee requested to make a decision on the matter, taking into account the concerns raised by both the research scholar and the Co-guide. The fee statement submitted by the candidate has been verified and there is no defaulted fee.</p> <p>Research period is valid upto 01.03.2029</p>
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Meanwhile, Ms. Bini B.S. has submitted another complaint against her Co-supervisor Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph regarding the difficulties faced by her during the research works. She stated that, Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph refused to sign the permission for research at University of Kerala, Kariavattom and she made insulting remarks. Permission was granted only after a complaint was filed with the college authorities. Also Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph claimed that, her name was not included in a review article even though she had no contribution and threatened to cancel the registration order.

Further, when Bini B.S. requested to change the Co-Supervisor, it was denied. She also reported that, Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph under her influence, filed a false complaint against her. Also informed that, she underwent surgery after an accident, has been struggling with both physical and mental stress due to these ongoing issues. In addition, even though she qualifies, her fellowship application has not been forwarded over a year, affecting her research progress. She has now requested to take urgent action to safeguard her research rights and academic future.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the whole matter is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration.

Recommendation: *The Committee recommended to hear the Co-Supervisor and the Research Scholar before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.*

Resolution of the Syndicate	
RESOLVED	that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.C1 - Recognition as Research Supervisor – Faculty of Commerce -Dr. Ratheesh K. Nair-reg.

Name : Dr. Ratheesh K. Nair, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce,
BJM Govt. College, Chavara

Subject : Commerce

Faculty : Commerce

Facility Centre : Govt. College, Attingal

Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Commerce

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate	
RESOLVED	that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.C2 - Recognition as Research Supervisor – Faculty of Commerce - Dr.Bindhya.M.S - reg.

Name : Dr. Bindhya M. S., Assistant Professor, Dept.of Commerce, MSM College,
Kayamkulam

Subject : Commerce

Faculty : Commerce

Facility Centre : K.S.M. D.B. College, Sasthamcotta.

Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Commerce

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.C3 - Recognition as Research Supervisor – Faculty of Commerce - Dr. Abdul Kalam Azad A. - reg.

Name : Dr. Abdul Kalam Azad A., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce, MSM College, Kayamkulam
 Subject : Commerce
 Faculty : Commerce
 Facility Centre : K.S.M. D.B. College, Sasthamcotta.
 Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Commerce
Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.C4 - University Junior Research Fellowship - Commerce - Extension of tenure to Third Year – Ms. Nayeema Nowshad - Request to condone the delay in Publishing the Research oriented paper - reg:

Name : Nayeema Nowshad
 Subject : Commerce (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Swapna K. Cherian
 Research Centre : St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara.
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 24.02.2024 to 23.02.2025 @Rs.13,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in publication of research oriented paper.
Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in publishing research oriented paper.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.C5 - University Junior research Fellowship- Extension of tenure to Third Year- Request to condone the delay in presentation of National/ International seminars - Saidalavi T. -reg.

Name : Mr. Saidalavi T.
 Subject : Commerce (Full-time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. Musthaq Ahammed K.
 Research Centre : Dept. of Commerce, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
 Request : Third year University JRF for the period from 27.06.2024 to 26.06.2025 @Rs.13,000/- per month by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.
Recommendation: *Committee considered the above matter and recommended to grant Third year University Fellowship to the candidate by condoning the delay occurred in paper presentation.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.C6 - Ph.D Research - Malayalam - Change of Research Supervisor & Centre – Application submitted by Ms. Indu V. Pillai - reg.

Name : **Ms. Indu V. Pillai**
 Subject : Malayalam (Full -Time)
 Research Supervisor : Dr. M. S. Suchithra (Rtd)
 Research Centre : S. N. College, Kollam
 Requests : 1. Change of Research Supervisor to Dr. Sivadas K. K., Professor,
 Department of Malayalam, University of Kerala, Kariavattom.
 2.Change of Centre to Dept. of Malayalam, University of Kerala, Kariavattom

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the requests.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.C7 - Recognition as Research Supervisor – Faculty of Oriental Studies-Malayalam - Request from Dr. Sajitha B. L. - reg.

Name : Dr. Sajitha B. L., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Malayalam, Mar Ivanios College, Tvpm.
 Subject : Malayalam
 Faculty : Oriental Studies
 Facility Centre : Govt. College, Nedumangadu
 Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Malayalam

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.C8 - Ph.D Research - Sanskrit - Change of Topic of Research - Ms. Anuja Khamar - Remarks of the Doctoral Committee in Sanskrit - reg.

Ms.Anuja Khamar, Full-time Ph.D Research Scholar in Sanskrit under the guidance of Dr.P.Rajesh Kumar, (Registrar, Kerala Kalamandalam, on deputation) had submitted an application duly recommended by the Research Supervisor, the Head of the Research Centre and the Chairman, Doctoral Committee for change of topic of research. The details are as follows.

Name of the Research Scholar & UO No granting registration	Name of the Research Supervisor & Research Centre	Request	Remarks
Ms. Anuja Khamar Sanskrit Full-Time UO No. Ac E VII/ 5843/2021/UOK dated 01.11.2021 w.e.f 20.09.2021	Research supervisor: Dr. P. Rajesh Kumar [Registrar , Kerala Kalamandalam (on deputation)] Centre: Govt. Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram	Change of Topic of Research from MAHARSHI GĀRGYĀYAṆA PRAṆĪTE PRAṆAVAVĀDE BRAHMA TATVA VICHARAH To SUCCESSION OF YĀJÑAVALKYASMṚTIS MITĀKṢARĀ COMMENTARY OF VIJÑĀNEŚVARA AND ISLAMIC LAW OF SUCCESSION: A COMPARATIVE STUDY AND ANALYSIS.	1.The Research Supervisor, Head of the Research Centre and Doctoral Committee has recommended for change of Topic. 2.Remitted requisite fee.

As per norms, change of topic of Research can be done only within one year of granting Ph.D registration. The effective date of registration of the research scholar is 20.09.2021. She submitted application for topic change on 19.12.2023 i.e. after one year from the date of registration/date of granting U.O.

The Doctoral Committee had also recommended for the same stating valid reasons. As per the minutes of the Doctoral Committee, two books related to the present topic of research were obtained from Government Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram while starting the research. Upon closer examination, they were found to be not the original text, but only a commentary. Due to this, the research could not be proceeded, and another topic has to be found.

The application submitted by the Research Scholar was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and it was recommended to hear the Research Scholar. The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 06.06.2024, heard the Research Scholar and recommended to seek remarks from the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies on the matter. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 02.07.2024 resolved to approve the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

Accordingly, remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies was sought. The Dean remarked that the request for change of topic of research in r/o Ms Anuja Khamar need not be considered, as it is against Rules.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on A&R held on 08.10.2024 considered the matter and recommended to refer the matter to the Syndicate. The meeting of the Syndicate held on 05.11.2024 resolved that the matter of change of research topic of Ms. Anuja Khamar, be referred to the Doctoral Committee.

The Chairman, Doctoral Committee in Sanskrit has forwarded the minutes of the meeting of the Doctoral Committee held on 20.01.2025, regarding the matter of change of topic of research in r/o Ms. Anuja Khamar. The Doctoral Committee endorsed the remarks of the Dean and resolved not to allow change of topic of research.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the remarks of the Doctoral Committee in Sanskrit, held on 20.01.2025, on the matter of change of topic of research in r/o Ms. Anuja Khamar is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration.

Recommendation: *The Committee Considered the matter along with the recommendation of the Doctoral Committee and recommended not to allow the change of topic of research.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.C9 - Recognition as Research Supervisor in Sanskrit - Dr. Anandaraj G. -reg.
Name : Dr. Anandaraj G., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit, N.S.S College, Pandalam

Subject : Sanskrit

Faculty : Oriental Studies

Facility Centre : Govt. Sanskrit College, Tvpm

Request : Recognition as Research Supervisor in Sanskrit

Recommendation: *Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.C10 - Request for change of Research Supervisor and Centre - Ms. Josna Jose, Research scholar in Hindi -reg:-

Ms. Josna Jose, Research scholar in Hindi had submitted an application, duly recommended by the Supervisor, Head of the Research Centre and the Chairman of the Doctoral Committee for change of Research Supervisor and Centre.

Name of the Research Scholar, Subject (FT/PT) and U.O. Granting Registration	Research Guide & Centre	Request with Details	Remarks
Josna Jose Hindi, (Full-time) U.O. No. 2466/2022/UOK dated 26/03/2022 w.e.f. 15/02/2022.	Guide: Dr. B. Asok Centre: University College Thiruvananthapuram	1. Change of Research Guide to Dr. Deepak K.R., Assistant Professor, Dept.of Hindi, University of Kerala, Kariavattom. (The date of superannuation 31/03/2038) (The reason for Centre and Guide change is stated as for better transportation and library facilities) 2. Change of Research Centre to Dept.of Hindi, University of Kerala, Kariavattom.	The proposed Guide is a 'Regular' Faculty. (She has to be allocated as the third candidate)

[The Syndicate at its meeting held on 02.07.2024 vide item No.11.12.C10 considered the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 06.06.2024 and resolved to constitute a Sub-committee comprising of Dr. K.G. Gopchandran, Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, Dr. Shiju Khan J.S., Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G, Members Syndicate on Academics and Research and Dr. R.B. Binoj Kumar, Research Director to formulate the norms for granting change of Research Supervisor and Centre.](#)

[A Sub Committee was convened on 28/01/2025](#), to formulate the conditions for granting change of Research Supervisor and Centre. The Sub-committee considered the frequent requests from the part of Research Scholars for change of Research Centre and Research Supervisor without assigning any valid reasons for the same. The members opined not to encourage change of Research Supervisor and centre without any valid and genuine reasons for the same as it is likely to affect the quality of the research of the scholars.

However in the following cases, the change of Research Supervisor and Centre can be permitted.

1) Change of Research Centre

- In case of the Scholars suffering from any Medical issues of serious nature which prohibits the candidate to pursue normal research activities, including accident disabilities of permanent nature, other physical disabilities preventing the scholar from travelling etc.

Medical Certificate from a competent Medical Officer not less than the rank of Civil Surgeon OR from a Medical Board shall be submitted as the case may be.

- Change in Facility Centre of the Supervisor.

2) Change of Research Supervisor

Change of Research Supervisor shall be permitted only on the following grounds

- Superannuation of present Supervisor.
 - Suspension/Retirement of present Supervisor.
 - Demise of Research Supervisor.
 - Permanent transfer of Research Supervisor to another University or Institution outside the geographical jurisdiction of University.
- Any other cases of request for change of Research Supervisor and centre which requires special consideration shall be decided by the Syndicate.
 - The concerned Doctoral Committee Chairman shall ensure that the request for change of Research Supervisor and Centre have valid reasons in accordance with the above norms and accompanied by supporting documents.

In the present case of the Research scholar Ms. Josna Jose, the Committee recommended to grant change of Research Supervisor and Centre, considering the fact that the matter is a pending case.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of granting change of Research Supervisor and Centre in r/o Ms. Josna Jose, Research scholar in Hindi, and the norms for granting change of Research Supervisor and Centre, as recommended by the Sub-committee is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration.

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Recommendation: *The Committee recommended to approve the recommendation of the sub-committee constituted by the Syndicate in this regard.*

The Committee, by considering the exigency, further recommended that the matter regarding change of research supervisor and centre, as requested by the research scholar, may be approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, in exercise of the powers of the Syndicate vested upon him, under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act, 1974.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be noted.

Item No: 18.108.D1 - Publication of Ph.D. Thesis in Commerce in respect of Dr. Suman.S – Request – reg:-

(Ac.EV)

Dr. Suman.S, who has been awarded Ph.D. Degree in Commerce (Reg. No. 7351) on 11/11/2024 has requested to grant permission to publish her Ph.D. thesis entitled “THE DYNAMIC INTERACTIONS OF MACROECONOMIC VARIABLES ON STOCK RETURNS: EVIDENCE FROM DEVELOPED AND EMERGING MARKETS” as a book. The request has been recommended by her Research Supervisor, Dr.Raju G, Professor (Retd.), Department of Commerce, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram.

As per the Statute 5(13) of Chapter 17 - Faculty of Commerce of KUFS 1977, "The thesis, whether approved or not, shall not be published without the sanction of the Syndicate, and the Syndicate may grant permission for the publication under such conditions as it may think fit." Here, it may be noted that, permission to publish thesis has earlier been granted on the following terms and conditions: -

- The University will not take any financial liability on its part for publication of the thesis.
- Due acknowledgement should be given by the candidate to the University at the time of publication of the thesis.
- The thesis should be published after rectifying the defects pointed out by the examiners in their reports in due consultation with the supervising teacher.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding granting permission for publication of the Ph.D. Thesis in respect of Dr. Suman.S is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research for consideration.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to agree with the request as per norms.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.D2 - Allegation regarding publishing fake news about being awarded a Ph.D. degree in Music from University of Kerala - Ms. Divya R. Chandran-reg:-

(Ac.EV(A))

Dr. Bindu K., Professor and Head (i/c) (Rtd.), Department of Music, University of Kerala, has submitted a complaint along with a newspaper cutting against Ms. Divya R. Chandran, a Research Scholar in Music under her supervision. The complaint alleges that Ms. Divya R. Chandran published fake news about being awarded a Ph.D. degree from the University of Kerala.

The PRO section confirmed that the fake news regarding the award of Ph.D. Degree was published in the Kollam Edition of the Kerala Kaumudi newspaper dated 30/12/2024, Page No. 5. (copy of relevant page appended)

According to the Ph.D. Registration Section, Ms. Divya R. Chandran was granted registration for Ph.D. with effect from 23/06/2014. Sanction for the conduct of the Pre-submission seminar was granted vide U.O. dated 18.09.2022.

The Head, Department of Music forwarded the minutes of the Pre-submission seminar (conducted on 25/10/2022) of Ms. Divya Chandran, Research Scholar in Music, on 09/11/2022. In the minutes of the Pre-Submission Seminar, the name of the Research Scholar appears as Ms. Divya Chandran. Nevertheless, the title of the thesis given in both the Registration Order and the minutes of the Pre-Submission Seminar are the same.

As per the records of the thesis submission section, neither Divya R. Chandran nor Divya Chandran has submitted the thesis or been awarded a Ph.D. Degree in Music.

The Honourable Vice-Chancellor has directed the Director, Research to enquire the matter urgently and submit a report in this regard. Accordingly, the Director, Research submitted a report. (copy of the report appended)

In the report, the Director, Research recommended that

In order to understand the real situation, how this news appeared in a news paper, it would be better to conduct a hearing of both the Research Scholar and the Supervising Teacher.

The dissemination of fake news is a grave issue that undermines the University's reputation. Since it is a matter of prime concern, may be inquired into by a higher academic body of the University of Kerala.

Hence it is suggested that, the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research may be entrusted to conduct the hearing.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the matter regarding the fake news appeared in the newspaper about "Ms. Divya R.Chandran being awarded a Ph.D. degree in Music from the University of Kerala" along with the report on it from the Director, Research are placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

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Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to seek explanation from Ms. Divya R. Chandran, Research Scholar in Music, on the complaint raised by Dr. Bindu K., the Research Supervisor.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.D3 - Thesis submission after the expiry of Research period - Condoning Delay – reg:-

(Ac.EV)

Smt. Rakhy S., Research Scholar in Malayalam under the supervision of Dr. Banargy E., Associate Professor (Rtd.), Department of Malayalam, Govt. College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram has submitted her thesis on 22/01/2025, after the expiry of research period.

The academic details of the candidate is noted below:

Effective date of registration	08/12/2014
Session	July 2014 Session
Regulation Applicable	2009
Full time / Part time	Full Time
Maximum period prescribed as per Regulation	5 years
Date of Expiry of Research period	07/12/2019
Details of extension of time granted for thesis submission beyond Research period, if any	
Date of issuance of Memo	23/01/2020
Date of expiry	30/06/2020
Whether relaxation granted up to 31.12.2022 as per	N A

provisions of U.O. No.Ac.E1/2022 dated 31.10.2022 applicable	
Remaining total period of delay to be considered for imposing fine	5 years 1 month and 15 days (1873 Days)
Fine for delayed thesis submission as per provisions of U.O no.11062/2024/UoK dated 20.12.2024@ Upto 6 months : No Fine; 6 months to One year : Rs. 1000/- ; After One Year : Rs. 2000/- ; Two to Five years : Rs. 5000/-; Above Five years : Rs. 2000/- per year	12,000/- (Twelve thousand only)
Details of Pre submission Seminar	
Date of issuance of U.O	02/12/2022
Date of conduct of pre submission seminar	23/12/2022
Date of expiry stipulated' ie; 3 months from the date of pre submission seminar	22/03/2023
Total period of delay as on 22/01/2025	672 days
Fine for delayed thesis submission as per provisions of U.O no.Ac.E II/3/2020 dated 27.11.2020.@Rs.2000/- for every 30 days or part there of	Rs. 46,000/- (Forty Six Thousand only)

Remarks:

1. The candidate remitted an amount of **Rs. 46,000 / -** (Receipt no. 24113411; dtd; 15/02/2025) as finetowards late submission of Ph.D thesis after the stipulated period of three months from the date of conduct of pre-submissionseminar.
2. The candidate has remitted the fine of **Rs. 12,000/-** (Receipt No. 24532582; dtd: 24/02/2025) towards the submission of thesis after the expiry of Research period.

Smt. Rakhy S. has submitted a request recommended by her supervising teacher, mentioning that she could not submit her PhD thesis within the research period due to some health issues. And also she could not submitted her thesis within the allotted time period of three months after the conduct of Presubmission seminar. Now she has requested to condone the delay by accepting the fine towards the delayed submission.

As per the orders of the Honourable Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding acceptance of the PhD thesis of Smt. Rakhy S. who submitted the theses after delay of 1873 days from the expiry of the research period and with a delay of 672 days after permitted period of 3 months from the date of conduct of Pre submission Seminar, for further processing along with her request for condoning delay, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to accept the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Smt. Rakhy S., after the expiry of research period, for initiating further evaluation process as she had remitted the required fine as per rules.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.E1 - Science Policy Institute, University of Kerala -Proposal for signing Memorandum of Understanding with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand - reg

(Ac.D)

Ref : Email dated 04.01.2025 from Dr. Girish Kumar R, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala.

Dr. Girish Kumar R, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science has forwarded a proposal of signing Memorandum of Understanding with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, a central University located in Uttarakhand. The cooperation will be coordinated by the departments/ Centres that come under any of the faculties of the parties. The faculties include

faculties of Political Science, Geology, Economics and Environmental Sciences and any other interested departments from both Universities.

1. PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The purpose of this agreement is to develop academic and educational cooperation as well as to establish collaborative programs between the two Universities and to cooperate in their mutual interest for a range of higher educational activities.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Subject to the availability of funds, resources and approval of the authorized representatives or Heads of the Departments/Faculties of the two Universities, both institutions agree to develop the following collaborative activities:

- a. Conducting joint research and development project
- b. Cooperation in individual projects
- c. Organization of lectures, symposia, international meetings, conferences and workshops
- d. Exchange of researchers and students
- e. Exchange of information, teaching materials, technological and scientific publications
- f. Providing opportunities for professors and researchers to give lectures
- g. Search for opportunities to collaborate in the future
- h. To share Laboratory facilities.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

- All programs or activities implemented under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually agreed upon in writing, including the necessary budget for the program of activity as the need may arise.
- Each of the participating institutions shall be fully responsible financially for the activities carried out under its direction or by its staff, except as otherwise agreed by the parties.
- The parties will designate one officer each who will develop and coordinate specific programs or activities between them.

4. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- All prior information, design and data existing with either party before the signing of this MoU (pre-existing IP) shall be the sole property of the party concerned.
- All intellectual Property including design, information, publications, source codes etc. and all kinds of data, generated through the collaboration under this MoU shall be as mutually agreed in writing by the parties.

5. DURATION AND RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT

Duration of this agreement is not specified in the MoU

6. AMENDMENTS

- This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both Universities.
- In the event of any unforeseen incident during collaborative activities in either country both universities agree to negotiate and attain mutually acceptable solution.
- Should any disagreement arise out of the application, interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the universities shall endeavor to exercise best efforts to negotiate their differences.

7. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither Party shall be liable for any failure of or delay in the performance of this Memorandum of Understanding for the period that such failure or delay is due to causes beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, war, strikes or labour disputes, embargoes, government orders or any other force majeure event.

8. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

In the event of dispute or difference of any nature whatsoever between the parties during the course of performance of respective obligations arising out of this MoU, the parties agree to refer the matter to a mediator for mediation to resolve the disputes amicably keeping in view the best interest of the parties and in keeping with the spirit of performance of this MoU.

The Legal Advisor has vetted the draft MoU with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand and remarked that the same is legally in order.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for signing Memorandum of Understanding with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research for consideration and recommendation.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to obtain remarks from the IQAC in this regard.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No:18.108.E2 - Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Subcommittee of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic and Research (for the selection of the templates for uploading certificates and documents in NAD DIGILOCKER/ ABC portal) held on 09.01.2025 & 21.02.2025 regarding uploading of credits for FYUGP regular & CSS students - placing of -reg (NAD CELL)

The 3rd meeting of the Committee of the Subcommittee of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic and Research held on 09.01.2025 had discussed the following points.

- Selection of a suitable template for uploading the credits of FYUGP students (uploading of credits for the examinations held in the year 2024 to be completed within June 2025(directions from UGC))
- Discussion on what further action needs to be taken on the concern forwarded by CDOE via mail dated 26.12.2024 regarding the discrepancies in candidate names occurred while uploading credits.

Recommendations:

- The Committee considered the templates labelled DGMST 7 & DGMST 18 in detail and recommended to put dummy values in the template to verify which template will align more with the FYUGP mark sheet. It is also recommended that the credits of FYUGP students shall be uploaded in the following manner:
- For students who have not applied for revaluation, their credits may be uploaded immediately.
- For students who have applied for revaluation, their credits can be uploaded after the revaluation results are published.
- The Committee had discussed the concern forwarded by CDOE via mail dated 26.12.2024 regarding the discrepancies in candidate names and suggested that University will provide Digilocker services for those students whose names are same as in AADHAAR and Qualifying certificate. The error encountered in connection with candidate name (name mismatch) can only be processed as and when the student does the name correction to make QC as same as AADHAAR or vice versa.

Following to the above meeting, **4th meeting of the Committee of the Subcommittee of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic and Research was held on 21.02. 2025. The committee had discussed the following points.**

- I. Discussion on selection of a suitable template for uploading credits of FYUGP 2024
 - (a) FYUGP 2024 Admission students of Affiliated Colleges (detailed discussion on DGMST 18).
 - (b) FYUGP-CSS students of 2023 & 2024 admissions (DGMST 7/ DGMST18/ DGMST 26)
- II. Discussion regarding Uploading of digital documents (Certificates, Marklistsetc) of non-computerised programmes in NAD Digilocker portal based on the requests received from
 - (a) Syril John (BHMCT- 2011 admission)
 - (b) Ananthu S Kumar (BFA- 2018 admission)
 - (c) Akhila R G (BSC -Annual 2006 passout)
- III. Discussion regarding bulk uploading of degree certificates either by API integration or by collecting details of degree certificate issued from the Hologram section for forwarding data from KUCC.

Recommendations:-

1. The Committee had selected the template labelled DGMST 18 for uploading credits of FYUGP 2024 Admission students of affiliated colleges, as well as FYUGP-CSS students from 2023 and 2024 admissions.
2. The Committee had recommended that data for non-computerised programmes be collected from the respective tabulation sections in an approved format (CSV of approved template), to facilitate uploading academic records to Digilocker.
3. The KUCC has informed the Committee that API integration is in its final stages. Bulk uploading can commence upon receiving consent from C-DIT.

In obedience to the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Subcommittee of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic and Research held on 09.01.2025 & 21.02.2025 (both minutes appended as Annexure I and Annexure II) are placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academic and Research for consideration and recommendation.

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Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the recommendations on Sl.No.(1) and (3) of the sub-committee.*

Also recommended to reconstitute the sub-committee already constituted in this regard by the Syndicate at its meeting held on 28.12.2023, comprising Dr. K.G. Gopchandran (as Convenor), Adv. Muraleedharan Pillai G., Dr. S. Jayan, Dr. P.M. Radhamany, Members Syndicate, Controller of Examinations, Vice-Chairman, CSS, Director IQAC, Director KUCC and Smt.Sunija Mohammed Rasheed, Programmer KUCC, by including Dr. Aji S., Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala and Dr. Philomina Simon, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kerala for detailed study on the recommendation under Sl.No.(2) and to submit a report.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

FURTHER RESOLVED to include Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member Syndicate and Registrar in the above sub-committee.

Item No:18.108.E3 - Department of Archaeology - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Zoo, Thiruvananthapuram - Signing – reg.

(Ac.D)

Ref:- Letter No. KU/ARC/260/2024-25 dated 29.01.2025 from the Head, Department of Archaeology.

Dr.Abhayan G.S, Head, Department of Archaeology, vide reference cited above, has forwarded a proposal for signing a Memorandum of Understanding between Zoo, Thiruvananthapuram under the Department of Museums and Zoos, Government of Kerala and Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala. This collaboration aims to enhance the resources and research capabilities of Zooarchaeology Laboratory under the Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala. The collection and curation of skeletal specimens from wild animals that perish to natural mortality within the zoo premises would be beneficial for the advancement of this laboratory. These specimens would serve as valuable reference materials for academic and research purposes, contributing significantly to the study of zooarchaeology. Zooarchaeology laboratory under the Department of Archaeology is the only Zooarchaeology laboratory available in the whole South India, which underscores the importance of this MoU.

The proposal is as detailed below,

Donation of Animal Carcasses or Skeletons

The Zoo agrees to donate the carcasses or skeletons of deceased zoo animals to the Zooarchaeology laboratory of the Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala for academic and research purposes subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of the Acts and Rules related to Forest and Wild Life enacted by the Government of India and Government of Kerala. The Department shall ensure the respectful handling, preservation and utilization of these donations for scientific and educational purposes.

Joint Research Ventures

The parties agree to collaborate on joint research projects, which may include but are not limited to studies on Zooarchaeology, animal behavior, conservation, and related fields. Both parties shall appoint representatives to coordinate and oversee the execution of joint research activities.

Academic Activities

The Zoo and the Department shall organize seminars, talks, lectures, workshops, and other academic events to promote knowledge sharing and scholarly discourse in relevant areas. These activities may involve scholars, researchers, students and professionals from both parties, as well as external experts and stakeholders.

Duration and Termination

This MoU shall come into effect upon signature by both parties and shall remain in force for a period of five years with effect from the date of signing this MoU. Either party may terminate this MoU by providing written notice to the other party at least two months prior to the intended date of termination.

Amendments

Any amendments or modifications to this MoU shall be made in writing and shall be mutually agreed upon by both parties.

The Legal Adviser has perused the draft MoU and opined that the same is legally in order.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the signing of an MoU between Zoo, Thiruvananthapuram under the Department of Museums and Zoos, Government of Kerala and the Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala to enhance the resources and research capabilities of Zooarchaeology Laboratory under the Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala and to facilitate joint research ventures, academic discussions, and knowledge exchange, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter regarding the signing of the MoU between Zoo, Thiruvananthapuram under the Department of Museums and Zoos, Government of Kerala and the Department of Archaeology, University of Kerala and recommended to agree with the proposal.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.E4 - Application for University JRF - Ms. Susmi Anna Thomas, Research Scholar in Physics – reg:

(Ad.G)

Ms. Susmi Anna Thomas, Research Scholar, Department of Physics, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, has requested to release her fellowship amount without the attestation of Principal and Research Guide for the period 22.12.2022 to 03.10.2023 .

Ms. Susmi Anna Thomas had claimed JRF till **21.12.2022**. She had submitted the bill for claiming JRF for the period from 22.12.2022 to 03.10.2023 (Third Year) at the Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara, without the attestation of Principal and Research Guide. It may be noted that JRF Bill is to be attested by the Research Supervisor and Principal of the respective Institute where the Scholar is doing research. Since the research scholar was doing research at the Bishop Moore College till **19.11.2023**, the bill forms were to be attested by the Principal and Research Guide during that period. Hence the fellowship bill for the above mentioned period was sent to the Principal, Bishop Moore College, for attestation. But the Principal, Bishop Moore College, did not attest it. So she has submitted the Bill without the attestation of the same by the Principal and the Research Supervisor.

The Principal, Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara, in his e-mail to the Registrar, dtd: April 1, 2024, informed that the Research Scholar was not present in her research centre of Bishop Moore College during the period for which she has proposed to claim JRF (Unauthorized absence from 19.04.2023). Hence he is unable to sign her fellowship documents.

Claims of both the Research Scholar and the Principal are detailed below.

Research Scholar's Claim	Principal's Claim
Forwarded JRF Bill to Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara, for the period from 22.12.2022 to 03.10.2023 for attestation of the Principal but didn't get any reply. E-mails dated: 29.02.2023 and 12.03.2023 were also sent in this regard.	1. Susmi intimated through email as she is working from home for the period from 21.11.2022 to 17.01.2023 due to medical reasons, but the Medical Certificate was not produced.
	2. Ms. Susmi was on a short term visit to Sunway University, Malaysia, from 18.01.2023 to 18.04.2023
	3. 19.04.2023 onwards she did not rejoin the research centre after her sanctioned period and it was treated as unauthorized absence.
	4. In the above mentioned circumstances it is unable to sign her fellowship documents.

Further based on the complaint via email dated: 26.07.2023, submitted by the Research Scholar against the Research Supervisor, the Scholar was permitted to change the Research Supervisor and the Research Centre to Dr. Deepthi N. Rajendran, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, w.e.f. 20.11.2023 F.N., as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor. It may kindly be noted that, for claiming JRF for the above mentioned period, the Bill Form is to be attested by the Principal, Bishop Moore College, Mavelikkara.

It may also be noted that, ICC after the Hearing conducted on the complaint filed by the Research Scholar against the Research Supervisor, has concluded that on the basis of the explanation of the accused teacher and the complainant, it has been decided that the complaint filed by the complainant against the said teacher did not involve sexual assault and therefore there was no need for further action on the complaint submitted by the Research Scholar. The Report was approved by the Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor on 07.10.2024.

As per the orders of the Registrar, a detailed report on the matter, whether the payment has to be done without the attestation, was also obtained from the Director, Research. The Director, Research, has informed that "The fellowship request submitted by Mrs.Susmi Anna Thomas may be considered as a special case. Mrs.Susmi Anna Thomas has clearly written that in view of her conflict with the previous Research Centre, she is not in a position to get signature from the previous guide and Head of the Research Centre. Considering the extraordinary situation, special sanction from the competent authority may be obtained in this regard." The Director, Research, has also recommended to place the matter before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research and the Registrar has also given orders to do the same.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor, the matter of granting the fellowship amount without the attestation of the Principal and the Research Guide for the period from 22.12.2022 to 03.10.2023, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendation: *The Committee recommended to defer the matter.*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No: 18.108.E5 - Request for revising UO- Renaming of School of Distance Education as Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) reg:-

(Ad.Misc)

The University Grants Commission vide email dated 4/12/2023 has informed that the Regulation 8(3) of UGC (ODL Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020 stipulates that "A Higher Education Institution other than an Open University shall have a designated Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) for operationalising the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and /or Online mode, which shall be headed by the Director, a regular functionary on full time dedicated basis not below the rank of an Associate Professor and shall have appropriate and adequate academic, technical, administrative staff and infrastructural resources as specified in Annexure- IV". In view of above stipulation, UGC has requested to name the designated Centre for offering programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and /or Online mode as "Centre for Distance and Online Education" (CDOE) .

A report has been sought from the Director, SDE vide letter No.Ad.Misc/SDE/2023-24 dated 08/12/2023 regarding the naming of School of Distance Education as "Centre for Distance and Online Education"(CDOE) .The Director informed that the School of Distance Education, University of Kerala is the designated Centre for Distance Education under University of Kerala and the present Director Dr.K.S.Suresh Kumar is a regular functionary on full time basis and of the rank of a Professor. They have appropriate and adequate academic, technical, administrative staff and infrastructural resources and has requested to change the name of "School of Distance Education" as "Centre for Distance and Online Education"(CDOE).

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 15/02/2024 vide item no.08.09 considered the matter and resolved to rename the School of Distance Education (SDE) as Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) as per the direction of UGC-DEB. Accordingly U.O No. Ad.Misc/ 2007/2024/UOK dated 04.03.2024 was issued in this regard.

The Director vide note No.SDE/ADMIN/CDOE/2024 dated 11.04.2024 has stated that the School of Distance Education is a statutory institution under the University of Kerala and has requested to revise the U O issued regarding renaming SDE as CDOE in such a way that "Centre for Distance and Online Education " may be constituted as the designated centre for operationalising the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and /or Online mode under the School of Distance Education.

The Vice Chancellor after perusing the request from the Director, CDOE has ordered to place the matter before the Syndicate.

The resolution of the Syndicate at its meeting held on 05.11.2024 & 11.11.2024 vide item no.15.109 that the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having accorded sanction be noted was corrected in the confirmation minutes of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024 vide item no 16.01 as to refer the item to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research. The Vice Chancellor has ordered to implement the resolution the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request received from the Director, CDOE regarding the revision of UO in such a way that "Centre for Distance and Online Education" may be constituted as the designated centre for operationalising the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and/ or Online mode under the School of Distance Education is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Recommendation: *The Committee considered the matter and recommended to retain the name "School of Distance Education (SDE)" and to designate the "Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE)" for operationalising the programmes in Open and Distance Learning mode and /or Online mode under School of Distance Education (SDE)*

Meeting came to an end at 12.00 p.m.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.109 *Ph.D Research - Clarification on the fees enhanced vide U.O. dated 20.12.2024 - Letter submitted by Adv. G. Muraleedharan Pillai, Member Syndicate - reg.*

(Ac.EI)

All the fee related to various services of Ph.D Research has been enhanced vide U.O.No. Ac.E1/11062/2024/UOK dtd 20.12.2024. (U.O. appended). In the said U.O, it is mentioned that;

1. The fee mentioned under Sl.No:1,2,3 & 4 will be made applicable w.e.f. January 2025 session Ph.D admission onwards.
2. In Sl.No.12, the late fee levied for conversion -within six months, is mentioned as Rs.1000/-.
3. In Sl.No.16, the fine for delayed thesis submission, whose research period already over, are detailed without specifying the Regulation applicable.

Adv. G. Muraleedharan Pillai, Member Syndicate has forwarded a letter on 03.02.2025, regarding the clarification of fee mentioned in the above three cases under the U.O.No: Ac.E1/11062/2024/UOK dated 20.12.2024 and requested that necessary steps may be taken to issue a modified order with the following clarifications in the U.O dated 20.12.2024:

1. The revised fees mentioned in Sl. No:1, 2, 3, 4 of the said order, "made applicable w.e.f January 2025 session Ph.D admission onwards" has to be clarified as "w.e.f 01.01.2025 onwards". The research fee and open defense fee as prescribed in the order dated 20.12.2024 shall be made applicable to the researchers who convert their mode of Ph.D research from full-time to part-time or from part-time to full-time w.e.f 01.01.2025 onwards.
2. An amount of Rs 1000/- mentioned under Sl.No:12 of the said U.O as "Late fee levied for conversion" shall be waived for the first two months from the date of conversion. Those who submit the application for conversion after two months from the date of conversion but before the completion of six months shall pay Rs 1000/- as "Late fee levied for conversion". Other fees mentioned under Sl.No:12 shall be continued as prescribed.
3. The fees prescribed under Sl.No: 16 shall be made applicable to the researchers who came under the purview of either the Regulations 2009 or the subsequent Regulations. The said fee for researchers who come prior to the 2009 Regulations shall be applicable as per the order already issued by the University, vide U.O.No:Ac.EV(A)1/2023 dtd 23.11.2023.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the clarification of fees mentioned under U.O. dated 20.12.2024, as proposed by Adv. G. Muraleedharan Pillai, Member Syndicate, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to accept the clarification submitted by Adv. G. Muraleedharan Pillai, Member of the Syndicate, and that the University order be modified accordingly."

Item No.18.110

PM-USHA - Administrative Sanction issued from the Higher Education Department and from the Office of RUSA-SPD - Reporting to the Syndicate - reg:

(Pl.D)

In the light of the National Education Policy, RUSA scheme has been launched as Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA). The project proposal of PM-USHA under the Multi-Disciplinary Educational and Research Universities (MERU) Scheme worth ₹100 Crores with relevant supporting documents has been uploaded and submitted in the PM-USHA portal on 11.03.2024 and the same was reported to the Syndicate held on 15.03.2024, Item No. 09.107.

The 3rd Meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM- USHA) held on 19th November, 2024 through Virtual Conference under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education, approved the proposals submitted by the State of Kerala, and sanctioned an amount of ₹ 100 crore under PM USHA – MERU scheme to the University of the Kerala. The same was reported to the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024, vide Item No. 16.98.

The Administrative Sanction for the project PM-USHA, has been issued by Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala, vide G.O (Rt) No. 239/2025/HEDN dated 22/02/2025 and final DPR has been uploaded in the RUSA portal on 25/02/2024. Now, based on the DPR, RUSA - State Project Directorate - Kerala, has issued administrative sanction, vide No: A3/8/2025/RUSA-SPD dated 10/03/2025.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the above said matter is reported to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

The Syndicate noted that the Higher Education Department has granted administrative sanction for the PM-USHA project vide G.O (Rt) No.239/2025/HEDN dated 22.02.2025, and based on the DPR, the RUSA State Project Directorate, Kerala, had issued administrative sanction No:A3/8/2025/RUSA-SPD dated 10.03.2025. Based on this, the Syndicate **RESOLVED** to initiate further action in accordance with the Government Order dated 22.02.2025 and RUSA- State project sanctioned dated 10.03.2025.

Item No.18.111

**PM-USHA - Implementation of Project - Construction of Infrastructure -
M/s. WAPCOS for consultancy services - Execution of agreement – reg.**

(PL. D)

The University Engineer has forwarded the list of accredited agencies and requested to obtain the offers from the accredited agencies for the PMC work of the project for PM USHA.

M/s. HLL Infratech Services Ltd. (HITES), M/s. WAPCOS, M/s. Infrastructure Kerala Ltd. (INKEL), M/s. KITCO Ltd., M/s. Kerala State Construction Corporation Ltd. (KSCC) are requested to submit their offer on PMC centage charge in sealed cover not later than 4:00 PM on or before 13.01.2025, for the construction of multistoried buildings, to facilitate the academic activities (FYUG Academic Complex, Translational Research Laboratory and Academic Incubation Centre) with a total project outlay of ₹ 27.27 Crores and also to facilitate accommodation of students and other stakeholders (Gents Hostel, Ladies Hostel and Residential Complex) with a total project outlay of ₹ 44.535 crores.

All the said firms are submitted their offer on PMC centage charge and the sealed covers are opened at Registrar's Office on 13.01.2025 at 4:30 PM, in the presence of representatives from M/s. WAPCOS, M/s. HLL Infratech Services Ltd. (HITES) and M/s. Kerala State Construction Corporation Ltd. (KSCC).

The details of quoted rates and recommendations of the committee, are as follows:

1. Construction of FYUG Academic Complex, Translational Research Laboratory and Academic Incubation Centre.

Sl. No.	Name of the Firm	Centage Charge Quoted in %	Undertaking regarding work in hand	Recommendation
1.	M/s. Infrastructure Kerala Ltd. (INKEL)	3.87%	Attached	M/s. WAPCOS has quoted the lowest rate of centage charges at 2.10 %, which is within the limit of the centage charges as per G.O.(P) No. 67/2021/Fin dated 28.04.2021. Hence recommended for acceptance.
2.	M/s. WAPCOS	2.10%	Attached	
3.	M/s. HLL Infratech Services Ltd. (HITES)	3.69%	Attached	
4.	M/s. Kerala State Construction Corporation Ltd. (KSCC)	3.09%	Attached	
5.	M/s. KITCO Ltd.	3.04%	Attached	

2. Construction of Gents Hostel, Ladies Hostel and Residential Complex

Sl. No.	Name of the Firm	Centage Charge Quoted in %	Undertaking regarding work in hand	Recommendation
1.	M/s. Infrastructure Kerala Ltd. (INKEL)	3.69 %	Attached	M/s. WAPCOS has quoted the lowest rate of centage charges at 2.25 %, which is within the limit of the centage charges as per G.O. (P) No. 67/2021/Fin dated 28.04.2021. Hence recommended for acceptance.
2.	M/s. WAPCOS	2.25 %	Attached	
3.	M/s. HLL Infratech Services Ltd. (HITES)	3.49 %	Attached	
4.	M/s. Kerala State Construction Corporation Ltd. (KSCC)	3.09 %	Attached	
5.	M/s. KITCO Ltd.	2.70 %	Attached	

The letter of Acceptance, Letter No: PL.D/54052/PM-USHA/2023 date 17.01.2025 was forwarded to M/s. WAPCOS for the following consultancy services with direction to submit the report (detailed drawings and estimate in PRICE Software) before the University Engineer, not later than 18.01.2025.

1. For the construction of multistoried buildings, to facilitate the academic activities (FYUG Academic Complex, Translational Research Laboratory and Academic Incubation Centre) at 2.10% of estimate amount/ value of workdone, whichever is lower + applicable GST.
2. For the construction to facilitate accommodation of students and other stakeholders (Gents Hostel, Ladies Hostel and Residential Complex) at 2.25 % of estimate amount/ value of workdone, whichever is lower + applicable GST.

M/s. WAPCOS Limited has submitted the detailed budget estimate in PRICE Software with requisite plan/ drawings before the University Engineer, in time.

The Board of Governors held on 20.01.2025 has resolved to approve the report submitted by the University Engineer after verification of the estimate and plan/ drawings prepared by the Project Director (Kerala), M/s. WAPCOS Limited, for a total estimate amounting to ₹ 71,78,50,000/- (Rupees Seventy one crore seventy eight lakh and fifty thousand only) for new infrastructure works and also to incorporate the same in the final DPR.

The budget summary for the construction works entrusted to M/s. WAPCOS Limited is as follows:

as follows:					
Name of the building					
Academic			Accommodation		
Academic Complex	Translational Research Laboratory	Academic Incubator	Gent's Hostel	Ladies Hostel	Residential Complex
₹ 19,58,50,000/-	₹ 4,40,00,000/-	₹ 3,28,50,000/-	₹ 21,03,50,000/-	₹ 21,05,50,000/-	₹ 2,42,50,000/-
₹ 27,27,00,000/-			₹ 44,51,50,000/-		
Grant Total ₹ 71,78,50,000/- (Rupees Seventy one crore seventy eight lakh and fifty thousand only)					

The draft of the 'Consultancy Agreements' with regard to the construction of multi storied buildings, to facilitate the 'Academic activities (FYUG Academic Complex, Translational Research Laboratory and Academic Incubation Centre)' and for the construction to facilitate 'Accommodation of students and other stakeholders (Gents Hostel, Ladies Hostel and Residential Complex)', was forwarded to;

1. the Legal Advisor's Section,
2. the Finance Officer &
3. the University Engineer

; for legal/financial/technical vetting

The draft agreement was also placed before the Board of Governors. The BoG meeting held in 20.01.2025 has resolved that the draft consultancy agreement with M/s. WAPCOS Limited, is agreed in principle and the same shall be signed after Legal Vetting.

A Meeting was held at the Senate Chamber on 27.01.2025 for presentations by PM-USHA beneficiary institutions. The Principal Secretary and the RUSA State Project Coordinator attended the meeting. After analyzing the presentation by the University of Kerala, the Principal Secretary insisted that all activities be completed before 31.03.2026, as no funds will be released after that date. The Principal Secretary also directed that this matter be viewed seriously and addressed accordingly.

To comply with the directions of the Principal Secretary, a meeting was held at the office of the Registrar on 28.01.2025 to finalize the timeline for the PM-USHA project. Representative from M/s. WAPCOS Limited and the University Engineer also attended the meeting. During the meeting, the date for the completion of all components under the PM-USHA project was finalized.

The timeline finalized for the construction works, is as follows:

Sl.No.	Description	Time Line
1.	Administrative Sanction	05.02.2025
2.	Technical sanction	28.02.2025
3.	Tender Opening	21.03.2025
4.	Technical Bid Evaluation	22.03.2025
5.	Financial Bid Evaluation	29.03.2025
6.	Letter of Acceptance (work order)	05.04.2025
7.	Statutory Initial approvals (Corporation, Fire, Electrical) by M/s. WAPCOS	05.04.2025
8.	Agreement	20.04.2025
9.	Handing over site	21.04.2025
10.	Completion of Foundation work	25.08.2025
11.	Completion of Super Structure work	20.12.2025
12.	Completion of Finishing and all exterior works	28.02.2026
13.	Final statutory approval	20.03.2026
14.	Submission of Final bill	25.03.2026

The Registrar directed M/s. WAPCOS Limited to execute the consultancy agreement in compliance with the above timelines.

M/s.WAPCOS Limited has submitted Consultancy agreements (in original) with regard to the construction of multi storied buildings, to facilitate the 'Academic activities (FYUG Academic Complex, Translational Research Laboratory and Academic Incubation Centre)' with centage charge of 2.10% of estimate amount/ value of workdone, whichever is lower + applicable GST and for the construction to facilitate 'Accommodation of students and other stakeholders (Gents Hostel, Ladies Hostel and Residential Complex)' with centage charge of 2.25 % of estimate amount/ value of workdone, whichever is lower + applicable GST, vide Letter No. WAP/KERALA/KU/2025/03-01 dated 12.03.2025.

The original agreement submitted by M/s. WAPCOS Ltd., is verified line by line and found that the agreement is as per the draft agreement which undergo financial/legal/technical vetting except clause 1(m) of the terms and conditions. Clause 1(m) stated that "The work will be completed within the period as 12 months (Twelve months) from the date of handling over of hindrance free site to the contractor by M/s. WAPCOS Limited after inviting tender and awarding the work to the contractor".

In this context, it must be seriously viewed that the construction work must be completed before 31.03.2026, as no funds will be received after that date. However, the University Engineer has remarked that completing the work by 31.03.2026 is very challenging. The agreement submitted by M/s WAPCOS requires a period of 12 months for completion. The agreement with WAPCOS must be signed immediately, as PM-USHA project is time-sensitive, it is essential that it is completed before February 2026. And the Final bill has to be submitted before March 2026 through SNA-SPARSH.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the agreement submitted by M/s. WAPCOS Limited, for execution, with regard to the construction of multi storied buildings, to facilitate the 'Academic activities (FYUG Academic Complex, Translational Research Laboratory and Academic Incubation Centre)' with centage charge of 2.10% of estimate amount/ value of workdone, whichever is lower + applicable GST and for the construction to facilitate 'Accommodation of students and other stakeholders (Gents Hostel, Ladies Hostel and Residential Complex)' with centage charge of 2.25 % of estimate amount/ value of workdone, whichever is lower + applicable GST, is placed before the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to execute the consultancy agreement with M/s. WAPCOS Limited (legally and financially vetted) for the PM-USHA project concerning the construction of Multi-story buildings, to facilitate Academic activities (FYUG Academic Complex, Translational Research Laboratory, and Academic Incubation Centre) with a percentage charge of 2.10% of the estimated amount/ value of work done, whichever is lower, plus applicable GST. Additionally, for the construction to facilitate accommodation for students and other stakeholders (Gents Hostel, Ladies Hostel, and Residential Complex), the percentage charge will be 2.25% of the estimated amount/ value of work done, whichever is lower, plus applicable GST.

Item No:18.112 *Translational Research and Innovation Centre (TRIC-KU) - Executive Committee - Request for addition of member – reg*

(Ad.AVI)

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 09.05.2024 while considering a matter related to TRIC-KU, vide item no.10.03, has resolved to constitute an Executive Committee to study and examine all matters of the Centre. Following the resolution of the Syndicate the Executive Committee of the TRIC-KU was formed vide U.O no.Ad.AVI/4305/2024/UOK dated 24.05.2024(appended).

Now the Joint Director, TRIC-KU, vide letter no.TRIC/Exe committee/04 dated 17.01.2025, has requested to include the Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning & Development in the Executive Committee constituted to study and examine all matters of TRIC-KU and the Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place the same before the Syndicate.

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the request submitted by the Joint Director, TRIC-KU for including the Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning & Development in the Executive Committee constituted for examining the matters related to Translational Research and Innovation Centre (TRIC-KU) is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to include the Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning & Development, in the Executive Committee of the Translational Research and Innovation Centre (TRIC-KU).

Item No.18.113 State Inter University Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics (SIUCEB) - Appointment of New Director - reg.

(Ad.DI)

State Inter University Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics (SIUCEB), is a centre working under the Department of Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, utilizing plan fund from Government.

Dr.G.Prasad, Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, was given additional charge of the Department of Computational Biology & Bioinformatics and also the charge of Director of SIUCEB w.e.f 28.01.2024 as per the U.O No.869/2024/UOK dtd 28.01.2024. Now Dr.Shiburaj S, Professor, Department of Botany, was given the Charge of the Head of the Department of Computational Biology & Bioinformatics vide U.O.No.7906/2024/UOK dtd 17.09.2024.

In this context, Dr.G.Prasad, Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, has requested to relieve him from the additional duty of the Director, State Inter University centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics (SIUCEB), so as to contribute more to his home Department.

As ordered by the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the nomination of a new Director in State Inter University Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics (SIUCEB), is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to entrust the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, to submit a panel before the Syndicate for the appointment of the Director, State Inter-University Centre of Excellence in Bioinformatics (SIUCEB).

Item No:18.114 Department of Malayalam - Conduct of O.N.V Memorial Award function for 2021 and 2022 – Provisional Advance sanctioned – Reporting of – reg

(Ad.DIII).

The Head, Department of Malayalam, was permitted to conduct O.N.V. memorial award ceremony for the years 2021 and 2022 as a single function, vide U.O.No.10552/2024/UOK dated 10.12.2024. The Head, Department of Malayalam, submitted a revised proposal including expenses for the conduct of ONV memorial award ceremony and associated one - day seminar for 2021 and 2022 on the same day, and requested to release the amount as provisional advance.

The Finance has agreed to the proposal vide endorsement FOS.4167/Finance 1/2024-25 dated 16.01.2025. An amount of Rs.35,000/- was additionally provided under the head of account "Part I - NP - MH - 63 - Miscellaneous - 8/5938 - ONV Memorial Award & Lecture" by re-appropriation from the subhead "8/5948-Miscellaneous" of the same major head of the current year's Budget Estimates of the University, to facilitate this. Subsequently, sanction was accorded to release an amount of Rs. 3,35,000/- (Three Lakh Thirty Five Thousand only) as provisional advance to Dr. Seema Jerome, Head, Department of Malayalam, towards the conduct of ONV Memorial award ceremony for the years 2021 & 2022; U.O.No.1536/2025/UOK dated 18.02.2025 being issued in this regard.

The above 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:18.115 Department of Malayalam – Headship change – reg.

(Ad.DIII)

Dr. Seema Jerome, Head, Department of Malayalam, has informed that her headship period is ending on 30.04.2025, and has requested to take necessary steps to nominate the next Head of the Department. It may be noted that, Dr. Seema Jerome was nominated as Head of the Department of Malayalam, for a period of three years, w.e.f 01.05.2022, and this tenure will end on 30.04.2025.

As per Notification No. Acad.L/S/2446/2011 dated 04.04.2013, an Amendment (no. 232) has been made in Statute 18, in Chapter 3 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, as follows: Head of the Department - The Professor, Associate Professor/Reader or Assistant Professor in charge of a Department shall be Head of the Department. The Head of the Department shall be nominated on a rotation basis for three years starting with the senior most teacher of the Department. The Syndicate shall nominate the Senior most Professor as the Head of the Department for a period of three years and at the end of the three years, next senior most Professor shall be nominated. After all the Professors are given a turn, the rotation shall then be implemented among Associate Professors/Readers as per seniority. To become eligible for considering for headship, a teacher should possess a Ph. D. Degree and has to put in at least 2 years of service in the Department except in cases where there is no senior teacher in the Department. A teacher shall be eligible to take up headship only if he or she has a minimum of 6 months of service remaining till retirement. In the Department where there are no Professors/Associate Professors/Readers eligible for the Head, it shall be rotated among the Assistant Professor. It shall however be open to the teacher who has been nominated as the Head of the Department to make a request that he/she shall be relieved of such responsibility for academic reasons. In such cases, the next senior most teacher shall be the Head of the Department.

Details of headship in the Department.

Sl. No.	Name	Date of Entry in University service	Retirement date	Remarks
1	Prof. Dr. C.R. Prasad	28.05.2007	31.05.2026	Nominated as HoD w.e.f 01.07.2011
2	Prof. Dr. Siddeek M.A	12.11.2012	31.03.2041	Placed as Professor w.e.f 19.06.2021, under CAS 2018, vide U.O.No. 8095/2022/UOK dated 17.10.2022
3	Dr. Sheeba M Kurian	08.11.2012	31.03.2035	-
4	Prof. Dr. Seema Jerome	07.11.2012	31.05.2033	Serving as HoD w.e.f 01.05.2022
5	Dr. T.K Santhoshkumar	29.12.2020	31.05.2030	-
6	Prof. Dr. S.Shifa	01.01.2014	31.05.2027	Nominated as HoD w.e.f 01.06.2019 to 30.04.2022
7.	Prof. Dr. Sivadas K.K	01.01.2021	31.03.2033	Appointed as Professor w.e.f 01.01.2021, vide U.O.No. 330/2021/UoK dated 23.01.2021

As per the orders of the Vice – Chancellor, the matter of nominating the next Head of the Department of Malayalam, for a period of 3 years, w.e.f. 01.05.2025, is placed before the Syndicate, for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to nominate Dr.Sivadas K.K., Professor, Department of Malayalam, as Head, Department of Malayalam, Kariavattom w.e.f. 01.05.2025.

Item No.18.116

Combating drug abuse in Kerala Colleges - A comprehensive strategy-strategic action plan - reg.

(Ad.DII)

The strategic action plan aims to create a holistic and sustainable approach to eliminate drug abuse in Kerala colleges was forwarded from the office of Vice Chancellor.

The vision is that "to create a drug intolerant academic environment in Kerala by implementing a comprehensive and multi-stake holder strategy that addresses prevention, early intervention, enforcement and rehabilitation"

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the proposal regarding Combating drug abuse in Kerala Colleges is placed before the Syndicate. (Combating drug abuse in Kerala Colleges-a comprehensive strategy (Strategic action plan) appended).

Resolution of the Syndicate

The Syndicate considered the proposal Combating drug abuse in Kerala Colleges and **RESOLVED** to approve the proposal and initiate immediate steps to implement the same.

Item No.18.117 **Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025- Approval of - reg.**

(Ad .A VI)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025 is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and approval.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE SYNDICATE
ON FINANCE

Date & Time : 14-03-2025, 2.00 p.m.
Venue : Syndicate Room, University Buildings

Members Present

1. Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G (Convenor, S/c of the Syndicate on Finance)
2. Dr. Shijukhan J S (Member, Syndicate)- Online
3. Dr. S Jayan (Member, Syndicate)
4. Dr. S Nazeeb (Member, Syndicate)
5. Adv. R B Rajeev Kumar (Member, Syndicate)
6. Sri. R Rajesh (Member, Syndicate)
7. Dr. T R Manoj (Member, Syndicate)- Online

Members Absent

1. Prof. (Dr.) P M Radhamany (Member, Syndicate)
2. Prof. (Dr.) K G Gopchandran (Member, Syndicate)
3. Sri. Ajay D N (Member, Syndicate)

Item No.18.117.01: **Department of Sanskrit - Request for providing remuneration to persons engaged in stock verification in the Department Library - Hearing the HOD - reg.**

(Ad. DIII)

Dr. C.N. Vijayakumari, Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Sanskrit in her letter has stated the following

1. Dr. C.A. Shaila, (Rtd) Professor took charge of the Department of Sanskrit in 2012 and remained as Head till retirement on 31.05.2024
2. during her tenure as Head, the number of books rose to more than 18,000 in the Department Library but stock verification was not done
3. Dr. C.A. Shaila, Professor on retirement, handed over charge of the Department to Dr. C.N. Vijayakumari, the present Head, without conducting stock verification
4. In order to issue Non Liability Certificate to Dr. C.A.Shaila, (Rtd) Professor stock verification was done very urgently
5. Dr. C.N. Vijayakumari, Head of the Dept requested the Registrar permission for the conduct of stock verification and she was permitted to do the same
6. She had requested to provide eligible persons from the University to conduct stock verification and to provide remuneration to them from the H/a " MH38- Department of Sanskrit - 4-1218-Wages of Contingent Employees/Guest Lecturers" but she was informed that staff cannot be provided, hence stock verification was started by five persons in order to facilitate the issue of NLC
7. she was informed that stock verification is a routine work and no additional remuneration has been paid till date.

The Head has requested to consider the stock verification as not a routine work and grant remuneration for the persons engaged in the stock verification work.

In another letter, she has stated that entry of books in KOHA software was not completed and five persons were engaged to complete the work and has also requested to grant sanction to meet the expenditure towards remuneration for stock verification from the H/a "Part 1 - Non Plan - MH38- Department of Sanskrit -4-1800-Books/Periodicals/Journals" provided in the current years budget estimates. An amount of Rs.1,00,000/- has been allotted towards the H/a "Part 1 - Non Plan-MH38- Department of Sanskrit -4-1800-Books/Periodicals/Journals".

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 19.12.2024, considered the matter of granting remuneration to the five persons engaged in stock verification and recommended to direct the Head, Department of Sanskrit to stop the stock verification work in the Department Library with immediate effect as proper administrative sanction has not been obtained for engaging five persons to complete the stock verification work in the Dept Library, as per the existing rules and also to hear the Head, Department of Sanskrit, by the Committee. The Syndicate, vide Item No.16.82.05 / 23.12.2024 resolved to approve the above recommendation. The Head, Department of Sanskrit has been intimated of the Syndicate resolution.

As per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the matter of hearing the Head, Department of Sanskrit, on the matter of providing remuneration to the five persons engaged in stock verification in the Department Library of Sanskrit, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Dr. C.N. Vijayakumari, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sanskrit appeared before the Committee in person and requested to withdraw the request submitted by her for providing remuneration to the five persons engaged in stock verification in the Department Library of Sanskrit. The statement for withdrawing the same has not been submitted by Dr.C.N.Vijayakumari.

The Committee then recommended to entrust the Audit wing to verify the records in the Library and submit a report before this Committee.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.02: Request for arrears of salary and refixation of pension in the post of Pool Officer submitted by Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M., Pool Officer (Retd.) -reg.

(Ad. A I)

Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M., vide submission dated 22.03.2023 submitted that she was eligible for promotion to the post of Pool Officer w.e.f. 01.08.2019 but the University granted the same only on 30.12.2019 that too as per the judgment in WP (C) No. 28262/2019. It was also submitted that the University in compliance to another judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP (C) No. 22608/2018 dated 23.12.2021 granted promotion as Pool Officers to two retired Section Officers (FC &D)- Smt. Chandrika M. and Smt. Sobhana Kumari P., with effect from the date of occurrence of vacancy and paid arrears of salary and refixed their pension accordingly and hence, requested that she may also be granted promotion w.e.f 01.08.2019 and to grant her the arrears of salary and to refix the pension accordingly in the light of said judgment.

The Govt. vide GO(P) No.86/2011/Fin dated 26.02.2011 and GO(P) No.144/2011/Fin dated 30.03.2011 have ordered to dispense with the system of granting promotion to the post of Section Officer (FC&D), Section Officer (FC&D) (Hr.Gr) and to that of Pool Officer w.e.f 01.02.2011 and UO No.Ad.AI.2/451/15 dated 26.11.2015 had been issued in this regard. As per the GO "Section Officer (FC&D), Section Officer (FC&D) (Hr.Gr) and Pool Office cease to exist w.e.f 01.02.2011. However, incumbents in these posts will continue till retirement". In the UO No.Ad.AI.2/451/15 date 26.11.2015, it is clearly stated that amendment to the Ordinance shall be made separately. In the tenth pay revision order GO(P)No.10/2016/Fin dated 21.01.2016, the scale of pay of the post of Pool Officer is given with an "*" symbol and explanation given to that is "The incumbents on personal scale are eligible for the scale of pay as far as these posts are concerned". The posts "Section Officer (FC&D) and Hr. Gr Section Officer (FC&D) are not included in the GO(P)No.10/2016/Fin date 21.01.2016.

The matter with regard to the amendment to Chapter XVII of the Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978 in respect of Sl.No.12 A – Pool Officer was placed before the meeting of the Syndicate on 25.05.2019 and later laid before the Senate at its meeting held on 13.06.2019. The amendment proposal that "the post of Pool Officer ceases to exist w.e.f 01.02.2011, however the incumbents in this post will continue till retirement" were considered and adopted by the Senate and was submitted to the Hon'ble Chancellor on 22.07.2019 vide DO letter No. Ac.L/ord/2836/2019 dated 16.07.2019. The assent of the Hon'ble Chancellor is awaited.

Since the University has not effected the formal amendment in the Ordinance, as Chancellor's assent is awaited, University was forced to effect promotions to the post of Pool Officer as per the directions from the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, even though it was discontinued w.e.f 01.02.2011 vide U.O. No.Ad.AI.2/451/15 dated 26.11.2015. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, earlier, while considering the petitions of the employees of the FC&D wing for promotion to the post of Pool Officer, it was clearly mentioned that "abolition of the post can be made only by way of an amendment to the Statute/Ordinance/Syndicate decision. The post of the Pool Officer is covered by the provisions of the Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978. Therefore as long as the statutory provision remains unchanged, the University is bound to consider the petitioners for promotion to the post of Pool Officers. In the absence of any statutory amendment, the University cannot withhold the promotion to the post of Pool Officer".

Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M., Office Superintendent (Hr.Gr.) was granted promotion to the post of Pool Officer w.e.f 30.12.2019, as per the direction from Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide judgment dated 24.10.2019 in WP (C) No. 28262/2019 filed by herself and the resolution of the Syndicate held on 28.12.2019 (Special Item No.1), in the vacancy of Sri. K A Nazeemudeen, Pool Officer retired. Now she has submitted that she was eligible for promotion to the post of Pool Officer with effect from 01.08.2019 (date of occurrence of vacancy) and hence the same may be granted arrears of salary & pensionary benefits be paid accordingly as has been given to Smt. Chandrika M and Smt. Sobhana Kumari P, pursuant to the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP (C) No. 22608/2018 dated 23.12.2021. But it may be noted that such benefits were granted to Smt. Chandrika M and Smt. Sobhana Kumari P as per the specific orders of the Hon'ble High Court to grant them promotion with effect from the date of occurrence of vacancy & arrears of salary and pensionary benefits and not based on any decision taken by the University on its own.

In the Judgment dated 24.10.2019 in WP (C) No.28262/2019 filed by Smt.Nabeesa Beevi.M., it was not specified to give promotions with retrospective effect. Since the promotion to the post of Pool Officer involves duty change, the incumbent is eligible for monetary benefits w.e.f. the date of assuming charge of the Office, as per Rule 23 (a), Part I, KSR. Further University has not obtained any direction to issue notional promotion to the incumbent from the date of occurrence of vacancy in the post of Pool Officer.

In a similar case, as per the judgment dated 29.06.2022 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP (C) No. 9563/2019, Sri. Nazeemudeen K A, Pool Officer (Retd) was revised with the promotion in the post of Pool Officer notionally with effect from 01.06.2017 (i.e., from the date of occurrence of vacancy), vice in the vacancy of Sri. P. Vijayakumaran Nair, Pool Officer retired, as a special case vide U.O.No.Ad.AI/18966/2023 dated 14.07.2023. It is also ordered that the arrears of salary, if any, in the promoted post shall be disbursed with effect from the date of assuming charge in that post.

Under the above circumstances legal opinion of the Standing Counsel was sought on the request by Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M for granting promotion with retrospective effect and for the disbursement of arrears of salary & refixation of pension.

The opinion rendered by the Standing Counsel upon the matter is as follows.

Referring to the observations of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in the judgment dated 21.05.2014 in WP(C) No. 9276 of 2013 that the Government cannot desist in filling up of posts contemplated in the ordinance in the absence of suitable amendment of the same and on WP(C) No.22608 of 2018 regarding the request for implementing Kerala State Human Rights Commission's directions to grant retirement benefits by promoting the petitioner to the post of Pool Officer with retrospective effect, the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Amrit Lal Berry & K.N. Kapur vs Collector of Central Excise and Others (AIR 1975 SC 438), where the Apex Court held that "once the judgment is declared by the court in a petition moved by a citizen, the others in the like circumstances, should be able to rely on the sense of responsibility of the department concerned and to expect that they will be given the benefit of this declaration without the need to take their grievances to Court"

"It is crucial to highlight that, should Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M. approach the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, drawing attention to the fact that similarly situated individuals have been granted the benefits of promotion from the date of the vacancy, along with arrears of salary and other eligible entitlements, it is virtually certain that the same relief would be granted to her as well. Given the

observations of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Amrit Lal Berry, it is my considered opinion that the University has a duty to address Smt. Nabeesa Beevi's request for promotion and accord her treatment consistent with others in identical circumstances/ without compelling her to resort to further litigation."

Remarks were sought from the Finance Officer by referring to the facts related with regard to the granting of promotions to the post of Pool Officers in identical circumstances as detailed below.

1. As per Rule 23 (a), Part I, Kerala Service Rules where there is a change in duty ; "an officer shall begin to draw the pay and allowances attached to his tenure of a post with effect from the date he assumes duties of that post".

The post of Pool Officer involves duty change, an incumbent promoted to the post is eligible for monetary benefits w.e.f. the date of assuming charge of the Office, as per the aforesaid rule.

2. Smt. Chandrika M, Section Officer (FC& D) (Hr.Gr.) (Retd) and Smt. Sobhana Kumari., Section Officer (FC& D) (Hr.Gr.) (Retd) were granted promotions to the post of Pool Officer with retrospective effect and arrears of salary, benefits of re-fixation of pay & pensionary benefits, solely based on the specific orders of the Hon'ble High Court vide Judgment dated 23.12.2021 in WP (C) No. 22608/2018 and not based on any decision taken by the University on its own.
3. Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M., was granted promotion as Pool Officer w.e.f 30.12.2019 in the vacancy of Sri. Nazeemudeen K.A., Pool Officer (Rtd.) as per the direction from the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) No.28262/2019 dated 24.10.2019. In the direction from the Hon'ble Court no specific orders have been issued on granting promotion with retrospective effect or payment of arrears of salary, re-fixation of pay.
4. On implementing the judgment dated 29.06.2022 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WP (C) No. 9563/2019 the promotion of Sri. Nazeemudeen K.A. as Pool Officer was made notionally w.e.f 01.06.2017; ie from the date of occurrence of vacancy as a special case and the disbursal of arrears of salary in the promoted post was allowed with effect from the date of assuming charge in that post only. vide U.O. No.Ad.AI/18966/2023 dated 14.07.2023 which was issued pursuant to a hearing of the incumbent as ordered by the Hon'ble Court. Accordingly he was heard by a Committee consisting of the Registrar, Finance Officer and Legal Adviser as per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor.

The retirement benefits of Sri. Nazeemudeen K.A., has been approved by the Kerala State Audit Department based on the pay drawn by him in the post of Pool Officer.

The Finance Officer remarked that;

As per Rule 23 (a), Part I, Kerala Service Rules where there is a change in duty; "an officer shall begin to draw the pay and allowances attached to his tenure of a post with effect from the date he assumes duties of that post".

Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M. was granted promotion to the post of Pool Officer (superannuation vacancy of Sri. Nazeemudeen K.A. who retired on 31.07.2019) w.e.f. 30.12.2019 as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide judgment dated 24.10.2019 in WP(C) No.28262/2019 dated 24.10.2019. The post of Pool Officer involves duty change. Going by the above mentioned rule in KSR, Finance is of opinion that the promotion of Smt.Nabeesa Beevi M. as Pool Officer may be considered notionally w.e.f. 01.08.2019 .ie from the date of occurrence of vacancy. However the disbursal of arrears of salary in the promoted posts may be allowed w.e.f. the date of assuming charge in the post similarly as done in the case of her immediate senior Sri. NazeemudeenK .A. Pool Officer.

After obtaining the remarks of the Finance Officer the file was submitted for the orders of the Vice Chancellor whether:

1. Smt. Nabeesa Beevi M. be granted promotion as Pool Officer notionally w.e.f. 01.08.2019 (ie. The date of occurrence of vacancy).
2. the disbursal of arrears of salary in the promoted post of Pool Officer be allowed w.e.f. 30.12.2019 (ie. The date of assuming charge as Pool Officer).

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request of Smt.Nabeesa Beevi M. for promotion as Pool Officer w.e.f. 01.08.2019 along with arrears and re-fixation of pension, and the opinion of the Standing Counsel that the University has a duty to address Smt. Nabeesa Beevi's request for promotion and accord her treatment consistent with others in identical circumstances as well as the

remarks of the Finance Officer to grant her promotion notionally w.e.f. 01.08.2019 with disbursal of arrears of salary w.e.f the date of assuming charge as Pool Officer, are placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to entrust the Assistant Registrar (Admn. I) to submit a report on the matter in the next Committee.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.03: *Late (Dr.) G. Sidhardhan, Former Registrar- regularisation of suspension period for the purpose of availing pensionary benefits- reg.*

(Ad. A I)

Dr.G. Sidhardhan., Asst. Professor in Management Studies, Anna University, was appointed as Registrar of University of Kerala vide memo dated: Ad.A1.1.515/97 dated 30.07.1997 and **assumed charge in the post on 05.09.1997**, vide U.O No. Ad.A1.1.515/97 dated: 24.09.1997 and **retired from the service on 31.01.2003**.

The **Syndicate held on 08.03.2001 vide item No.62**, considered the allegations levelled against Dr. G Sidhardhan and resolved to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Dr.G.Sidhardhan, Registrar (on leave), under the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 as a prima facie case of gross misconduct and abuse of his Office has been established and further resolved that Dr.G.Sidhardhan be placed under suspension pending disciplinary proceedings. The Syndicate held on 08.03.2001, also resolved to authorise a Sub -committee consisting of M/s. R.Mohankumar, K.Prasad, Antony Raju and Koliakode Krishnan Nair, Members of Syndicate to frame draft charges against Dr.G.Sidhardhan, vide U.O No. Ad.A.1.1/515/97 dated: 08.03.2001.

The Syndicate held on **19.09.2001 vide Item No.33**, resolved to reinstate Dr.G.Sidhardhan, the Registrar under suspension in service forthwith. It was further resolved to post him as Director, College Development Council with the same pay and allowances he has received as the Registrar, till the finalisation of the disciplinary proceedings against him. Accordingly he was reinstated and assumed charge as **Director, College Development Council w.e.f 03.10. 2001. F.N.** with the same pay and allowances as he was receiving as the Registrar, vide U.O NO.Ad.A1.1.515/97/ dated: 29.10.2001.

In continuation of the Disciplinary proceedings, the Syndicate held on 07.01.2003, considered the report of the Enquiry Committee in this regard and resolved to accept the same and re-instate Dr. G. Sidhardhan as the Registrar of the University with immediate effect. Subsequently, he had assumed charge of the **Registrar on 08.01.2003** and retired from the post of Registrar on 31.01.2003.

The **Syndicate held on 09.06.2023 vide Item No. 58.81 Additional.7**, resolved to grant eligible Ex-Gratia pension/Gratuity with arrears, as per existing rules, to the legal heir of (Late) Dr. G. S. Sidhardhan for the service rendered by him as Registrar, University of Kerala and to release the amount of Rs.5,11,275/- received from the Anna University towards 'Pro rata Pension Liabilities' in r/o Dr. G.Sidhardhan, former Registrar, for the services rendered in Anna University during the period from 20.02.1992 to 02.09.1997 and the services rendered in the various Government Aided Colleges in the state of Tamil Nadu from 23.09.1970 to 19.02.1997, to his legal heir, as per rules, **on the strength of the remarks of the Joint Director, Kerala State Audit Department (KSAD) vide letter dated: 31.03.2023**. Accordingly, a University Order was issued vide **U.O No. Ad.A1.3./2023 dated: 03.07.2023**, implementing the above decision.

Subsequently, Dr.G. Sidhardhan, former Registrar, who has **retired on 31.01.2003 and expired on 28.09.2021**, was granted **Ex gratia Pensionary benefits (Ex Gratia pension and DCRG)** and Smt. Chandralekha. G w/o Dr. G. Sidhardhan, was granted **Ex Gratia family pension vide U.O No. Ad.AIII.2 EGP/49702/2024 dated: 24.01.2024**.

While processing the Terminal Leave Surrender application in r/o Late.(Dr.) G. Sidhardhan, the Finance has sought the remarks on the **suspension period in r/o Dr.G.Sidhardhan from 08.03.2001 to 02.10.2001**, that whether the period was regularised or not. Since no University Order or note regarding the regularisation of his suspension period was found in the respective Files, clarification was sought from the Audit Section on this matter.

Audit Section has remarked, that "On verification of entries made in the Audit volume, it is understood that Dr. G. Sidhardhan was paid subsistence allowance during his period of suspension from 08.03.2001 till 02.10.2001. Later, consequent on his reinstatement in service w.e.f 03.10.2001 as The Director, College Development Council, he continued to receive the pay and allowances same as that of the Registrar."

In the wake of the non regularisation of suspension period in r/o Dr. G. Sidhardhan, Ad.AIII Section (vide DDFS File No. 13072/Ad.AIII/2024/UOK) had sought the status of regularisation of the suspension period, in order to disburse the Ex-Gratia Pension, DCRG and Ex-Gratia Family Pension to the legal heir of Dr. G. Sidhardhan.

Under these circumstances and in the light of the resolution of the **Syndicate held on 07.01.2003 (Item No.2)**; i.e., accepting the report of the Enquiry Committee and re-instating Dr.Sidhardhan as Registrar of the University w.e.f. 08.01.2003, his retirement from the post of Registrar on 31.01.2003 and subsequent demise on 28.09.2021, remarks was sought from the Finance III Section on the following;.

- whether the suspension period of Dr.G.Sidhardhan, former Registrar from 08/03/2001 to 02/10/2001 can be regularised for the purpose of availing pensionary benefits, by treating the period as Leave Without Allowance.
- whether the subsistence allowance paid to Dr. G. Sidhardhan during the suspension period need to be recovered, if the period can be treated as Leave Without Allowance for the purpose of availing pensionary benefits.

The Finance, vide note dated: 28.04.2024 has remarked that, the period of suspension shall be converted into leave of any kind due and admissible to the Officer, as per the provisions under 'Rule 56 B (7), Part I of KSR'. Since Dr. G. Sidhardhan, former Registrar, was suspended from 08.03.2001 to 02.10.2001, if the period of suspension is regularised as LWA, the subsistence allowance drawn shall be refunded, as per the provision under 'Note 3 to Rule 56 B, Part I of KSR'. The Finance, vide note dated: 29.01.2024 had previously remarked that Dr. G. Sidhardhan did not have any eligible leave (i.e., EL or CML) to regularise the suspension period, as per the entries in the Leave Volume.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the above matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendations on whether:

- 1) the suspension period of Dr.G.Sidhardhan, former Registrar, from 08.03.2001 to 02.10.2001, may be regularised for the purpose of availing pensionary benefits, by treating the period as Leave Without Allowance (under Rule 88, Part I KSR), as per the provisions under 'Rule 56 B (7), Part I of KSR' .
- 2) the subsistence allowance paid to Dr. G. Sidhardhan during the suspension period, may be recovered in accordance with the provision under 'Note 3 to Rule 56 B, Part I of KSR'; so that further steps can be taken for processing the application for Terminal Leave Surrender and disbursing the approved Ex-Gratia Pension, DCRG and Ex-Gratia Family Pension to the legal heir of Dr.G.Sidhardhan.

The Syndicate in it's 14th meeting held on 09.09.2024 (Item No. 14.06.18) resolved to seek opinion from Adv. G. Jyothichudan, Special Secretary (Retd.), Law Dept., Govt. of Kerala (Service Consultant) regarding the regularisation of the suspension period of Dr. G. Sidhardhan for the purpose of availing pensionary benefits and further resolved to place the same before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance. Consequently, Adv.G.Jyothichudan., furnished a Legal opinion vide paper dated: 19.12.2024 as detailed below:-

LEGAL OPINION

"My opinion has been sought in the matter of regularisation of suspension period for the purpose of availing pensionary benefits by Dr.G.Sidhardhan, former Registrar. I have examined the File relating to the appointment and disciplinary action taken against Dr.G.Sidhardhan, former Registrar of the University of Kerala and hereby furnish the following.

Facts

Dr. G. Sidhardhan was appointed as the Registrar of University of Kerala and assumed charge as such on 5/9/1997 and retired from service on 31/3/2003. While in service, he was suspended with effect from 8/3/2001, as resolved by the Syndicate in its meeting held on 8/3/2001 vide Item No. 62. The Syndicate also resolved to authorise a Sub Committee consisting of members of Syndicate to frame charges against him and place it before Syndicate for detailed consideration and approval. The

Syndicate in its meeting held on 17/4/2001 vide special Item No. 4 approved the Memo of Charges and Statement of Allegations and issued the same to Dr.G.Sidhardhan on 19/4/2001. Dr. G. Sidhardhan submitted his Statement of Defence on 4/6/2001. In the Statement of Defence, he requested the Vice Chancellor and the Syndicate to give him an opportunity of being heard, withdraw and annul the allegations, allow him to resume duty as Registrar and treat the period of suspension as duty. Dr. G. Sidhardhan was given an opportunity of being heard by the Syndicate at 11.00 AM on 19/6/2001. The Syndicate after allowing a personal hearing on 19/6/2001 resolved that 'a formal enquiry is essential and hence it was resolved that Sri. R.Mohanakumar and Sri. K.N. Balagopal, members of the Syndicate be appointed as the Inquiry Authority to conduct the enquiry and submit a report before the Syndicate, recording specific findings on each of the charges'. Dr. G. Sidhardhan gave a note to the Vice Chancellor on 28/8/2001 wherein he has stated that 'I have submitted my explanation to the University and when I was given a hearing by the Syndicate on 19/6/2001, no member contested any of my statements contained in the Statement of Defence, since it was totally true'. He further requested that 'he may be reinstated immediately and the difference between the subsistence allowance and the full pay and allowances be paid as arrears'. The Syndicate in its meeting held on 19/9/2001, considered the request and resolved 'to reinstate him (Dr. G. Sidhardhan) in service forthwith'. The Syndicate further resolved 'to post him as Director, College Development Council with the same pay and allowances he was receiving as Registrar till the finalisation of disciplinary proceedings against him. He took charge as such on 3/10/2001. On 11/10/2001, Sri.R.Mohanakumar and Sri.K.N. Balagopal, members of the Sub Committee constituted by the Syndicate for conducting the formal inquiry, were requested to complete the enquiry and submit its report before the Syndicate. The Syndicate in its meeting held on 21/11/2001 resolved to expedite the enquiry and also appoint a Presenting Officer for conducting the formal enquiry. The Vice Chancellor approved the appointment of Sri. SureshBabu, JR (Campus Admn) as the Presenting Officer on 28/11/2001.

FINDINGS

- 1) The disciplinary procedure applicable to the Registrar, as per Chapter 2, Statute 20 is the disciplinary procedure prescribed for non -teaching staff of the University provided in Chapter 4, Part III of the Kerala University First Statutes 1977.
- 2) Formal enquiry is conducted for imposing major penalty. The procedure for imposing Major Penalty is prescribed in Chapter 4, Part III, Statutes 31 to 45 of the Kerala University First Statutes .The procedure prescribed therein has not been initiated yet.
- 3) What has been commenced by the issuance of the Memo of Charges and Statement Of Allegations on 19/4/2001 can only be construed as the procedure prescribed for imposition of Minor Penalty provided in Statutes 46 and 47.
- 4) It is seen from the records in the File that the enquiry decided to be conducted by the Sub-Committee of the Syndicate has not been initiated/completed.
- 5) It is further seen that no decision, accepting or rejecting the statements in the Written Statement of Defence submitted by Dr.G.Sidhardhan on 4/6/2001 has been taken by the Syndicate. Though the Syndicate resolved to appoint an Inquiry Authority to conduct enquiry by a Sub -Committee of the Syndicate, the said Committee neither conducted the enquiry as prescribed in the Statutes nor submitted an enquiry report with its specific findings.
- 6) It is seen that the Syndicate in its meeting held on 19/9/2001 resolved to reinstate Dr.G. Sidhardhan FORTHWITH considering his request dated: 28/8/2001, wherein he referred to his statements in W. S .D and statements given at the time of personal hearing given before the Syndicate .Though the Syndicate authorised the Sub-Committee to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against him, it did not even come to a preliminary finding that he was guilty of any of the charges. The decision to reinstate him forthwith indicates that the Syndicate was not convinced about the veracity of the charges as also his culpability on the same.
- 7) As already stated, the disciplinary procedure commenced in this case can only be treated as one for imposing Minor Penalty. Statute 41 requires the disciplinary authority to arrive at findings on report of enquiry; Statute 43 prescribes the manner of imposing Minor Penalty; Statute 44 requires the communication of the orders imposing penalty and Statute 52 provides for appeal against penalty imposed.

- 8) The 2 points on which my opinion is sought is whether the suspension period of Dr.G.Sidhardhan from 8/3/2011 to 2/10/2001 can be regularised for the purpose of availing pensionary benefits by treating the period as Leave Without Allowances under Rule 88 Part I of (KSR) as per the provisions under Rule 56B(7) Part I of KSR and whether in such a situation the subsistence allowance paid to Dr.G. Sidhardhan can be recovered in accordance with the provisions under Note 3 to Rule 56B, Part I of KSR.
- 9) The question as to how the period of suspension has to be regularised arises only on conclusion and completion of the disciplinary proceedings as required by the procedure prescribed by law, in this case, the relevant provisions of 'The Kerala University First Statutes, 1977' stated above. The disciplinary authority of Dr.G. Sidhardhan, the Syndicate of the University, could not complete and conclude the disciplinary proceedings as prescribed in the relevant Statutes stated above. As Dr.G. Sidhardhan has expired before the conclusion and completion of the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him. Therefore compliance of the said procedures in the Statutes is now an impossibility. Therefore, no penalty can be imposed on him at this stage.
- 10) For the above reasons, the period of suspension undergone by Dr. G. Sidhardhan, former Registrar, shall be treated as duty for all purposes including full pay and allowances, pension and pensionary benefits.
- 11) Therefore the question of regularising the period of suspension from 08.03.2001 to 02.10.2001 as Leave Without Allowances under Rule 88 Part I of KSR as per the provisions under Rule 56B(7) Part I of KSR does not arise and consequentially the recovery of subsistence allowance paid to Dr. G. Sidhardhan in accordance with the provisions under Note 3 to Rule 56B, Part I of KSR also does not arise.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the Legal Opinion obtained from Adv. G.Jyothichudan, Special Secretary (Retd.), Law Dept., Govt. of Kerala is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendations.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to obtain legal opinion from the Standing Counsel on the Legal Opinion rendered by Adv. G. Jyothichudan, Special Secretary (Retd.), Law Dept., Govt. of Kerala and the remarks from the Finance on the matter.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.04: Kerala University Youth Festival 2024- request for granting compensation leave/ remuneration at the rate of admissible D.A.- reg.-

(Ad. A I)

As per the request from the Director, Department of Student Services, University of Kerala, Staff were deputed time to time vide Office Orders No.Ad.AI/12996/2024/UOK dated: **05.03.2024, 06.03.2024, 11.03.2024 and 18.03.2024** for the smooth conduct of **Kerala University Youth Festival 2024**, at **Thiruvananthapuram**, from **07.03.2024 to 11.03.2024**.

The Director, DSS, vide letters No.DSS/KUYF/2024 dated: 27.05.2024 has requested to issue orders so as to claim **admissible DA and/ or eligible Compensation Leave to the Officers, in lieu of attending the Kerala University Youth Festival duties 2024**, for the employees, for the period as detailed below:

From 02.03.2024 to 11.03.2024

1. Sri.Siddik R., Director (i/c), Department of Student Services.
2. Sri.Nithin N.S. (5370), Administrative Officer, Department of Student Services.
3. Sri.Sreejith M.P. (5086), Section Officer, Ac F III.
4. Sri.Sreekanth S.K. (5423), Section Officer, CBCS BA II.
5. Smt.Sheela.C. (6376), Office Superintendent, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries.
6. Sri.Kichu G. Jayan (5705), Assistant (Sel.Gr), EG XI B.
7. Smt.Soumya S.B. (5723), Assistant (Sel.Gr), Finance IV.
8. Sri.SarithR. (5807), Assistant (Sel.Gr), Finance II.

9. Sri.Sabith K.I. (5774), Assistant (Sr.Gr), KUSRC, Alappuzha.
10. Smt.Subi P.S. (6033), Assistant (Sr.Gr), ED XVIII.
11. Smt.Akhila V.S. (6486), Assistant (Sr.Gr), ES VI.
12. Sri.Ameer A.K. (6548), Assistant, Department of Student Services.
13. Sri.Risal Rasheed (6662), Assistant, ED VII.
14. Sri.AnvarA. (6792), Assistant, Ad.Misc.
15. Sri.Akhil Raj M.V. (6824), Assistant, Department of Student Services.
16. Sri.Karthik S. Kumar (6942), Assistant, Ad A VI Section.
17. Smt.Bhagyalekshmi S.R. (6519), Computer Assistant (Sr.Gr), Hologram Section.
18. Smt.Anjali R. Pillai (6588), Computer Assistant (Gr.I), Department of Student Services.

From 07.03.2024 to 11.03.2024 (The employees coming under the purview of the Section are taken)

1. Smt.A.S. Sona Rani (4974), Section Officer, Ac EII
2. Smt.Aruna Gopalakrishnan (5041), Section Officer, Finance II
3. Sri.Nandakumar.S.(5393), Section Officer, Ac H
4. Smt.Krishna Priya P.(5930), Office Superintendent(Hr.Gr), DD II
5. Smt.Swapna K.C. (6022), Assistant(Sel.Gr), Audit IV A
6. Smt.Aswathy. R.(6827), Assistant, CBCS B.Sc IV
7. Smt.Divyamol V.S.(6901), Assistant, Ac EIII
8. Sri.Shan. S. (7026), Assistant, IT Cell Exams
9. Sri.Vishnu Chandran C.S.(6805), Assistant, IT Cell Exams
10. Smt.Vijimol. V. (6460), Computer Assistant(Sr.Gr), University General Help Desk
11. Sri.Santhosh G. Nair(4656), Assistant Registrar, Accounts
12. Sri.M. Anvar Ali Ahammed (4957), Section Officer, IQAC Section
13. Sri.A.S. Sajith Khan (4500), Section Officer, EA XV Section
14. Sri.Sreejith K.G. (5068), Section Officer, RTI Section
15. Sri.D.Vebhin (4522), Section Officer, Accounts V C Section
16. Sri.S.L. Naveen (5126), Administrative Officer, Department of Kerala Studies
17. Smt.Padma K.P.(5530), Section Officer, EG XI C Section
18. Smt.Nimishalbrahim (5555), Assistant (Sel.Gr), CBCS B.Sc VI Section
19. Smt.Viji D.B. (5595), Assistant (Sel.Gr), Ad C Section
20. Smt.ResmiChandran (5606), Assistant (Sel.Gr), Ac EI Section
21. Sri.Kiran Raj (5767), Assistant (Sel.Gr), Election Section
22. Smt.Deepthy J.R. (5813), Assistant (Sel.Gr), ES VIII
23. Smt.Resmi S.R. (6517), Assistant (Sr.Gr), CBCS B.Sc V Section
24. Sri.Satheesh Babu B. (5945), Assistant (Sr.Gr), KU Library Palayam
25. Sri.ShanmukhanK. (6451), Assistant (Sr.Gr), EKII/CD Unit
26. Smt.Nileena T. Raghavan(6205), Assistant (Sr.Gr), Ad A VIII
27. Smt.Deepa Rani I (6650), Assistant, EF I Section
28. Sri.Ajith R.J. (6946), Assistant, Ac AI Section
29. Smt.Vidya V.S. (6738), Assistant, OAD III Section
30. Sri.IrijuI.(6941), Computer Assistant (Gr.II), Legal Advisor Section
31. Sri.Abhijith Krishna (6834), Clerical Assistant, Ac AI

It may be noted that the holidays during this period are as follows;

- 1) **02.03.2024 to 11.03.2024 are 03.03.2024, 08.03.2024, 09.03.2024 and 10.03.2024**
- 2) **07.03.2024 to 11.03.2024 are 08.03.2024, 09.03.2024 and 10.03.2024**

As **Compensation Leave shall be availed before the expiry of three calendar months from the date on which the duty is performed** and since the said three calendar months expired by 11.06.2024, remarks were sought from the Finance whether the staff who performed duty in connection with Kerala University Youth Festival 2024 may be granted remuneration at the rate of the admissible D.A., in lieu of their duty performed round the clock, for the successful completion of the Youth Festival 2024. The Finance has remarked to take a policy decision at the administrative level, whether remuneration at the rate of DA admissible may be paid to the Officers who performed the duty in connection with Kerala University Youth Festival 2024.

It may be noted that, as per the provisions under 'Statute 3 (vi), Chapter 6 of the KUFS, 1977'; the Syndicate can fix the remuneration and the travelling and other such allowances payable to the persons engaged in University business.

Meanwhile clarification was sought whether precedences are there, for the matter for which the following points were given for consideration;

1. In the previous instance, since the Kerala University Youth Festival 2023 was held at Alappuzha, the staff deputed were granted permission to claim eligible TA/ DA as per rules in tune with U.O.No.Ad.DI.3.1276/02 dated 10.12.2004, and they claimed the TA/DA as per rules.
2. In the present case, the Kerala University Youth Festival 2024 was held at the Senate House Campus itself and the Staff were deputed for the conduct of the same, for various days with effect from 02.03.2024 to 11.03.2024. Hence they are not in a position to claim TA/DA as per rules.
3. The Officers deputed, performed the duty round the clock in connection with the Kerala University Youth Festival 2024, even on holidays.
Also, as per rules, compensation leave can be availed only for the duty performed on holidays (i.e., 03.03.2024, 08.03.2024, 09.03.2024, 10.03.2024) and the same shall be availed before the expiry of three calendar months from the date on which the duty is performed. In this case, the eligibility for availing the compensation leave has expired on 11.06.2024.
4. The Director, DSS has requested that the Officers who worked round the clock for the successful completion of the Youth Festival even in the mishaps, may be permitted to claim admissible DA and/ or eligible compensation leave in lieu of the duty performed.
5. Finance has remarked that a policy decision may be taken at the administrative level whether, remuneration at the rate of DA admissible may be paid to the Officers who have performed duty round the clock. in connection with the Kerala University Youth Festival 2024.
6. As per the provisions under '**Statute 3 (vi), Chapter 6 of the KUFS, 1977**'; the Syndicate can fix the remuneration and the travelling and other such allowances payable to persons engaged in University business.

In light of the above facts, the File is submitted for orders on the further course of action to be taken in this regard.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice- Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to entrust the Director (i/c), Department of Student Services to submit a detailed proposal on remuneration for the University Staffs who performed the duty round the clock in connection with Kerala University Youth Festival 2024.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.05: *കാര്യവട്ടം യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഹെൽത്ത് സെന്ററിലെ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലുള്ള ജീവനക്കാരുടെ ശമ്പള വർദ്ധനവിനായുള്ള അപേക്ഷ സംബന്ധിച്ച്.*

(Ad. D II)

ക്യാമ്പസ് ഭരണ വിഭാഗം ജോയിന്റ് രജിസ്ട്രാർ 19.11.2024 തീയതിയിലെ കത്ത് പ്രകാരം, കാര്യവട്ടം യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഹെൽത്ത് സെന്ററിലെ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലുള്ള ജീവനക്കാരായ ശ്രീമതി അഞ്ജലി ശിവൻ എൽ (നേഴ്സ്), ശ്രീമതി അമല ശിവകുമാർ (ഫീമെയിൽ കൗൺസിലർ), ശ്രീമതി ആഷ്ലി പി വർഗീസ് (മെഡിക്കൽ അറ്റൻഡർ) എന്നിവർ ശമ്പള വർദ്ധനവിനായി സമർപ്പിച്ച അപേക്ഷകൾ അയച്ചു തന്നിരിക്കുന്നു.

നിലവിൽ ശ്രീമതി അഞ്ജലി ശിവൻ എൽ- കരാർ നേഴ്സ് ആയി 06.03.2024 തീയതി മുതൽ ₹21000 (ഇരുപത്തിയൊന്നായിരം രൂപ) പ്രതിമാസ വേതനത്തിലും ശ്രീമതി ആഷ്ലി പി വർഗീസ്- കരാർ മെഡിക്കൽ അറ്റൻഡർ ആയി 26.06.2024 തീയതി മുതൽ ₹18,000 (പതിനെട്ടായിരം രൂപ) പ്രതിമാസ വേതനത്തിലും ശ്രീമതി അമല ശിവകുമാർ കരാർ ഫീമെയിൽ കൗൺസിലർ ആയി 12.06.2024 തീയതി മുതൽ ₹29875 (ഇരുപത്തി ഒൻപതിനായിരത്തി എണ്ണറ്റി എഴുപത്തിയഞ്ച് രൂപ) പ്രതിമാസ വേതനത്തിലും കാര്യവട്ടത്തെ സർവകലാശാല ഹെൽത്ത് സെന്ററിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്തു വരുന്നു .

ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ സർവകലാശാലയിൽ 11.02.2021-ലെ സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കി കരാർ/ ദിവസവേതന ജീവനക്കാരുടെ വേതനം പരിഷ്കരിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് 30.11.2021-ൽ ഉത്തരവിറക്കുകയും ഇതിന്റെ പിൻബലത്തിൽ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലുള്ള നേക്സ്, മെഡിക്കൽ അറ്റൻഡർ എന്നിവയുടെ വേതനം 01.11.2021 തീയതി മുതൽ ₹21000 (ഇരുപത്തിയൊന്നായിരം രൂപ), ₹18000 (പതിനെട്ടായിരം രൂപ) എന്നീ ക്രമത്തിൽ നിജപ്പെടുത്തി, 25.01.2022-ൽ ഉത്തരവിറക്കിയതായി കാണുന്നു.

01.10.2020-ലെ സിന്റിക്രേറ്റ്, ₹ 29875 (ഇരുപത്തിഒൻപതിനായിരത്തി എണ്ണൂറ്റി എഴുപത്തിയഞ്ച് രൂപ) പ്രതിമാസ വേതനത്തിൽ (21.07-2018 ലെ സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ) യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഹെൽത്ത് സെന്ററിലെ കൗൺസിലിങ് സെന്ററിൽ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഒരു ഫീമെയിൽ കൗൺസിലറെ നിയമിക്കാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചു. ഇത് പ്രകാരമുള്ള വേതനമാണ് നിലവിലെ ഫീമെയിൽ കൗൺസിലർക്ക് നൽകുന്നത്.

ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ വൈസ് ചാൻസിലറുടെ ഉത്തരവിൻ പ്രകാരം മേൽതസ്തികകളിൽ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലുള്ള ജീവനക്കാരുടെ യോഗ്യതയും ജോലിയുടെ സ്വഭാവവും കണക്കിലെടുത്തു കൊണ്ട് വേതന വർദ്ധനവിനായുള്ള അപേക്ഷയിന്മേൽ ഉചിതമായ തീരുമാനം കൈക്കൊള്ളാനായി സിന്റിക്രേറ്റിന്റെ സ്ഥിരം സമിതിയായ ഫിനാൻസിന്റെ പരിഗണനയ്ക്കായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to defer the item for the time being.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.06 : Digi Locker - Online service - Opening New Head of Account reg.

(Ad. D II)

The Syndicate held on 15.03.2024 has resolved to grant permission to the Director, Computer Centre to publish API registration form on the University website for inviting NORKA, PSUs and other Digilocker partners to join Kerala University myapplication platform (Pre-Certified document Wallet).

The Director, KUCC vide note dated 15.07.2024, has informed that KUCC has published the API registration form in the University website.

The Director, KUCC vide Note No KUCC/2024/100 dated 15-07-2024 has informed that KUCC has published the API registration form in the University website as per the resolution of the Syndicate held on 15-03-2024 vide item No. 09.112 and an ECA provider Dejitaru Technology private Limited has applied for the API service. The Director Computer centre has also stated that all Digi Locker partners excluding Government agencies interested in joining the Kerala University my application platform are directed to pay an annual service fee of 100000/- (Rupees: One Lakh only). The Director has recommended to approve Dejitaru Technology private Limited as our primary API partner as our primary API partner. Further ECA providers may be added upon receiving the API registration form in future. Therefore, Director has requested (1) to take necessary action for proceeding with the annual service fee of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) from Dejitaru Technology private Limited. (2) To terminate the Digital Document service (ku.directverify.in) officially once Kerala University myapplication platform (pre-certified Document Wallet) is launched.

The meeting held on 21.11.2024 at Registrar's Chamber for discussing the implementation of online services decided to open a separate head of account for payment of service fee, by the Digilocker partners.

The finance has endorsed vide Endt. No. FOS 3533/ Finance II/ 2024-25 dated 09.12.2024. for the proposal for opening a new sub head by name "AAR 1101 Service Fee by Digilocker partners" under the receipt part of "Part I- Non Plan- A: General Administration- (b) General Receipts" in the Budget Estimates of the University.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, endorsement of the Finance vide Endt. No. FOS 3533/ Finance II/ 2024-25 dated 09.12.2024. for the proposal for opening a new sub head by name "AAR 1101 Service Fee by Digilocker partners" under the receipt part of "Part I- Non Plan- A: General Administration- (b) General Receipts" for remitting Service Fee by Digilocker partners in

the Budget Estimates of the University is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to refer the item to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve proposal for opening a new sub head by name “AAR 1101 Service Fee by Digilocker partners” under the receipt part of “Part I- Non Plan- A: General Administration- (b) General Receipts” for remitting Service Fee by Digilocker partners in the Budget Estimates of the University .

Item No. 18.117.07: സർവകലാശാല എഞ്ചിനീയറിംഗ് യൂണിറ്റിലെ വർക്ക് സൂപ്രണ്ട് തസ്തികയിൽ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലുള്ള ജീവനക്കാരുടെ വേതനം വർദ്ധനവിനായുള്ള അപേക്ഷ സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

(Ad. D II)

യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി എൻജിനീയർ 11.11.2024 തീയതിയിലെ കത്ത് പ്രകാരം എഞ്ചിനീയറിംഗ് യൂണിറ്റിലെ സർവകലാശാലയിൽ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ വർക്ക് സൂപ്രണ്ട് തസ്തികയിൽ ജോലി നോക്കി വരുന്ന ജീവനക്കാർ തങ്ങളുടെ നിലവിലെ ₹23000 (ഇരുപത്തിമൂന്നായിരം രൂപ) പ്രതിമാസവേതനം കേരളത്തിലെ മറ്റു സർവകലാശാലകളിൽ അവർക്കു സമാനമായി ജോലിചെയ്യുന്നവരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിന് ആനുപാതികമായി പതിനൊന്നാം ശമ്പളപരിഷ്കരണ ഉത്തരവനുസരിച്ചുള്ള വർദ്ധനവ് (26500-60700) ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടുകൊണ്ടു സർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള അപേക്ഷ അയച്ചു തരികയും അവരുടെ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസയോഗ്യതയും ജോലിയുടെ സ്വഭാവവും കണക്കിലെടുത്തു പരിഗണിക്കാനും ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

ശ്രീമതി ആശ സി എസ് (10.01.2024), ശ്രീ സജി പി ആർ (29.10.2024), ശ്രീമതി. രാജി എം (26.12.2023), ശ്രീ. ജപസിംഗ് ജെ(29.07.2024), ശ്രീ. ബിജോയ് ചന്ദ്രൻ (29.07.2024), ശ്രീമതി. ഷൈജി മുഹമ്മദ് എൻ (29.07.2024), ശ്രീമതി. ഷൈനി പി ജെ (29.07.2024), ശ്രീ. വിപിൻ ലാൽ വി ആർ (29.07.2024), ശ്രീമതി. സൗമ്യ പി എൽ (18.07.2024), ശ്രീമതി. ജസ്ന എൻ (12.03.2024), ശ്രീമതി. ശ്യാമിലി എസ് ആർ (15.11.2024), ശ്രീമതി. ദിവ്യാഞ്ജലി ആർ (29.10.2024), ശ്രീ.ബിനു എസ് (22.10.2024), ശ്രീ.അലക്സ് സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ (12.04.2024) എന്നിവർ വർക്ക് സൂപ്രണ്ട് തസ്തികയിൽ 11 മാസത്തെ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ, ₹ 23000 (ഇരുപത്തിമൂന്നായിരം രൂപ) ഏകീകൃത ശമ്പളത്തിൽ എഞ്ചിനീയറിംഗ് യൂണിറ്റിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്തു വരുന്നു.

ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ, 11.02.2021-ലെ സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കി സർവകലാശാലയിലെ കരാർ/ ദിവസവേതന ജീവനക്കാരുടെ വേതനം പരിഷ്കരിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് 30.11.2021-ൽ സർവകലാശാല ഉത്തരവിറക്കുകയും ഇതിന്റെ പിൻബലത്തിൽ വർക്ക് സൂപ്രണ്ട് കരാറിന്റെ വേതനം ₹23000 (ഇരുപത്തിമൂന്നായിരം രൂപ) ആയി നിജപ്പെടുത്തി, 25.01.2022-ൽ ഉത്തരവായതായും കാണുന്നു.

ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ വൈസ് ചാൻസിലറുടെ ഉത്തരവിൻ പ്രകാരം വർക്ക് സൂപ്രണ്ട് തസ്തികയിൽ കരാർ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലുള്ള ജീവനക്കാരുടെ യോഗ്യതയും ജോലിയുടെ സ്വഭാവവും കണക്കിലെടുത്തു കൊണ്ട് വേതന വർദ്ധനവിനായുള്ള അപേക്ഷയിന്മേൽ തീരുമാനം കൈക്കൊള്ളാനായി സിന്റിക്ക്കേറ്റിന്റെ സ്ഥിരം സമിതിയായ ഫിനാൻസിന്റെ പരിഗണനയ്ക്കായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to defer the item for the time being.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.08: *Proposal for revision of Hostel fee structure- reg:-*

(Ad. D II)

The Warden, University Hostel for Men & Teachers Hostel, Kariavattom has put forward a proposal for revising the hostel fee vide letter dated 27.11.2024.

A discussion on the draft Budget proposals for the financial year 2025-26 - Meeting with the Heads of Departments/Centres and officers of University was held on 27.11.2024 at 11.30 am at the CLIF, Kariavattom. In the discussion the committee noted that the fee structure for the Hostel students remains the same since 2021 and that of the Teacher's Hostel remains the same since 2019 and a proposal for revising the fee forwarded is attached below.

FRESH ADMISSION		
Item	Current fee (UG/PG/Mphil/PhD)	Proposed fee
Admission Fee	100	105
Caution Deposit	1000	1050
Mess Advance	1000	1050
Hostel Development Fund	250	265
PTA Fund	50	55
ID Card	25	30
Welfare Fee	20	25
Medical Fee	50	55
Entertainment Fee (TV)	20	25
Room Rent (monthly)	UG/PG/Mphil :100 PhD : 150	UG/PG/Mphil :105 PhD : 160
Establishment Charges (monthly)	UG/PG/Mphil :100 PhD : 150	UG/PG/Mphil :105 PhD : 160
RE- ADMISSION		
Item	Current fee (UG/PG/Mphil/PhD)	Proposed fee
Re-Admission Fee	UG/PG/Mphil :150 PhD : 250	UG/PG/Mphil :160 PhD : 265
Hostel Development Fund	250	265
Welfare Fee	20	25
Medical Fee	50	55
Establishment Charges (monthly)	UG/PG/Mphil :100 PhD : 150	UG/PG/Mphil :105 PhD : 160
Room Rent (monthly)	UG/PG/Mphil :100 PhD : 150	UG/PG/Mphil :105 PhD : 160
ID Card	25	30
GUEST FEE		
Item	Current fee (UG/PG/Mphil/PhD)	Proposed fee
Guest rent/day	UG/PG : 50 PhD : 75	UG/PG :55 PhD : 80
Establishment Charges/day	25	30
Mess fee/day	100	105
Temporary ID card	25	30

The current fee structure and proposed fee structure (changed to 5%) is as follows

Teacher's Hostel		
Item	Current fee	Proposed fee
Admission fee	Single room : 315 Family suite: 420	Single room : 335 Family suite: 445
Caution Deposit	Single room : 1000 Family suite: 1500	Single room : 1050 Family suite: 1575
HDF	Single room : 210 Family suite: 315	Single room : 225 Family suite: 335
Room Rent (monthly)	Single room : 1050 Family suite: 1575	Single room : 1105 Family suite: 1655

As ordered by the Vice Chancellor the proposal submitted by the Warden, University Hostel for Men, for revising the fee structure of the Hostels is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to constitute a Sub-Committee consisting of following members to study the matter regarding the revision of hostel fee and submit a report before this Committee.

- *Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance*
- *Dr. Nazeem S, Member Syndicate*
- *Dr. P M Radhamany, Member Syndicate*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.09: സർവകലാശാലയിലെ പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാർക്കായി പുതിയ പ്രോവിഡൻസ് ഫണ്ട് തുടങ്ങുന്നതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട്.

(Ad. A III)

സൂചന:-1) 18.11.2024 തീയതിയിലെ ശ്രീ ജയകുമാർ ടി. പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് എംപ്ലോയീ സമർപ്പിച്ച അപേക്ഷ

2)17/03/2005 തീയതിയിലെ സ.ഉ. (അച്ചടി) നം 127/2005/ധനവകുപ്പ്.

05.10.2019 മുതൽ ആശ്രിതനിയമനവ്യവസ്ഥയിൽ പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് എംപ്ലോയീ ആയി നിയമിതനായ ശ്രീജയകുമാർ ടി സൂചന (1) പ്രകാരം പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ടിൽ അംഗമാകാനുള്ള അപേക്ഷ നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

കേരള പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാരുടെ പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ട് ചട്ടം 3 ൽ (2) പ്രകാരം "പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാരൻ എന്ന നിലയിൽ ഒരു വർഷം സർവീസ് പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ എല്ലാ പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാരും ഫണ്ടിൽ ചേരേണ്ടതും വരിസംഖ്യ അടയ്ക്കാൻ നിർബന്ധിതരായിരിക്കുന്നതുമാണ്" കൂടാതെ ജി.ഒ.(പി) നം .629/ 2013/ധന തീയതി 23/12/ 2013 ലെ (3) വ്യവസ്ഥ പ്രകാരം പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ടിൽ അംഗത്വം ഏടുക്കാത്ത ജീവനക്കാരുടെ ക്ഷാമ ബത്ത കുടിശ്ശിക പിൻവലിച്ചു നൽകുന്നതിന് തടസ്സം ഉണ്ട്. ജീവനക്കാരന്റെ ക്ഷാമബത്ത കുടിശ്ശിക വിതരണം അനിശ്ചിതമായി മാറ്റിവെയ്ക്കാനും സാധിക്കില്ല. അതിനാൽ ശ്രീ.ജയകുമാറിന് കേരള പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ട് അംഗത്വം നൽകുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഫിനാൻസ് iii വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം തേടിയിരുന്നു.

ഫിനാൻസ് iii വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം ചുവടെ ചേർക്കുന്നു

"കേരള പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാർക്കായി വിശേഷാൽ ചട്ടങ്ങളും (02/08/1975 തീയതിയിലെ സ.ഉ. (അച്ചടി) നം 152/75/പി ഡി) പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ട് ചട്ടങ്ങളും (17/03/2005 തീയതിയിലെ സ.ഉ. (അച്ചടി) നം 127/2005/ധന) നിലവിലുണ്ട്. കേരള പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാരുടെ പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ട് എന്ന് വിളിക്കേണ്ട ഒരു ഫണ്ട് ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കേണ്ടതാണ് എന്നും കേരള പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാരൻ എന്ന നിലയിൽ ഒരു വർഷം സർവീസ് പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ എല്ലാ ജീവനക്കാരും ഫണ്ടിൽ ചേരേണ്ടതും വരിസംഖ്യ (ഉപലബ്ധിയുടെ മൂന്ന് ശതമാനത്തിൽ കുറയാത്തതും ആകെ ഉപലബ്ധിയിൽ കവിയാത്തതുമായ ഏതു തുകയും) അടയ്ക്കാൻ നിർബന്ധിതരായിരിക്കുന്നതുമാണ് എന്ന് കേരള പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാരുടെ പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ട് ചട്ടം 3 ൽ വ്യവസ്ഥ ചെയ്യുന്നു. ടി ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് പ്രത്യേകമായി പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ട് ചട്ടങ്ങൾ നിലവിലുള്ള സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ സർവകലാശാലയിലെ പാർട്ട് ടൈം കണ്ടിജൻസ് ജീവനക്കാർക്കായി ഒരു പുതിയ പ്രോവിഡൻ്റ് ഫണ്ട് തുടങ്ങാവുന്നതും ശ്രീ ജയകുമാർ ടി യ്ക്ക് അതിൽ അംഗത്വം നൽകാവുന്നതുമാണ്. "

ഓഡിറ്റ് iii വിഭാഗം പേ റോൾ പരിശോധിച്ച് നിലവിൽ ഒരു ജീവനക്കാരൻ മാത്രമേ ഈ വിഭാഗത്തിൽ ഉള്ളൂ എന്ന് മറുപടി നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട് .

വൈസ് ചാൻസലറുടെ ഉത്തരവോടെ ഫിനാൻസ് iii വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ മുകളിൽ സൂചിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന അഭിപ്രായം ഫിനാൻസ് കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ മുൻപാകെ ഉചിതമായ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾക്കായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to place a detailed note on the matter before the next committee.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.10: University Placement Cell - Regularisation of Provisional Advance of Rs.10,00,000/- sanctioned to Dr. Christabell P.J, Convenor, University Placement Cell - Administrative Sanction for ratifying the defects pointed out by Audit section - Reg:-

(Ad. Misc.)

Dr.Christabell.P.J, Convenor, University Placement Cell was sanctioned an amount of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) as Provisional Advance for extending the activities of University Placement Cell to the colleges affiliated with the University vide U.O.No. Ad.DI/1326/2022/UOK dated 21.02.2022 as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2021-2022. Vide U.O.No.Ad.Misc/117/2023/UOK dated 05.01.2023, sanction was granted to Dr.Christabell.P.J, Convenor, University Placement Cell to organize the activities of the Placement Cell in the academic year 2022-23 by utilizing the provisional advance of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) sanctioned during 2021-22.

The Convenor, University Placement Cell vide letter dated 21.09.2022 has forwarded the statement of expenditure together with the bills and vouchers for the regularisation of the Provisional Advance released for the activities of the University Placement Cell informing that an amount of Rs.8,00,221/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Two Hundred and Twenty One only) was spent for the purpose and the unspent amount of Rs. 1,99,779/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine only) has been remitted to KUF.

In reply to the audit objections pointing out the defects on the bills/vouchers, the Convenor, University Placement Cell has submitted a clarification on which the Audit section has pointed out that clarifications on Query Number 5 & 6 as detailed below need administrative sanction.

Query Number 5 : The number of sessions and rate per session is not mentioned in the receipts. (Honorarium per session is not mentioned in the proposal)

Clarification : A total of 25 hands-on training programme had been conducted for the benefit of students on various aspects with respect to placements, a trainer's charge for conducting the hands on training programme is Rs. 1500/- per hour. The training is scheduled for one day and for 6 hours from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. A total of 6 hours of training was done in a day, hence the total charge for the trainer in each training program is Rs. 9000/- (Rupees Nine Thousand only).

It may be noted that, the Audit VI section remarked that, as per the guidelines of seminars/ symposiums/ training programs/workshops/conferences, the honorarium to be provided for recommended resource persons is limited to Rs.3000/- per session and the maximum number of sessions per person permitted is two.

Query Number 6 : Prior sanction obtained for availing taxi charges may be furnished, if not ratification for the same may be obtained.

Clarification : The training programme had to be conducted in various colleges under the jurisdiction of the University of Kerala and the taxis were hired on package rates for transportation of the Resource Persons, Syndicate Members and the Convenor of the University Placement Cell. Further the taxi rate card had been submitted along with the bills/vouchers submitted for regularisation requesting to give administrative sanction for expending the actual taxi fare.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the following are placed before the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and appropriate recommendation:

1. Whether the action taken by the Convenor, University Placement Cell in disbursing an amount of Rs.9000/- (Rupees Nine Thousand only) towards total charge for the trainer in each training program against the guidelines of seminars/ symposiums/ training programs/ workshops/ conferences. (the honorarium to be provided for recommended resource persons is limited to Rs. 3000/- per session and the maximum number of sessions per person permitted is two) be ratified.
2. Whether the action taken by the Convenor, University Placement Cell in availing taxi charges for transportation without prior sanction be ratified.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to invite Dr. Christabell P.J, Convenor, University Placement Cell in this Committee for a discussion.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.11: Centre for Translation (Department of German) - Delay in submission of bills & vouchers for regularisation - Condonation- reg.

(Ad. F II)

An amount of Rs.10,00,000/- was sanctioned as Provisional Advance to Sri. Sreekumar K.N, Director, Centre for Translation as provisional advance towards establishment of Centre for Translation vide UO No. Ad A V 4759/2021/UOK dated 13.09.2022. The Director, vide letter dated 16.05.2024, has forwarded the details of expenditure, bills and vouchers for the expenses incurred in establishing the Centre for Translation for regularizing the Provisional Advance.

The Audit has remarked that the delay in purchase of items for the project and in submission of bills & vouchers for regularization may be condoned at administrative level. The Director, Centre for Translation has provided the clarification for the same (copy attached). It is stated that, no deliberate delay has occurred from his part, on regularizing the Prov. advance. There occurred a huge delay in getting sanction for the purchase of various items. The whole work of networking, painting and electrification was delayed.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the clarification provided by the Director, Centre for Translation for the delay in purchase of items for the project and in submission of bills & vouchers for regularization is submitted before Standing Committee of Syndicate on Finance for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to hear Sri. Sreekumar K.N, Director, Centre for Translation (Department of German).

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.12: Department of Archaeology - Conduct the Field work/ Excavation/ Exploration of the Department activities in the 2024-25 season - Provisional advance - reg.

(Ad. F II)

Dr. Abhayan G.S, Head, Department of Archaeology has requested to release an amount of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty Lakh Only) from the budget head Non plan 4-4145-Field work/ Excavation/ Exploration as provisional advance to conduct the Field work/Excavation/Exploration of the Department activities in the 2024-25 session. The HoDhas also requested to release the amount in a single installment in order to avoid disruption in the timely execution of the programme.

The split- up of expected minimum expenditure is furnished below:

Item	Amount (in Rs.)
Excavation	12,00,000/-
Transportation and Field Travel	2,00,000/-
Accommodation	1,00,000/-
Packing of Materials and Tools for Excavation	1,50,000/-
Documentation of Artifacts	3,00,000/-
Contingencies	50,000/-
Total	20,00,000/-

The Finance, vide **Endt.FOS.3701/Finance I/ 2024-25** endorsed the proposal to release an amount of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh only), as provisional payment to Dr. Abhayan G S, Head, Department of Archaeology, meeting the expenditure from the h/a "Part I-NP-MH-16: Department of Archaeology-4/4145-Field Work/Excavation/Exploration", of the current years Budget Estimates of the University, towards the conduct of Field Work/ Excavation/ Exploration programmes of the Department for the year 2024-2025.

It may be noted that the Department has Rs.20,00,000/- allocated under the current year's Budget Head of part I-Non plan 4-4145 -Field work/Excavation/Exploration.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of releasing provisional payment of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rs.Twenty Lakh only) to Dr. Abhayan G.S, Head, Department of Archaeology, meeting the expenditure from Non plan 4-4145-Field work/ Excavation/ Exploration for the conduct the Field-Excavation-Exploration activities of the Department, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to release the provisional payment of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rs. Twenty Lakh only) to Dr. Abhayan G S, Head, Department of Archaeology for the conduct the Field-Excavation-Exploration activities of the Department, meeting the expenditure from the h/a "Part I-NP-MH-16: Department of Archaeology - 4/4145-Field Work/Excavation/Exploration", in the current year's Budget Estimates of the University.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.13: Department of Optoelectronics - Re-appropriation to the Head of Account NP-4/1218 Wages of Contingent Employees / Guest Lecturers - reg.

(Ad. F II)

The HoD, Department of Optoelectronics vide letter dated 30-10-2024 had requested to re-appropriate an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only) to the Head of Account NP-4/1218 Wages of Contingent Employees/ Guest Lecturers since the number of Guest Faculties has increased than previous year, due to the retirement of one permanent faculty and long leave of one Assistant Professor. It is informed that, the anticipated expenditure under the Head of Account NP-4/1218 Wages of Contingent Employees/ Guest Lecturers for the period from October, 2024 to March, 2025 is Rs.3,24,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Twenty Four Thousand only).

As per Finance vide Endt. No. FOS. 3386/Finance II/2024-25 dated 28-11-2024 an additional amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only) may be provided under the head of account "Part I- Non Plan- MH 29- Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1218- wages of Contingent Employees/ Guest Lectures" by re-appropriation from the sub heads as mentioned below of the same major head provided in the current year's Budget Estimates of the University:

Head of Account to which re-appropriation is done	Amount (Rs)	Head of Account From which re-appropriation is done
Part I- Non Plan- MH 29- Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1218- wages of Contingent Employees/Guest Lectures	1,00,000/-	Part I- Non Plan- MH 29-Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1870- Chemicals & Glassware
	1,00,000/-	Part I-Non Plan- MH 29-Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1895- Physico-chemical analysis of samples
	1,00,000/-	Part I- Non Plan- MH 29-Department of Optoelectronics- 4/2270- Gas Charges
	Total	Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only)

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of re-appropriation of the amount Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only) to the Head of Account NP-4/1218 Wages of Contingent Employees/ Guest Lecturers is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the re-appropriation proposal for providing an additional amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only) to the Head of Account NP - 4/1218 Wages of Contingent Employees / Guest Lecturers, as detailed below, vide Finance Endt. No. FOS. 3386/Finance II/2024-25 dated 28-11-2024.

Head of Account to which re-appropriation is done	Amount (Rs)	Head of Account From which re-appropriation is done
Part I- Non Plan- MH 29- Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1218- wages of Contingent	1,00,000/-	Part I- Non Plan- MH 29-Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1870- Chemicals & Glassware
	1,00,000/-	Part I- Non Plan- MH 29-Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1895- Physico-chemical analysis

<i>Employees/Guest Lectures</i>		<i>of samples</i>
	<i>1,00,000/-</i>	<i>Part I- Non Plan- MH 29-Department of Optoelectronics- 4/2270- Gas Charges</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only)</i>

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.14: *Department of Psychology - Prof (Dr.) C Jayan, Visiting Professor - Honorarium for the period from 16.05.2024 to 30.09.2024 – reg.*

(Ad. F II)

The Professor & Head, Dept of Psychology, vide letter dated 01.10.2024 had forwarded the attendance statement incorporating the details of no. of lectures taken by Dr. Jayan C, Visiting Professor, during the period from 16 May 2024 to 30 Sept 2024.

The details of remuneration claimed for each month is as follows:

Period	No. of working days	No. of lectures	Amount Claim
16.05.2024 to 31.05.2024	9	27	27,000/-
01.06.2024 to 30.06.2024	18	58	30,000/-
01.07.2024 to 31.07.2024	19	69	30,000/-
01.08.2024 to 31.08.2024	14	41	30,000/-
01.09.2024 to 30.09.2024	12	43	30,000/-
Grand Total			Rs. 1,47,000/-
* The amount is subject to a maximum of Rs. 4,000/- day and Rs. 30,000/- per month.			

The Finance, vide Endt.FOS.2839/Finance I/2024-25 dated 26.10.2024 endorsed the proposal subject to administrative sanction. The Vice Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance.

It may be noted that Prof (Dr.) C Jayan was appointed as Visiting Professor in the Department of Psychology vide Ad.F.II 35/2023/UOK Dated: 04.01.2023. As per UO No. Ad F II 5094/2023/UOK dated 14.06.2023, his Honorarium was fixed as Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand only) per lecture, subject to a maximum of Rs.4000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) per day, with a maximum of Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) per month.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of sanctioning the payment of 1,47,000/- towards remuneration to Dr. Jayan C, Visiting Professor, Dept of Psychology, during the period from 16 May 2024 to 30 Sept 2024, is placed before Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to sanction an amount of Rs.1,47,000/- (Rs. One Lakh Forty Seven Thousand only) towards remuneration to Dr.Jayan.C, Visiting Professor, Dept of Psychology, during the period from 16 May 2024 to 30 Sept 2024.

The Committee further recommended to invite the Head, Department of Psychology for discussion on the matter.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.15: യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഹെഡ് ക്വാർട്ടേഴ്സിന് 8 കി മീ ചുറ്റളവിനുള്ളിലെ എക്സിബിഷനുകളിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കുമ്പോൾ ജോലിക്കു നിയോഗിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന പ്രകാശനവിഭാഗം ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് ഒരു നിശ്ചിത തുക നിർണയിച്ചു വേതനമായി നൽകുന്നത് സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

(Ad. F II)

പ്രകാശനവിഭാഗം ഡയറക്ടറുടെ കത്ത് പ്രകാരം പ്രകാശനവിഭാഗം പങ്കെടുക്കുന്ന എക്സിബിഷനുകളിൽ, ജോലിക്കു നിയോഗിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് ഡി.എ യും, U.O.No. Ad D III.51340/2019 തീയതി 28.05.2019 ഉത്തരവ് പ്രകാരം എക്സിബിഷൻ അലവൻസും ചേർത്ത് ഒരു ദിവസം 600 മുതൽ 700 രൂപ വരെ നൽകിവരുന്നുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ 10/12/2024 ൽ നടന്ന ലോക്കൽ ഫണ്ട് ഓഡിറ്റിംഗിൽ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഹെഡ് ക്വാർട്ടേഴ്സിനു 8 കി. മി. ദൂരപരിധിക്കുള്ളിലാണ് എക്സിബിഷൻ നടക്കുന്നത് എങ്കിൽ ഡി.എ നൽകുന്നതിന് അർഹതയില്ലെന്നും ആയത് അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിന് ഏതെങ്കിലും ഉത്തരവുകൾ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഇറക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നും ആരാഞ്ഞിട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ഒടുമിക്കു പുസ്തകമേളകളും രാവിലെ 9 മണിക്ക് തുടങ്ങി രാത്രി 10 മണി വരെ നീളുന്ന തരത്തിലാണെന്നു കത്തിൽ പരാമർശിക്കുന്നു. മേൽസാഹചര്യത്തിൽ 8 കി. മി. പരിധിക്കുള്ളിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് ഡി.എ ഇനത്തിലല്ലാതെ ഒരു നിശ്ചിത തുക വേതനമായി നൽകുന്നതിനും, 8 കി. മി. പരിധിക്കു പുറത്തുള്ള എക്സിബിഷനുകളിൽ നിലവിലത്തെ രീതിയിൽ ഡി.എ യും എക്സിബിഷൻ അലവൻസും നൽകണമെന്ന് പ്രകാശന വിഭാഗം ഡയറക്ടർ അപേക്ഷിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

U.O. No. Ad.D III.51340/2019 തീയതി 28.05.2019 ഉത്തരവ് പ്രകാരം ബുക്ക് ഫെയർ നു നിയോഗിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് എക്സിബിഷൻ അലവൻസ്, പ്രതിദിനം 200/- രൂപയായി വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

ആയതിനാൽ 8 കി. മി. പരിധിക്കുള്ളിൽ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് ഡി.എ ഇനത്തിലല്ലാതെ ഒരു നിശ്ചിത തുക വേതനമായി നൽകുന്നതിനും, 8 കി. മി. പരിധിക്കു പുറത്തുള്ള എക്സിബിഷനുകളിൽ നിലവിലത്തെ രീതിയിൽ ഡി. എ യും എക്സിബിഷൻ അലവൻസും നൽകണമെന്നുള്ള പ്രകാശന വിഭാഗം ഡയറക്ടറുടെ അപേക്ഷ, വൈസ്-ചാൻസലറുടെ ഉത്തരവനുസരിച്ച് ഫിനാൻസ് കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ പരിഗണനയ്ക്കും ശുപാർശയ്ക്കുമായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to reject the request submitted by the Director, Department of Publication for providing remuneration at the rate of DA admissible for those staff deputed for exhibitions within 8km.

The Committee further recommended to grant compensation leave for the staff deputed by the University for exhibitions conducted by the Department of Publication within 8 kms.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.16: Budget Speech 2024-25 Item No. 76 - Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library -- Publishing rare manuscripts as books - Proposal - reg.

(Ad. D III)

The Budget Implementation Cell, at its meeting held on 13.09.2024 recommended to entrust the Head, Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library, to submit a proposal on item no. 76 - Publishing rare manuscripts as books, as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 and to place it before the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Accordingly, the Head, Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library has forwarded a detailed Project proposal for Rs.3 Lakh, for compilation of some rare manuscripts in the ORI and Mss Library.

It is mentioned that there are many ancient and rare manuscripts kept in the ORI and Mss Library and it is very important to publish and preserve these rare items including beautiful pictures. It is also mentioned that Chitraramayanam is the only book published in this manner and it would be a great achievement for the University if Books like Indonesian Ramayanam, Indonesian Chitrabharatham, Roopaprasnam and Tamil Chitraramayanam are published. In this context, the ORI and Mss Library has decided to compile the books titled Indonesian Ramayanam, Indonesian Chitrabharatham, Roopaprasnam and Tamil Chitraramayanam using Digital Photography method.

The detailed estimate for Compilation, is as follows:

Books to be published:

1. Indonesian RamayanamandChithrabharatham (100 pages)
2. Roopaprasnam (100 pages)
3. Tamil Chitraramayanam (100 pages)

Sl. No	Item Description	Estimated Price
1	Cost of Digital Photography for 3 books with 100 pages each	30,000/-
2	Cost of Digital Page Designing for 3 books with 100 pages each	30,000/-
3	Cost of Off-set Printing for 3 books with 100 pages each	2,40,000/-

Total Expenditure is Rs. 3,00,000/-

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 23.12.2024, vide Item No.16.62.D19 resolved to approve the recommendation of the meeting of the standing Committee of the syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024, to agree with the proposal in principle and to forward the matter to the standing Committee of the syndicate on Finance for further necessary action.

As per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the proposal for Publishing the rare manuscripts in Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library, as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 (Item No.76), submitted by the HOD, for an expenditure of Rs.3,00,000/-(Rupees Three Lakh only) is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library for "Publishing rare manuscripts as books" with an estimated expenditure of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide item no.76, subject to the availability of fund and by following the existing rules.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.17: Budget Speech - 2024-25 (Item No. 94) - Department of Botany - Natural Product Development from Bioresources - Phase III - Proposal - reg.

(Ad. D III)

The Budget Implementation Cell, at its meeting held on 13.09.2024, recommended to entrust the Head, Department of Botany to submit a proposal on Item - No 94 - project - "Natural Product Development from Bio-resources - Phase III" as envisaged in the Budget Speech and to place it before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Accordingly, the Professor and Head, Department of Botany forwarded the proposal for the project "Natural Product Development from Bioresources - Phase III". In the proposal, it is stated that, Kerala has a wide range of biodiversity forms and Kerala is famous for Ethnomedicine and Ayurveda medicine. Research has proved that there are about 20,000 phyto chemicals in herbal plants. Eventhough these phyto chemicals have been identified, these have not been converted to items which can be used by the public. It is essential to transform these into products which can be utilized by the public. Before these herbal products are introduced, it is essential to find out the harmful effects and also the usefulness of these. Marketing of the products is also needed. Research work is going on in this field. In the previous years, the Department received patent for certain items. In order to speed up these activities, an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- is needed.

The split up of the project is detailed below.

Sl. No.	Items	Amount in Rs.
1	Collection, scaling up, testing etc	40,000/-
2	Consumables	1,50,000/-
3	Miscellaneous including marketing strategies	10,000/-
	Total	Rs.2,00,000/-

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the proposal was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research. The Committee held on 09.12.2024 considered the matter and recommended to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action. The 16th meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024 resolved to approve the above recommendation.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the proposal for the project "Natural Product Development from Bioresources - Phase III", for an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only), submitted by the Head, Department of Botany, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Botany for the project "Natural Product Development from Bioresources - Phase III" with an estimated expenditure of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide Item No.94, subject to the availability of fund.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.18: Budget Speech - 2024-25 (Item No.80) - Centre for Information and Literacy Studies -Training Programme on Applications of Artificial Intelligence - proposal - reg.

(Ad. D III)

The Budget Implementation Cell, at its meeting held on 13.09.2024, recommended to entrust the Hon. Director, Centre for Information and Literacy Studies to submit a proposal on 'Training Programme on Applications of Artificial Intelligence' with an outlay of Rs. 2 lakh only as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024 - 25 and to place it before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research.

Accordingly, the Hon. Director, Centre for Information and Literacy Studies has submitted a proposal for Training Programme on Application of Artificial Intelligence for Faculty members, Research Scholars and Library Professionals.

It is mentioned that, in order to harness AI's full potential, it is crucial to equip teachers, research scholars, professionals and students with necessary skills and knowledge and the proposal outlines a comprehensive training programme focused on the practical applications of AI across various sectors. About thirty persons including Research Scholars, educators and library professionals from Universities affiliated colleges and sectors such as IT, healthcare, finance and education can participate.

The Training modules are

1. Introduction to AI
2. Machine Learning Algorithms
3. Natural Language Processing
4. AI in Healthcare, Finance and Education
5. Ethics and Future of AI

Training Methodology

1. Lectures and Presentations
2. Hands on Workshops
3. Case Studies and Group discussions

Duration and schedule

Day 1 - Introduction to AI

Day 2 - Hands on workshop

The details of amounts are as follows

Sl. No.	Items	Amount
1	Venue	25,000/-
2	Stationery	20,000/-
3	Xeroxing	5000/-
4	Honararium to Experts	25,000/-
5	Travel	20,000/-
6	Accommodation	20,000/-
7	Secretarial Assistance	10,000/-
8	Certificates	5000/-
9	Food	40,000/-

10	Publications (Manual and Book)	30,000/-
	Total	Rs.2,00,000/-

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024 considered the matter and recommended to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action. The 16th meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024 resolved to approve the above recommendation.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the proposal for Training Programme on Application of Artificial Intelligence submitted by the Hon. Director, Centre for Information and Literacy Studies for Rs.2,00,000/-, as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 (Item No. 80), is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Hon. Director, Centre for Information and Literacy Studies for Training Programme on Application of Artificial Intelligence with an estimated expenditure of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide Item No.80, subject to the availability of fund.

The Committee further recommended to implement the project as per the existing rules and norms.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.19: Department of Botany - Budget Speech - 2024-25 - Development of Herbal Cosmetic formulations and production- reg.

(Ad. D III)

The Budget Implementation Cell, at its meeting held on 13.09.2024, recommended to entrust the Head, Department of Botany to submit a proposal on the item -No 95 -project - "Development of Herbal Cosmetic formulations and production" ("ഹെർബൽ കോസ്മെറ്റിക് ഫോമുലേഷനുകളുടെ വികസനവും വളർപ്പാദനവും പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കുക") as envisaged in the Budget Speech and to place it before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Accordingly, the Professor and Head, Department of Botany has forwarded the proposal for the project "Development of Herbal Cosmetic formulations and production."

In the proposal, it is stated that, the usage of Herbal Cosmetics is on the rise as it is skin friendly and has no side effects. Research work has been initiated in the Department focussing on the production of herbal cosmetics. Lily, lotus, hibiscus, aloe vera, neem and so on can be used for the preparation of herbal cosmetics. A proposal for Rs.5,00,000/- towards the conduct of Research work on certain medicinal plants, the manufacture and distribution of herbal cosmetics is submitted.

The split up is detailed below.

Sl. No.	Items	Amount in Rs.
1	Consultancy and Hiring service of experts	50,000/-
2	Quality test/biochemical examination charges	50,000/-
3	Chemicals and consumables(columns, glassware, plastic wares, disposable lab ware)	3,50,000/-
4	Minor repairs of equipment, annual maintenance contracts	50,000/-
	Total	5,00,000/-

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024 considered the matter and recommended to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action. The Syndicate, vide item no.16.62.D21/ 23.12.2024 resolved to approve the above recommendation.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for the project "Development of Herbal Cosmetic formulations and production", for an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) submitted by the Head, Department of Botany, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Botany for the project "Development of Herbal Cosmetic formulations and production" with an estimated expenditure of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide Item No.95, subject to the availability of fund.

The Committee further recommended that all the purchases shall be made in accordance with the provisions in the Store purchase manual and Kerala Financial code.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.20: **Department of Botany - Installation of a new Name Board with Titanium gold letters on ACP Board - Ratification - Explanation from the HoD - reg.**
(Ad. D III)

The Head, Department of Botany, had informed that a new Name Board with Titanium gold letters on the ACP Board was installed in the Department without prior administrative sanction. It is also stated that the Department council meeting held on 02.04.2024 recommended to install a new Name Board with Titanium gold letters on the ACP Board in the Department and competitive quotations were invited and those received were compared and the lowest quoted Rs.49,088/- was recommended. The Department council meeting had recommended to meet the expenses for the purchase from DDF of the Department. As the International Seminar on New Horizons in Plant Sciences 2024 was scheduled on 28.05.2024, purchase order was issued to Surya Designs, Thakaraparambu, Tvm, due to exigency. The items were entered in the Stock Register and the Name board was fixed on the main entrance of the Botany Block. The bills in triplicate, original quotations and stamped pre - receipt were also submitted.

The Head, hence requested to ratify the action of installing the Board without prior permission, grant administrative sanction for the purchase done and grant permission to draw the amount from the DDF account of the Department. The minutes of the Department council meeting held on 02.04.2024 recommending to install a new Name Board with Titanium gold letters on the ACP Board in the Department was approved by the Vice Chancellor.

The quotations received are detailed below:

Sl. No	Name of firm	dated	Amount
1	Surya Designs	08.05.2024	Rs.49,088/-
2	VRTECH	14.05.2024	Rs.54,705/-
3	Panda Eats	16.05.2024	Rs.53,885.20

The Head, Department of Botany issued Purchase order dtd 22.05.2024 to Surya Designs for the ACP Board against an amount of Rs.49,088/- and bill dtd 27.05.2024 was issued from Surya Designs on delivery of the Board.

The S/C on Finance held on 03.10.2024 recommended to seek explanation from the Head, Dept of Botany for purchasing the ACP Board from Surya Designs for Rs.49,088/- without obtaining prior administrative sanction and the Syndicate vide Item No.15.92.04/05.11.224 & 11.11.2024 resolved that the recommendation be approved. The Head was intimated of the Syndicate Resolution.

The Head vide letter dated 09.01.2025 has expressed his apology for purchasing the ACP Board from Surya Designs for Rs.49,088/- without obtaining prior administrative sanction. It is stated that the Department's main name board was in a partially damaged condition while hosting an International seminar on New Horizons in plant sciences from May 28 to 30, 2024, at the occasion of the retirement of their Senior Professor Dr. Radhamany. The Staff council reviewed the matter of beautification and recommended installing a new name board with Titanium gold letters on the ACP board in the Dept and for the same competitive quotations were invited and after comparing the estimates received from different firms, Rs.49,088/- the lowest was recommended for purchase. It is also stated that, as per the recommendation of the Staff council meeting, the expense has to be met by the DDF of the Dept and the amount was paid by the Head. It is also requested to consider the fault occurred from his side empathetically and requested to ratify the purchase of the same and also sanction the amount from the DDF Account.

As per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the explanation from the Head, Department of Botany, in purchasing the ACP Board from Surya Designs for Rs.49,088/- without administrative sanction and to reimburse the amount to the HoD from the DDF, as the expenses was already met by him is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to ratify the action taken by the Head, Department of Botany in purchasing the ACP Board from Surya Designs for Rs.49,088/- without obtaining prior administrative sanction.

The Committee further recommended to reimburse an amount of Rs.49,088/- (Rupees Forty Nine Thousand and Eighty Eight only) to the HoD from the DDF, as the expenses was already met by him.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.21: Department of statistics - Conduct of 80th Anniversary Celebrations - Financial Assistance for the inaugural ceremony - request - reg.

(Ad. D I)

The Head, Department of Statistics, vide Letter no. 854/Stat/2024 dated 05.11.2024 has informed that the Department of Statistics is the Second oldest Post-graduate Department of Statistics in India, established in 1945 and also the First Department in the University to offer a post-graduate course. The 80th Anniversary of the Department is in 2025.

The HoD has informed that the Department Council met on 05.09.2024, has recommended to celebrate the significant occasion with a series of events that honor our past, showcase our present achievements and inspire the future generations. The Department has forwarded a proposal, with a budget of Rs. 12 Lakh only (copy appended) for various activities in connection with the celebrations, as follows:

Sl. No.	Item	Amount(Rs.)
1	Inauguration & Alumni Reunion	3,00,000/-
2	Alumni Lecture Series	2,00,000/-
3	Workshops	2,00,000/-
4	National seminar	2,00,000/-
5	International Conference	3,00,000/-
	Total	12,00,000/-

The HoD has also informed that, the inaugural ceremony of the celebrations has to be organized in February 2025 and he has already submitted the proposal as part of Budget proposal for the financial year 2025-26. Hence, permission has been requested to conduct the various events as per the proposal, to organize the Inaugural Ceremony in February 2025 and to sanction an amount of Rs.3,00,000 [Rupees Three Lakh only] for meeting the expenses of the same, from the proposed budget.

As per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the following requests from Dr. Manoj Chacko, Head, Department of Statistics, are placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

- to celebrate the "80th anniversary of the Department of Statistics" in 2025, as per the above proposal, with an estimated expenditure of Rs.12,00,000 [Rupees Twelve Lakh only] and to conduct the inaugural ceremony in February-2025.
- to sanction an amount of Rs.3,00,000 [Rupees Three Lakh only] for meeting the expenses of the inaugural ceremony.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to defer the item for the time being.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.22: Cutting and removing of Acacia trees from the Kariavattom campus premises by Kerala Paper Products Limited (KPPL) – Pending Payment – reg.

(Ad B I)

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 20.05.2023, vide item no. 57.105, had considered the matter of according permission to Kerala Paper Products Limited (KPPL) for the felling and removal of pulpwood raw material from the University Campus, and resolved to grant permission to KPPL at a special rate of Rs.750/- per MT for the extraction of pulpwood raw material available in the University Campus, as per the terms and conditions stipulated by the Government.

Subsequently, the Assistant Forest Conservator informed that, from the Acacia trees standing at various places in the Karyavattom Campus premises, only those with a medium thickness below 70 cm should be given to Kerala Paper Products Ltd., and that the wood pieces with a medium thickness above 70 cm should be cut off and stacked separately, and it can be auctioned once the price is assessed by the Social Forestry division. The Assistant Forest Conservator, Social Forestry Division further informed that 5% Forest Development Tax and an additional tax of 20% on the amount received from Kerala Paper Products Limited for the wood supplied to them, has to be deposited to the Government Treasury under the head 0406-01-101-96-00-FDT, Division Code: 0101-250- 020. The Special Officer (KPPL) and the Joint Registrar (Campus Administration) were informed of the same, vide letter dated 04.08.2023.

Hence, an agreement was executed between the Special Officer, Kerala Paper Products Limited (KPPL) and the Registrar, University of Kerala on 22.05.2023 for a period of 3 months w.e.f. 22.05.2023 to 21.08.2023. The Assistant Forest Conservator, vide letter dated 27.07.2023 informed that only those Acacia trees with a medium thickness below 70 cm should be given to KPPL and those with a thickness above 70 cm should be cut off and stacked separately and it can be auctioned only after the price was fixed by Social Forestry Division.

The period of extraction was extended further for a period of 3 months as per the resolution of the Syndicate dated 14.08.2023 on Item No. 02.102. The term of extension of the contract for a period of 3 months w.e.f 22.08.2023 as per the Syndicate dated 14.08.2023 on item No.02.102 expired on 21.11.2023 (The agreement for the extended period is not executed till date). It was further resolved that the acacia trees with a medium thickness below 70 cm should be given to Kerala Paper Products Ltd., and the wood pieces with a thickness below 70 cm and above should be cut off and stacked separately, and be auctioned only after the price is assessed by the Social Forestry Division based on the letter No.SF A22824/2023 dated 27.07.2023 and 5% Forest Development Tax and an additional tax of 20% and GST is to be paid by Kerala Paper Products Limited for remitting to the Government Treasury. A letter was issued to KPPL accordingly on 21.08.2023. In reply, KPPL vide letter dated 22.11.2023, intimated that they would be remitting 5 % forest conservation tax only and additional tax of 20% and GST was over and above to the agreed rate.

A meeting was held with KPPL on 28.02.2024 to resolve the issues and it was suggested in the meeting that KPPL should remit the additional 20% tax also and signing of agreement of extension would be done after Government level decision.

The University of Kerala had supplied 20,27,023 Kg (2027.023 Metric Ton) of pulpwood raw materials (Acacia trees) from Kariavattom Campus to M/s Kerala Paper Products Limited at an agreed rate of Rs 750/- per MT (for period from 27.05.2023 to 22.11.2023), without signing an agreement for the said period. Due to the delay in the clearance of payment from the part of M/s.KPPL, University had addressed the Principal Secretary to the Government, Department of Industries, vide letter No.27044/Ad.B1/2023/UOK dated 07.08.2024 for urgent intervention on the matter.

M/s KPPL, vide letter no: KPPL/FDP/41/2023 dated 08.10.2024 above, requested the University to forward the tax invoice for the quantity of pulpwood, transported, as per the agreed price, for remitting the value of goods and for GST uploading. In spite of repeated reminders from this office, M/s KPPL has remitted only the GST amount of Rs.2,73,648/- (Rupees Two Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Eight only). The value of pulpwood raw materials amounting to Rs.15,20,267/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Twenty Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Seven only) is still pending for payment to the University, even after for a period of one year from the date of supply, violating the terms of agreement executed with the concurrence of the Government.

M/s KPPL, vide letter no: 27044/Admn B1/2023/UOK dated 08.01.2025 (to the Special Officer & Head of the Department (HR & ES)) was informed to remit the amount of Rs.15,20,267/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Twenty Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Seven only) due to University of Kerala, towards the said payment, without further delay, immediately, failing which, the University will be constrained to initiate legal actions in this regard. The University, vide letter no: 27044/AdmnB1/2023/UOK dated 12.01.2025 has also requested the Principal Secretary, Industries Department, to bring the whole matter before the attention of the Hon'ble Minister. (Copy of the letter was also given to the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Government Secretariat).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the above matter of pending payment due from M/s KPPL, is placed before the standing committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to entrust the following members as delegate for a discussion with the Special Officer, Kerala Paper Products Limited (KPPL) for remitting the amount due to University in connection with cutting and removing of Acacia trees from the Kariavattom campus.

- ***Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance***
- ***Dr. S.Nazeeb, Member Syndicate***
- ***Sri. R. Rajesh, Member Syndicate***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.23: International Youth Hostel, PMG - Quotations for Sweeping, Cleaning & Gardening works - Award of contract - reg.

(Ad. B I)

Quotations were invited for the Sweeping, Cleaning & Gardening works at the International Youth Hostel, PMG vide tender notification no. 60510/Admn B I/2022/UOK dated 07.12.2024. The quotations were opened at 4.30 pm on 20.12.2024 at the office of the Registrar in presence of the bidders.

The Finance, on verification of the quotations for endorsing the L I, has remarked that "GST Registration no. & Pan no. of the firms may be obtained and furnished. Subject to above, the proposal for entrusting sweeping, cleaning and Gardening works at the International Youth Hostel, may be placed before the appropriate committee. If approved, contract may be executed accordingly".

The Price bids are tabulated including the details as follows:

Sl. No	Name of Bidder	Amount quoted	GST Details	PAN	Details of EMD	Remarks
1	M/s.Aesthavision	Rs.33,000/-	32OCOPS9732P1 ZA/ 16.01.25	OCOPS973 2P	Amount:Rs 12,150/- DD No: 204779 dtd 20.12.2024	
2	Sri.Samkumar.S	Rs.34,987/- with GST	32QKDPS5247G 1ZR/ 06.12.24	QKDPS524 7G	Amount:Rs 12,150/- DD No: 170057 dtd 20.12.2024	
3	Smt.Anisha S.S. Raj	Rs.37,642/- with GST	Not Submitted	Not Submitted	Amount:Rs 12,150/- DD No: 170059 dtd 20.12.2024	PAN/ GST Details not submitted
4	M/s.VIGO	Rs.40,000/-	Not Submitted	AFHPK223 0A	Amount:Rs 12,150/- DD No:	GST Reg. Certificate not submitted

					888571 dtd 17.12.2024	
5	M/s.Vismaya Consultancies	Rs.45,849/- with GST	32AAPFV7359G 1ZP/ 18.04.18	AAPFV735 9G	Amount:Rs 12,150/- DD No: 751400 dtd 12.12.2024	
6	M/s. Thiruvananthapuram Jilla Casual Workers Welfare Co-operative Society Ltd No.T 2245	Rs.49,450.00/- (Service Tax @ 15%)	32AAKAT3405H 1ZP/ 19.11.2021	AAKAT34 05H	Amount:Rs 12,150/- DD No: 010756 dtd 19.12.2024	In the bid it is given, Service tax @15 % or at the rates in the force at the time of quoting
7	M/s.JSS Nursery & Contract works	Rs.44,900/- w/o GST	32FVMPS4467P1 ZK/ 22.09.17	FVMPS446 7P	Amount:Rs 12,150/- DD No: 274422 dtd 20.12.2024	

In the general terms and conditions of the Tender Notification, it is said that the bidder should include all taxes in the bid amount. The EMD amount is fixed as Rs.12,150/- (Rupees Twelve Thousand and One Fifty only) and Security Deposit is fixed as Rs 5000/-. (Rupees Five Thousand only).

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of awarding the contract for the Sweeping, Cleaning & Gardening works at the International Youth Hostel, PMG, is placed before the standing committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended towards the contract for the Sweeping, Cleaning & Gardening works at the International Youth Hostel, PMG to the lowest quoted firm M/s. Aesthavision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.24: Budget Speech 2023-24 (Item No. 123) - Department of Sociology - Centre for Diaspora Studies - Research Project on "Migration of Fisher Folk to GCC: A Socio – Economic Study" - Releasing of second installment of the Provisional Advance -reg.

(Ad. H)

The Budget Speech 2023-24, vide Item no. 123, had envisaged a Research Project on 'Migration of Fisher Folks to GCC: A Socio-Economic Study' and an amount of Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh only) was earmarked for the same. The Head, Department of Sociology forwarded the proposal for the Research Project on 'Migration of Fisher Folks to GCC: A Socio-Economic Study' submitted by Dr.M S Jayakumar, Hon. Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 20.05.2023, vide item No.57.68 considered the minutes of the meeting of the Budget Implementation Cell (Budget Speech 2023-24) held on 20.04.2023 along with the proposal and resolved to approve the proposal and further resolved to entrust the Head, Dept. of Sociology to implement the proposal as envisaged in the Budget Speech.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 27.06.2023, vide item No.59.01 corrected the 2nd Resolution and resolved to entrust Dr. M S Jayakumar, Hon. Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies to implement the proposal as per the budget provision envisaged in the Budget Speech 2023-2024. Dr.M.S Jayakumar, Hon. Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies requested to release Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh only) as provisional advance for meeting the expenditure of the Project and the Finance Section has endorsed that an amount of Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh only) may be released as provisional advance to Dr. M S Jayakumar, Hon. Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies in two equal installments of Rs.2,00,000/- each and the second installment may be

released after submitting the bills and vouchers of first installment for regularization. Accordingly U.O No.1024/2024/UOK dated 02.02.2024 was issued and the first installment of Rs. 2 Lakh was released.

The Hon. Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies, submitted bills and vouchers for the regularization of the first installment of the Provisional advance and requested to release the second installment of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only) for the completion of the project. The Finance section has endorsed that an amount of Rs 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakh only) may be released as second installment of provisional advance to Dr. M.S. Jayakumar, Hon. Director of the Centre, subject to administrative sanction.

As per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the matter of releasing the second installment of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only) as provisional advance to Dr. M S Jayakumar, Hon. Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies for the completion of the research project entitled "Migration of Fisher Folk to GCC: A Socio - Economics Study" as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2023-2024 (Item No. 123), is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to release the second installment of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only) as provisional advance to Dr.M.S Jayakumar, Hon. Director, Centre for Diaspora Studies for the completion of the research project entitled "Migration of Fisher Folk to GCC: A Socio - Economics Study" as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2023-2024 (Item No. 123).

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.25: Budget Estimates 2024-2025 - "Part I Non Plan- MH 67-I Institute of Technology Headquarters Unit- 4/6070 Kerala University Provisional Employees Provident Fund Scheme (Employer Contribution)"-Re-appropriation of funds- reg.

(Accounts VA/ Ad. B II)

The Accounts V A Section has informed that the available fund in the Head of account "Part I Non Plan- MH: 67-I Institute of Technology Headquarters Unit- 4/6070 - KUPEPF Scheme" in the financial year 2024-25 is insufficient to make payment for the contingent bill for an amount of Rs.50,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh only).

An amount of Rs.30,00,000/- was already allocated in the said Head of account by re-appropriation of funds, in accordance with the resolution of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 31.08.2024. At present, the Accounts V A Section has requested to sanction an additional amount of Rs. 90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Lakh only) to the h/a "Part I Non Plan- MH: 67-I Institute of Technology Headquarters Unit- 4/6070 - KUPEPF Scheme (Employer Contribution)" for meeting the payments in the current Financial year.

The Finance, vide Endorsement. No.FOS.2040/Finance II/2024-25 dated 30.08.2024, has endorsed to provide an amount of Rs.90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Lakh only) under the h/a "Part I Non Plan- MH-67-I Institute of Technology, Headquarters Unit- 4/6070- The Kerala University Provisional Employees Provident Fund Scheme (Employer Contribution)" by re-appropriation from the h/a "Part I- Non Plan- MH- 63 Miscellaneous- 8/5948- Miscellaneous" provided under the current years Budget Estimates of the University.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the above re-appropriation proposal is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the re-appropriation proposal for providing an additional amount of Rs.90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Lakhs only) under the head of account "Part I Non Plan- MH: 67-I Institute of Technology Headquarters Unit- 4/6070 - KUPEPF Scheme (Employer Contribution)" from the head of account "Part I- Non Plan- MH- 63 Miscellaneous- 8/5948- Miscellaneous" in the current year's Budget Estimates of the University, vide Finance Endt.No. 2040/ Finance II/2024-'25 dated 30.08.2024.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.26: Budget Estimates 2024-2025- "4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff" subhead of the various UIT's main heads - Re- appropriation of funds - reg.

(Ad. B II/ Audit VI)

The Audit VI Section has informed that additional provision is required under the subhead "4/1215 - pay of contract staff" under the following main heads to process the salary of contract staff for the remaining four months in the current financial year as detailed below:

Name of head under which re-appropriation is required	Budget allocation in the financial year 2024-25	Expenditure (Till 19/11/24)	Approximate requirement for remaining months	Additional amount to be re-appropriated
UIT Yeroor (67-10) - 4/1215	40,00,000	26,34,766	14,15,300	50,000
UIT Mannanchery (67-29) - 4/1215	4,50,000	3,08,019	1,92,000	50,000
UIT Kattayikonam - (67-36) - 4/1215	14,00,000	9,30,126	5,19,900	50,000
UIT Mannadi - (67- 17) - 4/1215	15,00,000	10,92,231	6,07,800	2,00,000
UIT Kottakkara - (67- 11) - 4/1215	50,00,000	33,37,360	17,62,700	1,00,000
UIT Thiruvananthapuram - (67 - 2) - 4/1215	52,00,000	34,55,706	18,44,300	1,00,000

The Finance, vide Endt No.3342/Finance II/2024-2025 dated 28.11.2024, has endorsed to provide an amount of Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand only) under the below mentioned heads of account by re-appropriation from the head of account "Part I NP MH 67- 1- Institute of Technology, Head Quarters Unit – 4/3925- Lumpsum Provision" provided in the current year's Budget Estimates of the University.

Sl. No.	Head of Account to which reappropriation is done	Amount (Rs)	Head of Account From which reappropriation is done
1	Part 1– NP- MH 67-10- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Yeroor- 4/1215– Pay of Contract Staff	50,000	Part I NP MH 67- 1- Institute of Technology, Head Quarters Unit– 4/3925- Lumpsum Provision
2	Part 1– NP- MH 67-29- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Mannanchery, Cherthala - 4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff	50,000	
3	Part 1– NP– MH 67- 36- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Kattayikkomam (Kazhakkuttom) - 4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff	50,000	
4	Part 1– NP- MH 67- 17- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Mannadi-4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff	2,00,000	
5	Part 1– NP- MH 67- 11- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Kottarakkara - 4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff	1,00,000	
6	Part 1– NP- MH 67- 2- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram - 4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff	1,00,000	
	Total	Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh and Fifty Thousand only)	

The Finance also recommended to meet the additional expenditure on pay of contract staff from the above provision provided.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the above re-appropriation proposal is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the re-appropriation proposal for providing an additional amount of Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Fifty Thousand only) as detailed below based on Finance Endorsement No.3342/Finance II/2024-2025 dated 28.11.2024.

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Head of Account to which reappropriation is done</i>	<i>Amount (Rs)</i>	<i>Head of Account From which reappropriation is done</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Part 1– NP- MH 67-10- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Yeroor- 4/1215– Pay of Contract Staff</i>	<i>50,000</i>	<i>Part I NP MH 67- 1- Institute of Technology, Head Quarters Unit– 4/3925- Lumpsum Provision</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Part 1– NP- MH 67-29- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Mannanchery, Cherthala - 4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff</i>	<i>50,000</i>	
<i>3</i>	<i>Part 1– NP- MH 67- 36- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Kattayikkonam (Kazhakkuttom) – 4/ 1215- Pay of Contract Staff</i>	<i>50,000</i>	
<i>4</i>	<i>Part 1– NP- MH 67- 17- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Mannadi- 4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff</i>	<i>2,00,000</i>	
<i>5</i>	<i>Part 1– NP- MH 67- 11- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Kottarakkara - 4/1215- Pay of Contract Staff</i>	<i>1,00,000</i>	
<i>6</i>	<i>Part 1– NP- MH 67- 2- Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram - 4/1215-Pay of Contract Staff</i>	<i>1,00,000</i>	
<i>Total</i>			
<i>Rs.5,50,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh and Fifty Thousand only)</i>			

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.27: Budget Allocation 2024-25- Kerala University Research Students Union - Submission of proposal- consideration of – reg.

(Ad. B II)

The Budget Speech for the year 2024-2025 has envisaged to enhance the financial assistance given to Kerala University Research Students Union from Rs.6,00,000/- to Rs.7,00,000/-. Subsequently, the meeting of the Budget Implementation Cell held on 13.09.2024 has recommended to entrust Chairman, Kerala University Research Students Union to submit a proposal for the same before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration.

In the mean time, Dr. Deepak K R, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi and Honorary Treasurer, Kerala University Research Students Union had requested to release Rs.6,00,000/- , the amount already allotted in the Budget Estimates of the year 2024-2025, in the first stage, in order to support the exigent union activities.

Accordingly, an amount of Rs.6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh only) was released to Dr.Deepak.K.R, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi &Hon.Treasurer, Kerala University Research Students' Union as provisional advance, towards the grant to Kerala University Research Students' Union for the year 2024-'25 vide U.O No.Ad.B.II/1/1056/2024 dated 28.10.2024.

Now, Dr. Deepak K R, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi and Honorary Treasurer, Kerala University Research Students Union has forwarded the proposal submitted by Chairman, Kerala University Research Students Union towards enhancement of grant from Rs.6,00,000/- to Rs.7,00,000/-, in adherence to the recommendation of the meeting of the Budget Implementation Cell.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the proposal submitted by Chairman, Kerala University Research Students Union is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Proposal furnished by the Chairman, Kerala University Research Students Union is enclosed herewith.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by Chairman, Kerala University Research Students Union towards enhancement of grant to Kerala University Research Students Union from Rs.6,00,000/- to Rs.7,00,000/- as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.28: ***Item No : 93 of Budget Speech 2024-25 - Establishment of Finishing school in Applied Plant Science Phase II - Proposal - consideration of :- reg.***

(Pl. A)

An amount of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only) has been envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25, vide Item No : 93 for the establishment of Finishing School in Applied Plant Science-Phase II. Accordingly, the Head, Department of Botany, vide letter dated: 08/11/2024, has submitted a proposal (Appendix) for the establishment of Finishing School in Applied Plant Science-Phase 2 with a budget estimation, as follows :

Sl. No	Item	Amount require (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Consultancy and Hiring Service of Experts	0.3
2	Chemicals and Consumables	1.5
3	Repair and Maintenance	0.2
	TOTAL	2 Lakh

The above furnished proposal was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research. **The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024 considered the proposal and recommended to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action.** The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 23.12.2024, vide item no.16.62.D30 has resolved to approve the aforesaid recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024.

Hence, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the proposal (**Appendix**) submitted by Dr. E A Siril, Head, Department of Botany in connection with 'Establishment of Finishing School in Applied Plant Science- Phase II', as per Item No: 93 of Budget Speech 2024-25 is hereby placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Botany for the establishment of “Finishing School in Applied Plant Science-Phase II” with an estimated expenditure of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide item no.93, subject to the availability of fund.

The Committee further recommended to implement the project as per the existing rules and norms.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.29: Dr. D.S. Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship – Dr. Jyothy Parvathy V. - Department of Optoelectronics – Refund of unspent balance – reg.

(Pl. D)

The UGC has requested to refund the unspent balance against grant already sanctioned in r/o Dr. Jyothi Parvathy V., Department of Optoelectronics, under the scheme of Dr. D. S. Kothari Post – Doctoral Fellowship, vide letter No. F. 13-249/ 2008 (BSR) dated 04.11.2024. And, also forwarded the bank details:

Name of the Bank & Branch	– Canara Bank, IP Estate, New Delhi – 110002
Name of the Account Holder	– Secretary, University Grants Commission
Account Number	– 8627101002122
Type of Account	– Saving Account
IFSC Code	– CNRB0019017
MICR Code	– 110015371

Please note the following:

1. Dr. Jyothi Parvathy V., has joined as UGC – Dr. D. S. Kothari PDF under the mentorship of Dr. V. P. Mahadevan Pillai, at the Department of Optoelectronics w.e.f 28.12.2009.
2. The UGC has sanctioned an amount of Rs.3,14,000/- (Rupees three lakh fourteen thousand only) to the Registrar towards the Post Doctoral Fellowship to Dr. Jyothy Parvathy V., Department of Optoelectronics. And, it is valid for payment during the Financial Year 2009-10 only, vide Letter No. F.4-2/2006 (BSR)/13-249/2008 (BSR) dated 03.02.2010.

The details are as follows:

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| PDF @ Rs. 22,000/- per month for one year w.e.f 28.12.2009 | – Rs. 2,64,000/- |
| Contingency | – Rs. 50,000/- |
| Total | – Rs. 3,14,000/- |
3. Cash IV Section has verified and reported that the said amount was credited to KUF (B) A/c No. 57002315676 on 24.02.2010.
 4. Dr. Jyothy Parvathy, relieved from the Dr. D. S. Kothari Fellowship w.e.f 06.03.2010 AN, as she joined as Lecturer in the N. S. S. Engineering College, Palakkad. The Professor and Head, Department of Optoelectronics has requested to release the fellowship which is due to her during the period from 28.12.2009 to 06.03.2010 (including the maternity leave from 01.02.2010 to 06.03.2010 FN), vide letter no. Nil dated 29.05.2010.
 5. Letter No. Pl.D/10009/10 dated 27.08.2010 has been sent to the UGC to intimate the actual eligible amount to be released to the PDF awardee, as she worked in the project only for the period from 28.12.2009 to 06.03.2010.
 6. As, no response was received from the UGC, a reminder was also forwarded to the UGC, vide letter dated 07.03.2011.
 7. Now, the UGC has forwarded the Letter No.F.13-249/2008(BSR) dated 04.11.2024, requested to refund the unspent balance against the grant already sanctioned in r/o Dr. Jyothi Parvathy V.
 8. In addition to this letter, UGC has also forwarded the copy of the Letter No. F.No.4-2/2006(BSR)13-249/2010(BSR) dated Nov 2010, requested to refund the unspent balance of Rs. 2,62,904/- along with the interest accrued thereon out of the grant of Rs. 3,14,000/-, by way of Demand Draft drawn in favour of Secretary, UGC, New Delhi. And, also informed that Dr. Jyothy Parvathy V., is eligible for an amount of Rs. 51,096/-, at the rate of Rs. 22,000/- per month for the period from 28.12.2009 to 06.03.2010.
 9. On verifying the file kept in this section, the above said letter (mentioned in point no.8) was not received in section. And, hence a reminder to detail the eligible amount to be paid to Dr. Jyothy Parvathy V., (detailed in point no. 6) was forwarded to UGC on 07.03.2011. For this reminder letter also, no response was recieved from the UGC till Oct 2024.
 10. As per the clause 9 in the sanctioned letter, in case of non – utilization/ part utilization, the simple interest @ 10% per annum or as amended from time to time on unutilized amount from the date of drawing to the date of refund as per provisions contained in General Financial Rules of Govt. of India will be charged.

The Finance II Section has endorsed to refund the unutilized amount of Rs. 3,14,000/- towards Dr. D. S., Kothari Post Doctoral Fellowship in r/o Dr. Jyothy Parvathy V., Department of Optoelectronics to UGC against the bank details, detailed below, at the earliest., vide Endt. No. FOS. 3162/Finance II/2024-25 dated 18.11.2024.

Name of the Bank & Branch - Canara Bank, IP Estate, New Delhi – 110002
 Name of the Account Holder – Secretary, University Grants Commission
 Account Number – 8627101002122
 Type of Account – Saving Account
 IFSC Code – CNRB0010917
 MICR Code – 110015371

It may also noted that the refund of accrued interest is not mentioned in the Endorsement.

As per the orders of the Vice – Chancellor, file regarding the refund of unutilized amount of Rs. 3,14,000/- towards Dr. D.S. Kothari Post – Doctoral Fellowship in r/o Dr. Jyothi Parvathy V., under the mentorship of Dr. V.P. Mahadevan Pillai, Department of Optoelectronics, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to refund the unutilized amount of Rs.3,14,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fourteen Thousand only) released by the UGC towards Dr.D.S.Kothari Post – Doctoral Fellowship in r/o Dr. Jyothi Parvathy V., under the mentorship of Dr. V.P. Mahadevan Pillai, Department of Optoelectronics.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.30: Closure of the KSCSTE-SRS project by Dr.S.A Shanavas, Professor (Retd.) - purchase of LCD projector using the amount to be remitted to the DDF – ratification – reg.

(Ad. F I)

The Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE), under the Science Research Scheme (SRS), sanctioned financial assistance for the project titled “Resource Centre for Malayalam Language (Creation and Maintenance of a Corpora for Malayalam Language)” to Dr. S. A. Shanavas, Professor, Department of Linguistics, with a total cost of Rs. 7,26,000/- (Rupees seven lakh twenty-six thousand only) as per its order no. (T)286/SRS/2006/CSTE dated 28.08.2006, for a period of three years.

The funding agency(KSCSTE), via its letter dated 10.10.2019, has informed the Principal Investigator (PI) that the financial statements and relevant documents for the project had been received, the accounts are settled, and the technical formalities are completed. Based on this, Dr. S. A. Shanavas requested the necessary steps to close the project, vide his letter dated 05.11.2019. Subsequently, Dr. S. A. Shanavas was asked to submit necessary documents such as the asset transfer certificate, receipts for the remittance of overhead charges to the DDF, etc., on several occasions, in order to issue order regarding the closure of the project. Dr. S. A. Shanavas retired from service on 31.05.2024.

Later, the Head of the Department of Linguistics, in his letter dated 07.08.2024, informed that Dr. S. A. Shanavas had surrendered all equipment and stock registers, and a copy of the registers was forwarded. It was also noted by the Head that, according to their office records, no amount had been remitted to the DDF with regard to the project. In his letter dated 18.07.2024, Dr. S. A. Shanavas explained that the project was sanctioned to the Technology and Resource Centre for Malayalam (TRCML), which did not have a DDF account, and that the overhead amount had been utilized to purchase an LCD projector. The projector was handed over to the Department and is still in use for classroom interactions and other functions. The details of the projector were recorded in the copy of the stock register forwarded by the Head of the Department of Linguistics.

As per the sanction order from the funding agency, an amount of Rs.66,000/- (Rupees sixty-six thousand only) was allocated towards institutional overhead charges, and as per U.O. No. Ad.F1(2)/Misc./83 dated 05.02.2005, one-third of the overhead charges must be transferred to the DDF. Therefore, according to the project sanction order, Dr. S.A. Shanavas is required to remit a minimum amount of Rs. 22,000/- (Rupees twenty-two thousand only) to the DDF.

The Finance has opined that a suitable administrative decision may be taken regarding the purchase of the LCD projector using the amount that should have been remitted as overhead charges by Dr. S. A. Shanavas, Professor (Retd.), Department of Linguistics, and Principal Investigator (P.I.) of the project.

The matter was placed before the Syndicate in its meeting held on 23.12.2024, and the Syndicate resolved to seek an explanation from Dr. S.A. Shanavas on the issue. Accordingly, a letter requesting an explanation was issued to Dr. S.A. Shanavas on 15.01.2025. In response, he forwarded his explanation via email dated 16.01.2025, stating that the project was sanctioned to the Centre for TRCML, which did not have a DDF account. He further mentioned that an LCD projector was purchased using the overhead charges, and the projector is still in use in the Department. Additionally, he requested that, considering the above, the project may be treated as closed to facilitate the release of his remaining pensionary benefits.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the explanation submitted by Dr. S. A. Shanavas regarding the purchase of an LCD projector using the overhead charges of the project titled "Resource Centre for Malayalam Language (Creation and Maintenance of a Corpora for Malayalam Language), instead of remitting the minimum required amount to the Department Development Fund (DDF), is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to ratify the action taken by Dr.S.A. Shanavas, Professor (retd.), Department of Linguistics in purchasing an LCD projector using the overhead charges of the project titled "Resource Centre for Malayalam Language (Creation and Maintenance of a Corpora for Malayalam Language), instead of remitting the minimum required amount to the Department Development Fund (DDF), by accepting the explanation submitted by him.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.31: MCA Degree Programme 2024 scheme, for 2024 admission and Bridge Course-Proposal for fixing of Examination fee- Consideration of- reg.- (Ac. A IV)

The Regulation, Scheme and Syllabus of MCA 2024 Scheme Degree Programme was revised vide U.O.No.5134/2024/UOK dated 25.06.2024 and Bridge Course (as per U.O 370/2022/UOK dated.15.01.2022). The Tabulation section has proposed the fee structure for the Bridge Course and fee structure for the First to Fourth Semester MCA Degree Programme 2024 admission including fee for- Pass Certificate, Exemption certificate and Provisional Certificate. The proposal for the fee structure is as follows.

Fee proposal for MCA Degree Programme- 2024 Scheme (for 2024 admission).

SEMESTER: 1			
REGULAR		SUPPLEMENTARY/IMPROVEMENT	
Purpose	Fee	Purpose	Fee
Theory per paper	170	Theory per paper	215
Practical per paper	170	Practical per paper	215
Application fee	40	Application fee	40
Marklist	115	Marklist	115
CV Camp	235	CV Camp	235
Scrutiny	200	Supplementary/Improvement	55
		Fee after Course	235
		Scrutiny	200

SEMESTER: 2			
REGULAR		SUPPLEMENTARY/IMPROVEMENT	
Purpose	Fee	Purpose	Fee
Theory per paper	170	Theory per paper	215
Practical per paper	170	Practical per paper	215
Application fee	40	Application fee	40
Marklist	115	Marklist	115
CV Camp	235	CV Camp	235
Scrutiny	200	Supplementary/Improvement	55
		Fee after Course	235
		Scrutiny	200

SEMESTER: 3			
REGULAR		SUPPLEMENTARY / IMPROVEMENT	
Purpose	Fee	Purpose	Fee
Theory per paper	170	Theory per paper	215
Practical per paper	170	Practical per paper	215
Application fee	40	Application fee	40
Marklist	115	Marklist	115
CV Camp	235	CV Camp	235
Scrutiny	200	Supplementary/Improvement	55
		Fee after Course	235
		Scrutiny	200

SEMESTER: 4 (Project Work & Comprehensive Course Viva)	
Purpose	Fee
Marklist	445
Registration Fee	40
CV Camp	235
Dissertation	500
Bridge Course	
Purpose	Fee
Theory per paper	170
Practical per paper	170
Application fee	40
Marklist	115
Pass/Exemption Certificate	150 -- Late fee of Rs. 80/- after six months.
Provisional Certificate	250 -- Late fee of Rs. 80/- after six months.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter on the fixing of Examination fee and the fee for pass/ exemption/ provisional certificates for MCA, 2024 Scheme (for 2024 admission) is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for approval.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to fix the Examination fee and the fee for pass/ exemption/ provisional certificates for MCA Degree Programme, 2024 Scheme (for 2024 admission), as detailed below:

SEMESTER: 1			
REGULAR		SUPPLEMENTARY/IMPROVEMENT	
Purpose	Fee (in Rs.)	Purpose	Fee (in Rs.)
Theory per paper	170	Theory per paper	215
Practical per paper	170	Practical per paper	215
Application fee	40	Application fee	40

<i>Marklist</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>Marklist</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>CV Camp</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>CV Camp</i>	<i>235</i>
<i>Scrutiny</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>Supplementary/Improvement</i>	<i>55</i>
		<i>Fee after Course</i>	<i>235</i>
		<i>Scrutiny</i>	<i>200</i>

SEMESTER: 2			
REGULAR		SUPPLEMENTARY/IMPROVEMENT	
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fee (in Rs.)</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fee (in Rs.)</i>
<i>Theory per paper</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>Theory per paper</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>Practical per paper</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>Practical per paper</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>Application fee</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Application fee</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Marklist</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>Marklist</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>CV Camp</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>CV Camp</i>	<i>235</i>
<i>Scrutiny</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>Supplementary/Improvement</i>	<i>55</i>
		<i>Fee after Course</i>	<i>235</i>
		<i>Scrutiny</i>	<i>200</i>

SEMESTER: 3			
REGULAR		SUPPLEMENTARY/ IMPROVEMENT	
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fee (in Rs.)</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fee (in Rs.)</i>
<i>Theory per paper</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>Theory per paper</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>Practical per paper</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>Practical per paper</i>	<i>215</i>
<i>Application fee</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>Application fee</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Marklist</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>Marklist</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>CV Camp</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>CV Camp</i>	<i>235</i>
<i>Scrutiny</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>Supplementary/Improvement</i>	<i>55</i>
		<i>Fee after Course</i>	<i>235</i>
		<i>Scrutiny</i>	<i>200</i>

SEMESTER: 4	
<i>(Project Work & Comprehensive Course Viva)</i>	
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fee (in Rs.)</i>
<i>Marklist</i>	<i>445</i>
<i>Registration Fee</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>CV Camp</i>	<i>235</i>
<i>Dissertation</i>	<i>500</i>
Bridge Course	
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fee (in Rs.)</i>
<i>Theory per paper</i>	<i>170</i>
<i>Practical per paper</i>	<i>170</i>
<i>Application fee</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Marklist</i>	<i>115</i>
<i>Pass/Exemption Certificate</i>	<i>150</i>
	<i>Late fee of Rs. 80/- after six months.</i>
<i>Provisional Certificate</i>	<i>250</i>
	<i>Late fee of Rs. 80/- after six months.</i>

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.32: Department of Russian - Enhancement in fee for Russian courses- Request consideration - reg.

Ref:- Letter No.Rus.01/ 25 dated 01.01.2025 from the Head, Department of Russian, University of Kerala.

(Ac. D)

Dr. Krishnakumar R.S, Head, Department of Russian, vide reference cited above has submitted a proposal to enhance the fee for Russian courses, viz., 1. Certificate Course in Russian (One year course), 2. Diploma in Russian (One year course) and 3. Integrated Diploma in Russian (One year course) offered at the Department of Russian, University of Kerala. The fee for Russian courses has already been fixed as per U.O.No. Ac. D/3/2019 dated 09.08.2019. Now it is necessary to enhance the fee for these courses. Hence the Head, Department of Russian has requested to enhance the fee for the said courses.

The proposal is as detailed below,

I. Certificate Course in Russian (One Year course)

Sl. No.	Name of Fees	Current Fees	Fees to be enhanced
1.	Application fee	100	150
2.	Registration fee	100	150
3.	Tuition fee	1000	1500
4.	Department Development Fund	750	1000
5.	Caution Deposit	200	300
6.	Identity Card	100	200
	Total	2,250/-	3,300/-

II. Diploma in Russian (One Year course)

Sl. No.	Name of Fees	Current Fees	Fees to be enhanced
1.	Application fee	100	150
2.	Registration fee	100	150
3.	Tuition fee	1000	1700
4.	Department Development Fund	750	1000
5.	Caution Deposit	200	300
6.	Identity Card	100	200
	Total	2250/-	3500/-

III. Integrated Diploma in Russian (One year course)

Sl. No.	Name of Fees	Current Fees	Fees to be enhanced
1.	Application fee	100	150
2.	Registration fee	100	150
3.	Tuition fee	1500	2000
4.	Department Development Fund	750	1000
5.	Caution Deposit	200	300
6.	Identity Card	100	200
	Total	2750/-	3800/-

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the request submitted by the Head, Department of Russian, University of Kerala, to enhance fee for the Russian courses : Certificate Course in Russian, Diploma in Russian and Integrated Diploma in Russian as detailed above, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to enhance fee for the Russian courses - Certificate Course in Russian, Diploma in Russian and Integrated Diploma in Russian as detailed below.

I. Certificate Course in Russian (One Year course)

Sl. No.	Purpose	Fees (in Rs)
1.	Application fee	150
2.	Registration fee	150

3.	<i>Tuition fee</i>	<i>1500</i>
4.	<i>Department Development Fund</i>	<i>1000</i>
5.	<i>Caution Deposit</i>	<i>300</i>
6.	<i>Identity Card</i>	<i>200</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>3300</i>

II. Diploma in Russian (One Year course)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fees (in Rs)</i>
1.	<i>Application fee</i>	<i>150</i>
2.	<i>Registration fee</i>	<i>150</i>
3.	<i>Tuition fee</i>	<i>1700</i>
4.	<i>Department Development Fund</i>	<i>1000</i>
5.	<i>Caution Deposit</i>	<i>300</i>
6.	<i>Identity Card</i>	<i>200</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>3500</i>

III. Integrated Diploma in Russian (One year course)

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Fees (in Rs)</i>
1.	<i>Application fee</i>	<i>150</i>
2.	<i>Registration fee</i>	<i>150</i>
3.	<i>Tuition fee</i>	<i>2000</i>
4.	<i>Department Development Fund</i>	<i>1000</i>
5.	<i>Caution Deposit</i>	<i>300</i>
6.	<i>Identity Card</i>	<i>200</i>
	<i>Total</i>	<i>3800</i>

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.33: *Budget Speech 2024-25- Department of Biotechnology (Item No. 175) – Proposal for the Development of an in vitro testing platform to screen potential anticancer agents & evaluate their hepatotoxicity and neurotoxicity – Project implementation – reg.*

- Ref:
1. Email dated 07/10/2024, received from the Head, Department of Biotechnology University of Kerala.
 2. Item No.16.62.D31 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024.

(Ac. D)

The Budget Speech 2024 –‘25 of the University of Kerala envisaged the idea of implementing the project for the Development of an in vitro testing platform to screen potential anticancer agents & evaluate their hepatotoxicity and neurotoxicity and earmarked an amount of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh only) for the project.

The meeting of the Budget Implementation Cell held on 13.09.2024 considered the proposal and recommended to place the same before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

The Head, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kerala, vide reference (1) cited above, has forwarded a proposal for implementing the project for the Development of an in vitro testing platform to screen potential anticancer agents & evaluate their hepatotoxicity and neurotoxicity with an estimated expenditure amounting to Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh Only).

The detailed proposal is as follows,

Aim of the project

The discovery and screening of safe and effective anticancer agents are vital for tackling cancers. In vitro testing of potential drug candidate for their toxicity is a key step in evaluating the efficacy of potential anticancer drug candidates. Plants are an important source of anticancer agents and a large number of plants extracts show cytotoxic activity against numerous cancer cells. In addition to plant based compounds, synthetic compounds or nanoparticles have been widely employed in anticancer therapy either for the delivery of cargo molecules or because of their intrinsic property to kill the tumour cells. Finding cytotoxic compounds or nanoparticles with a high selectivity towards cancer cells is crucial to develop new anticancer agents to improve the low survival rates of patients diagnosed with various cancers.

In addition to the cytotoxic effect on cancer cells, these compounds or nanoparticles might also exhibit some toxic side effects. Damage to the liver is one of the most important issues in the development of any potent drug candidates. Some herbal extracts or nanoparticles when used for the long term, result in hepatotoxicity ranging from mild liver enzyme changes to chronic liver disease, leading to liver failure. Toxic injury to hepatocytes is produced through multiple mechanisms involving damage to biomolecules, alteration of cell homeostasis/ function and cell death. Neurotoxicity is another common side effect of many anticancer agents and these agents might disrupt or even kill neurons which are the key cells that transmit, and process signals in the brain and other parts of the nervous system. Several indicators of neuronal function in vitro can be used as biologic markers of neurotoxic effect. In vitro cell culture based assays can be used for both neurotoxicity and hepatotoxicity evaluation of potential drug candidates.

Many students and faculties of various departments of the University as well as in colleges are actively engaged in identifying potential anticancer agents – either from plant sources or via synthetic methods. Majority of them depend on commercial establishments to do the screening and safety evaluation studies. In this context, it would be highly useful to develop an invitro panel or various cancer cells to screen for the anticancer activity of the tested agents, and screening assays that can predict the safety and efficacy of the potential drug candidates. In addition to the development of screening and evaluation facility available to our students and faculty, this testing platform / facility can also be a potential source of income for the department.

Objectives:

Against this backdrop, the proposed study has the following objectives:

1. Establishment of an invitro cancer cell screening panel consisting of five different cancer cell lines (lungs, colon, ovaries, breast and prostate) along with normal control cells, to evaluate the selective anticancer activity of various plant extracts or nanoparticles or synthetic compounds & the ability of potent agents to induce apoptosis.
2. Development of screening assays to predict the hepatotoxicity of the tested compounds using HepG2 liver cells.
3. Development of screening assays to predict the neurotoxicity of the tested compounds using neuronal cells.

Budget Estimate

Sl. No.	Budget head	Amount in Rs.
1	Biosafety cabinet & minor equipments	5 Lakh
2	Consumable sand contingency	5 Lakh
Total		10 Lakh

Importance of the project

1. The proposed study would establish an initro screening panel consisting of normal and various cancer cells to evaluate potential compounds and also to assess the safety and efficacy of tested compounds. The screening assays also will allow potential optimization of the concentration ranges in regard to the toxic doses.
2. This facility can be utilized by successive generations of students, research scholars and faculty of the department and other departments of the University, not only as a screening platform but also to further unravel mechanisms of cytotoxicity of the tested agents.
3. The facility can also be a source of income generation to the Department and the University.

Justification for the Budget items:

- 1) Equipment: The project involves screening assays done using animal cells, for which a biosafety cabinet is essential. Further, the budget is required for buying some minor equipments such as centrifuge rotors, water baths, power packs, air conditioners for research lab etc.
- 2) Consumables and contingency: The study involves molecular grade reagents & costly enzymes, fluorescent dyes, isolation and assay kits, primary and secondary antibodies for westerns and immunofluorescence analysis, probes and primers, specialized media components, serum and growth factors which are required for the detailed cellular and molecular investigations. Glassware and plasticware including sterile cell culture flasks, cryovials, petri dishes, multi-well plates, nitrocellulose membranes, etc. are also required for growing and maintaining the cells and for molecular and cellular studies. The cost also includes the access charges/ service charges for the use of RT PCR & other sophisticated instruments at central instrumentation facility, other departments and institutes nearby.

The Syndicate held on 23.12.2024, vide reference (2) cited above, has resolved to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action, as per the recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024. The Vice Chancellor has ordered to implement the resolution of the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for implementing the project **for the Development of an in vitro testing platform to screen potential anticancer agents & evaluate their hepatotoxicity and neurotoxicity** submitted by the **Head, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kerala** is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Biotechnology for implementing the project for the “Development of an in vitro testing platform to screen potential anticancer agents & evaluate their hepatotoxicity and neurotoxicity” along with an estimated expenditure of Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide item no.175, subject to the availability of fund.

The Committee further recommended that all the purchases shall be made in accordance with the provisions in the Store purchase manual and Kerala Financial code.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.34: Budget Speech 2024-25- Department of Biochemistry (Item No. 20) – Proposal for the Development of Biopesticides from the selected Ferns of the Western Ghats, Kerala Project implementation – reg.

- Ref: 1. Letter No.BCH/UOK/Budget Speech/2024 - 25 dated 28/10/2024, from the Head, Department of Biochemistry, University of Kerala.
2. Item No.16.62.D37 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024

(Ac. D)

The Budget Speech 2024 –‘25 of the University of Kerala envisaged the idea of implementing the project for the Development of Biopesticides from the selected Ferns of the Western Ghats, Kerala and earmarked an amount of Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh only) for the project. The meeting of the Budget Implementation Cell held on 13.09.2024, considered the proposal and recommended to authorize the Head, Department of Biochemistry to submit the same before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

The Head, Department of Biochemistry, University of Kerala, vide reference (1) cited above, has forwarded a proposal for implementing the project for the Development of Biopesticides from the selected Ferns of the Western Ghats, Kerala with an estimated expenditure amounting to Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Only).

The proposal is as detailed below

Introduction

The damage to plants caused by pests including viruses, bacteria, fungi, insects, and also competition from weeds greatly impairs their productivity and can destroy a whole crop. Millions of rupees are spent on pesticides excluding herbicides to protect and limit the damage to crops from plant diseases, nematodes, and insects. The potential crop losses in the absence of pesticide use may greatly exceed the above value. Over the years, synthetic pesticides like herbicides, algicides, miticides, bactericides, fumigants, termiticides, repellents, insecticides, molluscicides, nematocides, and pheromones have been used to improve crop yield.

Biopesticides

Biopesticides are natural, biologically occurring compounds used to control various agricultural pests infesting plants in farmlands, gardens, forests, etc. Different types of biopesticides have been developed from various sources such as biocontrol agents composed of microorganisms including bacteria, cyanobacteria, and microalgae, plant-based compounds, and recently applied RNAi-based technology. Biopesticides have several advantages over their chemical counterparts and are expected to occupy a large share of the market in the coming period.

Fern as next generation biopesticide

Recently, two novel insecticidal proteins, Tma12 and IPD083, have been isolated from fern species supporting earlier observations that ferns are inherently resistant to insect infestation. A team of researchers at CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI), Lucknow, has investigated the functional activity of plant protein Tma12 from fern functional activity of plant protein Tma12 from fern Tectariamacrodonta, which is toxic to whiteflies. Tma12 kills whiteflies by degrading chitin to simple molecules. One of the by-products generated after Tma12-based digestion of chitin is methanol, which can be utilized as a biofuel. The findings of this research can be utilized by biorefineries in the production of biofuels and for expanding the horizons of biopesticides (Yadav et al., 2019). Tma12 is a chitin-binding protein from the family of AA10 monooxygenases that are normally bacterial enzymes. However, genomic analyses revealed that Tma12 is encoded by a plant gene. Sequence similarities with the bacterial proteins led to the hypothesis that the ferns acquired the gene by horizontal gene transfer from a bacterial species. The function of IPD083 in its native plant is currently unknown and its DNA sequence is not related to known bacterial proteins (Liu et al 2019).

Thus, fern proteins could be the next generation of natural pesticides, the distant relatives of the fern have variants of this protein, the researchers discovered, indicating it arose early in fern evolution, about 300 million years ago.

Hence, in the present proposal, we aimed to isolate the active protein or solvent extract against common pests of Kerala from the selected ferns of Western Ghats.

Objectives

- Preparation of protein/ solvent/ water extracts of selected ferns
- In vitro pesticidal study using protein and solvent extracts
- In vivo pesticidal study of promising fraction / molecule
- Phytochemical analysis and identification of the most promising fraction/ molecules

Work Methodology and Research Plan

Collection of Plant Material

Commonly available selected ferns species of Kerala will be collected from Western Ghats region and other parts of Kerala

Preparation of Plant protein extract

Freshly collected fern material will be powdered using liquid nitrogen and the protein will be extracted from the plant tissue by adding an extraction buffer. The homogenate will be centrifuged followed by filtration through a Whatman filter.

Preparation of fern extracts

Collected ferns will be washed, thoroughly shade-dried, and powdered. Dried plant material will be extracted 70 % aqueous alcohol, supernatant will be filtered and concentrated under reduced pressure using a rotary evaporator to yield crude extracts. The crude extracts will be further used for screening. The water extract of the fresh material will also be prepared.

Liquid-liquid partitioning of lead extracts

The crude extracts will be further fractionated using hexane, ethyl acetate, and butanol. The remaining water fraction will also be collected. The collected fractions will be concentrated using a rotary evaporator and or lyophilization. The identified active fraction will be selected using the bioassays and further studies.

Insects and initial diet-based bioassay

The insect species affecting commonly cultivated vegetables will be used for the current work. Insect eggs will be obtained from Agricultural College, Vellayani. Protein extracts/ solvent extracts will be assayed in an agar-based Lepidopteran diet in a 96-well plate format. Two to five neonate insects will be placed into each well of the treated plate. After four days of incubation at 28°C, larvae will be scored for mortality or severity of stunting.

Insecticidal bioassay against the common pest whitefly

The bioassay will be carried out to assess the insecticidal potential of the fern extracts against the common whitefly. The leaf disc method will be adopted. Infected leaflets (triplicates) will be collected from the farm. The infected leaves will be sprayed with the selected fern extracts at different concentrations using a glass atomizer to ensure fine spraying. The mouth of the Petri dishes will be covered with nylon mesh immediately after spraying the extracts to contain the whiteflies. To ensure the insecticidal potential of the fern extract, the neem oil, Acetamiprid and water will be used as control and sprayed at different concentrations. The mortality rate will be assessed at 24 h intervals for 4 day (96 hrs).

Bioassay against Amaranthus leaf webber/ vegetable aphid

Amaranthus leaf webber/ Vegetable aphids, will be collected from field (without pesticidal application), and reared on Amaranthus/vegetables in the lab under controlled conditions

Bioassay: Residual and contact assays will be conducted for the evaluation. The mortality response will be recorded at 24h, 48h and 72h.

Identification of the Molecular mechanism

Expression of stress markers such as mitogen activator protein Kinase (MAPK), heat shock proteins (HSPs), pathogen-related protein in biotic stress, and Reactive oxygen species (ROS) etc. will be evaluated and further, the molecular mechanism will be elucidated.

Expected deliverables / outcome

The present study aims to develop an eco-friendly biopesticide from selected ferns. The lead molecule/fraction/extract will be used for the development of the product and will be patented.

Estimated Budget

Sl. No.	Item	Amount	Justification
1	Manpower Rs. 30,000/- x 6 months	1,80,000	A postdoc skilled in extraction work is required for conduct of the work
2	Consumables	6,00,000	Purchase of reagents, kits, cell culture media, pots, fertilizers
3	Minor equipment	3,35,000	Cabinets are worn out and needs to be replaced
4	Contingency	20,000	Stationery items needed for the project
5	Travel	50,000	Field trips associated with plant material collection
6	Civil works	1,00,000	Construction of lab tables
7	AC purchase	65,000	The existing instrument room has AC that is older than 20 years
8	Miscellaneous	50,000	Recruitment of laborers for collecting and maintaining plants on a daily wages. Recruitment of staff for office assistance on daily wages
9	Conduct of awareness programme/ workshops/ Satellite symposia	1,00,000	Awareness on biopesticides to public, purchase of registration kits, refreshments, advertisements
Total: Rs. 15,00,000 (Fifteen Lakh only)			

The Syndicate held on 23.12.2024, vide reference (2) cited above, has resolved to approve the above said proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action, as per the recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for implementing the project **for the Development of Biopesticides from the selected Ferns of the Western Ghats, Kerala** submitted by the **Head, Department of Biochemistry, University of Kerala** is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Biochemistry for implementing the project entitled “Development of Biopesticides from the selected Ferns of the Western Ghats, Kerala” with an estimated expenditure of Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide item no.175, as per norms and subject to the availability of fund.

The Committee further recommended that all the purchases shall be made in accordance with the provisions in the Store purchase manual and Kerala Financial code.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.35: IQAC-Budget Speech 2024-25 (Item No. 4) – Proposal for meeting the initial expenses towards the formation of K U Technocrat Colloquium – reg.

- Ref:
1. Proposal received from Prof. (Dr.) Shaji E, Director, IQAC.
 2. Item No.16.62.D32 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024.
 3. Note No. IQAC/2025/1 dated 23.01.2025 from the Director, IQAC.

(Ac. D)

The Budget Speech 2024 – ‘25 of the University of Kerala envisaged the idea of formation of “K U Technocrat Colloquium” and earmarked an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) for the project. The meeting of the Budget Implementation Cell held on 13.09.2024, considered the proposal and recommended to place the same before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Prof. (Dr.) Shaji E, Director, IQAC, University of Kerala, vide reference (1) cited above, has submitted a proposal for meeting the initial expenses towards the formation of “K U Technocrat Colloquium” with an estimated expenditure amounting to Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only).

The Syndicate held on 23.12.2024, vide reference (2) cited above, has resolved to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, along with the detailed proposal from the Director, IQAC, for further necessary action, as per the recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024. The Vice Chancellor has ordered to implement the resolution of the Syndicate.

Prof. (Dr.) Shaji E, Director, IQAC, University of Kerala, vide reference (3) cited above, has submitted a revised proposal for meeting the initial expenses towards the formation of “K U Technocrat Colloquium” with an estimated expenditure amounting to Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only).

Revised proposal is as detailed below

The inputs and cooperation of eminent technocrats is vital to transform University into a Centre of Excellence in Multidisciplinary learning and cutting-edge research with societal applications. A forum for connecting such eminent luminaries to the University community, and fostering this linkage would be extremely beneficial. This will also help in expansion of University's outreach and International linkage, creating new opportunities. The plan is to map our Teaching Departments and University College of Engineering, Kariavattom with Technopark, Industry, R&D Institutions etc.

Department / Institute	Name of the Event	Institutions to be mapped
University College of Engineering, Kariavattom	UCEK- Technopark Connect	Selected 5-8 firms, along with CEO of Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram. The content of syllabus of Engineering programmes and employability of students who pursue those programmes has to be improved. The session will explore possibility of support from companies in framing curriculum for Engineering programmes according to needs of the Industry and to initiate affirmative actions for Campus Placement.
Science, Applied Sciences Departments, allied Centres	Science Synergy: Bridging Industry and Academia	Directors, as panelists will be invited from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Central Tuber Crops Research Institute 2. Centre for Development and Advanced Computing 3. Indian Rare Earths Ltd. 4. Institute of Advanced Virology 5. Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute 6. KELTRON 7. Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd. 8. Kerala State Biodiversity Board 9. Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment 10. National Institute For Interdisciplinary Science and Technology 11. Sree Chitra Thirunal Institute for Medical Sciences 12. State Medicinal Plants Board 13. Terumo Penpol 14. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre etc. This session would explore opportunities for collaboration in Doctoral, Post-Doctoral, Sponsored and Joint Research. Inputs on Curriculum refinement and placement would also be sought.
Social Science, Commerce, Management, Law	Social-Techno Innovations	Directors, as panelists will be invited from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Centre for Developmental Studies 2. Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation 3. Kerala Council for Historical Research 4. Kerala Council for Historical Research 5. NABARD
Arts, Oriental Studies, Journalism and Education	Mediascape and Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panelists, experts from Media firms, film industry and associated technological establishments • Ed-Tech firms

A 'Technocrat Meet' may be conducted as an initial step, preferably in February-March, 2025.

The event will be having an inaugural session, followed by theme based discussions and a valedictory session. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Ministers for Higher Education, Finance, Industries etc. may be invited to grace inaugural and plenary sessions.

Budget

Sl. No.	Proposal	Item wise Split-up
1.	Technocrat Meet – Conduct of a One day Summit Potential venue: KTDC Mascot Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram A Summit of eminent Technocrats and Managers. Their inputs for transforming University into a World Class HEI to be sought. The event would consist of Panel Discussions, Q&A Sessions, Interaction etc.	Head wise Budget Hall, Lunch & refreshments- Rs. 3,00,000/- Venue arrangements, Stationary expenses etc.- Rs. 1,25,000/- Local conveyance & Miscellaneous- Rs. 75,000/- Total: Rs. 5 Lakh

Participation

Dignitaries from the Government- 10	Ministers, Secretaries etc.
External Participation- 30-40	Directors/MDs of R&D Institutions and firms, Panelists, Experts etc.
Internal attendees- 120-130	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Members of the Syndicate 2. Statutory Officers 3. Deans of all Faculties 4. Head of Departments/ Faculty member nominated by them 5. Directors of various University Offices 6. Selected Science and Applied Science Centre Directors 7. Office bearers of Departments Union and Research Students Union

Implementation of the scheme shall be done by Director, IQAC with a committee constituted by the Syndicate for the same.

Proposed date of activity: February 2025

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the detailed proposal **submitted by Prof. (Dr.) Shaji E, Director, IQAC, University of Kerala for meeting the initial expenses towards the formation of “KU Technocrat Colloquium”** is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the revised proposal submitted by Prof. (Dr.) Shaji E, Director, IQAC, University of Kerala for meeting the initial expenses towards the formation of “KU Technocrat Colloquium” along with an estimated expenditure of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide Item No.4, as per norms and subject to the availability of fund.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.36: Budget Speech 2024-25 - Department of Biotechnology (Item No. 174) – Proposal for the formation of Nano-based Polymer Films for the Development of Active Packaging and Wound Dressing Material – Project implementation – reg.

Ref: 1.Email dated 07/10/2024, received from the Head, Department of Biotechnology University of Kerala.
2. Item No. 16. 62. D38 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024.

(Ac. D)

The Budget Speech 2024 – ‘25 of the University of Kerala envisaged the idea of implementing the project for the formation of Nano-based Polymer Films for the Development of Active Packaging and Wound Dressing Material and earmarked an amount of Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh only)

for the project. The meeting of the Budget Implementation Cell held on 13.09.2024, considered the proposal and recommended to authorize the Head, Department of Biotechnology to submit the same before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research.

The Head, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kerala, vide reference (1) cited above, has forwarded a proposal for implementing the project for the formation of Nano-based Polymer Films for the Development of Active Packaging and Wound Dressing Material with an estimated expenditure amounting to Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Only).

The detailed proposal is as follows,

Introduction

Deterioration and loss of food quality is a serious concern as it affects food security and economic development. Food packaging plays a crucial role in food preservation throughout the food supply chain. Without packaging, the processing of food can become compromised as it is contaminated by direct contact with physical, chemical, and biological contaminants. In recent years, the development of novel food packaging methods like nano based packaging (active packaging), pH sensitive packaging (intelligent packaging system), etc. are gaining importance due to their unique properties like enhanced barrier properties, improved strength & durability, reduced material usage, improved sustainability, enhanced food safety and extended product life.

Some wounds like chronic ulcers (diabetic foot ulcers, pressure ulcers, venous leg ulcers) and infected wounds are often difficult to heal. Most of the currently available wound dressing materials have many shortcomings like poor antimicrobial properties, reduced moisture index, weak mechanical property, high cost, reduced adhesion property, poor biodegradability, reduced bioavailability and biocompatibility.

In this context, here we propose the development of nano-based polymer films, that have been designed from the combination of biopolymers (natural polymers) (e.g., chitosan, cellulose, gelatin, starch etc.) and synthetic polymers (e.g., poly (vinyl alcohol), poly (lactic-co-glycolic acid), polylactide, poly-glycolic acid, etc.) for food packaging application and wound management.

Objectives

The proposed initiative has the following objectives

- Development and characterization of nano-based active packaging
- Study of mechanical and barrier properties of the packaging film
- Study of physio-chemical property of the modified film
- Evaluation of shelf life of food materials packed with modified film
- Synthesis and characterization of antimicrobial nano-based films
- Study of drug (Chemotherapeutic) loading, encapsulation and releasing property of modified of the modified film.
- Study of wound healing efficacy of the antimicrobial film

Expertise available in the Department of Biotechnology to undertake this project:

The investigators who will be involved in the project have the requisite expertise to perform these investigations, as evidenced by their publications in major journals like ACS Applied biomaterials, ACS Applied materials and Interfaces Food packaging and shelf life (Elsevier), Journal of Food safety (Wiley), New Horizons in translational medicine (Elsevier) etc.

Estimated Budget

Sl. No.	Budget head	Amount in Rs.
1	Minor equipment	5 Lakhs
2	Chemicals, Glassware, Plastic ware, Media Components and contingency	3 Lakhs
	Total Amount	8 Lakhs

Justification for the Budget items

Minor equipments

To carry out the development of active packaging film and wound healing patches/ films the following essential equipment's are required

- 1) Digital weighing balance
- 2) Refrigerator – To store reagents and chemicals
- 3) Water bath with variable temperature control

- 4) Magnetic Stirrer with temperature control for nanoprecipitation/ desolvation process
- 5) Vortex mixer
- 6) Digital vernier caliper – To measure the thickness of films
- 7) Centrifuge – For separation of nanomaterials
- 8) Heating mantles
- 9) Teflon based casting trays for the development of film
- 10) Micropipettes
- 11) Minifuge
- 12) Biosafety Cabinet – for cell culture study to investigate wound healing efficacy

Consumables and contingency:

The study involves polymer films which requires different types of polymers like chitosan, soluble starch, gelatin, Poly (ε-caprolactone, poly vinyl alcohol etc., use of fine quality bio-chemicals, reagents for the analysis of the physico-chemical properties of modified films). Tissue culture reagents, assay kits, plastic wares, autoclave bags, gloves, Glassware and plasticware including sterile cell culture flasks, cryovials, petri dishes, multi-well plates, etc. are also required for growing and maintaining the cells for the study wound healing efficacy. The cost also includes the access charges/ service charges for characterization of samples using various sophisticated instruments at Central Instrumentation Facility (CLIF), other departments and nearby institutions. The contingency is added to procure stationaries such as files, paper clips, printer inks, papers, publication charges, pens, markers, stickers, cello tapes, soap items etc.

Expected Outcomes

1. Development of nano-based polymer films which have the potential to provide added functionality such as enhanced mechanical properties, improved barrier properties, moisture control etc. to current food packaging materials.
2. The synthesised smart packaging film also act as responsive packaging that adapts to changing conditions.
3. Development of wound healing films/ patches by the incorporation of plant extracts, phytochemicals, drug formulations endowed with improved properties like controlled release of bioactive compounds, enhanced antimicrobial activity, anti-inflammatory and tissue regenerative capacity.

The Syndicate held on 23.12.2024, vide reference (2) cited above, has resolved to approve the above said proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action, as per the recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024. The Vice Chancellor has ordered to implement the resolution of the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor the proposal for implementing the project **for the formation of Nano-based Polymer Films for the Development of Active Packaging and Wound Dressing Material**, submitted by the **Head, Department of Biotechnology, University of Kerala** is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Biotechnology for implementing the project for the formation of Nano-based Polymer Films for the Development of Active Packaging and Wound Dressing Material with an estimated expenditure of Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide Item No.174, subject to the availability of fund.

The Committee further recommended that all the purchases shall be made in accordance with the provisions in the Store purchase manual and Kerala Financial code.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.37: *Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies – Proposal for starting Certificate Course in West Asian Studies under the Centre for West Asian Studies – reg.*

(Ac.D)

Ref: Letter dtd 08.01.2025 from Sri.Asharaf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies.

Sri. Asharaf A, The Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, has forwarded a request regarding the approval of Syllabus and fee structure of the Certificate course in West Asian Studies which is to be offered under the Centre for West Asian Studies, Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies.

The duration of the course is six months and the course will be conducted on online mode with a total of 4 hours of classes per week. The total number of seats is 20 and the proposed fees for the course is Rs.6000/- (Rupees Six Thousand Only).

The CSS Academic Committee held on 04.12.2024 vide Item No. 8 considered the syllabus for the proposed Certificate Course in West Asian Studies and recommended that

1. The Syllabus be approved with suggested modifications incorporating the module on Business and consultancy practices in West Asia, Subject to reporting to the Academic Council
2. The fee structure for the programme be placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration.

The syllabus approved by the CSS Academic Committee is reported to the next Academic Council scheduled on 17.02.2025.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the fee structure of the Certificate course in West Asian Studies which is to be offered under the Centre for West Asian Studies, Department of Islamic and West Asian Studies submitted by Sri. Asharaf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to submit a detailed proposal including fee structure and course details.

The Committee further recommended to invite the Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies for discussion on the matter.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.38: Department of Statistics-Certificate Course in Programming with R, Python and Machine Learning-Revision of proportion of remittance of fees to KUF and DDF- Reg.

(Ac. D)

The Head, Department of Statistics, vide letter dated 28.12.2024 submitted a request to revise the proportion of remittance of fees to KUF and DDF for the Certificate Course in Programming with R, Python and Machine Learning conducted in the Department.

The fee structure & proportion of remittance of fee of the "Certificate course in Programming with R, Python and Machine Learning" in the Department of Statistics approved vide U.O. No. Ac D/ 5636/2024/UOK dated 09.07.2024 is as follows:

Particulars	Fees (Rs.)
Fee for application	250/-
Course Fee	7500/-
DDF	500/-
Fee for Examination	500/-

As per the UO, the fees collected for the course shall be remitted to KUF, excluding the payment to DDF.

The Head has informed that, the admission of first batch of the course, Certificate Course in Programming with R, Python and Machine Learning" was completed and fees collected was remitted to PD Account and requested to revise proportion of remittance of the fees collected towards the course with the following manner;

1. to remit 50% of the balance amount (after covering expenses for honoraria for resource persons and miscellaneous costs) of the course fee to KUF and 50% to DDF of the Department.
2. to remit the total amount of application fee and examination fee to KUF

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 12.10.2023 vide item no 05.52.54 considered the fee structure of the programme and resolved to fix the above fee structure for the certified course and further resolved that, to remit the fee collected towards the certified course, excluding DDF, to KUF. Accordingly, sanction was accorded, vide UO No.5636/2024/UOK dated 09.07.2024.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the request submitted by the Head, Department of Statistics for revision of proportion of remittance of fees to KUF and DDF in connection with the Certificate Course in Programming with R, Python and Machine Learning is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to remit the fee collected towards the certified courses in Programming with R, Python and Machine Learning as per UO No.5636/2024/UOK dated 09.07.2024.

The Committee further recommended to release remuneration to the teachers handling the certified courses from KUF, on submission of bills by the Head, Department of Statistics.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.39: Department of Botany - Budget Speech 2024-25- Item No. 43 – Plant bioactives from Eleutherinebulbosa Miller (Urban) as natural colourants and preservatives – reg.

- Ref:
1. Minutes of the Budget Implementation Committee held on 13.09.2024
 2. Proposal dated 08.11.2024 from Dr. E A Siril, Professor and Head, Department of Botany.
 3. Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 23.12.2024

(Ac. D)

Dr. E.A Siril, Professor & Head, Department of Botany has forwarded a proposal for the research on the topic “Plant bioactives from Eleutherine bulbosa Miller (Urban) as natural colourants and preservatives”.

The Budget Speech 2024 –‘25 of University of Kerala envisaged the idea to conduct a research on “Plant bioactives from Eleutherine bulbosa Miller(Urban) as natural colourants and preservatives” and earmarked an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) for the same.

The Budget Implementation Cell at its meeting held on 13.09.2024, recommended to authorize, the Head, Department of Botany, University of Kerala to submit the proposal for the same before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research.

Details of the Research is as follows:

Plant bioactives from Eleutherine bulbosa Miller (Urban) as natural colourants and preservatives

Eleutherinebulbosa belongs to the plant family Iridaceae, a species rich in medicinal subterranean tubers. Researches conduct at the Department of Botany, University of Kerala has identified that this plant contains many important bio active compounds (Naphthalene, Anthraquinone and Naphthoquinone) and it has also been identified as the source of many other red pigments.

Aim:

- To use the bioactive compound from Eleutherinebulbose as an natural alternative to the artificial colourants, additives and preservatives used in processed food items, pharmaceutical ingredients.
- To assess the quality of the manufactured products.

Budget Estimate

Sl. No.	Item	Amount (Rs.)
1	Lab Consumables	2,00,000/-
2	Contingency	60,000/-
3	Man power	2,40,000/-
Total		5,00,000/-

The Syndicate held on 23.12.2024 vide Item No.16.62.D44 considered the proposal for the research on the topic **“Plant bioactives from Eleutherine bulbosa Miller (Urban) as natural colourants and preservatives”** forwarded by Dr. E A Siril and resolved to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action. The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to implement the resolution of the Syndicate.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, proposal for the research on the topic **“Plant bioactives from Eleutherine bulbosa Miller (Urban) as natural colourants and preservatives”** forwarded by Dr. E.A Siril, Professor & Head, Department of Botany is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Department of Botany for the research on the topic “Plant bioactives from Eleutherine bulbosa Miller (Urban) as natural colourants and preservatives” with an estimated expenditure of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs only), as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2024-25 vide item no.174, as per norms and subject to the availability of fund.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.40: Department of Political Science-Non-regularisation of Provisional Advance - Provisional payment sanctioned to Prof.Sajad Ibrahim-Reg. (Ac.D)

The Budget Speech for the Financial year 2019-20 envisaged for starting of M.A Public Administration Programme at the Department of Political Science, University of Kerala and administrative sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor for starting the course, M.A Public Administration at the Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, vide UO.No. Ac.D/2/14251/2019 dated 04.01.2020.

An amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) was sanctioned as provisional advance to Dr. K.M.Sajad Ibrahim, Professor & Head, Department of Political Science for meeting the expenses in connection with the starting of M.A Public Administration Programme in the Department, vide UO.NO. Ac.D/2/14251/2019 dated 05.03.2020. The provisional advance sanctioned has not been regularised.

The matter was reported to the Finance and obtained a remarks in this regard. The Finance has remarked that, “an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rs. Five Lakh Only) has been sanctioned to Dr.Sajad Ibrahim, vide UO No. Ac.D/2/14251/2019 dated 05.03.2020 on the condition that the advance released shall be regularised within 3 months from the date of receipt of advance. Since the advance sanctioned has not been regularised yet and the Keral State Audit has also raised objection with regard to the non-regularisation, the Finance has opined that, immediate steps may be taken to regularise the advance after refunding the unutilized amount including the interest (if any) to KUF”.

Meanwhile, Prof. (Dr.) K.M Sajad Ibrahim, Department of Political Science, vide letter dated 22.11.2024 forwarded the statement regarding the current status of utilization of the provisional payment and requested to permit him to regularise the Provisional Advance after completing the purchase of Materials.

Details of Status Report on utilization of the Provisional Advance of Rs.5,00,000/- sanctioned for starting the MA Public Administration Programme.

- An amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rs. Five Lakh Only) was sanctioned as provisional advance for starting the MA Public Administration Programme at the Department of Political Science, vide UO No. Ac.D/2/14251/2019 dated 05.03.2020.

- Administrative sanction was granted to purchase one desktop Computer and furniture amounting to Rs.2,75,532/- for meeting the expenditure from the Provisional Advance sanctioned, vide UO. No.Ad.AII/3448/2022/UOK dated 05.05.2022.
- After modification of the administrative order mentioned above, the Department procured 7 desktop computers through CPRCS Portal in July 2023 with a total cost of Rs.3,13,985/- (Rs. Three Lakh Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Five Only).
- The process for utilizing the remaining amount of Rs.1,86,105/- has been initiated by inviting tender for the procurement of four Projector and projector screen.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the request submitted by Prof.(Dr.) K.M Sajad Ibrahim, Department of Political Science for permitting him to regularise the Provisional advance of an amount Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Only) sanctioned after completing the process of purchase of materials, on the basis of the remarks of the Finance, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to invite Prof. (Dr.) K.M Sajad Ibrahim, Department of Political Science in this Committee for discussion on the matter.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.41: ***Institute of Management in Kerala (IMK)- Request for starting new programme, Master of Business Administration (General) (Evening - Regular) Programme for Working Executives - reg.***

(Ac. D)

The Head, Institute of Management in Kerala, University of Kerala has forwarded a proposal for starting a Master of Business Administration (General) (Evening - Regular) Programme at IMK for Working Executives with effect from academic year 2024-2025.

Considering the growth of the business sector and high employment potential, the Budget Speech of 2024 -'25 of University of Kerala, vide Item No.92, envisaged the idea of starting two year evening MBA (General) (Evening-Regular) Programme for Working Executives and earmarked Rs.2,00,000/- (Rs. Two Lakh only), for initial facility development, for starting the programme from the Academic year 2025-2026.

Objectives of the Programme

1. Impart management fundamentals in areas like Human Resource Management, Organizational Behaviour, Marketing Management, Managerial Finance, Quantitative Methods, Managing Information Technology, and Operations Management, among others. Instil deep understanding of the electives viz. Finance, Marketing, Operations Management, and Human Resource Management
2. Infuse theory through practical sessions and case analysis
3. Train Business Analytics and its application in the industry
4. Understand the basics of Data Science and its applications
5. Impart practical applications of the acquired knowledge through projects and workshops

Programme Duration : Two year Evening-Regular (Each year having Two Semesters)

Programme Delivery : The classes will be held in the evenings from Monday through Friday (5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.).

Evaluation

- End-semester examinations by the CSS of the University
- Assignments
- Seminars/ presentations, MOOCs, and
- Dissertation

No of Seats: 30

Programme Fee and Allocation

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Account	Remarks	Sem I	Sem 2	Sem 3	Sem 4
I	Admission Fee	210	KUF	I Sem. Only	210	-	-	-
II	Tuition Fee	40000	KUF + DDF (Rs. 20000 each)	Per Sem	40000	40000	40000	40000
III	Caution Deposit	1000	PD ACCOUNT	I Sem. Only	1000	-	-	-
IV	DDF	2100	DDF ACCOUNT	I Sem. Only	2100	-	-	-
V	Special Fee	#	#		1870	-	210	-
	TOTAL		#		44970	40000	40210	40000
	Components of Special Fee	Amount						
1	Medical Inspection Fee	50	KUF	One Time Fee	50	-	-	-
2	Sports Affiliation Fee	150	KUF	One Time Fee	150	-	-	-
3	University Union Fee	120	KUF	One Time Fee	120	-	-	-
4	Students Aid Fund	60	KUF	One Time Fee	60	-	-	-
5	Women's Study Unit	30	KUF	One Time Fee	30	-	-	-
6	Student Care Fund	200	KUF	One Time Fee	200	-	-	-
7	Student Affiliation Fee	1050	KUF	One Time Fee	1050	-	-	-
8	Journal Fee	210	PD JOURNAL ACC.	I & III Sem.	210	-	210	-
	SPECIAL FEE TOTAL	1870						
			KUF		21660	20000	20000	20000
			PD ACCOUNT		1000	0	0	0
			DDF ACCOUNT		22100	20000	20000	20000
			PD JOURNAL ACC.		210	0	210	0

The Head, Institute of Management in Kerala, request for starting of the course from 2024-2025 Academic year onwards contrary to the recommendation of Budget 2024-2025 (to start from next Academic year), since the programme is based on the approved syllabus of MBA General Programme of Institute of Management in Kerala.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 23.12.2024, vide item no.16.62.D15 considered the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 09.12.2024 and resolved to agree with the proposal in principle and forward the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for further necessary action.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding to implement the budget proposal of the Academic year 2024-2025 for starting a Master of Business Administration (General) (Evening-Regular) Programme at IMK for Working Executives along with the proposed fee structure for the programme is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal submitted by the Head, Institute of Management in Kerala, University of Kerala for starting a Master of Business Administration (General) (Evening - Regular) Programme at IMK for Working Executives with effect from academic year 2024-2025 along with the following fee structure for the programme.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (inRs.)	Account	Remarks	Sem I	Sem 2	Sem 3	Sem 4
I	Admission Fee	210	KUF	I Sem. Only	210	-	-	-
II	Tuition Fee	50000	KUF	Per Sem	50000	50000	50000	50000
III	Caution Deposit	1000	PD ACCOUNT	I Sem. Only	1000	-	-	-
IV	DDF	2500	DDF ACCOUNT	I Sem. Only	2500	-	-	-
V	Special Fee	#	#		1870	-	210	-
	TOTAL		#		55580	50000	50210	50000
	Components of Special Fee	Amount						
1	Medical Inspection Fee	50	KUF	One Time Fee	50	-	-	-
2	Sports Affiliation Fee	150	KUF	One Time Fee	150	-	-	-
3	University Union Fee	120	KUF	One Time Fee	120	-	-	-
4	Students Aid Fund	60	KUF	One Time Fee	60	-	-	-
5	Women's Study Unit	30	KUF	One Time Fee	30	-	-	-
6	Student Care Fund	200	KUF	One Time Fee	200	-	-	-
7	Student Affiliation Fee	1050	KUF	One Time Fee	1050	-	-	-
8	Journal Fee	210	PD JOURNAL ACC.	I & III Sem.	210	-	210	-
	SPECIAL FEE TOTAL	1870						

The Committee further recommended to release remuneration to the teachers handling the programme from KUF, on submission of bills by the Head, Institute of Management in Kerala, University of Kerala.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.42: *Centre for West Asian Studies – Non regularisation of provisional advance sanctioned for meeting the initial expenses for introducing new Certificate Courses in the Centre and publication of the Journal bi-annually – reg.*

(Ac. D)

Sri. Asharaf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, has been sanctioned an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only) as provisional advance for the establishment of the Centre, specifically for meeting the initial expenses for introducing new Certificate courses in the Centre and for publication of the journal bi-annually, vide U.O. No. Ac D/3/17646/2019 dated 20.11.2021. The provisional advance was subject to regularisation within 3 months from the date of receipt of amount as per rules laid in Kerala Financial Code Volume 1 Article 99. Since the amount has not been regularized till date, Sri. Ashraf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, was requested to regularize the amount and to clarify the delay in non-regularisation of the amount sanctioned as Provisional advance.

Sri. Asharaf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, Letter No. 129/2024-2025 dated 03/10/2024, has clarified that, in accordance with the sanction of Provisional advance, the Department commenced preliminary works for introducing a Certificate Course in Persian Language and conducted a survey to gauge student interest, but it was observed a lower than expected demand for Persian Language Studies. Then the Department Council re-structured the plan and decided to start Certificate Course in West Asian Studies. In the case of Publication of Journal, the title has been approved by the Office of the Registrar General, New Delhi and the Centre is continuing the preparatory work to publish the first issue. The Director has also clarified that the sanctioned amount kept in the PD account of the Centre may be utilized for intended purposes in a timely manner if permitted.

The Finance has remarked that no amount has been withdrawn from the said advance and 3 Financial years has been elapsed since the release of fund and as per Kerala Financial Code Volume 1 Article 99, the advance drawn shall be regularized within 3 months from the date of receipt of advance. In case the adjustment bill is not submitted within the prescribed time, the entire amount of advance may be recovered immediately on the expiry of time limit and Interest at 18% will be charged on the entire amount of advance from the date of drawal to the date of recovery of the amount. Finance has also remarked that, a suitable decision may be taken at the administrative level regarding the same matter.

Accordingly, as per the orders of the Registrar, a letter was sent to Sri. Ashraf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies to regularise the sanctioned amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only) with 18% interest on the entire amount of advance from the date of drawal to the date of recovery of the amount.

Sri. Asharaf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, vide Letter No. 200/2024-2025 dated 13/12/2024, has submitted a request seeking permission to utilise the provisional payment sanctioned for meeting the initial expenses for introducing new Certificate courses in the Centre and for publication of the journal as the centre has made concerted efforts for the same and the major anticipated expenses are incurred only in the final stages. Director has also submitted a work report detailing a series of events organised by the Centre such as Invited Talks, Book discussions, Debates and Symposiums, which aim to provide students, faculty and other stakeholders with a deeper understanding of key developments and issues in West Asia.

Sri. Asharaf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, vide Letter No.Ac.D/01/ 228/ 2024/1 dated 24.01.2025 was directed to refund the amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only) sanctioned vide U.O.No.Ac.D/3/17646/2019 dated 20.11.2021 with 18% interest on the entire amount of advance from the date of drawal to the date of recovery of the amount. Subsequently, Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, vide Letter No. 237/2024-2025 dated 31/01/2025, has informed that the delay in utilizing the sanctioned amount was previously communicated in detail and has already submitted request seeking permission to commence the Certificate Course in West Asian Studies and to publish the first issue of the University of Kerala Journal of Islamic and West Asian Studies.

On the basis of this, Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, has requested permission to proceed with the Certificate Course and publication of journal by utilizing the provisional advance amounting to Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only) sanctioned as per U.O.No. Ac D/3/17646/2019 dated 20.11.2021.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the request from the Director, Centre for West Asian Studies, to utilise the provisional payment sanctioned for meeting the initial expenses for introducing new Certificate courses in the Centre and for publication of the journal bi-annually is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to direct Sri. Asharaf A, Hon. Director, Centre for West Asian Studies to refund the amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Only) sanctioned vide U.O. No.Ac.D/3/17646/2019 dated 20.11.2021 with 18% interest on the entire amount of advance from the date of drawal to the date of recovery of the amount

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.43: ***Representation submitted by the Research Scholar, Smt.Sumayya. S to the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice to exempt her from the remittance of fine for the delayed submission of thesis - Reconsideration of – reg -***

(Ac.E V)

Smt.Sumayya.S a part-time Research Scholar in Arabic under the guidance of Dr.Thajudeen.A.S, Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic, University of Kerala has submitted her thesis entitled “Lebanese Movements in the Modern Period and their Contributions to the Arabic Literature” on 10/01/2024.

Following facts as per the documents submitted by the candidate may be noted in this context:

- The effective date of registration of the candidate is 27/06/2011. The registration and research work undertaken by the candidate is as per the Regulation for award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala 2009. As per the U.O. No. Ac.EVII/51633/2018 dated 21/08/2018 the research period of the candidate was upto 20/07/2017.
- The Pre-Submission Seminar of the candidate was conducted on 29/11/2019, after the expiry of her research period on the basis of the U.O. No. Ac. EVII/17204/2019 dated 12/07/2019.
- The grace time for submitting thesis to the Research Scholars whose maximum research period expired was extended upto 31.12.2022, vide U.O.No.Ac.E1/2022 dated 31.10.2022.
- However, the candidate submitted the thesis only on 10/01/2024, i.e. after 1 years and 10 days from the date of expiry of the permitted grace time and 1503 days after the conduct of her Pre-Submission Seminar.
- As per the U.O. No. Ac. E1/A1/22 dated 04.01.2023 provides the following.
 - to individually consider such request received on or after 01/01/2023 from the research scholars
 - the research scholars whose maximum research period expired & those who have submitted application for Pre-submission on or before 31.12.2022 be permitted to submit their thesis within three months from the date of conduct of Pre-submission seminar.
- As per UO No. AcEII/3/2020 dtd 27/11/2020, there is a fine for the delayed submission of thesis after the stipulated time period of 3 months from the date of conduct of the Pre-Submission seminar, as follows
 1. For a delay of one day, no fine shall be imposed and the delay shall be condoned by the Registrar.
 2. For the delay from the second day to the completion of 30 days, a fine of Rupees 2000/- shall be levied.-
 3. For every 30 days or part thereof, Rs.2000/- shall be levied additionally.
- The above U.O also entrusted the Vice- Chancellor to condone the delay of submission of thesis after 2 months from the stipulated time period of 3 months from the date of conduct of Pre-Submission seminar.
- Thus, the candidate has to remit an amount of Rs.76000/- as fine in this regard (for the delay w.e.f. 27/11/2020, the date of issuance of the above said U.O., i.e. for 1140 days).
- The candidate submitted a request recommended by the research supervisor stating that she was unable to submit her thesis within the stipulated time period due to some family issues. Also mentioned that a case was filed by her husband in family court, consequent to which she couldn't concentrate on her Research work, which lead to the delay in submitting her Ph.D thesis. So she requested to exempt her from remitting fine for delayed submission of the thesis considering her situation.
- As per the resolution of the special meeting of the Syndicate held on 17/01/2023, the Research Scholars whose research period expired and has applied for extension after 01/01/2023, shall be considered by the Syndicate for granting extension.
- Thus, the matter regarding the acceptance of thesis submitted by Smt. Sumayya.S after the expiry of grace time and her request for granting exemption from remittance of fine for the delayed submission of thesis were considered by the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 11/03/2024 and the Committee resolved to reject the same

and to accept her thesis after levying the fine as stipulated in the U.O dated 27.11.2020. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 15.03.2024, resolved to approve the same.

- Hence, a memo informing the resolution of the Syndicate was issued to the candidate on 30/04/2024.
- But the candidate did not remit the prescribed fine of Rs.76,000/- and submitted another request dated 03/07/2024 stating that, she is unable to remit the fine due to her personal issues and requesting to exempt her from remitting the fine after hearing her concerns.
- Registrar had called for a report from the Deputy Registrar & Joint Registrar on the above request of the candidate. The Registrar considered the report and ordered to follow the U.O. dated 27.11.2020, in view of the aforesaid resolution of the Syndicate held on 15.03.2024. Accordingly, the candidate was again informed to remit the fine vide memo dated 20/09/2024. However, the candidate has not remitted the fine, so far.
- Now, the candidate has submitted a representation to the Honb'le Minister for Higher Education & Social Justice and the same was forwarded to the University. In the said representation the candidate has pointed out her personal and family issues and has submitted the documentary evidence for the same and requested to exempt her from remitting the fine of Rs.76,000/- for the delayed submission of thesis.
- The request was considered by the syndicate held on 23/12/2024 and resolved that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance.

Accordingly the representation submitted by the Research Scholar, Smt. Sumayya.S forwarded from the office of the Honb'le Minister for Higher Education & Social Justice to exempt her from remitting the fine of Rs.76,000/- for the delayed submission of thesis and the matter of acceptance of the thesis submitted by her after the expiry of grace time is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended not to concede the representation of the Research Scholar, Smt. Sumayya.S forwarded from the office of the Honb'le Minister for Higher Education & Social Justice to exempt her from remitting the fine of Rs.76,000/- for the delayed submission of thesis and the matter of acceptance of the thesis submitted by her after the expiry of grace time.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.44: Supply of Fuel From KSRTC Yathra Fuel, Vikasbhavan on Credit basis - Proposal - reg.

(Ad. A IV (A))

The Principal Secretary, Higher Education (K) Department, Govt. of Kerala vide letter No. K3/37/2025-HEDN dated 19.02.2025 has informed about the launching of 'Yathra Fuels', the idea formulated from the Government level to increase the revenue of KSRTC, has now commenced at the KSRTC Vikas Bhavan Depot. To make the operation of the Yathra Fuel pump outlet more efficient and smooth, KSRTC has requested cooperation from the Government/Semi Government and other similar institutions. It is also stated that vehicles of 18 various Govt. departments have already been utilizing this facility and they offer that fuel will be provided on credit basis for 45 days, subject to conditions. Therefore, the Principal Secretary, Higher Education (K) Dept. has informed to explore the possibilities of KSRTC 'Yathra Fuels' Petrol pump outlet.

Currently, the vehicles in the General Pool are fueled from Gopalakrishna Fuels, G.H Junction, Thiruvananthapuram and vehicles in the Examination Wing and Transport Wing are fueled from T K Varghese & Sons, Ulloor, Thiruvananthapuram on credit basis for 30 days.

The Assistant Engineer (Mechanical) has remarked that since automotive fuel is a publicly priced item by Government Controlled Oil marketing companies, there shall be no restrictions in changing the fuel supplier. Based on the interaction with Inspector In Charge of Yathra Fuels, the Assistant Engineer (Mechanical) has opined that the following are the conditions for purchase of fuel from Yathra Fuels, as per the terms of the agreement which the government department has to execute with KSRTC on bond paper of Rs.200/- .

- KSRTC will issue an invoice cum passbook against each vehicle, only KSRTC personnel shall be eligible to make entries in the pass book.
- The vehicle should be produced for refueling with indent and invoice cum pass book.
- The KSRTC shall provide interest free credit of 40 days for settlement of bills. (But in the letter it is mentioned that the credit is for 45 days.)
- Department shall be eligible for Rs.1,00,000/- monthly credit.
- The list of vehicles to be provided by the University.
- The KSRTC fuel outlets are available at Vikas Bhavan, East Fort and Kilimanoor.

Currently, the fuel filling of Vehicles is carried out by following wings of the University and the payment handling sections are as follows:

Sl. No.	Vehicles (allocated)	Fuel Payment handling Sections
1	General Pool & Examination	Ad. A IV (A) Section
2	NSS	NSS Section
3	CACEE	CACEE Section
4	Security Wing, Kariavattom	Security Wing, Kariavattom
5	Botany Department	Botany Department, Kariavattom
6	Transport Wing	Transport Wing, Kariavattom
7	University College of Engineering	UCE, Kariavattom
8	UGC - MMTTC	UGC MMTTC

Since KSRTC is offering only Rs.1,00,000/- as monthly credit limit, where as fort night consumption of Examination, Administration, Transport Wing and UCE shall be near to Rs.1,00,000/- as per the present fuel prices. Hence, separate agreement shall have to be executed for each sections.

Therefore, as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for supplying fuel From KSRTC Yathra Fuel, Vikas Bhavan on credit basis is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to entrust the following members as delegate for a discussion with the Hon. Minister of Transport, Govt. of Kerala on the proposal for supplying fuel From KSRTC Yathra Fuel, Vikas Bhavan on credit basis.

- ***Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance***
- ***Dr.S.Nazeeb, Member Syndicate***
- ***Dr. S. Jayan, Member Syndicate***
- ***Sri. R. Rajesh, Member Syndicate***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.45: Drivers on Contract basis and Buggy Operators on daily wage basis-Admissibility of TA/DA for Official Tour- reg.

(Ad. A IV (A))

As per Circular No.31/88/Finance Expenditure (B) Department dated 10/05/1988, it is stated that the TA /DA is payable to the drivers appointed on daily wages for official tours as in the case of regular departmental drivers. But no advance TA will be sanctioned to them on any account. As per Circular No. 70/2007/Fin. dated 23rd August, 2007 from Finance (Expenditure-B) Department, Government has clarified that the drivers appointed on daily wages are eligible for Incidental expenses, Daily Allowance etc. as in the case of regular drivers, but they are not eligible for T. A. advance. Since they will be travelling in the official car, the question of eligibility for train fare, public transport charges etc. does not arise.

Casual drivers engaged on daily wage basis in the University are being paid incidental expenses and TA/DA for the journeys conducted for official purposes provided no special allowance in lieu of TA is being paid, vide U.O. No. Ad.A V.1/1871/2010 dated 01.07.2010. The rate of TA/DA and incidental expenses to casual drivers shall be regulated in accordance with the rate applicable to the regular drivers in entry cadre (Driver Gr,II) as mentioned in the G.O (P) No. 21/2022/Fin dated 18.02.2022.

- The rate of half DA is Rs.175/- for journey between 6 hrs-12 hrs.
- The rate of one full DA for halt is Rs.350/- for journey between 12 hrs and 24 hrs.
- The rate of Incidental Charges is @ Rs.175/- per journey which is equivalent to 1/2 DA.

The category of drivers other than permanent drivers working in the University are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Period of engagement	Salary
1	Driver on Contract basis	11 Months	Rs. 20,065/- per month (Consolidated pay)
2	Driver on Daily wage basis	89 Days	Rs.730/- per day subject to a maximum of Rs. 19,710/- per month
3	Buggy Operator on Daily wage basis	89 Days	Rs. 730/- per day subject to a maximum of Rs. 19,710/- per month

The casual drivers engaged on daily wage basis are being paid incidental expenses and TA/DA based on the U.O. issued in this regard after verifying the duly counter signed Tour Diary submitted. The Audit Section has clarified that drivers engaged on Contract may be treated on par with drivers engaged on daily wages basis and also remarked that suitable administrative decision may be taken to incorporate drivers engaged on Contract basis also in the U.O.No. Ad.AV.1/1871/2010 dated 01.07.2010 for enabling TA/DA or incidental expenses.

Due to the shortage of drivers in the University, the Buggy Operators are assigned duty as drivers at the CD Unit/General Pool. Now, the drivers on Contract basis and Buggy Operators on daily wage basis have submitted the tour diary duly certified by the Controlling Officer in respect of the University Vehicle KL 01 CS 1636 for the journey performed during the period from 03.02.2024 to 06.08.2024. As of now, there is no specific University Order for paying incidental expenses or TA/DA to Drivers on Contract basis and Buggy Operators on daily wage basis.

As per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the request for paying TA/DA to Drivers on Contract basis and Buggy Operators on daily wage basis is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended that the incidental expenses and TA/ DA paid to the casual drivers on daily wage basis as per U.O.No.Ad.AV.1/1871/2010 dated 01.07.2010, be made applicable to the Drivers on contract basis and Buggy Operators on daily wage basis.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.46: Proposal for Condemnation of the University Vehicle KL 01 AY 9104 (Ambassador) - scrap value assessed –reg.

(Ad. A IV (A))

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance in its meeting held on 18.02.2022 recommended to condemn the vehicle KL 01 AY 9104 (Ambassador) attached to the General Pool and used by the NSS Co-ordinator.

Later, the Syndicate, at its meeting held on 25.02.2022, vide item No.37.117.17, resolved to approve the aforesaid recommendation of the Standing Committee. The Vice-Chancellor has accorded sanction to implement the resolution of the Syndicate.

Accordingly, a letter was forwarded to the Assistant Executive Engineer for Value Assessment of the Vehicle. The Assistant Executive Engineer, PWD Mechanical Sub-Division, vide Letter No. 81/T/695 dated 03.02.2025, has informed that after considering the present condition, make, model and present market value, assessed value of the vehicle is fixed as **Rs.36,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Thousand Only). The Executive Engineer, vide Letter No. DB1-1698/2024 dated 09/12/2024 has inspected the vehicle and has forwarded an Uneconomic Certificate. The date of registration of the vehicle is on 11.08.2010 and would expire on **10.08.2025**.

Therefore, as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal for condemnation of the Vehicle KL 01 AY 9104 (Ambassador) through MSTC at the assessed value of Rs. **36,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Thousand Only) may be placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the proposal for condemnation of the Vehicle KL 01 AY 9104 (Ambassador) through MSTC at the assessed value of Rs. 36,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Thousand Only).

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.47: University College of Engineering, Kariavattom - Discussion on hike in college bus fare, rescheduling of bus timings and other related issues - reg. (Ad. A IV)

The Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, vide Letter No. UCE/Admn/56/2023 dated 05.07.2023, has requested an increase in the current bus fare from Rs.15/- to Rs.20/- per trip due to rising fuel costs and permission to introduce one, three, and six-month bus passes.

The Assistant Engineer (Mechanical) has reported that, based on the current average occupancy, fuel consumption and maintenance costs, the break-even fare should be Rs. 52.5/- per ticket, excluding the salary of the bus crew. Considering the low occupancy, the AE (Mechanical) suggested to raise the bus fare to Rs.35/- per guest pass.

Additionally, the AE (Mechanical) recommended to establish a framework for setting rates, printing, issuing and accounting for monthly passes as shifting the existing guest pass system to monthly passes will require policy changes.

Subsequently, the Principal, vide Letter No. UCE/Admn/294/2023 dated 11.10.2023, reported that the bus committee held on 21.09.2023, recommended to increase the fare to Rs.25/- (Rupees Twenty Five only) per trip and to issue three-month bus passes at the rate of Rs.2,400/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Four Hundred only). The Principal has also requested provisions for extending the validity of passes during bus maintenance and assigning two staff members for weekly inspection of the ticket issuance process.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the proposal from the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, regarding the increase in the current bus fare and issuance of bus passes (three-month) at the rate of Rs.2,400/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Four Hundred only) was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance. The Standing Committee, in its meeting held on 03.10.2024, considered the matter and recommended to convene a meeting in the presence of the following members to discuss the hike in bus fare, rescheduling of bus timings, etc. :

- The Director, Kariavattom Campus
- The Director, IQAC
- The Vice-Chairman, CSS
- The Director, CUGS
- The Joint Registrar, Campus Administration, Kariavattom
- Representatives of Students Union in the Senate
- The Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom
- Assistant Engineer (Mechanical)
- Representatives of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff

The Syndicate, in its meetings held on 05.11.2024 and 11.11.2024, vide Item No. 15.92.21, resolved to approve the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

In obedience to the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the discussion of the bus fare hike, rescheduling of bus timings and other related issues at the University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, with the aforementioned members, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended the following:

1. *to enhance the bus fare from Rs.15/- to Rs.25/- (Rupees Twenty Five only) per trip.*
2. *to issue three-month bus passes at the rate of Rs.2,800/- (Rupees Two Thousand Eight Hundred only)*

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.48: University Engineering Unit - Smt. Divya Devarajan, Assistant Engineer (Civil) on contract- Request for revision of remuneration -reg.

(Ad. D II)

The University Engineer vide letter No. UE/Estt.4006/2024 dated 24.10.2024 has forwarded the request of Smt. Divya Devarajan, Assistant Engineer Civil on contract to enhance the remuneration to the amount as per G.O.(P) No.29/2021/Fin dated 11.02.2021 and recommended the same considering the quantum of work handling by her. As per her request, she has been working as Assistant Engineer Civil on contract since 20.11.2017 and completed almost seven years in the University and she has been assigned with the supervision of several construction and maintenance activities and in the absence of 3 Assistant Engineers since 01.06.2024, the supervision of new works at Kariavattom campus is being carried out under her purview and works including that of all hostels, around 150 staff quarters, entire drainage system, water supply system, etc.

She had requested to enhance her remuneration to the amount as per G.O. dated 11.02.2021, considering the quantum of work handling by her and stating that currently she has been receiving the consolidated pay of Rs.40,000/- only, but the salary offered to professionals in the field more than 5 years experience in other Govt. institutions on contract post with graduate/post graduate qualification are in the range of Rs.60,000/- to Rs.80,000/- monthly.

Smt. Divya Devarajan is engaged as Assistant Engineer Civil on contract for a period eleven months or till permanent appointment is made to the post, whichever is earlier w.e.f. 03.02.2024 on a consolidated remuneration Rs.40,000/- vide U.O. dated 02.03.2024.

The Govt. has enhanced the salary of contract/daily wage employees, which include (Category-XI) the remuneration of Assistant Engineer (in PWD, Agriculture, Harbor Engineering) on contract basis to a maximum monthly contract pay of Rs.44020/- vide G.O dated 11.02.2021 and the same has been implemented in the University vide U.O.No.Ad.AV.12762/2021/UOK dated 30.11.2021 making the salary of AE Civil on contract to Rs.40,000/-. Thus the salary of Smt. Divya Devarajan has been enhanced to Rs.40,000/-, w.e.f.01.11.2021 vide U.O. Ad DII/662/2022/UOK dated 25.01.2022.

While considering the above matter, the Finance has remarked that Govt have directed to obtain remarks of Finance (C), Government of Kerala for fixing remuneration above the rate mentioned in the General order (G.O dated 11.02.2021) vide Circular No.61/2022/Fin dated 22.07.2022 and hence a policy decision may be taken regarding the same view of this circular.

Hence as per the orders of Vice Chancellor, the salary enhancement request of Smt. Divya Devarajan, Assistant Engineer (Civil) on a contract basis, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to defer the item for the time being.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117. 49: Department of Chemistry - Enhancement in fee for Internship/ MSc project from external students - reg.

Ref:- 1. Letter No.DC/02/421/2024 dated 04/12/2024 from the Head, Department of Chemistry
2. Letter No.DC/02/446/2024 dated 20/12/2024 from the Head, Department of Chemistry.

(Ac. D)

The Head, Department of Chemistry, vide reference (1) cited above, has informed that the Department is providing all the facilities to the external students from other colleges and Universities doing Internship/ Project work (including chemicals and reimbursement of the cost for analysis of samples) and has been collecting Rs.2025/- (Rupees Two Thousand Twenty Five Only) as the fee for Internship/ Project work per month from external students, out of which Rs.525/- (Rupees Five Hundred and Twenty Five Only) is being remitted to KUF.

The Department Council at its meeting held on 26.11.2024 discussed about the necessity of revising fee to be collected from external students and decided to request the University to enhance the same. Therefore, the Head has requested to enhance fee for Internship/ MSc Project to be collected from external students (per month) to Rs. 3,275/- (Rupees Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Five Only), out of which, Rs. 2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) and Rs. 775/- (Rupees Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Only), being the payments towards DDF and KUF respectively.

Permission was given to all Heads of the Departments (vide Letter No. Ac.D/2008 dated 24.05.2008), to collect fee for Internship from external students at the rate of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) per month, of which, one fourth of the amount (ie. Rs 500/-) being remitted to KUF and the rest to DDF.

It may be noted that, as per Letter No. Ac.D/3/9785/2020 dated 29.05.2020, the Registrar has granted permission to collect Rs.2100/- (Rupees Two Thousand One Hundred Only) as the fee for internship per month from external student, out of which Rs.525/- (Rupees Five Hundred and Twenty Five Only) should be remitted to KUF.

As the Department is collecting Rs.2025/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Twenty Five Only) instead of Rs.2,100/- (Rupees Two Thousand One Hundred Only) as the fee for Internship/ Project per month from external students, vide Letter No. Ac.D/1/345/2024 dated 19/12/2024 the Head was requested to clarify this discrepancy.

The Head, Department of Chemistry, vide reference (2) cited above, has clarified that the Department is collecting Rs. 1500/- (Rupees One Thousand Five Hundred Only) as fee per month from external students doing Internship / Project from 2006 onwards and Rs.525/- (Rupees Five Hundred and Twenty Five Only) is remitted towards KUF from 2018 onwards as per the records available in the Department.

The Department was unaware about the permission granted by the Registrar to all Heads of the Departments, vide Letter No. Ac.D/3/9785/2020 dated 29.05.2020 to collect Rs.2,100/- (Rupees Two Thousand One Hundred Only) as fee from external students and still continues to collect Rs.2025/- (Rupees Two Thousand Twenty Five Only) as the fee for Internship/ Project work per month from external students.

As per the orders of the Vice chancellor, the request submitted by the Head, Department of Chemistry to enhance fee for Internship / MSc Project to be collected from external students per month to Rs.3,275/- (Rupees Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Five Only), out of which, Rs.2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) and Rs. 775/- (Rupees Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Only), being the payments towards DDF and KUF respectively, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to enhance fee for Internship/ MSc Project to be collected from external students to Rs.3,275/- (Rupees Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Five Only) per month, out of which, Rs. 2500/- (Rupees Two Thousand Five Hundred Only) and Rs.775/- (Rupees Seven Hundred and Seventy Five Only), being the payments towards DDF and KUF respectively'

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.50: Modernization of the Kerala University Press - Remuneration of the external expert - Fixing of - reg.

(Ad. B III)

As per the resolution of the Syndicate held on 09.09.2024 (Item No. 14.09.01), a three-member Sub-Committee with an External Expert was constituted, vide U.O. No. 851/2024/UOK dated 08.10.2024, to conduct a comprehensive study on modernization of the press and to submit a detailed report before the Syndicate regarding the new staffing pattern to be implemented in the University Press by assessing the existing staff pattern and workload and by identifying obsolete posts and the new posts to be created instead of the same. The members of the subcommittee are the following.

1. Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance
2. Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Staff, Equipment, and Buildings.
3. Sri. Nissar. N., Deputy Superintendent (Rtd.), Government Press, Thiruvananthapuram (External Expert)

The meeting of the Sub-Committee was held at the Syndicate Room of Senate House Campus, Palayam, on 17 January 2025 at 11 am. In the meeting, it was recommended to entrust Sri. Nissar. N., the external expert, to submit a detailed report within a maximum period of three months on the modernization of the University Press, including the new staffing pattern to be implemented in the University Press by assessing the existing staff pattern and workload and by identifying obsolete posts and the new posts to be created instead of the same.

The meeting further recommended that the remuneration for the external expert be fixed based on the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance (The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 17 January 2025 is appended).

The Vice Chancellor has approved the minutes of the meeting of the above Sub-Committee on 04.02.2025.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the fixation of the remuneration for the external expert in the Sub-Committee to discuss matters regarding the modernization of the Kerala University Press for the work entrusted to him to submit a detailed report within a maximum period of three months on the modernization of the University Press, including the new staffing pattern to be implemented in the University Press by assessing the existing staff pattern and workload and by identifying obsolete posts and the new posts to be created instead of the same, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to seek a proposal from Sri.Nissar. N., Deputy Superintendent (Rtd.), Government Press, Thiruvananthapuram (External Expert) on the remuneration expected by him for completing the work in connection with the conduct of a comprehensive study on modernization of the Kerala University press.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.51: University Institute of Technology, Mukhathala - Fixing of rent of the building where the Institution is functioning - reg:-

(Ad. A VII)

University Institute of Technology (UIT), Mukhathala is functioning in the buildings of Sri. N Chellappan Pillai Memorial High School (MGTHS), Mukhathala, from its inception from the academic year 2013-2014.

The School Management has been repeatedly requesting to vacate UIT, Mukhathala from the premises of the School as they are facing difficulty in accommodating the UIT along with the school in the wake of students' strength of the school increasing every year.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 20.05.2023, vide item no. 57.90, entrusted Dr. S Nazeeb and Adv. Muralidharan Pillai G, Members, Syndicate to study and recommend further course of action in respect of UIT, Mukhathala. The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 09.06.2023, vide item n.o. 58.66, considered the report of the Members, Syndicate and resolved to accept the report and to include UIT, Mukhathala in the Admission portal for the academic year 2023-24. Further resolved to inform the Principal to initiate action based on the report within three months, if not the institution will be removed from the admission portal for the next academic year.

As per the report, the Members, Syndicate have discussed the matter with the MLA/ LSGD authorities and considering the fair number of students, the MLA/ LSGD authorities have promised the school management to find a viable solution for the current problem and have promised an alternate accommodation for the centre with good infrastructural facilities. Hence recommended the functioning of the centre for the academic year 2023-24 also.

The Manager, MukhathalaGramodharana Trust again requested to shift the centre from the school building at the earliest. The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 14.08.2023, vide item no.02.110.16, considered the matter and resolved to entrust Adv.MuralidharanPillai,G, Member Syndicate to study the feasibility of shifting UIT, Mukhathala to a new location. The Member Syndicate has also been informed accordingly and report from the Member Syndicate is yet to be received.

The School Management again requested (vide letters dated 19.01.2024, 01.04.2024) urgent intervention from the part of the University in the matter and the they had filed a Writ Petition before the High Court of Kerala.

Based on the Interim Order of the Hon,ble High Court of Kerala dated 28.06.2024,the Syndicate, at its meeting held on 02.07.2024, vide item no. 11.183,resolved to entrust the Principal of UIT Mukhathala to identify a suitable space or building and take immediate steps to shift to a new location. considering that the academic year has already commenced, further resolved that UIT, Mukhathala be permitted to continue in the same building on rent basis for a duration of one academic year or until new space becomes available, whichever is earlier. Accordingly, the Finance wing has opened a sub head by the name "4/5815 Payment of Rent" under the expenditure part of "Part I - Non Plan - MH 67-15 Institute of Technology, Regional Centre, Mukhathala" in the current year's Budget Estimates of the University, for the purpose of booking the payment of rent.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of fixing the rent of the building where UIT, Mukhathala is functioning is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to constitute a sub-committee with the following members to study the matter of fixing rent of the building where UIT, Mukhathala is functioning and submit a report before this Committee.

- ***Convener, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance***
- ***Adv. R B Rajeev Kumar ,Member, Syndicate***

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117. Additional 01:Processing of pending bills towards the purchase of books – Audit Objection - Minutes of the meeting held on 10.01.2025-consideration of - reg.

(Ad. A V)

Kerala State Audit Department in their Audit Report 2022-23 had observed that by adopting Good Office Committee rates (while converting foreign currency to INR) University paid excess amount to book sellers and publishers etc. The amount has been quantified as Rs.2,15,584/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand Five hundred and Eighty Four only) and has been fixed as the liability of the Finance Officer.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 11.11.2024 resolved the action taken by the Vice chancellor in having approved the following recommendation of the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance,

- to release the payment of bills pending towards the purchase of foreign books in the University Library, Campus Library, Department Libraries and Study Centre Libraries , as per the existing approved terms and conditions.
- to adopt foreign exchange rate published by the Reserve Bank of India, for the purchase of foreign books in the University instead of Good Office Committee rate from the Financial Year 2024-25.

- to entrust the registrar for incorporating the foreign exchange rate published by the reserve Bank of India instead of GOC rate while fixing the terms and conditions for the purchase of foreign books in the University.
- to exempt the Finance Officer from the personal liability fixed by the Kerala State Audit Department, subject to their concurrence, since the payment was released as per the approved terms and conditions and to inform the whole matter to the Audit Department.

The decision of the Syndicate was intimated to KSAD and they replied that the Syndicate's decision to allow the outstanding bills in 2023-24 at the GOC rate cannot be accepted and the Audit position on the matter will be communicated subject to review of the decision regarding the granting of pending bills at the GOC rate. Hence a note dated 10.12.2024 has been issued by the Finance Officer.

Meanwhile some Book vendors have submitted a mass representation regarding the delay in payment of books supplied to the University Library/Campus Library/Department Libraries.

In this circumstances, a meeting has been convened by the Registrar on 10.01.2025, at Registrars Chamber.

Minutes of Meeting on matters regarding the Processing of pending bills towards the Purchase of Books for the University Library, Campus Library, Study Centre Library and Department Libraries held at 11.30 am on 10th January 2025, at Registrar's Chamber, S H Campus, University of Kerala, Palayam.

Members Present:

1. Prof. (Dr.) K. S. Anil Kumar, The Registrar
2. Sri. R Mahadevan, Finance Officer
3. Smt. Resmi R, Joint Registrar (Campus Administration)
4. Smt. Meera Raj S, Assistant Registrar (Admn II)
5. Sri. Arul Raj V, Assistant Registrar (Audit), Kariavattom
6. Sri. Predeep Kumar J C, Assistant Registrar, Campus Admin
7. Sri. Anees M A, SO, Audit III, Kariavattom
8. Smt. Parvathy Mukundan, SO, Audit I & IV, Kariavattom
9. Sri. Biju M L, SO, Accounts I & II
10. Sri. Abhilash A K, SO, Audit II, Kariavattom

The meeting starts at 11.30 am The meeting discussed the matters regarding the processing of pending bills towards the purchase of books for the University Library, Campus Library, Study Centre Library and Department Libraries and the mistakes noticed in the table attached to the audit observation 2022-23 of KSAD related to excess payments made to the book sellers.

1. Finance Officer has informed that KSAD has been asked to confirm the excess payment made to the book sellers since mistakes have been noticed in the table attached to audit observations 2022- 23 of KSAD related to the excess payment made to the book sellers and the same is pending. The meeting recommended to release the payment of all pending bills towards the purchase of books after ascertaining and retaining the exact excess payments made to the book sellers as mentioned in the KSAD audit report 2022-23.
2. In view of the observations from Kerala State Audit Department, it is recommended to release the payments of pending bills related to the foreign books purchase during the financial year 2024-25 in accordance with RBI rate as per U.O.No. Ad.AV/9772 /2024/UOK dated 16/11/2024.
3. Meeting also noted that the Syndicate decision is to release the payment of pending bills towards the purchase of foreign books for the year 2023-24 as per existing approved terms and conditions (ie; GOC Rate). Since Kerala State Audit Department informed their inability to consider this decision, the meeting suggested to follow the directions from Kerala State Audit Department in processing of pending bills related to the foreign books purchased during the financial year 2023-24 in accordance with RBI rate, as an interim arrangement, and to place the matter before the Syndicate for consideration.

The meeting ended at 12.30 pm.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to release the payment of pending bills towards the purchase of foreign books for the year 2023-24 in accordance with RBI rate, on the basis of the audit observation of KSAD in this regard.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117.Additional 02: സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സ് - താൽക്കാലിക ജീവനക്കാരുടെ എംപ്ലോയ്മെന്റ് കോൺട്രാക്റ്റിൽ 'ഔട്ട് - ടേൺ' സംബന്ധിച്ച വ്യവസ്ഥ കൂട്ടിച്ചേർക്കുന്നതു സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

(Ad. BIII)

സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സിലെ ഡി.ടി.പി ഓപ്പറേറ്റർ തസ്തികയിൽ കരാർ നിയമനം നടത്തുന്നതിനായി 09.06.2023 ലെ സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റ് യോഗ തീരുമാനത്തിൻ്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ, 24.06.2024 ൽ ഒരു ഇൻ്റർവ്യൂ നടത്തുകയും, ഇൻ്റർവ്യൂയിലെ പ്രകടനത്തിൻ്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ നിലവിൽ വന്ന റാങ്കിലിസ്റ്റിൽ നിന്നും നിയമനം നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നു.

ഡി.ടി.പി ഓപ്പറേറ്റർ തസ്തികയിലേക്ക് കരാർ നിയമനം നടത്തുമ്പോൾ ടി തസ്തികയ്ക്ക് ബാധകമാക്കേണ്ട സേവനവേതന വ്യവസ്ഥകളും, നിയമനമാനദണ്ഡങ്ങളും നിർണ്ണയിക്കുന്നതിനായി രൂപീകൃതമായ, പ്രസ് സൂപ്രണ്ട് ഇൻ ചാർജ് കൂടി അംഗമായ സെലക്ഷൻ കമ്മിറ്റി ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തിരുന്നത് പ്രകാരം ഏകീകൃത നിരക്കിൽ ₹22,290/- രൂപയാണ് ഡി.ടി.പി ഓപ്പറേറ്റർ തസ്തികയുടെ വേതനമായി വിജ്ഞാപനം ചെയ്തിരുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ നിലവിൽ സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സിലെ സാങ്കേതിക വിഭാഗം ജീവനക്കാരുടെ വേതനം കണക്കാക്കി വരുന്നത് സർവകലാശാല നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള Out-turn മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങൾ പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുന്നത് കൂടികണക്കിലെടുത്താണെന്നും, ഡി.ടി.പി ഓപ്പറേറ്റർമാരുടെ 11 മാസ കരാർ നിയമനം സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സിൽ ആദ്യമായാണ് നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നത് എന്നതിനാൽ, ഡി ടി പി ഓപ്പറേറ്റർമാരുടെ എംപ്ലോയ്മെന്റ് കോൺട്രാക്റ്റിൽ Out-turn മാനദണ്ഡങ്ങൾ സംബന്ധിച്ച ഒരു വ്യവസ്ഥ കൂടി കൂട്ടിച്ചേർക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ടെന്ന ഒരു നിർദ്ദേശം പ്രസ് സൂപ്രണ്ട് ഇൻ ചാർജ് സമർപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നു.

പ്രസ്സ് ജീവനക്കാരുടെ ദൈനംദിന ജോലികളുടേയും, നിക്ഷിപ്തമാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്ന ചുമതലകളുടേയും നിർവഹണം സംബന്ധിച്ച വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ഉൾക്കൊള്ളുന്ന കേരള സർക്കാർ പ്രസ് മാനുവലിലെ ചാപ്റ്റർ XXXIII 'ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ' (OUT TURN) നെ കുറിച്ച് പ്രതിപാദിക്കുന്നു.

- മാനുവലിൻ്റെ ആർട്ടിക്കിൾ 1051 പ്രകാരം, സാധാരണ പ്രവൃത്തി സാഹചര്യങ്ങളിൽ ഒരു പ്രസ്സ് ജീവനക്കാരന് തൻ്റെ ജോലിയിൽ ശരാശരി കൈവരിക്കാവുന്നതും വ്യാപകമായി അംഗീകരിക്കാവുന്നതുമായ കുറഞ്ഞ നിലവാരമാണ് 'ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ' (OUT-TURN) എന്ന പദം കൊണ്ട് അർത്ഥമാക്കുന്നത്.
- മാനുവലിൻ്റെ ആർട്ടിക്കിൾ 1052 പ്രകാരം കുറഞ്ഞ ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ (മൈനസ് ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ) കാഴ്ചവയ്ക്കുന്ന ജീവനക്കാർക്കെതിരെ കേരള സിവിൽ സർവീസ് (ക്ലാസ്സിഫിക്കേഷൻ, കൺടോൾ & അപ്പീൽ) ചട്ടങ്ങൾ, 1960 പ്രകാരം ശാസനാത്മക നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കാവുന്നതാണ്.
- ആർട്ടിക്കിൾ 1053 പ്രകാരം ഒരു വർഷം കുറഞ്ഞ ഔട്ട് ടേൺ കാഴ്ചവച്ച ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് അടുത്ത വർഷത്തിൻ്റെ ആരംഭത്തിൽ ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ കുറവ് പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനായി ഒരു മാസ അധികസമയം അനുവദിക്കും. അത്തരം കേസുകളിൽ ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ കുറവ് പരിഹരിച്ചതിനുശേഷം മാത്രം അതായത് മേൽ സൂചിപ്പിച്ച ഒരു മാസം വൈകി മാത്രമേ ടി ജീവനക്കാരന് ഇൻക്രിമെന്റ് അനുവദിക്കുകയുള്ളൂ.

26.09.2014 ലെ എഡി ഡി III.1 23453/2014 എന്ന സർവകലാശാല ഉത്തരവിൽ പ്രസ്സിലെ ഓരോ വിഭാഗം ജീവനക്കാരും പൂർത്തീകരിക്കേണ്ട ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ എപ്രകാരമാണെന്നു പ്രതിപാദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു. മേൽ ഉത്തരവ് പ്രകാരമുള്ള ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ പ്രസ്സിലെ എല്ലാ ജീവനക്കാരും പൂർത്തീകരിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്നു 04.06.2020 ലെ എഡി ഡി III.118156/2019 എന്ന സർവകലാശാല ഉത്തരവിൽ വ്യക്തമാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

സർക്കാർ പ്രസ് മാനുവലിലെ ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ റൂൾ പ്രകാരം, പ്രസ്സിലെ സ്ഥിര ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് മൈനസ് ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ പരിഹരിച്ച ഒരു മാസത്തിന് ശേഷം മാത്രമാണ് ഇൻക്രിമെന്റ് അനുവദിക്കുന്നത്. കൂടാതെ അതത് സാമ്പത്തിക വർഷത്തിലെ ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുന്നതിന് വിധേയമായി പ്രസ് സൂപ്രണ്ട് ശുപാർശ

ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലാണ് പെർഫോമൻസ് അലവൻസ് ഇവർക്ക് അനുവദിക്കുന്നത്. ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ റൂൾ പ്രസ്സിലെ എല്ലാ ജീവനക്കാർക്കും ബാധകമാണ് എന്ന സാങ്കേതികഅർത്ഥത്തിൽ, പ്രസ്സിലെ താൽക്കാലിക വിഭാഗം ജീവനക്കാർക്കും ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ ഷെഡ്യൂൾ ബാധകമാക്കി വരുന്നു. ദിവസവേതന ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് പ്രതിദിനം 755/- രൂപ നിരക്കിൽ വേതനം അനുവദിക്കുമ്പോൾ അവർക്ക് മൈനസ് ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ, പ്രസ്സ് സൂപ്രണ്ടിന്റെ ശുപാർശയുടെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഇവരുടെ വേതനത്തിൽ നിന്നും പ്രസ്തുത ഇനത്തിൽ ആനുപാതികമായ കുറവ് വരുത്തിയാണ് ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ഭരണകാര്യ വിഭാഗത്തിൽ നിന്നും വേതനവിതരണ ഉത്തരവ് ഇറക്കുന്നത്. എന്നാൽ നിലവിൽ സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സിലെ താൽക്കാലിക ജീവനക്കാരുടെ എംപ്ലോയൻ്റ് കോൺട്രാക്റ്റിൽ 'ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ' നിർബന്ധമായും പൂർത്തീകരിച്ചിരിക്കണം എന്ന ഒരു വ്യവസ്ഥ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടില്ല.

സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സിലെ ജീവനക്കാരുടെ എംപ്ലോയ്മെൻ്റ് കോൺട്രാക്റ്റിൽ ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ സംബന്ധിച്ച വ്യവസ്ഥ കൂട്ടിച്ചേർക്കുന്നതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് സർവകലാശാല ലീഗൽ അഡ്വൈസർ ലഭ്യമാക്കിയിരിക്കുന്ന വിദഗ്ധ അഭിപ്രായത്തിൻ്റെ പ്രസക്ത വിവരങ്ങൾ ചുവടെ ചേർക്കുന്നു.

- The Out-Turn requirements and other service conditions prescribed in the Press Manual are applicable to permanent employees of the University Press.
- The temporary staff appointed on contractual basis may be subject to service conditions appropriate to the nature of their position, as determined by the employer.
- The service conditions of contract employees are strictly governed by the terms specified in their employment contracts.
- In the present case, neither the employment contract nor the appointment order mandates an Out-Turn will result in reduction in salary, reducing the salary for this reason is not legally valid.
- Enforcing salary eligibility based on conditions not stipulated in the contract after its expiration is also invalid.
- There is no legal impediment in incorporating such a clause in the contract.
- If such a clause is included, it will only apply from its effective date and cannot be applied retrospectively.

ലീഗൽ അഡ്വൈസർ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നത് പ്രകാരം, സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സിലെ കരാർ ജീവനക്കാർക്ക് 'ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ' നിബന്ധനകൾ പൂർത്തിയാക്കാൻ കഴിയാതെ വരുന്ന സാഹചര്യങ്ങളിൽ അതായത് മൈനസ് 'ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ' ഉണ്ടാവുന്ന പക്ഷം ഇവരുടെ ശമ്പളം കുറവ് ചെയ്യപ്പെടും എന്ന വ്യവസ്ഥ ഇവരുടെ എംപ്ലോയ്മെൻ്റ് കോൺട്രാക്റ്റിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിന് നിയമതടസ്സമില്ല എങ്കിലും, അത്തരമൊരു ക്ലോസ് ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന തീയതി മുതൽ മാത്രമേ പ്രസ്തുത വ്യവസ്ഥ പ്രാബല്യത്തിൽ വരുകയുള്ളൂ, മുൻകാല പ്രാബല്യത്തോടെ പ്രസ്തുത തീരുമാനം നടപ്പാക്കാൻ കഴിയില്ല. കൂടാതെ, അപ്രകാരം ഒരു നിബന്ധന എംപ്ലോയ്മെൻ്റ് കോൺട്രാക്റ്റിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്താതെ മേൽ കാരണത്താൽ ഇവരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ നിന്നും കുറവ് ശമ്പളത്തിൽ നിന്ന് കുറവ് ചെയ്യുന്നത് നിയമപരമായി ശരിയല്ല.

ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈസ് ചാൻസിലറുടെ ഉത്തരവിൻ പ്രകാരം, സർവകലാശാല പ്രസ്സിലെ താൽക്കാലിക ജീവനക്കാർ ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ നിബന്ധനകൾ നിർബന്ധമായും പാലിച്ചിരിക്കണമെന്നും, നിർദ്ദിഷ്ട ഔട്ട് -ടേൺ പൂർത്തിയാക്കാത്ത താൽക്കാലിക ജീവനക്കാരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തിൽ നിന്നും ഔട്ട്-ടേൺ കുറവിന് ആനുപാതികമായ തുക കിഴിവ് ചെയ്യപ്പെടും എന്നും ഒരു വ്യവസ്ഥ ടി ജീവനക്കാരുടെ എംപ്ലോയ്മെൻ്റ് കോൺട്രാക്റ്റിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുന്നത് സംബന്ധിച്ച വിഷയം സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിന്റെ ധനകാര്യ ഉപസമിതിയുടെ പരിഗണനയായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

The Committee considered the matter and clarified that the clauses of Out-Turn requirement is applicable to the Casual Employees in the University Press and not for Contract employees.

The Committee further recommended to include the clause of out-turn requirement for calculation of wages in the employment contract of casual employees of University Press.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.Additional 03: Displaying advertisement on the hoardings owned by the University at Students' Centre, PMG - Award of contract - reg.

(Ad. B I)

The term of contract awarded to M/s Mamta Advertising for displaying advertisements on the hoardings erected at Student's Centre, PMG for a period of one year w.e.f. 05.12.2023 for an amount of Rs.4,59,585/- including 18% GST (Rs.5216/- per square meter area) expired on 04.12.2024. Hence, as per the Tender Notification No. 21583/Admn B I/2023/UOK dated 02.12.2024, fresh quotations were invited for awarding contract to display advertisement on the said hoarding (74.67 sq.m), for a period of one year.

In response, five quotations were received. The quotations were opened at 3.30 pm on 18.12.2024 at the office of the Registrar in presence of the bidders.

The details of Price bids are as follows:

Sl. No	Name of the Firm	Rate quoted per Squaremetre	Amount quoted for 74.67 sq.m	GST	Total amount quoted including GST	EMD remitted and DD details	Remarks
1	Mamta Advertising	Rs.5216/-	Rs.3,89,479	Rs.70,106	Rs.4,59,585/-	Rs.10,000/- DD No. 003559 dated 11.12.2024	H1
2	Nova Creatives	Rs.4500/-	Rs.3,36,015	Rs.60,483	Rs.3,96,498/-	-	EMD not remitted
3	Soorya Advertisers	Rs.4400/-	Rs.3,28,548	Rs.59,139	Rs.3,87,687/-	Rs.10,000/- DD No. 901057 dated 13.12.2024	H4
4	Grand Pharma Company	Rs.4500/-	Rs.3,36,015	Rs.60,483	Rs.3,96,498/-	Rs.10,000/- DD No. 880202 dated 16.12.2024	H3
5	Mutual Advertising	Rs.5000/-	Rs.3,73,350	Rs.67,203	Rs.4,40,553/-	Rs.10,000/- DD No. 559699 dated 13.12.2024	H2 (No GST registration)

It may be noted that the highest amount was quoted by M/s Mamta Advertising for an amount of Rs.4,59,585/-(Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Five Only) including 18% GST.

The quotations received were verified by the Finance Section and has remarked that GST Registration no. of the firms may be obtained and furnished and subject to above, the proposal for awarding the contract for displaying advertisement on the hoardings at Students Centre, PMG, may be placed before the appropriate Committee for approval. As per the remarks of the Finance, GST Registration no. of the firms were obtained and furnished.

Hence, as per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the proposal for awarding the contract for displaying advertisement on the hoardings at Students Centre, PMG for a period of one year, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance, for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to award the contract for displaying advertisement on the hoardings at Students Centre, PMG for a period of one year to the highest quoted firm M/s Mamta Advertising for an amount of Rs.4,59,585/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Five Only) including 18% GST.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No. 18.117.Additional 04:

Budget Estimates 2024-2025- - Various Subheads of the major Head "Part I- Non Plan- MH:29- Department of Optoelectronics" Re- appropriation of funds - requesting for- reg :

(Ad. B II)

The Head, Department of Optoelectronics has informed that the amount sanctioned under various subheads of the Department of Optoelectronics such as "4/1220 Office expenses & Miscellaneous", "4/3020 Maintenance of Equipment"&"4/1225 Laboratory Contingency" are insufficient, hence requested for re-appropriation of funds as detailed below:

Sl No.	Head of account which need re-appropriation	Budget allocation	Actual expenditure till date	Amount to be re-appropriated	Head of account from which to be re-appropriated	Reason for additional fund
1	4/1220 Office expenses & Miscellaneous	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs.49,477/-	Rs. 20,000/-	4-4125 Visiting Faculty	More bills are pending
2	4/3020 Maintenance of Equipment	Rs. 7,00,000/-	Rs. 5,15,750/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	4/1895 Physico- chemical analysis	Repair of DSO - Rs.1,54,132/- Purchase of 12 V, 26Ah SMF Battery- Rs.38,560/- Repair of online UPS (process ongoing)
3	4/1225 Laboratory Contingency	Rs. 7,00,000/-	Rs. 3,79,025/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	4/1870 Chemicals and Glassware	FESEM-AMC Rs. 3,30,400/-

The minutes of the Department Council meeting held on 27/01/2025 recommended aforesaid re- appropriation proposal.

The Finance, vide Endt No.4593/Finance II/2024-2025 dated 11.02.2025 has endorsed to provide an additional amount of Rs.2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh and Twenty Thousand only) under various sub heads of "Part I- Non Plan- MH:29- Department of Optoelectronics" from the various sub heads of the same major head provided in the current years Budget Estimates of the University as mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Head of Account to which reappropriation is done	Amount (Rs)	Sub Heads from which reappropriation is done
1.	Part I-Non Plan-MH:29-Department of Optoelectronics 4/1220- Office expenses and Miscellaneous	20,000	4/4125- Visiting Faculty
2.	Part I- Non Plan- MH:29- Department of Optoelectronics- 4/3020- Maintenance of Equipment	1,00,000	4/1895-Physico chemical analysis of samples
3.	Part I- Non Plan- MH:29- Department of Optoelectronics-4/1225-Laboratory Contingencies	1,00,000	4/1870- Chemicals & Glassware
	Total Rs.2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh and Twenty Thousand only)		

The Finance also recommended to meet the additional expenditure on the above mentioned heads of account from the above provision provided.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the above re-appropriation proposal is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to approve the re-appropriation proposal for providing an additional amount of Rs.2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand only) as detailed below based on Finance Endorsement vide Endt No.4593/Finance II/2024-2025 dated 11.02.2025.

Sl. No	Head of Account to which reappropriation is done	Amount (Rs)	Sub Heads from which reappropriation is done
1.	Part I- Non Plan- MH:29- Department of Optoelectronics- 4/1220-Office expenses and Miscellaneous	20,000	4/4125- Visiting Faculty
2.	Part I- Non Plan- MH:29- Department of Optoelectronics- 4/3020- Maintenance of Equipment	1,00,000	4/1895- Physico-chemical analysis of samples
3.	Part I- Non Plan- MH:29- Department of Optoelectronics-4/1225-Laboratory Contingencies	1,00,000	4/1870- Chemicals & Glassware
	Total Rs.2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh and Twenty Thousand only)		

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Finance held on 14.03.2025, be approved.

Item No.18.117Additional.05: Regularisation of Provisional payment sanctioned to Smt.Vimala Michael, Deputy Librarian – Renewal of Subscription of IEEE Journal – Objection from KSAD – reg.

(Pl. A I)

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, vide UO.No. Pl.A1/7885/2023/UOK dated 19/09/2023, to release an amount of Rs.13,56,794/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Four only) including GST @ 18%, as Provisional Advance to Smt.Vimala Michael, Deputy Librarian, University Campus Library, as provisional advance towards the payment for renewal of subscription of e- Journal ,IEEEXplore+ASPP+POP All Online Tire 3 subscription for the year 2023(from August 2023 to July 2024).

After the renewal of subscription of journals, the Deputy Librarian, Campus Library, vide letter No. CL/36/Books & Journals/IEEE/2024-25 dated 04.06.2024 has forwarded the Voucher Verification report dated 06/05/2024 issued by the Deputy Registrar, Campus Administration, Kariavattom admitting expenditure for an amount of Rs.13,56,794/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Four only) and requested to regularise the provisional advance.

The Finance Officer raised concern that the KSAD report for 2022-23 has objected to the adoption of the exchange rates fixed by the GOC in the University. As a result, clarification was sought from Smt. Vimala Michael, Deputy Librarian, University Campus Library.

In response, Smt. Vimala Michael provided clarification vide letter dated 05.07.2024 and later an email dated 09.09.2024.

In this context it may please be noted that the 16th meeting of the Syndicate, held on 23.12.2024, reviewed the matter and made the following recommendations:

Release the pending payments for bills related to the purchase of foreign books for the University Library, Campus Library, Department Libraries, and Study Centres, based on the existing approved terms and conditions.

Adopt the foreign exchange rate published by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the purchase of foreign books within the University, replacing the G.O.C. rate, effective from the financial year 2024- 25.

Authorize the Registrar to incorporate the RBI foreign exchange rate, instead of the G.O.C. rate, when setting the terms and conditions for the purchase of foreign books.

Exempt the Finance Officer from personal liability as imposed by the Kerala State Audit Department (KSAD), subject to their concurrence, as the payment was released according to the approved terms and conditions. Additionally, the Audit Department should be informed of the matter in its entirety.

However, the Finance Officer has pointed out that the KSAD does not accept the Syndicate's decision to release payment for the pending bills for the year 2023-24 based on the G.O.C. rate. In a letter dated 05.11.2024, KSAD remarked that "Repetition of defects after they have been identified should be regarded as intentional failure."

Furthermore, Finance has stated that the amount equivalent to the RBI exchange rate can only be accepted at this point in time. The Finance Officer has suggested that an appropriate decision be made at the administrative level regarding the regularization of the provisional advance sanctioned under U.O. No. Pl.A1/7885/2023/UOK dated 19.09.2023.

Smt.Vimala Michael, Deputy Librarian, is due to retire from University service on 31.05.2025. As the regularization process is still pending, this matter needs to be included in the Liability Certificate as well. It is seen that regularisation of provisional payment is getting delayed for no fault of the employee concerned.

Smt. Vimala Michael has submitted another request dated 28.02.2025. It is informed that she is a cancer patient and is undergoing treatment in RCC. Non- regularization of provisional payment sanctioned vide UO dated 19.09.23, even after making every effort for the same, causes mental distress and is affecting her health and well-being at this critical juncture.

The file was forwarded to the Hon'able Vice Chancellor for obtaining a policy decision in this regard as regularisation of provisional advance is still pending even after repeated submission of clarifications and resolution of the meeting of the Syndicate dated 23.12.24.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter is hereby placed before the Standing Committee of Syndicate on Finance for consideration and recommendations.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to refer the item to the Syndicate.

The meeting came to an end at 6.30 p.m.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to seek the report of the Finance Officer on the matter and place the same before the Syndicate.

Item No18.118

Department of Malayalam - ONV Memorial Award 2021and 2022 – Consideration of- reg.

(Ad.DIII)

The Head, Dept of Malayalam vide email dated 17.03.2025, has forwarded the minutes of meeting of the ONV Memorial Award Selection Committee, held on 17.03.2025 at 10.30 on hybrid mode. The Committee comprising of Dr.Seema Jerome, Dr.K.S.Ravikumar, Sri. Asha Menon, Dr.S.Nazeeb and Dr. C.R.Prasad, for selecting the awardees for the ONV Memorial Award, unanimously decided to award Prof. M.K.Sanu and Sri. M.Mukundan for the years 2021 and 2022 respectively.

It may be noted that, a Selection Committee for the ONV Memorial Award 2021 and 2022, was constituted vide U.O.No. Ad D. III/10552/2024/UOK dated 10.12.2024 with the following members Dr.Seema Jerome, Dr. K.S.Ravikumar, Sri Asha Menon, Dr. S.Nazeeb and Dr. C.R.Prasad.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of awarding the ONV Memorial Award for the years 2021 and 2022 to Prof. M.K.Sanu and Sri. M.Mukundan, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve the awarding of the ONV Memorial Award for the years 2021 and 2022 to Prof. M.K. Sanu and Sri. M. Mukundan, respectively.

Item No: 18.119

ORI & MSs Library, Kariavattom - Request from Dr. R.B.Sreekala, Professor & Head, ORI & MSs Library - Change of Headship - Nomination of new HoD – reg

(Ad.DIII)

Dr.R.B.Sreekala, Professor & Head, Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library, Kariavattom has informed that, she had taken charge as Head of the Department of ORI & MSs Library on 01.05.2022, vide UO.No.Ad.DIII/2996/2022/UOK dated 21.04.2022 and her tenure of three year period will expire on 30.04.2025.

Vide Notification No. Acad.L/S/2446/2011 dated 04.04.2013, an Amendment (no. 232) has been made in Statute 18, in Chapter 3 of the Kerala University First Statutes, 1977, as follows:- Head of the Department - The Professor, Associate Professor/Reader or Assistant Professor in charge of a Department shall be Head of the Department. The Head of the Department shall be nominated on a rotation basis for three years starting with the senior most teacher of the Department. The Syndicate shall nominate the Senior most Professor as the Head of the Department for a period of three years and at the end of the three years, next senior most Professor shall be nominated. After all the Professors are given a turn, the rotation shall then be implemented among Associate Professors/Readers as per seniority. To become eligible for considering for headship, a teacher should possess a Ph D Degree and has to put in at least 2 years of service in the Department except in cases where there is no senior teacher in the Department. A teacher shall be eligible to take up headship only if he or she has a minimum of 6 months of service remaining till retirement. In the Department where there are no Professors/Associate Professors/Readers eligible for the Head, it shall be rotated among the Assistant Professor. It shall however be open to the teacher who has been nominated as the Head of the Department to make a request that he/she shall be relieved of such responsibility for academic reasons.

In such cases, the next senior most teacher shall be the Head of the Department.

At present, there are five Teaching Faculties in the ORI & MSs Library as detailed below:

Sl No	Name	Designation	Date of Joining	Date of Retirement
1	Dr. R.B.Sreekala	Professor	16.03.2020	31.05.2033
2	Dr. Naushad.S	Associate Professor	19.03.2020	31.05.2033
3	Dr. J.P.Prajith	Assistant Professor	18.03.2020	31.05.2032
4	Dr. Sainaba M	Assistant Professor	07/11/12	31.05.2034
5	Dr. Rejani.R.S	Assistant Professor	07.11.2012	31.05.2033

Details of Headship turns, are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name	Date of Joining Duty	Headship period	Current Designation
1	Dr. Sainaba M	07/11/12	01.05.2016 to 30.04.2019	Assistant Professor
2	Dr. Rejani.R.S	07/11/12	01.05.2019 to 30.04.2022	Assistant Professor
3	Dr.R.B.Sreekala	16.03.2020	01.05.2022 to 30.04.2025	Professor

Dr. Naushad.S, Associate Professor in Malayalam, is the only Associate Professor in the Department. He joined as Assistant Professor in the ORI & MSs Library w.e.f. 19.03.2020 FN vide UO No.Ad.DIII.2/1406/2020/UOK dated 25.05.2020. His date of retirement from the service is on 31.05.2033 and he satisfies the conditions required for being nominated as Head of the Department.

As per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the proposal for nominating the next Head in the Oriental Research Institute & Manuscripts Library, for a period of 3 years w.e.f 01.05.2025 FN, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to nominate Dr. Naushad. S, Associate Professor, Oreintal Research Institute & Manuscripts Library as Head, Oreintal Research Institute & Manuscripts Library, Kariavattom w.e.f. 01.05.2025.

Item No.18.120

Sweeping and cleaning of buildings and premises at Senate House Campus – Payment of charges to Thiruvananthapuram District Casual Workers' Welfare Co-operative Society Ltd. No: T. 2245 for the months of October, November & December 2024 - Reporting of – reg.

(Ad.BI)

The contract work for Sweeping and Cleaning the buildings and premises of Senate House Campus was awarded to M/s. Thiruvananthapuram District Casual Workers Welfare Co-operative Society Ltd.No:T.2245 for a period of 11 months with effect from 01.09.2023 @ Rs.4,11,230/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty only) inclusive of 18% GST per month, vide U.O No.270/2024/UOK dated 08.01.2024.

The firm had submitted full wage payment certificates for the months of October 2024 (Invoice No: SWEC/A3007/2024-25 dated 16.12.2024), November 2024 (Invoice No: SWEC/A3008/2024-25 dated 16.12.2024) & December 2024 (Invoice No: SWEC/A3009/2024-25 dated 16.01.2025) and requested for payment.

The payments for the months of October 2024 & November 2024 was endorsed by the Finance, vide Endt. FOS 3888/Finance I/ 2024-25 dated 21.12.2024. The payment for the month of December 2024 was endorsed by the Finance, vide Endt. FOS 4762/Finance I/ 2024-25 dated 17.02.2025.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice - Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, to the following payments to M/s.Thiruvananthapuram District Casual Workers Welfare Co-operative Society Ltd.No:T. 2245:

1. an amount of of Rs. 8,22,460/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty only) including 18% GST towards the said work for the months of October 2024 & November 2024 (U.O No:11152/2024/UOK dated 26.12.2024 was issued in this regard).
2. an amount of Rs. 4,11,230/- (Rupees Four Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty only) including 18% GST towards the said work for the month of December 2024 (U.O.No.1657/2025/UOK dated 22.02.2025 was issued in this regard).

As per orders of the Vice - Chancellor, 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.18.121 ***Solid Waste Management - for sanctioning the third installment of Provisional Advance to Dr.V. Salom Gnana Thanga, Head, Department of Environmental Sciences - for reconsideration on the purchase of electric vehicle – reg.***

(Ad.B1)

*Read:- 1. U.O. No. Ad. B1(4)/17798/42/2023 dated 05.06.2023
2. U.O. No. Ad. BI/4432/2024/UOK dated 29.05.2024
3. U.O. No. Ad.AIV(A)/750/2025/UOK dated 21.01.2025
4. Letter No.01/R/ENS/2024-25 dtd 28.01.2025 from the Head, Department of Environmental Sciences*

Smt. Salom Gnana Thanga, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Kerala is entrusted with the work of solid waste management in hostels, departments and offices of University. Dr.V. Salom Gnana Thanga was sanctioned an amount of Rs.17,66,000/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Sixty Six Thousand only) as Provisional Advance in three instalments for the solid waste management work in the University as envisaged in the Budget Speech 2022-23, as per Item no.114, (an amount of Rs.25,00,000/- was allocated in 2022-23).

The first installment of Rs.7,66,000/- (Rupees Seven lakh sixty six thousand only) was sanctioned to her vide U.O. paper read (1). The Second installment of Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five lakhs only) was sanctioned to her vide U.O. paper read (2). The bills and vouchers of the first and second installment were submitted for regularization and the same were in audit section for verification.

[It may be noted that initially as part of Waste Management, Smt. Salom Gnana Thanga was sanctioned an amount of Rs.16.15 lakh in the year 2021 for the work with the aim of developing University Kariavattom campus into a zero waste campus vide U.O.No. 17798/Admn.B1/2021/UOK/104 dated 20.11.2021 envisaged in the Budget speech 2021-22, as per item no.12, and the same amount was regularized vide U.O. No.10358/2024/UOK dated 03.12.2024. Also an amount of Rs.7,68,200/- (Rupees Seven lakh sixty eight thousand and two hundred only) was released for solid waste management work at Senate House campus during NAAC team visit time vide U.O. No.Ad.BI(1)14661/2022/UOK/52 dated 20.04.2022 and the bills/vouchers submitted for regularization is in audit section for verification. Initially, the project proposed was for one year only and later it was extended for two more years including the hostels, administrative blocks and common parking areas (Non-recurring cost: Rs.7,51,000/- and recurring cost: Rs.10,15,000/-; Total: 17,66,000/-).]

The Head, Department of Environmental Sciences vide letter read (4), had now requested to release the third installment of Rs. 5,00,000/- for the purchase of electric vehicle. And the finance section remarked that the expenditure may be met from the Part I-NP-MH:63 Miscellaneous-8/6028-New Development Programmes", of the current year's Budget Estimate of the University.

As per the orders of the Vice - Chancellor, the request of the Dr.V.Salom Gnana Thanga, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences for the release of third installment amount of Rs.5,00,000/- to Dr.V.Shalom Gnana Thanga, Professor, Dept of Environmental Sciences on the purchase of electric vehicle as part of Solid Waste Management project, is placed before the Syndicate for reconsideration and further recommendation.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to release of third installment amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rs. Five lakh only) to Dr.V.Shalom Gnana Thanga, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, Kariavattom for the purchase of Electric Vehicle as part of Solid Waste Management project.

REGISTRAR

VICE-CHANCELLOR

University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram
17.03.2025



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Preliminary Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the
Syndicate held on 13.05.2025

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

Place of Meeting : University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram
Time : 02.00 PM

Members Present:

1. Dr. Mohanan Kunnumal (*In the Chair*)
Vice-Chancellor
2. Adv.Muraleedharan Pillai G
3. Sri.R. Rajesh
4. Dr.Manoj T.R
5. Dr.M. Leninlal
6. Dr.Pramod N
7. Sri.Ahamad Fazil. Y
8. Dr.S.Jayan
9. Sri.P.S.Gopakumar
10. Dr.Vinodkumar T.G.Nair
11. Prof.(Dr.) Prakash K.C
12. Prof.Manoj V
13. Sri.Ajay D.N
14. Dr.Shijukhan J.S.
15. Dr.K.Rahim.
16. Adv.R.B.Rajeev Kumar
17. Dr.S.Nazeeb
18. Dr.P.M. Radhamany

Item No. 19.01 **Confirmation of the Preliminary Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.03.2025-reg.**

(Ac.A.I)

The Syndicate considered and approved the Preliminary Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.03.2025 with the following modifications:

Item No.18.07.C1 In the agenda and recommendation name be corrected as **Sri.Joyesh Johnson** instead of '**Dr. Joyesh Johnson**'

(Ac.FIII)

Item No.18.07.C19 In the agenda and recommendation name **Smt.Praseeja.P.J**, be corrected and read as **Smt.Preseeja P.J.**

(Ac.FIII)

Item No.18.97 Recommendation be corrected as follows:

48	Dr.Veena P.K, Lecturer on contract (NET)	UIM, Varkala	11.03.2025	Recommended for one more term.
49	Anusha M N Lecturer on contract (NET)	UIM, Varkala	11.03.2025	Recommended for one more term.
155	Remani T, Sweeper on Contract basis	UIT, Pirappancode	11.03.2025	Recommended engagement upto 31.05.2025

156	Radhakrishnan Nair K, Lab Attender on Contract basis	UIT, Pirappancode	11.03.2025	Recommended engagement upto 31.05.2025
260	Dr. Suvija V S Lecturer on Contract basis in Commerce (NET)	UIT, Kollam	12.02.2025	Recommended for one more term.
302	Saratchandran K P Lecturer on Contract basis in Computer Science	UIT, Mannar	12.02.2025	Recommended for one more term subject to the condition that he shall clear NET/ PhD during the contract period.

(Ad.AVII)

Item No.18.98.05.14 In the Recommendation at Sl. No.2 be corrected as

2.	M/s. SRN Electricals, Thiruvananthapuram	Microtek UPS Legend 650 Warranty : 2 Years	10	2,300	23,000
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(Ad.BIV(CP.A))

Item No.18.105.C1 In the recommendation Sl.No.5 be corrected as

5.	Sri.Sanu F	Commerce	<i>'Substantive vacancy of Dr.Catherine E Pereira who retired on 30.04.2023 AN.'</i>	Community	06.08.2024 FN
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Item No.18.105.C1 In the agenda and recommendation Sl.No.6, 7 and 8 be corrected as:

6.	Dr. Vinil Baby Paul	History	Substantive vacancy sanctioned vide <i>G.O.M(s) No. 471/2020/H.Edn dated 30.12.2020</i>	Open	07.08.2024 FN
7.	Smt. Margaret Mary	History	Substantive vacancy sanctioned vide <i>G.O.M(s) No. 471/2020/H.Edn dated 30.12.2020</i>	Community	21.08.2024 FN
8.	Smt. Tincy Philip	Statistics	Substantive vacancy sanctioned vide <i>G.O.M(s) No. 471/2020/H.Edn dated 30.12.2020</i>	Open	12.08.2024 FN

(Ac.FIII)

Item No.18.108.C10 Resolution be corrected as **RESOLVED** that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the recommendation of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 15.03.2025, regarding the change of Research Supervisor and Centre, as requested by the Research Scholar, be noted.

FURTHER RESOLVED to approve the recommendation of the sub-committee constituted by the Syndicate in this regard'.

(Ac.FIII)

Item No.18.117.43 Recommendation be corrected as *"The Committee considered the matter and recommended not to concede the representation of the Research Scholar, Smt.Sumayya.S forwarded from the office of the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education & Social Justice to exempt her from remitting the fine of Rs.76,000/- for the delayed submission of thesis.*

(Ad.AVI/ Ac.D)

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