UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date : 22nd August, 2026, Saturday.
Time : 10.00 a.m.

Members Present

1. Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal
   Vice-Chancellor (In the Chair)
2. Dr. Suja Kurup P L
3. CMA (Dr.) T Rajesh
4. Dr. Bindu R L
5. Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan
6. Dr. C N Vijayakumari
7. Prof. (Dr.) Razia K I
8. Dr. G Prasad
9. Dr. Bindu K
10. Dr. S Sankararaman
11. Dr. S M Raffi
12. Dr. Suhail E
13. Dr. Arun A Rauf
14. Dr. Shiburaj S
15. Dr. Ani Deepthi
16. Dr. Biju T
17. Dr. Aji S
18. Smt. Preethi K
19. Dr. Christabell P J
20. Dr. Bindu D
21. Dr. Thara Prabhakaran
22. Dr. Rajesh Reghunath
23. Sri. Sreekumar K N
24. Dr. S Venumohan
25. Dr. Lal C A
26. Dr. Manu T
27. Dr. Sudhi S Vijayan
28. Dr. L Darwin
29. Dr. Thalmi B
30. Dr. Krishnakumar R S
31. Dr. Sibi K S
32. Dr. R Lekshmi
33. Dr. R Jayakrishnan
34. Dr. Rose Mary George
35. Dr. Krishnakumar R S
36. Dr. Manoj Chacko
37. Dr. Hepsy Rose Mary A
38. Dr. Sreejith P
39. Dr. A Helen

40. Dr. Suja S
41. Smt. Mini M. R., Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department.
42. Dr. Nazeeb S
43. Dr. Rahim K
44. Prof. Manoj V
45. Dr. Pramod N
46. Dr. T R Manoj
47. Sri. Ahamed Fazil Y
48. Sri. P S Gopakumar
49. Sri. R S Sasikumar
50. Dr. S Prema
51. Dr. Noushad V
52. Dr. Sibi C Babu
53. Dr. K Anilkumar
54. Dr. A V Sujith
55. Dr. Sheeba P
56. Dr. P G Ajimol
57. Dr. Lidson Raj J
58. Dr. Lalamani P
59. Dr. Muhammed Arif M
60. Dr. G Jayasenan
61. Sri. Bineesh B
62. Dr. U Abdul Khalam
63. Dr. Pramod Kiran R B
64. Dr. Lalmohan P
65. Dr. Mumthas S
66. Dr. Deepu G P
67. Smt. Tessie Nazareth
68. Fr. Biji P
69. Dr. Jyothisree Balakrishnan
70. Dr. Ram kumar R
71. Dr. Sithara V
72. Dr. Nazneen A
73. Dr. Vinod B S
74. Dr. Soumyarani V S
75. Dr. Mahesh S
76. Dr. Rajesh K
77. Dr. Rajeev Kumar A D
78. Dr. Gladston Raj S
79. Dr. Aparna P
80. Dr. J S Jahangir
81. Dr. Shaji E
82. Sri. Pratheep Kumar B
83. Dr. Sajini P
84. Dr. Viji S
85. Dr. Prakasan P M
86. Dr. Nithya P Viswan
87. Dr. Angelo Mathew Panathapuram
88. Dr. Anil Kumar K M
89. Smt. Sandhya S Nair
90. Dr. Bhagyasree J B
91. Smt. Smita G S
92. Dr. Sreejith V
93. Dr. S P Srinivasan
94. Dr. Regi S R

Online Presence

1. Dr. Madhavan N
2. Dr. K S Suresh Kumar
3. Dr. Herman P J
4. Dr. Manju S Nair
5. Dr. Bushra Beegom R K
6. Dr. Tissy Mariam Thomas
7. Dr. Harinarayanan Mankulathillath
8. Dr. Biju B
9. Dr. E A Siril
10. Dr. Shaji A
11. Dr. Vinod kumar T G Nair
12. Sri. Ajay D N
13. Adv. Ajay Juel Kuriakose
14. Dr. Shajeer S
15. Dr. Sivadas K K
16. Dr. Naushad S

The meeting was called to order at 10.00 a.m by Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal*, Vice-Chancellor in the Chair. He welcomed the members to the meeting.*

(I) Business brought forward by the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate.

01. Recognition of LLM Degree (One Year) (Regular) awarded by O.P. Jindal Global Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, Haryana-Consideration of-reg.

(Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt.Eleena Earnest dated 28.02.2026

Smt.Eleena Earnest has submitted the scheme and syllabus of LL.M Degree (One Year) (Regular) awarded by O.P.Jindal Global University (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be),Haryana for Course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She obtained Integrated Five Year B.A, LL.B Degree course from University of Kerala.

The candidate has submitted the Bar Council Registration Certificate, stating that she has been admitted as an Advocate on the Roll of the Bar Council of Kerala on the 18th day of September 2022, under the provisions of Section 17 of the Advocates Act.

It may be noted that the One Year LLM Programme was conducted in the Department of Law, University of Kerala, during the following Academic years,

1.2015-2016
2.2016-2017
3.2017-2018
4.2018-2019
5.2019-2020
6.2020-2021
7.2021-2022

However, the candidate completed her One Year LLM Degree from O.P. Jindal Global Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, Haryana in August 2023 (Academic year 2022-23).

The Chairman, BoS in Law (PG) who is also the Dean, Faculty of Law has remarked that LL.M Degree (One Year) (Regular) awarded by O.P. Jindal Global Institution of Eminence can be considered recognised for pursuing higher studies including research for Ph.D in Law , and employment. The programme covers the three core courses and a total of 24 (twenty four) credits, as stipulated by thew UGC Guidelines for the introduction of the One Year LL.M Programme, 2012.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of LLM Degree (One Year) (Regular) awarded by O.P. Jindal Global Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, Haryana is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the LLM Degree (One Year) (Regular) awarded by O.P. Jindal Global Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, Haryana for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

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02. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Smt. Sandra Theresa Antony dtd. 18.07.2026

Smt. Sandra Theresa Antony submitted an application for recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for the purpose of either equating it with M.Sc Degree in Physics of this University or for higher studies and employment in the field of Physics.

The applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study then she has passed B.Sc Degree in Physics from the University of Kerala. The Detailed scheme and syllabus submitted by the applicant was duly attested by the applicant herself. The same can be accepted in the case of Universities (State/Central) or Institutions of National Importance that come under an NIRF ranking up to 150 for the preceding three years, provided the scheme and syllabus shall be verified by the Chairman and the Dean concerned at the University before offering their remarks /endorsement on course recognition files.

The Chairman BoS in Physics (PG) has remarked that the syllabus of the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam has approximately 80% similarity with the M.Sc Physics programme of the University of Kerala. Hence it is recommended that the said course can be considered as an eligible qualification for higher studies in Physics including B.Ed Degree in Physical Science and employment in the field of Physics.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Physics (PG).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Sc Degree in Physics (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Physics is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Nanoscience and Nanotechnology) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Physics.

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03. Recognition of Five - Year Integrated Master of Computer Applications (MCA) (Regular) awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University)-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Bhavana B dtd. 10.07.2026

Ms. Bhavana B submitted an application for recognition of Five-Year Integrated MCA (Regular) Degree awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) for the purpose of equating it with M.C.A Degree of this University. The applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. It may be noted that the B.C.A. Degree (Regular) awarded after Semester VI via Exit Option (Five-Year Integrated M.C.A. Degree) awarded by the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University), has been recognised by this University as equivalent to the B.C.A. Degree of this University. The applicant has submitted the Detailed syllabus duly attested by the Registrar of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University).

The Chairman BoS in Computer Science (PG) has remarked that the candidate, Ms. Bhavana B., has applied for recognition of the Five-Year Integrated MCA (Regular) Degree awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) for the purpose of eligibility for both higher studies and employment.The syllabus of the programme has been found to be substantially aligned with the syllabus of the MCA programme of the University of Kerala. The candidate has also been granted eligibility for her BCA degree by the University of Kerala. Hence, the Chaiman BoS in Computer Science has recommended that the candidate may be considered eligible for both higher studies and employment.

The Dean Faculty of Applied Science and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Computer Science (PG).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of Five-Year Integrated MCA (Regular) Degree awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) as an eligible qualification for both higher studies and employment is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Five-Year Integrated MCA (Regular) Degree awarded by Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore (Deemed to be University) as an eligible qualification for both higher studies and employment.

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04. Equivalency of Courses - "Quantitative Methods" of M.Com Global Business Operations Degree Programme to "Statistics" – Consideration of- reg. (CSS)
Ref: 1) Application for special equivalency certificate from Shejil B.S.

An application was received from Shejil B.S, a former student (2021–2023 batch) of the Department of Commerce, requesting special equivalency certificate of the paper titled *"Quantitative Methods"* under the M.Com Global Business Operations Degree Programme of University of Kerala, to any paper relating to Statistics (Statistics / Business Statistics / Arithmetic Statistics), for employment purpose for the post of Research Officer in Department of Economics and Statistics. As per the notification of KPSC, the prescribed qualification for the post is a Post Graduate Degree in Economics/ Statistics/Mathematics/Commerce, provided that Statistics/Business Statistics/ Arithmetic Statistics shall be a subject of study at least in the Bachelor's Degree level in the case of Commerce.

As per the remarks from the Head, Department of Commerce, "*Quantitative Methods"* is an advanced applied statistics paper. Similarly, the Head, Department of Statistics also remarked that based on the content and learning outcomes, the course "*Quantitative Methods*" of M Com Degree contains adequate statistical topics and hence it may be considered equivalent to a Statistics paper, for employment purposes, subject to institutional norms and regulations.

Further, the Dean, Faculty of Science endorsed the recommendation of the Head, Department of Statistics on the equivalency of the courses. However, the Dean, Faculty of Commerce offered a dissenting opinion on the matter. As per his remarks, "*Quantitative Methods"* is only an extension of Business Statistics and is not a substitute for it. Therefore it cannot replace the need for a structured and comprehensive study of Statistics/ Business Statistics/ Arithmetic Statistics at the Degree level (***Remarks appended***).

Hence as per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of granting equivalency of the paper "*Quantitative Methods*" of M Com Global Business Operations Degree to "*Statistics*", is placed before the Academic Council for consideration ***(Relevant pages of syllabus for M Com Global Business Operations Degree Programme, appended).***

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Commerce (Pass, PG) and Statistics (Pass, PG).

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05. Issuance of One-Time Certificate to the candidates pursuing two academic programme simultaneously - Approval of the revised draft formats One-Time Certificate an Application Form-Consideration of-reg. (AcAIV)

Pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously in the University of Kerala was implemented vide U.O. No. 2774/2025/UOK dated 28.03.2025, wherein the formats of the Application Form and One-Time Certificate were also approved.

Subsequently, Ac.AV, Ac.AII, Ac.AIII and Ac.AV(A) Sections suggested certain modifications to the approved formats, including incorporation of the Candidate Code/APAAR ID, Register Number, University Name, Admission Year and Course Period, and suitable changes in the wording of the One-Time Certificate to avoid ambiguity.

Further, clarification has been sought required regarding cases where candidates secure admission to a secondary programme during the extended period of study of their primary programme due to delayed completion of the latter, and whether such cases come within the purview of pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously, requiring the issuance of a One-Time Certificate.

The suggestions received from the Sections have been incorporated in the revised drafts of the Application Form and One-Time Certificate.

The matter was submitted before the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for orders to approve the revised formats of the Application Form and the One-Time Certificate appended to U.O. No.2774/2025/UOK dated 28.03.2025 and to clarify that candidates admitted to a secondary programme during the extended period of study of their primary programme, owing to the delayed completion of the latter, shall also be treated as falling within the purview of pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously and shall obtain the prescribed One-Time Certificate.

As ordered by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the revised formats of the Application Form and the One-Time Certificate appended to U.O. No.2774/2025/UOK dated 28.03.2025. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that candidates admitted to a secondary programme during the extended period of study of their primary programme, owing to the delayed completion of the latter, shall also be treated as falling within the purview of pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously and shall obtain the prescribed One-Time Certificate.

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06. Recognition of B.Sc Degree in Forensic Science awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through G.T.N Arts College, Dindigul(Autonomous)-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Shri. Abhinav Krishna R dtd. 24.06.2026

Shri. Abhinav Krishna R submitted an application for recognition of B.Sc Degree in Forensic Science awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through G.T.N Arts College, Dindigul (Autonomous) for the purpose of admission to M.Sc Degree in Chemistry of this University. The candidate has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. The detailed scheme and syllabus submitted by the applicant was attested by the Principal, G.T.N Arts College, Dindigul (Autonomous).

The Chairman BoS in Chemistry (Pass) has examined the syllabus of B.Sc. Degree in Forensic Science awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through GTN Arts College, Dindigul (Autonomous) and remarked that the curriculum contains practically no substantial Core Chemistry content. The course structure and syllabus are therefore not comparable with the scheme and syllabus prescribed for the B.Sc. Chemistry programme of the University of Kerala.

In view of the above, the B.Sc. Degree in Forensic Science awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through GTN Arts College, Dindigul (Autonomous), **cannot be considered equivalent to the B.Sc. Degree in Chemistry awarded by the University of Kerala.** Consequently, the degree **cannot be considered as an eligible qualification for admission to M.Sc. Chemistry** programmes of the University of Kerala or for employment in posts where B.Sc. Chemistry is specifically prescribed as the essential eligibility qualification. **However, the candidate may be considered eligible for admission to postgraduate programmes of the University of Kerala, wherever a Bachelor's Degree in any discipline is prescribed as the minimum qualification**. Similarly, the **qualification may be considered for employment in posts where a degree in any discipline is**

prescribed as the eligibility condition, subject to the rules and regulations applicable to the post concerned.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Chemistry (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc Degree in Forensic Science awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through G.T.N Arts College, Dindigul(Autonomous) is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to recognize B.Sc Degree in Forensic Science awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through G.T.N Arts College, Dindigul(Autonomous) for admission to M Sc Chemistry programme.

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07. Recognition of B.B.A Degree (Regular) awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through Thiagarajar College, Madurai (Autonomous)-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Shri. Pandiyarajan M dtd. 12.06.2026

Shri.Pandiyarajan M submitted an application for recognition of B.B.A Degree (Regular) awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through Thiagarajar College, Madurai (Autonomous) for the purpose of equating it with B.B.A Degree of this University. The applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. The Detailed scheme and syllabus submitted by the candidate was attested by the Principal, Thiagarajar College, Madurai (Autonomous).

The former Chairman BoS in Business Management (Pass) has verified the Scheme and Syllabus of the B.B.A Degree (Regular) awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through Thiagarajar College, Madurai (Autonomous) and remarked that which covers almost seventy percent of the syllabus of B.B.A programme offered by the University of Kerala. Therefore the Board recommended to issue Eligibility Certificate for higher education purpose.

The Dean Faculty of Management Studies has endorsed the remarks offered by the former Chairman BoS in Business Management (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of the B.B.A Degree (Regular) awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through Thiagarajar College, Madurai (Autonomous) for higher education purpose is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.B.A Degree (Regular) awarded by Madurai Kamaraj University through Thiagarajar College, Madurai (Autonomous) for higher education purpose.

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08. Recognition of B.Ed (Content and Pedagogy of Social Science and Commerce)(Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University, Kolar, Karnataka-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Revathy Thankachan dtd. 22.04.2026

Ms. Revathy Thankachan submitted an application for recognition of B.Ed (Content and Pedagogy of Social Science and Commerce) (Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University, Kolar, Karnataka for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Social Science is the prescribed qualification. The applicant passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. Then she secured B.A Degree in Economics from Mahatma Gandhi University, which is recognised as equivalent to the B.A Degree in Economics of this University.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the remarks regarding the recognition of the B.Ed Degree were obtained from the former Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Education.

The Former Chairman BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that B.Ed (Content and Pedagogy of Social Science and Commerce)(Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University, Kolar, Karnataka can be considered for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed

Degree in Social Science is the prescribed qualification.

The Dean Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the former Chairman BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of the B.Ed (Content and Pedagogy of Social Science and Commerce)(Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University, Kolar, Karnataka for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Social Science is the prescribed qualification is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Ed (Content and Pedagogy of Social Science and Commerce)(Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University, Kolar, Karnataka for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Social Science Science is the prescribed qualification.

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09. Issuance of Eligibility Certificate to Acharya Course - with basic qualification acquired simultaneously with Acharya Course-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Chithra U S dated 07.10.2025.

Ms. Chithra U S submitted an application for Eligibility certificate for Acharya Course of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha, Thiruvananthapuram. **On verification of the application, it is found that the applicant acquired the basic qualification (i.e. B.A. Degree) simultaneously with Acharya Course**.

The Acharya course is recognised by the University of Kerala as equivalent to the B.Ed. Degree in Hindi of this University in file no: File Ac.C/062063/2021 SREELEKHA L (U.O No. 7388/2021/UOK Dated: 21.12.2021 Academic Council held on 07.12.2025)

It may be noted that the applicant in the above referred file did not have sufficient basic qualification for admission to B.Ed. Degree in Hindi, when she joined for Acharya course. On account of this reason, the then Chairperson BoS in Education (Pass) and the Dean, Faculty of Education opined that her application could not be considered for recognition of Acharya Course as equivalent to B.Ed. Degree in Hindi. The matter was placed in the meeting of the Academic Council held on 07.10.2021, and it was resolved to recognise the Acharya Course as equivalent to the B.Ed. Degree in Hindi of this University, despite these remarks and several other resolutions leading to non-recognition of Acharya Course in the previous meetings of Academic Council. (U.O is appended)

When similar applications came up for consideration, the matter was again put up for clarification in order to ensure whether the decision of the Academic Council could be made applicable to all similarly placed candidates who passed Acharya course prior to acquiring basic qualifications prescribed for doing B.Ed. Hindi. In this case also, it was ordered to issue Eligibility Certificate since those applicants fulfill prescribed qualifications, although later.

In the present application submitted by Ms. Chithra U S, it is seen that she passed part I and II of B.A. Degree in April 2023 and April 2024 respectively which coincides with the period of study of her Acharya course (2023-2025).

As per the UGC Public Notice related to pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously, a student can pursue two full time academic programmes in physical mode provided that in such cases, class timings for one programme do not overlap with the class timings of the other programme. It also states that Degree or diploma programmes under these guidelines shall be governed by the Regulations notified by the UGC and also the respective statutory/professional councils, wherever applicable. It is pertinent to note that the NCTE, statutory/professional council, for Teacher Education programmes in India stipulates 10+2+3 pattern of study along with other requirements.

It is to be noted that Acharya course is equated to B.Ed. in Hindi, which is a professional course leading to employment as teachers in High Schools and Higher Secondary schools under the department of General Education, Govt. of Kerala where duration of service plays a crucial role in promotion and professional growth. Hence, simultaneity in acquiring basic qualification and the professional qualification is detrimental to the employment prospects of those candidates who acquire the B.Ed. Degree in conventional 10+2+3 pattern of study. Furthermore, the NCTE, statutory/professional councils, for Teacher Education programmes in India stipulates 10+2+3 pattern

of study along with other requirements.

In this context, the following points may be noted:

1. The meetings of the Academic Council held on 6th and 9th May 2014, and 19.05.2015 resolved that the Acharya Course of Kerala Hindi Prachara Sabha, Thiruvananthapuram cannot be recognised as equivalent to B.Ed in Hindi of this University on File No. Ac.C/002357/13 and Ac.C/007098/14 respectively.
2. In 2017 also, in file No.Ac.C/034178/2017 also, the Chairman and the Dean have recommended not to recognise the Acharya Course as equivalent to B.Ed in Hindi of this University.
3. The combined meeting of BoS in Hindi (Pass) and BoS in Education (Pass), it was remarked that 70% of the syllabus of the Acharya Course was found similar to the One Year B.Ed in Hindi of the University of Kerala and hence the Boards of Studies recommended to issue Eligibility Certificate only to that particular applicant mentioned in that file. This decision was endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies. However it was ordered that the decision should not be implemented since the recommendations of the BoS and the Dean were not legally viable.
4. Recognition to Acharya course as equivalent to B.Ed. in Hindi was arrived at in the File Ac.C/062063/2021 in r/o SREELEKHA L, in spite of the remarks by the subject experts that the application could not be considered since the Acharya is acquired without having prescribed qualifications.
5. Thereupon Eligibility Certificates are being issued to Acharya holders without insistence on successful completion of prescribed basic qualifications.
6. Even though the 'UGC Public Notice related to pursuing two academic programmes simultaneously' does not explicitly state that a basic qualification can be acquired along with a higher qualification, it should not be misinterpreted that it is a permission to acquire both at a time, since such a question is completely beyond academic logic.
7. Simultaneity in acquiring basic qualification and a higher qualification may lead to Service related complications also.

As per the orders of the Hon. Vice Chancellor, the following matters regarding Issuance of Eligibility Certificate to Acharya Course - with basic qualification acquired simultaneously with Acharya Course is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

1. **Whether the applications for Eligibility Certificate for the Acharya Course, where the applicants do not satisfy the prescribed eligibility criteria for B.Ed. admission in Hindi, may be rejected.**
2. **Whether the cases in which the basic qualification was acquired simultaneously with the Acharya Course may be rejected.**

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the combined meeting of the Board of Studies in Hindi (Pass) and Education (Pass).

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10. Application for equivalency of M.Sc Environmental Sciences to M.Sc Biological Sciences – Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AII)

A candidate who completed M.Sc Environmental Sciences from Kerala University has submitted an application to issue Equivalency / Special Certificate stating that M.Sc Environmental Sciences is equivalent to M.Sc Biological Sciences to produce before Kerala PSC for the post of Lecturer in Life Sciences in Kerala General Education (DIET) (category no. 368/2022). In the notification, the qualification prescribed is,

1. Masters Degree with not less than 50% marks in Biological Sciences from any statutory University established in India.

2. M.Ed Degree not less than 50% marks with science education as optional from any statutory University established in India.

3. Teacher Eligibilty Test or National or State Eligibility Test or M.Phil or Ph.D in the subject concerned or in Education.

It may be noted that M.Sc Biological Sciences programme is not offered in Kerala University and there is no precedence in the issuance of such an Equivalency Certificate. In this regard, the remarks from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Environmental Sciences and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology have been obtained. The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Environmental Sciences has recommended to consider M.Sc Environmental Sciences as an eligible qualification to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification, if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the same.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter was placed before the Academic Council for consideration. The Academic Council held on 25.02.2026 vide Item No. (I).09 resolved to refer the matter to the combined meeting of the Boards of Studies in Botany and Zoology for detailed consideration.

The combined meeting of the Boards of Studies in Botany and Zoology held on 12.06.2026 considered the matter and unanimously decided **not to consider the eligibility/equivalency of M.Sc. Biotechnology/M.Sc. Environmental Science with M.Sc. Zoology and M.Sc. Botany**. The Board further noted that, since the University of Kerala does not offer any programme titled M.Sc. Life Sciences/Biological Sciences, the question of equivalency with such programmes was not considered. The corresponding minutes approved by the Registrar is also appended.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Minutes of the Combined Board of Studies Meeting of the Zoology and Botany held on 12th June 2026 at 11.00 am, in the Department of Zoology, University of Kerala (Online mode;

Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/hhb-gzzc-irs).

The following members of the Board of Studies in Zoology were present:

Dr. R Harikumaran Nair, Professor, School of Biosciences, MG University, Kottayam
Dr. Aruna Devi, Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, University College, Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. Sulekhp B T, Professor, Department of Zoology SN College, Kollam
Dr. Annies Joseph, Department of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur
Dr. Sreejith P, Asst. Professor, Dep of Zoology,.University of Kerala.
Dr. Benno Pereira F G, Asst. Professor, Dep of Zoology, University of Kerala.
Dr. Sajeebkhan, Professor, Dep of Zoology, Govt..Werneit's College, Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. Maya B Nair, Associate Professor, SD College, Alappuzha
Prof. (Dr) G. Prasad (Chairman)

The following members of the Board of Studies in Botany were present:

Dr. P.M. Radhamany, Emeritus Professor, Department of Botany, University of Kerala
Dr. T.S. Swapna, Professor, Department **of** Botany, University of Kerala
Dr. V.V. Radhakrishnan, Professor (Rtd.), Department of Botany, University of Calicut
Dr. Preetha T S, Professor, University College, Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. V N Sanjai, Professor, SD College, Alappuzha
Dr. Nisha A P, Associate Professor, SN College, Kollam
Dr. Mahesh. S, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Christian College, Kattakada
Dr. Bindumole V R, Professor, University College, Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. E.A. Siril (Chairman)

The meeting started at 11.00 AM, and the Chairman of the Board of Studies, Zoology (PG), and the Dean of the Faculty of Science welcomed all members of both the Board of Studies and presented the following agenda items.

1. M. Sc. Biotechnology as an eligible qualification for the higher studies and apply for any post where Botany/Zoology/Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification.
2. M.Sc Environmental Sciences as an eligible qualification for the higher studies and apply for any post where Botany/Zoology/Biological. Science/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification.

The Board discussed the two items together, and all BoS members from Zoology and Botany are of the opinion that the MSc Biotechnology and MSc Environmental Science are entirely different subjects from MSc Zoology and MSc Botany. The syllabi of the two courses vary significantly from the PG syllabi of Zoology and Botany. In both courses, there are no core basic courses of Zoology and Botany, and the practicals and field studies also differ. The combined BoS observed that if these two courses are given eligibility for employment in Zoology/Botany subjects, the opportunities of candidates who pass basic courses, Zoology and Botany will be severely affected, and they may be unemployed forever. Moreover, these two courses- MSc Biotechnology and MSc Environmental Science are the applied science courses which are meant for the application-oriented research and opportunities, and many basic core subjects in Zoology and Botany are not included in the syllabi. If MSc Biotechnology and MSc Environmental Science degree holders are permitted to enter into the faculty positions of the Zoology and Botany subjects, it will severely affect the teaching, practical, and the overall curriculum of the basic subjects and it will hamper the education quality of the basic science subjects and ultimately the future generation who opt for the Zoology and Botany.

Hence, considering all the facts in the syllabi and other relevant issues, the combined Board of Studies meeting of Zoology and Botany held on 12.6.2026 unanimously decided **not to consider the eligibility/equivalency of MSc. Biotechnology/MSc. Environmental Science with MSc Zoology and MSc Botany.**

Since the University of Kerala is not conducting any Otfile, as MSc in Life Science/Biological Science, that matter is not considered by the combined Board meeting.

The meeting is adjourned at 12.05 pm

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to grant eligibility/equivalency of MSc. Environmental Science with MSc Zoology and MSc Botany.

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11. Recognition of Three - Year Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Regular) awarded by State Board of Technical Education and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Mr. Suriyanarayanan K, dated: 09.06.2026.

Mr. Suriyanarayanan K submitted an application for recognition of Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Regular) awarded by State Board of Technical Education and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu as an eligible qualification for admission to the Five Year Integrated B. Com LLB programme of this University.

The applicant has passed SSLC from Department of Government Examinations, Chennai, recognised by the University of Kerala. He successfully passed the Three - Year Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Regular) awarded by State Board of Technical Education and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu in 2020.

It may be noted that applications are also received from Mr. Mohammed Abdul Basid S (Folio No: 091812) and Mr. Vikkramathithan A (Folio No: 091939) for the issuance of Eligibility Certificate for the Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Regular) awarded by State Board of Technical Education and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu as an eligible qualification for admission to the Five Year Integrated B. Com LLB programme of this University.

It may be also be noted that **as per the Prospectus for admission to Integrated Five Year**

LLB Programme, Kerala 2026 - 27, A 3-year Diploma/Polytechnic Course, after 10th standard, issued by an institution recognised by the Government shall be considered at par with +2 certificate for the purpose of admission to the 5 year Integrated LLB Degree Course.

In this context, the following points may also be noted:

1.On File No. Ac.C/082646/2024, Smt. Aiswarya S Nair had sought recognition of the Diploma in Commercial Practice (Three Year Course) awarded by the State Board of Technical Education, Government of Kerala, for the purpose of admission to the Integrated Five Year B.Com. LL.B. Programme. **The Diploma in Commercial Practice awarded by State Board of Technical Education, Government of Kerala is recognised as eligible qualification for doing Integrated B.Com. LL.B Five Year Course Programme of this University vide U.O No. Ac.C/5668/2024/UOK, dated: 09.07.2024.**

2. On File No. Ac.C/089975/2025, Sri. Vijayaprakash S.V. had sought recognition of the Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year Course) awarded by the State Board of Technical Education, Thiruvananthapuram, for the purpose of admission to the Integrated Five Year B.A. LL.B. Programme. Based on the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Law (Pass), duly endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Law, the meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.02.2026 vide Item No. I (45) resolved that **Diploma in Textile Technology (Three Year Course) awarded by State Board of Technical Education, (Department of Technical Education), Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram is recognised as eligible criteria for admission to Five Year LL.B Programme and orders were issued vide Ac.C/3495/2026/UOK, dated: 01.04.2026** accordingly.

As per the orders of the Hon. Vice Chancellor, the following matters regarding Recognition of Three - Year Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Regular) awarded by State Board of Technical Education and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

1. Whether the **Three year Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Regular) awarded by State Board of Technical Education and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu** may be recognised as an eligible qualification for admission to the Five Year Integrated B. Com LL.B programme of this University.
2. If agreed to, whether the above **recognition may begeneralised and made applicable to Three-Year Diploma/Polytechnic Programmes of all branches pursued after the 10th Standard and awarded by Institutions/Boards recognised by the Government, as an eligible qualification for admission to the Five - Year Integrated LL.B Programmes of this University**.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Three year Diploma in Mechanical Engineering (Regular) awarded by State Board of Technical Education and Training, Government of Tamil Nadu as an eligible qualification for admission to the Five Year Integrated B. Com LL.B programme of this University. **FURTHER RESOLVED** to generalise the above resolution be made applicable to the Three-Year Diploma/Polytechnic Programmes of all branches pursued after the 10th Standard and awarded by Institutions/Boards recognised by the Government, as an eligible qualification for admission to the Five - Year Integrated LL.B Programmes of this University.

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12. Proposal for the inclusion of Mental Health Education in the Academic Curriculum to prevent marital suicide and toxic relationships –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AV)

Kerala State Higher Education Department forwarded a representation submitted by the Assistant Professor of English, Women Cell Coordinator, SMSTM Athavanad, in connection with the inclusion of Mental Health Education in the Academic Curriculum to prevent marital suicide and toxic relationships.

He is drawing our attention to the report of the Department of Home Ministry, Govt.of Kerala, that releases shocking figures of cases relating to home violence. The increasing number of

suicide cases resulting from marital discord shows the gravity of the situation. Emotional distress, threat of toxic relationships in marital and premarital relationships and lack of psychological support in identifying and solving these traits, highlights the urgent need for preventive education and awareness, particularly among the youth.

By the representation,he also pointed out that in recent years, the academic world has been jolted by an alarming rise in student suicides. Despite the severity of this issue, mental health remains inadequately in our educational institutions. Kerala Higher Education sector is committed to the holistic development of its student community, it becomes imperative for authority to address such social and mental health concerns. In this context, he proposed the following:

- Introduction of awareness classes on marital and well-being and suicide prevention as part of the academic or co- curricular programmes.
- Mental health education related to healthy relationships should be introduced as a part of syllabus.
- Conflict resolution and emotional intelligence training should be given as a part of skill training.
- Communication skills and healthy relationships dynamics
- Access to counselling and support systems
- Develop knowledge of Legal rights and crisis intervention strategies.

The representative, seeking the support of University in facilitating the introduction of these awareness programs, possibly through workshops, expert guest talks or integration into existing life skills modules. Collaborations with Women Cell, NSS NCC units, mental health professionals, legal experts and counsellors can make these sessions impactful and relevant.

As per orders of the Vice Chancellor, the proposal / representation regarding the inclusion of Mental Health Education in the Curriculum to prevent marital suicide and toxic relationships, appendix to the note is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to accept in principle the proposal regarding the inclusion of Mental Health Education in the UG/PG Curriculum of all programmes offered by this University. **FURTHER RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the Syndicate for preparing framework for implementation.

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13. Recognition of B.A Degree (History, Physical Education and Political Science) (Regular) awarded by Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar through Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Shri. Frank Nelson dtd 02.06.2026

Shri. Frank Nelson submitted an application for recognition of B.A Degree (History, Physical Education and Political Science) (Regular) awarded by Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar through Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar along with the detailed scheme and syllabus duly attested by the Registrar of Khalsa College Amritsar for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Physical Education (As a Physical Education Teacher in an Upper Primary aided school). The Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar was re-accredited by NAAC with A grade. The candidate has passed 10+2 pattern of study which are recognised by this University**.**

It is to be noted that the B.A Degree (History, Physical Education and Political Science) (Regular) awarded by Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar through Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar has already been recognised for higher studies and employment in the field of History.

Since the Chairman BoS in Physical Education and the Dean Faculty of Physical Education are the same person, the matter was placed before the Board of Studies in Physical Education held on 01.07.2026.

The Board of Studies in Physical Education held on 01.07.2026 considered the matter of recognition of B.A Degree (History, Physical Education and Political Science) (Regular) awarded by Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar through Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar for the purpose of higher education and employment in the field of Physical Education and was resolvedto consider the B.A Degree (History, Physical Education and Political Science) (Regular) awarded by Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar through Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar **only as a**

general degree. It shall **not be considered for higher studies in Physical Education nor for employment opportunities in the field of Physical Education.**

The Dean Faculty of Physical Education has endorsed the same.

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A Degree (History, Physical Education and Political Science) (Regular) awarded by Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar through Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.A Degree (History, Physical Education and Political Science) (Regular) awarded by Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar through Khalsa College (Autonomous) Amritsar for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Physical Education.

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14. Equivalency of the course Master of Social Work in Disaster Management to Master of Social Work (both the courses offered by the University of Kerala)-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AII)

A candidate who has obtained Master of Social Work in Disaster Management from the University of Kerala, has submitted an application seeking equivalency of Master of Social Work in Disaster Management to Master of Social Work (both the courses are offered by the University of Kerala).

In his request he has stated that the MSW Disaster Management, is a specialised postgraduate qualification in Social Work, with full academic components including Social Work theory, Social Work skills and values, Social Work methods(Social Case Work, Social Group Work, Community Organisation, Social Action, Social Work Research and Social Welfare Administration) along with compulsry field work, with a sectoral focus on disaster and humanitarian settings. The curriculum, structure. and academic rigor of MSW Disaster Management are fully aligned with the core framework of the Social Work Programme, differing only in its area of specialisation. The programme adheres to the standards prescribed for postgraduate Social Work education.

The New PG Programme Master of Social Work(Disaster Management) has been introduced w.e.f. 2020 admission onwards as per U.O No.Ac.A.II.3/22543/2020 dated 05.11.2020.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Social Work has remarked that the Master of Social Work in Disaster Management offered by the University of Kerala can be given equivalency to Master of Social Work offered by the University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Social Work.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the equivalency of Master of Social Work in Disaster Management to Master of Social Work(both the courses are offered by the University of Kerala), is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to grant equivalency for Master of Social Work in Disaster Management to Master of Social Work (both the courses are offered by the University of Kerala).

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15. UGC Regulations (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) 2018 – Implementation of 2nd Amendment in the University –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.FII)

In pursuance of the Government of India Gazette Notification No. F.1/2017(EC/PS) dated 18.07.2018 promulgating the UGC Regulations, 2018, the Academic Council considered the implementation of the said Regulations. Accordingly, the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges, 2018 were approved by the Academic Council and implemented with effect from 18.07.2018. Subsequently, U.O. No. Ac.F II/General/UGC-R-2018/2019 dated 20.03.2020 was issued in this regard.

Thereafter, amendments to the said Regulations were issued by the UGC, and at present, a total of four amendments have come into force. Out of these, the 3rd and 4th Amendments have already been implemented in the University and the corresponding University Orders have been issued.

As per the existing provision under Clause 3.10 of the principal Regulations, and its first amendment the Ph.D. degree was made a mandatory qualification for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor in University Departments with effect from 01.07.2023. However, the Second Amendment Regulations, 2023 (Gazette Notification No. CG-DL-E-04072023-247006 dated 04.07.2023), which came into force with effect from 01.07.2023, substituted the said clause and stipulated that:

"NET/SET/SLET shall be the minimum criteria for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor for all Higher Education Institutions."

As a consequence, the relevant provision under the First Amendment Regulations, 2021 stands deleted.

However, implementation orders in respect of the 2nd Amendment have not yet been issued by the University.

In this context, the following may be noted:

When the matter regarding the implementation of the Third Amendment to the UGC Regulations, 2018 was laid before the Special Meeting of the Senate held on 18.06.2024 (Item No. 06), the House resolved to refer the item back to the Academic Council for consideration of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Amendments together.

Meanwhile, the 2nd Amendment to the UGC Regulations, which was under consideration of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, was considered in its meeting held on 08.10.2024. The Committee recommended entrusting the Convenor of the Standing Committee to study the Fourth and subsequent amendments and submit a report before the next meeting of the Standing Committee. The Syndicate, at its meeting held on 05.11.2024 (Item No. 15.06.D7), resolved to approve the recommendation of the Standing Committee. Accordingly, Letter No. 29597/Ac F II/2023/UOK dated 11.12.2024 was issued to the Convenor, requesting submission of the report.

Subsequently, the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Amendments were placed before the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025 (Item No. 02), along with the status prevailing at that time. The Academic Council noted that the 3rd and 4th Amendments had already been implemented in the University and resolved to consider the 2nd Amendment based on the report to be submitted by the Convenor.

Dr. Gopchandran K.G., the then Convenor of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, has submitted the report vide email dated 23.02.2026. The observations in the report are as follows:

"According to the UGC Regulations 2018 Clause 3.10 'The Ph.D. Degree shall be a mandatory qualification for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor in Universities with effect from 01.07.2021.' This clause was amended by UGC, vide Amendment Regulations 2021,(First Amendment) as per which the implementation of the mandatory requirement of PhD qualification for direct recruitment of Assistant Professors in the Departments of the Universities has been deferred till 01.07.2023 . Meanwhile the UGC issued notification amending Clause 3.10 of the Principal UGC Regulations 2018 (Second Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2023, which reads as follows: 'NET/SET/SLET shall be the minimum criteria for the direct recruitment of post of Assistant Professor for all Higher Education Institutions.' The Academic Council had already passed the UGC Regulations 2018 regarding the Minimum Qualifications for appointment of teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges, (Principal Regulations) where in PhD was mandatory for the appointment of academic staff in Universities (Clause 3.10). Also as per the first Amendment, the date of implementation of the Clause 3.10 was extended to 01.07.2023. As per the Second Amendment, the First amendment as noted above stands deleted. In the above circumstances, the second amendment of UGC Regulations 2018 may be placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision."

Hence, in accordance with the resolutions of the Special Meeting of the Senate held on 18.06.2024 (Item No. 06) and the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025 (Item No. 02), the 2nd Amendment is required to be placed before the Academic Council along with the report of the

Convenor.

In the above context, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the implementation of the Second Amendment to the UGC Regulations, 2018, along with the matter of laying of the Second, Third, and Fourth Amendments before the meeting of the Senate is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to implement the Second Amendment to the UGC Regulations, 2018 and to lay the Second, Third, and Fourth Amendments before the meeting of the Senate.

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16. സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ കോഴ്സിന്റെ പുതുക്കിയ പരീക്ഷാഫല പ്രഖ്യാപന സമ്പ്രദായം സർവകലാശാലയുടെ ബിരുദ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റിൽ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നത് – സംബന്ധിച്ച്. (എ സി എ 2)

സൂചന:കേരള ഹിന്ദി പ്രചാർ സഭയിൽ നിന്ന് ലഭിച്ച 11/11/2025-ലെ ഇ 1/2025 നമ്പർ കത്ത്

സൂചന പ്രകാരം, സർവകലാശാലകളുടെ ബിരുദത്തോട് തുല്യത ഉറപ്പാക്കുന്നതിനായി കേരള ഹിന്ദി പ്രചാർ സഭ 2025 ഫെബ്രുവരി മാസത്തിലെ പരീക്ഷകൾ മുതൽ സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ കോഴ്സിന്റെ പരീക്ഷാഫലം ക്ലാസ് സമ്പ്രദായത്തിൽ നിന്ന് ക്രെഡിറ്റ് സമ്പ്രദായത്തിലേക്ക് മാറ്റിയതായി അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇതിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ, സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ യോഗ്യതയെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി കേരള സർവകലാശാല അനുവദിച്ചുവരുന്ന ബി.എ. ഹിന്ദി ബിരുദം / അഡീഷണൽ ബിരുദം എന്നിവയ്ക്കുള്ള സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് / സ്പെഷ്യൽ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റുകളിൽ, 2025 മുതൽ പാർട്ട് I, പാർട്ട് II പരീക്ഷാഫലങ്ങൾ 'ക്ലാസ്' രൂപത്തിൽ തന്നെയും സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ പരീക്ഷാഫലം 'ക്ലാസ്' എന്നതിനുപകരം 'ഗ്രേഡ്' രൂപത്തിൽ രേഖപ്പെടുത്താവുന്നതാണോ എന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ പരീക്ഷാ വിഭാഗം വ്യക്തത ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

19/07/2011-ലെ കേരള സർവകലാശാല ഉത്തരവ് നമ്പർ ACA II/1/46755/VII (3)/2011 പ്രകാരം:

- സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ കോഴ്സ് ബി.എ. ഹിന്ദി ബിരുദത്തിന്റെ പാർട്ട് III-ന് തുല്യമായി കണക്കാക്കപ്പെടുന്നു.
- വാർഷിക സമ്പ്രദായത്തിലുള്ള ബി.എ./ബി.എസ്.സി. ബിരുദ കോഴ്സിന്റെ പാർട്ട് I, പാർട്ട് II വിജയിച്ച വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കാണ് സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ ടൈറ്റിലിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ബി.എ. ഹിന്ദി ബിരുദം അനുവദിച്ചുവരുന്നത്.

പ്രസ്തുത വിഷയം 4.4.2026 ന് നടന്ന ഫാക്കൽറ്റി ഓഫ് ഓറിയന്റൽ സ്റ്റഡീസ് ഡീനും ഹിന്ദി (പാസ്) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസ് അംഗങ്ങളും പങ്കെടുത്ത യോഗത്തിൽ പരിഗണിക്കപ്പെട്ടു. യോഗം താഴെപ്പറയുന്ന ശിപാർശ നിർദേശിച്ചു:

സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ യോഗ്യതയെ അടിസ്ഥാനമാക്കി കേരള സർവകലാശാല നൽകുന്ന ബി.എ. ഹിന്ദി ബിരുദം / അഡീഷണൽ ബിരുദം എന്നിവയ്ക്കുള്ള സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റ് / സ്പെഷ്യൽ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റുകളിൽ, 2025 മുതൽ പാർട്ട് I, പാർട്ട് II പരീക്ഷാഫലങ്ങൾ 'ക്ലാസ്' രൂപത്തിൽ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുകയും, സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ പരീക്ഷാഫലം 'ക്ലാസ്' അല്ലെങ്കിൽ 'ഗ്രേഡ്' എന്നതിൽ, വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയുടെ സാഹിത്യാചാര്യ സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റിൽ രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്ന രീതിപ്രകാരം ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ചെയ്യാവുന്നതാണ്.

ബഹു. വൈസ് ചാൻസലറുടെ ഉത്തരവനുസരിച്ച്, പ്രസ്തുത വിഷയം പരിഗണനയ്ക്കായി അക്കാഡമിക് കൗൺസിൽ മുൻപാകെ സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Board of Studies in Hindi (Pass) for detailed study.

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17. Ph.D. registration in Statistics with UGC NET in Population Studies as eligibility criteria - Request submitted by Aleena Mary Ponnan, Vaishnav S.S. and Viswadev H. - consideration of - reg. (Ac.E1)

Aleena Mary Ponnan and Vaishnav S.S. have submitted requests for consideration of their UGC NET in the subject Population Studies as an eligibility criterion for Ph.D. registration in Statistics. Aleena Mary Ponnan had completed her B.Sc in Mathematics and M.Sc in Statistics from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. She has qualified UGC-NET for Ph.D. Admission in the subject Population Studies in December 2024 (validity of the certificate is upto 21.02.2026) and June 2025 (validity of the certificate is upto **11.09.2026**). Vaishnav S. S had completed M.Sc in Statistics from the University of Kerala and qualified UGC NET for admission to Ph.D. only in the subject Population Studies in December 2025 (validity of the Certificate is upto **03.02.2027**).

It may be noted that, a similar request has been received from Viswadev H., for consideration of UGC NET in Population Studies as an eligibility criterion for Ph.D. registration in Statistics. He had completed M.Sc Applied Statistics and Data Analysis from University of Kerala and qualified UGC NET for admission to Ph.D. only in the subject Population Studies in December 2025 (Validity of the Certificate is upto **03.02.2027**).

The following may be noted in this regard;

- **Aleena Mary Ponnan, Vaishnav S.S. and Viswadev H, Research aspirants have not submitted applications for admission to Ph.D. Research in the subject Statistics, as the eligibility criteria of these candidates are UGC NET in population studies. The last date for submission of application for Ph.D registration in the July 2026 session was on 15.07.2026.**
- **Vaishnav S. S and Viswadev H. could apply for Ph.D registration in the January 2027 session, if granted permission for the same.**
- **Aleena Mary Ponnan cannot apply for the January 2027 session using her NET certificate in Population studies, as the validity of the same expires on 11.09.2026.**

The remarks from the Chairperson, PG Board of Studies in Statistics and the Dean, Faculty of Science have been obtained on the matter that whether UGC NET in Population Studies can be considered as an eligibility criterion for Ph.D. registration in Statistics.

Remarks from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Statistics (PG)

The requests submitted by Aleena Mary Ponnan and Vaishnav S.S for exemption from the Ph.D. Entrance Examination for admission to the Ph.D. programme in Statistics may be considered as a special case in present situation, considering the fact that postgraduate students in Statistics have been facing difficulty in qualifying the UGC-CSIR NET examinations conducted under Mathematical Sciences, owing to broad and different syllabus coverage. **It has also been stated that a separate UGC qualifying examination in Statistics is being introduced from June 2026 onwards. In such circumstances, similar requests need not be considered from June 2026 onwards and exemption may thereafter be restricted to candidates qualifying in the relevant Statistics examination only.**

Remarks from the Dean, Faculty of Science

The Dean, Faculty of Science has also approved the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Statistics (PG). **Since a separate UGC qualifying exam introduced from June 2026 onwards, similar applications need not be considered further.**

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of consideration of **UGC-NET in Population Studies** as an eligibility criterion for **Ph.D. registration in Statistics**, along with the remarks from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Statistics (PG) and Dean, Faculty of Science, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to consider UGC-NET in Population Studies obtained prior to June 2026 as an eligibility criterion for Ph.D. Registration in Statistics, provided the applicants possess a valid UGC-NET certificate.

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18. BPA Vocal and BA Music Degree courses offered by University of Kerala- Issuance of Special certificate to the candidates stating that BPA(Vocal) degree Programme is equivalent to BA Music Degree Programme-Consideration of-reg. (AcAIV)

An application has been received from Lekshmi K for a special certificate stating that BPA Vocal degree course is equivalent to BA Music. As per remarks from tabulation section, the candidate did her BPA degree programme during the academic year 2003-2006.

The matter was referred to the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Music (Pass), who after detailed review and comparison of the curricula of the Bachelor of Performing Arts (BPA) – Vocal programme and the Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Music programme, it is observed that the two syllabi exhibit substantial academic similarity. The core components of both programmes—including practical training in vocal music, theoretical foundations of music, musicology, performance-oriented coursework, and allied subjects—show a high degree of overlap. A careful examination indicates that more than 85% of the course content, structure, and learning outcomes are common between the two programmes. In view of this significant similarity in syllabus, academic objectives, and training

components, the BPA (Vocal) programme may be considered academically equivalent to the BA (Music) programme for relevant academic and employment purposes.

The Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts endorsed the remarks of the Chairman,BoS in Music(Pass) and remarked as follows: As proposed by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Music, upon detailed review and comparison of the curricula, it is observed that the two programmes exhibit substantial academic similarity, with significant overlap in core components including practical vocal training, theoretical foundations, musicology, performance-oriented coursework and allied subjects, amounting to more than 85% commonality in course content, structure and learning outcomes. In view of the above, and as proposed by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Music, it is recommended that the BPA (Vocal) Programme may be considered academically equivalent to the BA (Music) Programme for relevant academic and employment purposes.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the recommendations of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Music (Pass) , endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, regarding the academic equivalency of the **BPA (Vocal) degree Programme with the BA Music Degree programmme, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.**

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to grant equivalency for the BPA (Vocal) degree Programme with the BA Music (Vocal) Degree programmme.

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19. Qualifying Course Work and conduct of Pre-submission Seminar to the Research Scholars registered for Ph.D prior to the commencement of Ph.D Regulations 2009 - remarks from the Director, IQAC –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.E1)

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. proramme 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.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 17.03.2025, vide Item no.18.108.A9 considered the above matters along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics & Research, and **resolved to obtain remarks from the Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom.**

The Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom has remarked that **the Couse Work has to be completed within one year of registration as stipulated in the Ph.D. Regulations. Hence, it is not possible in the case of research scholars registered for Ph.D. before the effective date of commencement of Ph.D. Regulations 2009.**

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.05.2025, vide Item no. 19.07.A34 considered the above matter, along with the remarks from the Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom and resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for further consideration. The Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 31.07.2025, vide Item No. 3 recommended to refer the above matter to the Academic Council.

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 25.02.2026, vide item No. 17 considered the matter of 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, along with the remarks obtained from the Vice-Chairman, CSS, Kariavattom and **resolved to refer the matter to IQAC for detailed consideration of the matter in the view of the GO No. 163/2014 dated 19.04.2014.**

After considering the remarks submitted by the Vice-Chairman, CSS, the following recommendations are submitted by the Director, IQAC for consideration of the Academic Council.

1. **The Ph.D. Candidate shall be given the option to submit his/her thesis as per the UGC Regulation mentioned in the University Ph.D. registration order.**
2. **An Undertaking from candidates shall be obtained in the format appended herewith.**

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of qualifying Course Work Examination and conduct of Pre-submission Seminar to the Research Scholars registered for Ph.D. prior to the commencement of Ph.D. Regulations 2009, along with the remarks from the Director, IQAC, is placed before the Academic Council, for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the following recommendations proposed by the Director, IQAC:

1. The Ph.D. Candidate shall be given the option to submit his/her thesis as per the UGC Regulation mentioned in the University Ph.D. registration order
2. An Undertaking from candidates shall be obtained in the appended format.

FURTHER RESOLVED to compile data regarding the details of candidates registered prior to commencement of UGC Regulations 2009 and are yet to submit their Ph D thesis, including reason for non submission and to place the details before the Academic Council.

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20. Academic Qualifications for Direct Recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AIV)

Ad.H Section had requested to initiate necessary action to fix the qualifications for appointment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, and to incorporate the same in the University Regulations. Remarks from the Chairman, Board of Studies in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology regarding the minimum qualifications for the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Department has been obtained. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology . The Academic Council held on 10.05.2024 considered the matter and resolved to defer the item to the next Academic Council. The Academic Council held on 11.11.2024 considered

the matter and resolved to constitute a sub committee comprising of the Chairmen Board of Studies in Physics (PG), Chemistry (PG), Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Optoelectronics and Electronics to hold wider discussion and to fix the academic qualifications for Direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology and submit the same to the Academic Council. As per U.O No. 1838/2025/UOK dtd 24.02.2025, a subcommittee has been constituted and the Vice Chancellor nominated Chairman, Board of Studies in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology as the Convener of the subcommittee. The Subcommittee discussed the matter and the fixed qualification was placed in the Academic Council.

The Academic Council held on 25.02.2026 vide item no. (I).01 considered the matter and resolved to refer the matter to IQAC to submit a detailed proposal regarding the Academic Qualifications for direct recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

IQAC arranged a meeting of the Academic Experts in the field, as suggested by the Head (i/c), Department of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, in hybrid mode on 07.05.2026. The following Academic Experts attended the meeting, along with the Head (i/c), Department of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology and the Director, IQAC.

1. Dr. T. S. Anirudhan, Professor (Retd.), Department of Chemistry
2. Dr. K. G. Gopchandran, Professor (Retd.), Department of Optoelectronics
3. Dr. Biju V., Professor, Department of Physics
4. Prof. Santhosh P. N., Professor, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology Madras
5. Dr. Ponpandian N., Professor, Department of Nanoscience and Technology, Bharathiar University

Based on the discussions and suggestions of the experts at the meeting, IQAC has forwarded the following recommendations regarding the academic qualifications for direct recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor in the Department of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

Recommendations

1. Assistant Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
Essential Qualifications

1. A Master's degree with at least **55% marks** (or an equivalent grade in a point scale,wherever the grading system is followed), in **Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience / Nanotechnology** from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign University.
2. The candidate shall possess a **Ph.D. degree** in the concerned field with proven track record/expertise in Nanoscience /Nanotechnolgy.
3. Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, the candidate must have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC or the CSIR, or a similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET in Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience /Nanotechnology or who are or have been awarded a Ph.D Degree in Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience /Nanotechnology, in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or 2016 and their amendments from time to time as the case may be exempted from NET/SLET/SET :

Provided, the candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009,shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances/Bye laws/Regulations of the Institution awarding the degree and such Ph.D. candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of NET/SLET/SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities/Colleges/Institutions subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- The Ph.D. degree of the candidate has been awarded in a regular mode;
- The Ph.D. thesis has been evaluated by at least two external examiners;

- An open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate has been conducted;
- The Candidate has published two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work, out of which at least one is in a refereed journal;
- The candidate has presented at least two papers based on his/her Ph.D work in conferences/seminars sponsored/funded/supported by the UGC / ICSSR/ CSIR or any similar agency.

The fulfilment of these conditions is to be certified by the Registrar or the Dean (Academic Affairs) of the University concerned.

Note: NET/SLET/SET shall also not be required for such Masters Programmes in disciplines for which NET/SLET/SET is not conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET.

4. A Ph.D. degree obtained from a foreign University/Institution with a ranking among top 500 in the World University Ranking (at any time) by any one of the following: (i) Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) (ii) the Times Higher Education (THE) or (iii) the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai), shall be considered subject to equivalence/recognition as per the UGC Regulations.

II. Associate Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

Essential Qualifications

1. A good academic record with a **Ph.D. degree in Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience/Nanotechnology, or in the relevant field** with proven track record/expertise in Nanoscience /Nanotechnolgy.
2. A Master's degree with at least **55% marks** or an equivalent grade in a point scale, wherever the grading system is followed, in **Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience/Nanotechnology or in the relevant field** from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign University.
3. A minimum of **eight years of teaching and/or research experience** in an academic/research position equivalent to that of Assistant Professor in a University, College, Accredited Research Institution, Industry or other recognized institution, as per UGC Regulations.
4. A minimum of **seven research publications** in highly reputed journals, or as prescribed under the applicable UGC Regulations.
5. A minimum research score of 75, or the score prescribed for the post of Associate Professor under the UGC Regulations and amendments issued from time to time.

Desirable

Preference may be given to candidates having teaching/research experience, publications, projects, patents or demonstrable academic contribution in **Nanoscience/Nanotechnology or related interdisciplinary areas,** as assessed by the selection committee.

III. Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

Eligibility: A or B

A. Eminent Scholar

1. An eminent scholar having a **Ph.D. degree in Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience/Nanotechnology, or in the relevant field** with proven track record and expertise in Nanosciene/Nanotechnology from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign University.

2. A Master's degree in **Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience/Nanotechnology, or in the relevant field** from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign University.
3. Published work of high quality with active engagement in research, supported by evidence of publications, research supervision, projects, patents, technology development or other recognized academic contributions.
4. A minimum of **ten** research publications in highly reputed journals, or as prescribed under the applicable UGC Regulations.
5. A minimum research score of **120**, or the score prescribed for the post of Professor under the UGC Regulations and amendments issued from time to time.
6. A minimum of **ten years of teaching and/or research experience** in a University, College, Research Institution, Industry or other recognized academic/research organization, as per UGC Regulations.
7. Evidence of successful research supervision, with **at least two Ph.D. candidates awarded the degree under his/her supervision or at least four Ph.D. candidates awarded the degree under his/her co-supervision.**

OR

B. Outstanding Professional

An outstanding professional having a **Ph.D. degree in Physics, Chemistry, Materials Science, Nanoscience/Nanotechnology, or in the relevant field,** who has made significant contribution to knowledge, research, technology development, innovation, industry, patents or applications related to **Nanoscience/Nanotechnology or related interdisciplinary areas,** supported by documentary evidence, and satisfying the requirements prescribed under UGC Regulations provided he/she has a minimum of 10 years' experience.

Desirable

Preference may be given to candidates having significant teaching/research experience, publications, research guidance, projects, patents or demonstrable academic contribution in **Nanoscience/Nanotechnology or related interdisciplinary areas,** as assessed by the expert selection committee.

General Clause

For the purpose of the above qualifications, the expression **"in the relevant field"** shall be interpreted in relation to the interdisciplinary character of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. The suitability of the discipline, specialization, research experience and academic contribution of the candidate shall be assessed by the duly constituted expert selection committee.

The qualifications shall be subject to the provisions of the **UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges,** and amendments issued from time to time. In case of any ambiguity, the provisions of the UGC Regulations and University Statutes/Regulations shall prevail.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the proposal submitted by the IQAC regarding the Academic Qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the recommendation submitted by the IQAC regarding the Academic Qualifications prescribed for direct recruitment to the posts of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology except the recommendation regarding having a Ph Dfor direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor, at sl no(2). **ALSO RESOLVED** that the said recommendation be made a desirable qualification.

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21. Recognition of Ph.D Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences awarded by Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: 1. Application submitted by Shri. Rasweef Ali M K dtd. 30.03.2026
2. Remarks offered by the Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries and the Dean Faculty of Science

Shri. Rasweef Ali M K submitted an application for recognition of Ph.D Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences awarded by Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi with the thesis titled as "Preparation and characterization of Chitin and chitosan from deep- sea shrimp shell wastes and application of chitosan in the recovery of protein-rich biomass from shrimp processing wash water and flocculation of microalgae" for the purpose of higher studies and employment in both the fields of Fish Processing Technology and Aquaculture and Aquatic Biology and Fisheries .

The applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. Then he passed B.Sc Degree in Zoology from the University of Calicut, which is recognised by this University of Kerala as equivalent to the B.Sc Degree in Zoology of this University. Later he passed M.Sc Degree in Industrial Fisheries from the Cochin University of Science and Technology and is recognised by this University as equivalent to the M.Sc Degree in Aquatic Biology And Fisheries of this University.

The applicant has submitted a Compliance Certificate from CUSAT stating that the applicant has successfully completed the course work and was awarded Ph.D Degree in accordance with the Regulations for the award of Ph.D Degree of CUSAT,2010 which has been formulated on the basis of UGC Regulation 2009.

The Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries has remarked that the applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study, B.Sc Zoology from University of Calicut and passed M.Sc Degree in Industrial Fisheries from CUSAT, all are recognised as an eligible qualification for pursuing higher education in aquatic biology and fisheries. The Ph.D of the applicant titled "Preparation and characterization of Chitin and chitosan from deep- sea shrimp shell wastes and application of chitosan in the recovery of protein-rich biomass from shrimp processing wash water and flocculation of microalgae" awarded by CUSAT is a good quality research work within the various branches of the multidisciplinary subject, Aquatic biology and fisheries. Further the Ph.D Degree of CUSAT is awarded following UGC regulation 2009.

The candidate also published his results in good quality peer-reviewed journals. In these contexts, the Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries recommended that the Ph.D Degree awarded to the candidate may be considered as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries. Since, the University of Kerala is not offering a degree in Fish Processing Technology that request may not be considered.

The Dean Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries. Further the publications are in credible impact factor journals and hence the recommendations of the Chairman is approved.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences awarded by Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi with the thesis titled as "Preparation and characterization of Chitin and chitosan from deep- sea shrimp shell wastes and application of chitosan in the recovery of protein-rich biomass from shrimp processing wash water and flocculation of microalgae" is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Ph.D Degree under the Faculty of Marine Sciences awarded by Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi with the thesis titled as "Preparation and characterization of Chitin and chitosan from deep- sea shrimp shell wastes and application of chitosan in the recovery of protein-rich biomass from shrimp processing wash water and flocculation of microalgae" for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries .

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22. Clarifications in the Index and Detailed Content of the Syllabus of the First and Second Semesters of B.Tech (2025 Scheme) - Approved - Orders issued - Reporting of – reg.
(EB I)

The Examination Wing has sought clarification regarding the mismatches in the title noted in the Index and detailed content of the Syllabus of the First and Second Semesters of B.Tech Degree Course (2025 Scheme).

The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology has forwarded the clarification obtained from the Faculty of University College of Engineering, Kariavattom and endorsed the changes proposed by the Faculty.

The list of correct titles are detailed below:

Sl No.	Semester	Corrected Title of the Paper
1	**First Semester** Computer Science & Engineering	GXCYT122 Chemistry for Information Science & Electrical Science
2	**First Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GYMAT101 Mathematics for Electrical Science & Physical Science 1
3	**First Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GXCYT122 Chemistry for Information Science & Electrical Science
4	**First Semester** Information Technology	GXCYT122 Chemistry for Information Science & Electrical Science
5	**Second Semester** Computer Science & Engineering	GXCYT122 Chemistry for Information Science & Electrical Science
6	**Second Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GYMAT201 Mathematics for Electrical Science & Physical Science 2
7	**Second Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GXCYT122 Chemistry for Information Science & Electrical Science
8	**Second Semester** Information Technology	GXCYT122 Chemistry for Information Science & Electrical Science

The Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to effect the above mentioned corrections in the Index and Detailed content of the Syllabus of the First and Second Semesters of B.Tech (2025 Scheme) with effect from 2025 Admission onwards . Accordingly, U.O No Ac AIII/2078/2026/UOK Dated: 24.02.2026 was issued.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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23. Syllabus of Career Related First Degree Programme in English and Communicative English 2(a) under CBCS system revised w.e.f 2022 admissions - Modifications made to the revised syllabus - Applicable for 2023 admissions – approved - orders issued - reporting of – reg. (Ac.AV)

The Scheme and Syllabus for the Career-Related First Degree Programme in English and Communicative English 2(a) under CBCS system was revised w.e.f. 2022 admissions vide the U.O. No.4734/2022/UOK dated 18.06.2022.

Based on the resolution of the Academic Council vide the item no.II(i) of the minutes of its meeting held on 17.02.2025, the Chairman, BoS in English (Pass) made necessary recommendations

regarding the deletions and modifications to be made to the said syllabus in the fifth and sixth semesters. The Dean, Faculty of Arts, endorsed the said recommendations. Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to the endorsement of the Dean, Faculty of Arts over the recommendations of the Chairman, BoS in English (Pass). Accordingly the U.O. No.6939/2025/UOK dated 12.08.2025 was issued.

Certain discrepancies were found in the said modified syllabus. The Chairman, BoS in English (Pass) made necessary recommendations regarding the clarifications/corrections to be made against the said discrepancies, and, the Dean, Faculty of Arts endorsed the same. Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to the said endorsement of the Dean, Faculty of Arts over the recommendations made by Chairman, BoS in English (Pass). Accordingly U.O.s.10912/2025/UOK dated 22.12.2025 and 2756/2026/UOK dated 09.03.2026 were issued correcting the said discrepancies as mentioned below :

1)The core course IX - CG 1542 - Indian Writing in English that was included under the sixth semester was shifted to the fifth semester, and, the name of the same is changed to Indian Literature,

2)The modification of the Course CG 1442 that was included under the fifth semester, is omitted,

3)The whole deletions and replacements/modifications as well as corrections made to the syllabus vide the said U.O.s above, are made applicable for the 2023 admissions onwards.

Copies of the above mentioned U.O.s.6939/2025/UOK dated 12.08.2025, 10912/2025/UOK dated 22.12.2025 and 2756/2026/UOK dated 09.03.2026, are appended herewith.

As per the orders of the Vice- Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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24. Continuance of the Existing Scheme and Syllabus for the M.Sc Computer Science Degree Programme offered through the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of the University of Kerala - Approved - Orders issued - Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Director, School of Distance Education, had requested to frame the Scheme and Syllabus for the M.Sc. Computer Science Degree Programme offered through the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of the University of Kerala.

The Board of Studies in Computer Science (PG) recommended to continue the existing Scheme and Syllabus of the M.Sc. Computer Science (Distance Education) Programme for the current academic year only, owing to certain constraints. The recommendation was endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology.

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to continue the existing Scheme and Syllabus of the M.Sc. Computer Science (Distance Education) Programme offered through the Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE) of the University of Kerala for the current academic year also.

U.O. No. 4430/2026/UOK dated 07.05.2026 has been issued in this regard.

This matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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25. Updating the List of Standard Journals in English- Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Studies in English(PG) at its meeting held on 13.01.2026 formed a subcommittee comprising all members present at the meeting to prepare a list of Standard Journals.

The Additional Meeting of the Board of Studies in English (PG) at its meeting held on 10.03.2026 considered the list of Journals submitted by the members and approved 121 journals for inclusion in the list of Standard Journals.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has endorsed the minutes of the Additional Meeting of the Board of Studies in English (PG) held on 10.03.2026.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to include the 121 journals in the list of Standard Journals, as recommended by the Board of Studies in English (PG) and as

endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts (list appended).

U.O No.3822/2026/UOK dated 17.04.2026 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter

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26. MSW Programme in Affiliated Colleges- Waiving of Entrance Examination and Group Discussion and Interview- Eligibility Criteria for Admission and Preparation of Rank List- Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

The affiliated colleges of the University of Kerala offering the Master of Social Work(MSW) Programme requested a review of the existing admission procedure specified in the Regulations for the Master of Social Work(MSW) Programme (2014 admissions onwards), which involves an Entrance Examination, Group Discussion, and Interview, owing to low student enrolment.

The Board of Studies in Social Work in the presence of the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences at its meeting held on 20.05.2026 recommended to waive the Entrance Examination and Group Discussion and Interview for Master of Social Work (MSW) Programme in affiliated colleges.

In order to specify the eligibility criteria for admission and the method for preparation of the rank list for inclusion of the programme in the University's Online Admission Portal, the Board of Studies in Social Work at its meeting held on 08.06.2026 recommended the following eligibility criteria and preparation of the rank list for admission to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Programme in the affiliated colleges:

Eligibility for Admission

Pass with 50% marks in aggregate in any degree examinations (including B.Tech, MBBS, BAMS, BHMS and LLB) declared by the University of Kerala as equivalent thereto with 50% in Part III in the case of B.A, BSc and B.Com.

Preparation of Rank List

Shall be on the basis of the CGPA(S)/CCPA(S) obtained and the same will be converted into marks for the purpose of indexing/ranking. Further the Board of Studies in Social Work recommended the reservation of 25% of the seats to BSW degree holders for admission to the Master of Social Work(MSW) Programme with effect from 2018 admission onwards which was approved earlier vide U.O. read as (4) above.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, has endorsed the above recommendations of the Board of Studies in Social Work.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to waive the Entrance Examination and Group Discussion and Interview for Master of Social Work(MSW) Programme in affiliated colleges and to approve the eligibility criteria for admission and the preparation of the rank list specified above, as recommended by the Board of Studies in Social Work, and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, by amending the relevant provisions in the Regulations of the MSW programme 2014 admission onwards, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

Accordingly U.O No.Ac.AII/5417/2026/UOK dated 11.06.2026 has been issued.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter. FURTHER RESOLVED to reinstate the conduct of Entrance Examination, Group Discussion and Interview for admission to Master of Social Work(MSW) Programme in affiliated colleges from 2027-28 academic year onwards and to make appropriate modification in eligibility criteria for admission accordingly.

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27. Corrections in the Subject Code in the Mathematics and Physics Papers of the First and Second Semesters of B.Tech (2025 Scheme) - Approved - Orders issued - Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Examination Wing has sought clarification regarding the discrepancies noted in the Mathematics and Physics papers of the First and Second Semesters of B.Tech Degree Course (2025 Scheme).

The Faculty, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom has forwarded the corrected list

of subject codes as per the direction of the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology. The list is approved by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) and is endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

The list of Corrected Subject Codes are detailed below:

Sl No.	Semester	Corrected Subject Code of the Paper
1	**First Semester** Computer Science & Engineering	GAPHT121 Physics for Information Science
2	**First Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GYMAT101 Mathematics for Electrical Science & Physical Science 1
3	**First Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GBPHT121 Physics for Electrical Science
4	**First Semester** Computer Science & Engineering	GAMAT101 Mathematics for Information Science 1
5	**First Semester** Information Technology	GAPHT121 Physics for Information Science
6	**First Semester** Information Technology	GAMAT101 Mathematics for Information Science 1
7	**Second Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GYMAT201 Mathematics for Electrical Science & Physical Science 2
8	**Second Semester** Electronics & Communication Engineering	GBPHT121 Physics for Electrical Science
9	**Second Semester** Information Technology	GAMAT201 Mathematics for Information Science 2
10	**Second Semester** Information Technology	GAPHT121 Physics for Information Science
11	**Second Semester** Computer Science & Engineering	GAMAT201 Mathematics for Information Science 2
12	**Second Semester** Computer Science & Engineering	GAPHT121 Physics for Information Science

The Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to effect the above mentioned corrections in the Subject Codes of Mathematics and Physics papers of the First and Second Semesters of B.Tech Degree Course (2025 Scheme) with effect from 2025 Admission onwards . Accordingly, U.O No. Ac AIII/4985/2026/UOK Dated: 30.05.2026 was issued.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter

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28. Eligibility criteria of MA Dance (Keralanadanam) Degree Programme with effect from 2026 Admissions- Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIV)

Shri. P. P. Afsar who has successfully completed the Keralanadanam Certificate Course from Guru Gopinath Natanagramam, Thiruvananthapuram, and holds B.Com and M.Com Degrees, submitted an application requesting that candidates from disciplines other than Dance be permitted to seek admission to the M.A. Dance(Keralanadanam) Degree Programme. He also requested that a provision

similar to that followed in the M.A.Music Programme be introduced by accommodating such candidates through additional seats.

The matter was referred to the Board of Studies in Performing & Visual Arts. The Board, at its additional meeting held on 29.04.2026, resolved to recommend modification of the eligibility criteria by permitting candidates holding Degrees in disciplines other than Dance to be considered for admission to the M.A. Dance (Keralanadanam) Degree Programme, subject to qualifying an Aptitude Test conducted by the respective institution and fulfilling the prescribed eligibility conditions. The Board further recommended that such admissions be made by creating additional seats limited to a maximum of 20% of the sanctioned strength and that the minimum CCPA(S)/CGPA/percentage of marks prescribed for Dance graduates shall also be applicable to such candidates. The recommendations were approved by the Chairperson and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts.

Sanction was accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, to modify the eligibility criteria for admission to the M.A. Dance (Keralanadanam) Degree Programme of the University of Kerala with effect from 2026 admissions in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Performing & Visual Arts and the endorsement of the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts. University Order No. 4980/2026/UOK dated 30.05.2026 has been issued in this regard (attached).

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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29. B.Tech Degree Course – Curriculum & Syllabus from Semester III to Semester VIII (2025 Admission onwards) - Approved - Orders issued - Reporting of - Reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Regulations, Scheme and Syllabus of the First and Second Semesters of B.Tech Degree course (2025 Scheme) was approved, vide U.O No. AcAIII / 8166/ 2025/ UOK Dated: 20.09.2025 and implemented w.e.f 2025 admission onwards.

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology at its Annual meeting held on 23.01.2026 discussed the curriculum of B.Tech Degree Course-2025 Scheme from Semester III to Semester VIII, forwarded by the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, in detail and recommended some modifications. The Academic Council at its meeting held on 25.02.2026 approved the recommendation.

Accordingly, the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom, submitted the modified Curriculum and Syllabus from Semester III to Semester VIII of B.Tech Degree Courses w.e.f 2025 Admission onwards and also requested to sought clarification regarding the credits assigned to elective courses which is included in the recommendation of the Annual Meeting of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology held on 23.01.2026.

The Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III), at its Additional Online Meeting held on 25.05.2026 discussed the modified Curriculum and Syllabus of the B.Tech Degree Courses - 2025 Scheme (From Semester III to Semester VIII) submitted by the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom in detail and recommended that the corrected syllabus incorporating the modifications, as discussed be obtained from the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom and circulate it to the members of Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III).

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, at its Additional Online Meeting held on 22.06.2026 discussed the modified Curriculum and Syllabus of the B.Tech Degree Course - 2025 Scheme (From Semester III to Semester VIII) submitted by the Principal, University College of Engineering, Kariavattom in detail and recommended to implement the same from 2025 Admission onwards.

The Vice-Chancellor subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to approve the Curriculum and Syllabus from Semester III to Semester VIII of B.Tech Degree course - 2025 Scheme and to implement the same from 2025 admission onwards. Accordingly, U.O No Ac AIII/6076/2026/UOK Dated: 06.07.2026 was issued. The action taken by the Vice-Chancellor to approve the Curriculum and Syllabus from Semester III to Semester VIII of B.Tech Degree course - 2025 Scheme and to implement the same from 2025 admission onwards and issuance of U.O No Ac

AIII/6076/2026/UOK Dated: 06.07.2026 is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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30. CSS -Modification of Syllabus of M.A.Tamil Language and Literature Programme 2025 Admission onwards – Approval –Reporting of- reg. (Ac.D)

Ref : (1) Item No. 1 of the Minutes of the CSS Academic Committee held on 29/11/2025.
(2) Letter No TAM /156/2025-26 dated 06.08.2025 from the Head, Department of Tamil.

The Head, Department of Tamil, vide ref.(2) cited above, submitted a proposal for the revision of the syllabus of the M.A. Tamil Language and Literature programme, by replacing the 4-credit course TAM-CC-523 (Modern Literary Criticism) in the Second Semester with TAM-CC-523A (System of Indian Philosophy with Special Reference to Tamil), having the same credits, with effect from 2025 admission onwards.

The CSS Academic Committee held on 29/11/2025 considered the proposal of Modification of Syllabus of M.A.Tamil Language and Literature, offered at the Department of Tamil, University of Kerala, to be implemented from 2025 Admission onwards and recommended to approve the syllabus, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The matter is hereby reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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31. Awarding additional B.A Degree in Hindi to Sahityacharya Title holders who pursued Sahityacharya and BA/B.Sc(Annual scheme) degree simultaneously- Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

A candidate who had completed B.A. Degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Kerala during the academic year 1990–1993 and obtained the Sahityacharya title from the Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha in 1992, applied for the award of an Additional B.A. Degree in Hindi based on the completion of Part I and Part II of the B.A. Degree along with the Sahityacharya title.

The Tabulation Section sought clarification regarding the eligibility of the candidate for the award of Additional B.A. Degree in Hindi, since the candidate had pursued the B.A. Degree and the Sahityacharya course simultaneously and had obtained the Sahityacharya title prior to the completion of the B.A. Degree. The matter raised concerns regarding the award of two degrees simultaneously.

As per the existing regulations governing B.A./B.Sc. Degree Courses under the Annual Scheme, a candidate who has qualified for a B.A. Degree of the University may appear for a different optional group of Part III Examination at one sitting, provided that the candidate has undergone the prescribed course of study for the selected optional subjects for a period of not less than two academic years after qualifying for the degree.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Hindi (Pass),considered the matter and recommended the award of Additional B.A. Degree in Hindi to the candidate, and the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, endorsed the recommendation.

The Academic Council, at its meeting held on 25.02.2026 vide item no.(I).02, resolved to award the Additional B.A. Degree in Hindi to the candidate on the basis of the Sahityacharya title.

Meanwhile, similar queries were received from other candidates regarding the award of Additional B.A. Degree in Hindi based on the Sahityacharya title, particularly in cases where the B.A./B.Sc. Degree course and the Sahityacharya course had been pursued simultaneously.

In consideration of the resolution of the Academic Council, sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor **to award Additional B.A. Degree in Hindi to candidates who had pursued the B.A./B.Sc. Degree (Annual Scheme) simultaneously with the Sahityacharya title,** subject to reporting the matter to the Academic Council. UO No.Ac.AII/2/addnl degree/2026 dtd 30.05.2026 has been issued accordingly.

The above matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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32. M.Sc Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology (2022 admission onwards) of University of Kerala, equivalent to M.Sc Degree Programme in Psychology of University of Kerala- approved-orders issued- reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Request has been received from candidates of M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology (2023 admission) for the issuance of a Special Certificate for equivalency of the M.Sc.Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology with the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Psychology, for submitting to Kerala Public Service Commission,.

As per University Orders, U.O. No.2296/2025/UOK dtd.15.03.2025 and U.O. No.10489/2025/UOK dtd.03.12.2025, equivalency has been granted for the Programme M.Sc Counselling Psychology to M.Sc Psychology for the students of M.Sc Counselling Psychology (2022 and 2023 admissions) for the purpose of obtaining SET certificate.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG), has recommended that the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Counselling Psychology of University of Kerala (2022) is comparable to the syllabus of M.Sc. Degree Course in Psychology of the University of Kerala in terms of content, mode of teaching, and admission criteria. Hence, the M.Sc. Counselling Psychology of University of Kerala (2022 admission onwards) can be considered as equivalent to the M.Sc. Degree course in Psychology of University of Kerala and may be considered an eligible qualification for pursuing higher studies in Psychology and for employment purpose. The Dean, Faculty of Science, has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, that the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Counselling Psychology of University of Kerala (2022 admission onwards) can be considered as equivalent to the M.Sc. Degree Programme in Psychology of University of Kerala and may be considered an eligible qualification for pursuing higher studies in Psychology and for employment purpose as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science. **U.O No:5435/2026/UOK dated: 12.06.2026 has been issued in this regard.**

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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33. MA Tamil Language & Literature- CGPA conversion certificate-Reporting of-reg. (Ac.AII)

Smt. Thamizharasi K., who secured Second Rank in the M.A. Tamil Language and Literature programme of the University of Kerala, requested issuance of a CGPA Conversion Certificate/GPA Accumulation Certificate for admission purposes at Hankuk University, South Korea. As the University presently follows a mark-based evaluation system for PG programmes in affiliated colleges, the Vice-Chancellor has directed formulation of norms for conversion of marks into CGPA.

Accordingly, the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research, at its meeting held on 28.10.2025, recommended constitution of a Sub-Committee comprising experts from the Departments of Statistics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Tamil, and the Controller of Examinations as Convenor, to formulate suitable conversion norms. The Vice-Chancellor accorded sanction for constitution of the Committee, subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

The Sub-Committee met on 08.01.2026 and 21.01.2026 and formulated a CGPA conversion method based on the formula followed under the CSS system for PG courses in the Teaching Departments of the University.

The CGPA is calculated according to the following formula :

CGPA= sum of (credit x Grade Point)/sum(credits).

Based on the recommendations, the transcript of marks in terms of Grade Points for Smt. Thamizharasi K. was prepared, verified by the Committee members, and issued on 27.03.2026.

Subsequently, the candidate requested conversion of the CGPA into an internationally recognized GPA scale for submission to the Global Korea Scholarship programme. Clarification was obtained

from the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Tamil (PG), who recommended conversion of CGPA in 10-point scale to 5-point scale using the formula:
CGPA (5-point scale) = [CGPA (10-point scale) × 5] / 10

Accordingly, the candidate's CGPA was converted to 4.06 (5-point scale). The recommendation was endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, and approved by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The transcript in 5-point scale CGPA was accordingly issued to the candidate on 30.03.2026.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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34. To Streamline the Revaluation Process of LLB Examinations - Reporting of-reg. (EJX)

As per the University Order No. M&C.1.2/1898/2019 dated 13.06.2019, the Answer Scripts under law subjects to be valued by the external examiners (outside Kerala State). Accordingly the Answer Scripts of LLB Examination have been sent to the External Examiners, who were included in the panel list approved by the Controller of Examinations via post for revaluation. But due to the delay occurred in the disbursement of Remuneration for the past one year, many external examiners have delayed , returning LLB Answer scripts after revaluation within the stipulated time. One external examiner has not returned 160 answer scripts of S2 Unitary LLB Examination February 2024 and S5 Integrated LLB Examination June 2024 after 6 months. Hence the Answer scripts of S2 Unitary LLB Examination February 2024 and S5 Integrated LLB Examination June 2024 (160 papers) were recovered by the University team by filing a petition against her at the Police station, Tirunelveli. Owing to the delay in returning of answer scripts of LLB Examinations by the external examiner, the publication of revaluation results could not be completed within the stipulated time.

In the context, The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has approved the following matters, subject to reporting to the Syndicate:

a) To conduct a centralized revaluation of 160 papers (S2 Unitary LLB Examination, Feb.2024 & S5 integrated LLB Examination, June 2024) as well as the forthcoming LLB Examinations .
b) Accommodation, Eligible TA/DA and Remuneration (Remuneration as per U.O. No. M&C.I.2/1884/2019 dated 22.03.2019) to the external examiners concerned, deputed for the revaluation purpose of the LLB Examinations.

As per orders, the matter was reported to the Syndicate held on 27.05.2025. The following points may kindly be perused,

(1) As per the orders of Vice Chancellor, section initiated the process to conduct a Centralised Revaluation at University of Kerala. Even though, many examiners of Tamilnadu gave consent through email, despite repeated efforts, they didn't obtain the necessary permission from the Director of Legal Studies, Tamilnadu to attend the Centralised Revaluation duty at University of Kerala. Furthermore the Controller of Examinations contacted the Director of Legal studies, Tamilnadu, but no response was received.
(2)The section has also tried the possibility of getting external examiners from other states (Karnataka, Andrapradesh) who were also included in the panel list available in the section. But none of them responded to the request.

Considering the urgency in publishing revaluation results, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor had approved the DDFS File No.EJX/15414/Centralised Revaluation/S9IntDec2024/2025,subject to reporting the matter to the Syndicate, to hand over the LLB answer scripts directly to the external examiners at their residence by University Vehicle.The matter was reported to the Syndicate meeting held on 24.12.2025.

The following hardships were encountered by the section in connection with handing over the answer scripts to the external examiners at their college/residence,
(1) Non availability of University vehicle and driver at the time preferred by the examiners for handing over / collection of revalued answer scripts.
(2) The need for section staff to accompany with the vehicle had adversely affected the normal

functioning of the section.

In this juncture, it is feasible for the smooth functioning of the Revaluation process of the LLB examinations, the revaluation must be carried out by the evaluators outside the jurisdiction of University of Kerala (Govt.Colleges/Aided Colleges & Self Financing Colleges).

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations held on 23.06.2025.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 24.12.2025 vide item no.23.04.Additional no.01 has considered the proposal to Streamline the revaluation process of LLB Examinations and resolved to approve the following recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Examinations.

The Committee on observing the delay in publication of revaluation results within the stipulated period of time, recommended that the Controller of Examinations be entrusted to utilise the service of the examiners within the state also including the faculties of this University for the speedy publication of results, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor has ordered to implement the above resolution of the Syndicate. Accordingly, U O no. 2/2026/UOK - CE dated : 12.01.2026 has been issued in this regard.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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35. പരീക്ഷകൾ മലയാളത്തിൽ എഴുതുന്നതിന് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ അനുവദിക്കുന്നത് –സംബന്ധിച്ച്. (Ac.AIV)

ഭാഷാ വിഷയങ്ങൾ ഒഴികെയുള്ള ബിരുദാനന്തര ബിരുദ പരീക്ഷകൾ മലയാളത്തിൽ എഴുതുന്നതിന് വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ അനുവദിക്കുന്നതിനാവശ്യമായ നടപടി സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്ന് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ട ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വകുപ്പിൽ നിന്നും വന്ന കത്തും(HEDN-B3/143/2025-HEDN) മലയാളത്തിൽ പരീക്ഷ എഴുതാൻ അനുവദിക്കണം എന്നാവശ്യപ്പെട്ട ബിരുദാനന്തര ബിരുദ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ സമർപ്പിച്ച അപേക്ഷകൾ ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വകുപ്പ് മന്ത്രിയുടെ ഓഫീസിൽ നിന്നുമയച്ചതും ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് . കേരളത്തിലെ ഇതര സർവ്വകലാശാലകളായ മഹാത്മാഗാന്ധി യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി, കണ്ണൂർ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി, കാലിക്കറ്റ് യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി, ശ്രീ നാരായണ ഗുരു ഓപ്പൺ യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ നിലവിൽ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് മലയാളത്തിൽ എഴുതാൻ അവസരം ലഭിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നും പ്രാദേശിക ഭാഷകളിൽ പരീക്ഷ എഴുതാൻ അനുവദിക്കണം എന്നുള്ള യുജിസിയുടെ ശിപാർശയുള്ളതിനാലും നടക്കാനിരിക്കുന്ന സെമസ്റ്റർ പരീക്ഷ മുതൽ കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കും മലയാളത്തിൽ പരീക്ഷ എഴുതാൻ അനുമതി നൽകണം എന്ന് അപേക്ഷയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു.

കേരളസർവകലാശാല ഫസ്റ്റ് ഓർഡിനൻസ് 1978ചാപ്റ്റർVII Conduct of Examination ഖണ്ഡം(3)(3)അനുസരിച്ച പരീക്ഷ രീതി സംബന്ധിച്ച പരാമർശിക്കുന്നത് ഇപ്രകാരമാണ് , "Candidates must answer question papers,except in the case of languages other than English,in English,unless otherwise states therein".

2022 ഏപ്രിൽ 1 നു നടന്ന അക്കാഡമിക് കൗൺസിൽ മീറ്റിംഗിൽ മലയാളത്തിൽ പരീക്ഷ എഴുതുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച തീരുമാനം ഇപ്രകാരമാണ് , "The Academic Council considered the matter and Resolved that in case of those candidates who write the examination in Malayalam Language for subjects other than language,such papers may be valued by teachers who are proficient and willing to value such papers".

ടി വിഷയത്തിൽ ഉചിതമായ തീരുമാനം കൈക്കൊള്ളുന്നതിനായി വൈസ് ചാൻസലറുടെ ഉത്തരവ് പ്രകാരം ഫയൽ സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റിന്റെ പരീക്ഷാ സ്ഥിരം സമിതി (Examination Committee)-യുടെ പരിഗണനയ്ക്കായി സമർപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നു.

07.05.2026-ന് ചേർന്ന Examination Committee യോഗം (Item No. 27.278.20) വിഷയം പരിഗണിക്കുകയും, ഉചിതമായ തീരുമാനം കൈക്കൊള്ളുന്നതിനായി അക്കാദമിക് കൗൺസിലിന്റെ പരിഗണനയ്ക്ക് സമർപ്പിക്കാൻ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്തു.

ആയതിനാൽ, ടി വിഷയത്തിൽ ഉചിതമായ തീരുമാനം കൈക്കൊള്ളുന്നതിനായി വിഷയം അക്കാദമിക് കൗൺസിലിന്റെ പരിഗണനയ്ക്കായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നതിന് അനുമതി നൽകണമെന്ന ഉത്തരവിനായി വൈസ് ചാൻസലർ മുൻപാകെ സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED that the Post Graduation candidates who desire to write their examinations in Malayalam Language for subjects other than languages be permitted for the same. FURTHER RESOLVED that such candidates shall specify the language opted while registering for the examination and if the candidate wants to write the examination in English at the time of examination, the same shall also be permitted. However the candidate shall write a particular examination in only one language.

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36. M. Sc. Biotechnology - considered eligible to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

Princy Das who has completed M.Sc Biotechnology from Kerala University submitted an application to issue a Special Certificate stating that, M.Sc Biotechnology is equivalent to M.Sc Biological Sciences or M.Sc Biotechnology candidates are also considered for the post where M.Sc Biological Science is the prescribed qualification.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biotechnology (PG) remarked that, as Biotechnology is an essential part of Biological Sciences, and can be considered eligible to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/Life Sciences is considered an essential qualification, if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria. The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Biotechnology (PG).

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, that a degree in M. Sc. Biotechnology is considered eligible to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification, if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria. U.O. No.3166/2025/UOK dated: 08.04.2025 had been issued in this regard. **A special certificate stating M. Sc. Biotechnology is considered as an eligible qualification to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is an essential qualification, if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria. (No. Ac AIV/03/20272/2025 dtd 09.04.2025) was also issued to the candidate.** As the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department has sought report regarding the application submitted by the same candidate to Higher Education Department, the matter was also intimated to the Principal Secretary, Higher Education vide letter no. 18328/Ac AIV/2025/UOK dtd 10.04.2025.

The Academic Council held on 25.02.2026 vide item no. (I). 87 noted the matter and resolved to call back the file and to refer the matter to the combined meeting of Boards of Studies in Botany and Zoology. As the matter is referred to the combined meeting of Boards of Studies in Botany and Zoology, the Registrar approved to freeze the U.O No. 3166/2025/UOK dtd 08.04.2025 till further decision is made and U.O No. 4511/2026/UOK dtd 12.05.2026 was issued.

The combined meeting of the BoS in Botany (PG) and Zoology (PG) held on 12.06.2026 considered the matter and minuted that Considering all the facts in the syllabi and other relevant issues, the combined Board of Studies meeting of Zoology and Botany held on 12.06.2026 unanimously decided **not to consider the eligibility/equivalency of M.Sc Biotechnology/ M.Sc Environmental Science with M.Sc Zoology and M.Sc Botany. Since the University of Kerala is not conducting any course as M.Sc in Life science / Biological Science , that matter is not considered by the combined Board meeting.** The corresponding minutes is attached**.**

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the following matters are placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

1. Approval of the minutes of the combined meeting of the Boards of Studies in Botany and Zoology held on 12.06.2026.
2. U.O No. 3166/2025/UOK dtd 08.04.2025 (regarding M. Sc. Biotechnology is considered eligible to pursue higher degrees in Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences and apply for any post where Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification, if the candidate fulfils other eligibility criteria) which is frozen vide U.O No. 4511/2026/UOK dtd 12.05.2026, may be cancelled.
3. If U.O No. 3166/2025/UOK dtd 08.04.2025 stands cancelled, whether the matter may be intimated to the Principal Secretary, Higher Education.

Minutes of the Combined Board of Studies Meeting of the Zoology and Botany held on 12th June 2026 at 11.00 am, in the Department of Zoology, University of Kerala (Online mode; Google Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/hhb-gzzc-irs).

The following members of the Board of Studies in Zoology were present:

Dr. R Harikumaran Nair, Professor, School of Biosciences, MG University, Kottayam

Dr. Aruna Devi, Professor and Head, Department of Zoology, University College, Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. Sulekhp B T, Professor, Department of Zoology SN College, Kollam
Dr. Annies Joseph, Department of Zoology, Christian College, Chengannur
Dr. Sreejith P, Asst. Professor, Dep of Zoology,.University of Kerala.
Dr. Benno Pereira F G, Asst. Professor, Dep of Zoology, University of Kerala.
Dr. Sajeebkhan, Professor, Dep of Zoology, Govt. College,Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. Maya B Nair, Associate Professor, SD College, Alappuzha
Prof. (Dr) G. Prasad (Chairman)
The following members of the Board of Studies in Botany were present:
Dr. P.M. Radhamany, Emeritus Professor, Department of Botany, University of Kerala
Dr. T.S. Swapna, Professor, Department of Botany, University of Kerala
Dr. V.V. Radhakrishnan, Professor (Rtd.), Department of Botany, University of
Calicut Dr. Preetha T S, Professor, University College, Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. V N Sanjai, Professor, SD College, Alappuzha
Dr. Nisha A P, Associate Professor, SN College, Kollam
Dr. Mahesh. S, Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Christian College,Kattakada
Dr. Bindumole V R, Professor, University College, Thiruvananthapuram
Dr. E.A. Siril (Chairman)

The meeting started at 11.OOAM, and the Chairman of the Board of Studies, Zoology (PG), and the Dean of the Faculty of Science welcomed all members of both the Board of Studies and presented the following agenda items.

1. M. Sc. Biotechnology as an eligible qualification for the higher studies and apply for any post where Botany/Zoology/Biological Sciences/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification.
2. M.Sc Environmental Sciences as an eligible qualification for the higher studies and apply for any post where Botany/Zoology/Biological. Science/ Life Sciences is considered as an essential qualification.

The Board discussed the two items together, and all BoS members from Zoology and Botany are of the opinion that the MSc Biotechnology and MSc Environmental Science are entirely different subjects from MSc Zoology and MSc Botany. The syllabi of the two courses vary significantly from the PG syllabi of Zoology and Botany. In both courses, there are no core basic courses of Zoology and Botany, and the practicals and field studies also differ. The combined BoS observed that if these two courses are given eligibility for employment in Zoology/Botany subjects, the opportunities of candidates who pass basic courses, Zoology and Botany will be severely affected, and they may be unemployed forever. Moreover, these two courses-MSc Biotechnology and MSc Environmental Science are the applied science courseswhich are meant for the application-oriented research and opportunities, and manybasic core subjects in Zoology and Botany are not included in the syllabi. If Msc Biotechnology and MSc Environmental Science degree holders are permitted to enter into the faculty positions of the Zoology and Botany subjects, it will severely affect the teaching, practical, and the overall curriculum of the basic subjects and it will hamper the education quality of the basic science subjects and ultimately the future generation who opt for the Zoology and Botany.

Hence, considering all the facts in the syllabi and other relevant issues, the combined Board of Studies meeting of Zoology and Botany held on 12.6.2026 unanimously decided not to consider the eligibility/equivalency of MSc. Biotechnology/Msc. Environmental Science with MSc Zoology and MSc Botany.

Since the University of Kerala is not conducting any Otfile, as MSc in Life Science/Biological Science, that matter is not considered by the combined Board meeting.

The meeting is adjourned at 12.05 pm.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to grant eligibility/equivalency of MSc. Biotechnology with MSc Zoology and MSc Botany.

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37. Recognition of M. Phil Degree in Environmental Science (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam -Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Bindu C K, dated: 20.06.2026.

Ms. Bindu C K submitted an application for recognition of M. Phil Degree in Environmental Science (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for the purpose of higher studies and and employment in the field of Zoology.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. She passed B.Sc. Degree in Zoology and M.Sc. Degree in Zoology from from the University of Calicut, which are recognised by this University. She passed B.Ed in Natural Science from Kannur University and M. Phil Degree in Environmental Science (Regular) from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam in 2008. The applicant has submitted an Equivalency Certificate from Mahatma Gandhi University, it is certified that "the degree of Master of Philosophy in Environmental Science (Regular) awarded to Ms. Bindu C K by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam has been recognised as equivalent to Master of Philosophy in Zoology". The applicant has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the course duly attested by the Joint Registrar (Admn II) and Authentication Officer of MG University, Kottayam.

It may also be noted that the **Chairperson, BoS in Zoology (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Science are the same individual.** The Academic Council held on 25.02.2026, vide item (I) 54, further resolved to obtain the opinion of the Board of Studies wherever Chairperson, Board of Studies and Dean are the same individual.

The additional meeting of Board of Studies in Zoology (PG) held on 29/07/2026, discussed the recognition of M.Phil Degree in Environmental Science (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

The approved Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Studies in Zoology (PG) is as follows:

"The Board unanimously decided that the M.Phil degree in Environmental Science (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam is **not equivalent to** M.Phil Degree in Zoology of the University of Kerala"

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of the M. Phil Degree in Environmental Science (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to recognizethe M. Phil Degree in Environmental Science (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Zoology.

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38. Recognition of B.A. Degree in Psychology (Honours) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Soorya Mohan R, dated: 24.06.2026.

Ms. Soorya Mohan R has submitted an application for recognition of B.A. Degree in Psychology (Honours) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi for the purpose of getting it equivalent to B.Sc Psychology of this University for higher studies and employment.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. She has passed B.A. Degree in Psychology (Honours) from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi. She has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the course.

It may be noted that as per Public Notice from UGC, **No: F.No.4-1/2025(DEB-NER), dated 12.08.2025, "No HEI shall be permitted to offer any allied and healthcare programmes covered in NCAHP Act 2021, including Psychology as specialization under ODL/Online mode, from the academic session July-August, 2025 and onwards". However, the applicant completed the B.A. Degree in Psychology (Honours) from Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi in Dec 2025. (Month and Year of Admission: July 2022).**

The remarks ofthe Chairperson Board of Studies in Psychology (Pass) is as follows:

"The documents submitted by Ms. Soorya Mohan R have been verified. B.A. (Honours) Psychology awarded by Indira Gandhi University, New Delhi has a scheme with an overall similarity around 60% with that of the B.Sc Psychology (2021 Scheme) awarded by the University of Kerala.

However, the University of Kerala doesn't offer B.A (Honours) in Psychology.

B.A. (Honours) Psychology of IGNOU is not offered in Regular mode. ODL mode of teaching/learning is not practiced/ approved in Allied Healthcare disciplines like Psychology across the globe. Accordingly, the UGC Circular F.No. 4-1/2025 (DEB-NER) dtd. 12.08.25 has withdrawn recognition of programmes involving allied healthcare disciplines including Psychology.

The syllabus of B.A. (Honours) Psychology lacks detailing of content. The overall coverage of content is around 60%. The proportion of Psychological Statistics, in comparison to the Kerala University's B.Sc. syllabus is around 60%. The coverage of Human Physiology and language courses are apparently less than 50%. Experimental Psychology (Practicals) are not clearly defined, and are disproportionately low when compared to the Kerala University's B.Sc. Psychology Programme.

In view of these recommendations, the B.A. Degree in Psychology (Honours) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi is **NOT recommended** for equivalence to the B.Sc. Degree in Psychology of the University of Kerala".

The Dean, Faculty of Science has approved the recommendations of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Psychology (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of B.A. Degree in Psychology (Honours) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to rcognize the B.A. Degree in Psychology (Honours) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.

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39. Recognition of the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Specialization in Energy Science) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Mr. Yathin T, dated: 09.07.2026.

Mr. Yathin T submitted an application for recognition of the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Specialization in Energy Science) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for the purpose of getting it equivalent to the M.Sc Degree in Physics of this University, for higher studies and employment.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. He has passed B.Sc. Degree in Physics from this University. He has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the course.

The Chairperson Board of Studies in Physics (PG) has remarked that the syllabus of M.Sc. Programme in Physics (Specialisation in Energy Science) submitted by Mr. Yathin T, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam has approximately 85% similarity with the M.Sc Physics programme of the University of Kerala. Hence it is recommended to be considered for the purpose of higher studies and employment including B.Ed. degree in Physical Science.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson BoS in Physics (P.G).

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Specialization in Energy Science) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment, is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.Sc Degree in Physics (Specialization in Energy Science) (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam as an eligible qualification for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

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40. Recognition of MA Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Distance) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application from Sri. Gowreesh V S dated 10.06.2026

Sri.Gowreesh.V.S had submitted the scheme and syllabus of M.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi for Course

recognition for the purpose of equating it with M.C.J Degree of this University. He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. He obtained B.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication and Video Production from the University of Kerala.

The Chairperson, BoS in Journalism has remarked that, Sri.Gowreesh.V.S has submitted the scheme and syllabus of M.A degree in Journalism and mass Communication offered by IGNOU (Distance) for recognition and equivalence with the Regular MCJ degree of University of Kerala. Upon a detailed examination of the submitted documents, it is observed that several mandatory requirements of the regular MCJ programme of the University of Kerala are not fulfilled by IGNOU distance learning programme. Specifically, the University of Kerala mandates:

1. A two month media internship (2 credits)
2. A dissertation (6 credits) and
3. Lab-based practical production work in print,visual and digital formats across semesters

In contrast, these components are merely electives in the IGNOU PG degree curriculam. Given that Mass Communication is a highly skill oriented discipline requiring direct industry exposure, these practical requirements are essential for professional competency. Therefore the M.A programme (Distance) Journalism and Mass Communication **cannot be recognised as equivalent to the regular MCJ programme** of this University.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Journalism regarding the recognition of M.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi is approved and endorsed.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Distance) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Board of Studies in Journalism.

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41. Recognition of B.Sc. Degree in Visual Communication (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli through St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous)-Consideration of-reg.(Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Sredha Paul, dated: 02.06.2026.

Ms. Sredha Paul has submitted an application for recognition of B.Sc. Degree in Visual Communication (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli through St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous), as a general degree for the purpose of higher studies (including MSW) and employment.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. She passed B.Sc. Degree in Visual Communication (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli through St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous). It may be noted that, on verification of the Consolidated Mark list of the B.Sc. Programme of the applicant, it is found that St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous) is Re-Accredited with A Grade by NAAC. She has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the course duly attested by the Principal of the college concerned.

The former Chairperson, Board of Studies in Journalism has remarked that the scheme and syllabus submitted by Ms. Sredha Paul for the recognition of B.Sc. Visual Communication (Regular) awarded by M.S University, Tirunelveli through St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous) has been examined in detail. The adequacy and quality of the scheme and syllabus are satisfactory to give it recognition and equivalency to the B.A. Journalism and Mass Communication programme offered by the University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that the B.Sc. Visual Communication (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli through St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous) **may be given recognition and equivalency to the B.A. Journalism and Mass Communication** programme of the University of Kerala. The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Journalism regarding the application submitted by Ms. Sredha Paul are approved and endorsed.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of B.Sc. Degree in Visual Communication (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli through St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous) as equivalent to the B.A. Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication of this University is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Sc. Degree in Visual Communication (Regular) awarded by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli through St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, Tamil Nadu (Autonomous) as equivalent to the B.A. Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication of this University.

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42. Recognition of M.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Mr. Febin George, dated: 20.05.2026.

Mr. Febin George has submitted an application for recognition of M.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) for the purpose of getting it equivalent to M.A Degree in Mass Communication and Journalism of this University for the purpose of higher studies and employment.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. He has passed the Triple Main B.A Degree in Journalism, Political Science, Optional English (Regular) from Bangalore University, through Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru (Autonomous), which is recognised by this University as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Political Science including B.Ed Degree in Social Science. It may also be noted that the Academic Council held on 25.02.2026 further resolved that the Triple Main graduates from other Statutory Universities be allowed to pursue higher studies in this University in any of their three main subjects, irrespective of the course content, vide U.O No. Ac.C/3713/2026/UOk, dated. 16.04.2026 (attached). He has submitted the duly attested copies of the scheme and syllabus of the course. The NIRF ranking of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) was 73 in the year 2025.

The former Chairperson, Board of Studies in Journalism has remarked that the adequacy and quality of the scheme and syllabus submitted by Mr. Febin George for the purpose of recognition of M.A. Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) with the MMCJ or MCJ programme of University of Kerala are found to be good. Hence M.A. Degree programme in JMC (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) may be recognised as equivalent to MMCJ and MCJ Degree of University of Kerala for both higher education and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that the M.A. Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) may be given recognition and equivalency to M.A Degree in Mass Communication and Journalism (MMCJ) and MCJ of University of Kerala. The remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Journalism regarding the application submitted by Febin George are approved and endorsed by the Dean.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of M.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) as equivalent to the M.A Degree in Mass Communication and Journalism (MMCJ) or Master of Communication and Journalism (MCJ) of this University is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.A Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College, Mangalore (Autonomous) as equivalent to the M.A Degree in Mass Communication and Journalism (MMCJ) or Master of Communication and Journalism (MCJ) of this University.

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43. Recognition of B.Sc. Degree (General) (Distance) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Azna Saif dated: 12.11.2025

Ms. Azna Saif submitted an application for recognition of B.Sc. Degree (General) (Distance) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi for higher education and employment wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. The applicant has submitted copies of detailed syllabus of Botany, Physics and Zoology of the B.Sc Programme (General) of IGNOU, attested by the Deputy Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chairperson, BoS in Botany (Pass) has remarked that Ms. Azna saif has applied for recognition of her B.Sc. Degree (General) (Distance) awarded by Indira Gandhi National open University, New Delhi for the purpose of higher education and employment. Upon verification, it is observed that the Botany component of the syllabus shows approximately 70% similarity to the B.Sc. Botany Core Course of the University of Kerala. This level of similarity is considered adequate for pursuing higher education. However, as the degree titles differ, equivalency cannot be granted. Therefore, recommended that she be considered eligible for higher education and employment, but not for equivalency to the B.Sc. Botany degree of the University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has remarked that the file may be routed through the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Zoology (UG) for the remarks.

The Chairperson, BoS in Zoology (Pass) has remarked that the application and supported documents submitted by Ms. Azna Saif has been examined in detail for the issuance of recognition of BSc Degree (General-With Zoology, Botany & Physics (Distance) awarded by IGNOU, New Delhi, equivalent to the B.Sc. Degree in Zoology of the University of Kerala. The syllabus and scheme of the BSc Degree (Distance) awarded by IGNOU-New Delhi has only less than 70% similarity to the BSc Degree in Zoology of the University of Kerala. The distance mode of learning is not recommended for the study of various courses in the Zoology discipline as it involve guided laboratory and field works on a regular basis. Moreover the total credits earned by the candidate in Zoology discipline through the BSc Degree (Distance) awarded by IGNOU New Delhi is not sufficient (36 credits ie only 27.2% of the total credits) to consider Zoology as a core/major subject. The credit requirement for considering a particular discipline as core/major should be not less than 50% of the total credit allotment of that degree programme. Hence it is not recommended for the issuance of recognition of BSc Degree General-With Zoology, Botany & Physics (Distance) awarded by IGNOU-New Delhi equivalent to the BSc Degree in Zoology of the University of Kerala for both higher studies in Zoology and employment purposes which require educational qualification with BSc Degree with Zoology Core/Major. However this degree is found to be adequate for applying higher studies in courses and also for employment purposes which require only a Bachelor degree (with non-specified disciplines) as the qualifying degree. I recommend to issue recognition as a General degree but not equivalency to BSc Zoology Degree.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has remarked that B.Sc. Degree (General) by distance mode can be considered on a qualification/ General Graduate degree for the purpose of employment, where a degree is the qualification. The Science degree from IGNOU by distance mode cannot be considered as equivalent to Science degree (Regular) of the University of Kerala, since we have many practicals and laboratory practices are there. Further remarked that, Recognised as a general degree, and not equivalent to any one, Zoology or any Science course.

Hence, the whole matter regarding recognition of B.Sc. Degree (General) (Distance) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification is placed before the meeting of the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Sc. Degree (General) (Distance) awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi for the purpose of higher studies and employment wherever a degree under any discipline is the prescribed qualification.

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44. Recognition of B.Voc. Degree in Commercial Aquaculture (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam through St. Albert's College, Ernakulam (Autonomous) –Consideration of- Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Harishma Unnikrishnan, dated: 12.06.2026

Ms. Harishma Unnikrishnan has applied for recognition of the B.Voc. Degree in Commercial Aquaculture (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam through St. Albert's College, Ernakulam (Autonomous). Her objective is to establish eligibility for higher studies and employment in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries and Marine Biology. The applicant has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the above course, attested by the Principal of the Autonomous Institution.

Academic Credentials of the Applicant:

Completed recognised conventional 10+2 pattern of study.

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Expert opinions on this matter have been solicited from the relevant subject expert and Dean, and their remarks are as follows:

Remarks of the Former Chairperson, BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries:

"The syllabus submitted by the applicant for B.Voc. Degree in Commercial Aquaculture (Regular) offered by Mahatma Gandhi University offered through St. Albert's College was verified. The syllabus has more than 70% common content with B.Sc. Aquaculture programme, which is considered as an eligible programme for higher studies and employment in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries. Therefore, eligibility for both higher studies and employment may be granted."

Remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Science:

"The recommendations of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries has been endorsed."

Hence, the entire matter concerning the recognition of the B.Voc. Degree in Commercial Aquaculture (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam through St. Albert's College, Ernakulam (Autonomous), **for the purpose of higher studies and employment in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries**, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Voc. Degree in Commercial Aquaculture (Regular) awarded by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam through St. Albert's College, Ernakulam (Autonomous), **for the purpose of higher studies and employment in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries.**

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45. Recognition of M.A. Degree in Development Policy and Practice (Regular) -awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, T.N. (Institution of National Importance) –Consideration of -Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Mr. Sarang P, dated: 18.06.2026

Mr. Sarang P has submitted an application for recognition of the M.A. Degree in Development Policy and Practice (Regular) awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, T.N. (Institution of National Importance).

His objective is to establish higher studies and employment in the field of sociology. He has submitted the scheme and syllabus of the above course, attested by the Head (i/c) of the Department of Development Studies and the Assistant Registrar of the Institution. Also, the scheme and syllabus were forwarded through e-mail **from** RGNIYD Academic Section.

Academic Credentials of the applicant:

- Completed recognised conventional 10+2 pattern of study.
- Earned B.A. Degree (Public Admn., History and Geography) (Regular) from the Osmania University, which has been recognised by this University for higher studies this University, for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline. Also, as per the U.O. 3713/2026/UOK, Dated: 16.04.2026, triple Main graduates from other Statutory Universities be allowed for the higher studies in this University in any of their three main subjects, irrespective of the course content.

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

The Chairperson BoS in Sociology (P.G.) placed the matter before Additional Meeting of the Board of Studies in Sociology(PG) held at 11 A.M on 02.07.2026 and the minutes of the meeting is as follows:

"The Board discussed and scrutised the scheme & syllabus of M.A. Degree in Development Policy and Practice (Regular)-Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur. The Board found that the scheme and syllabus cannot be equated with M.A. Sociology of University of Kerala. The Board also found that it has less than ten percent similarity with M.A Sociology of University of Kerala. Hence the Board unanimously decided **not to provide recognition for both higher studies and employment** to the course, M.A Degree in Development Policy and Practice (Regular) offered by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur with the M.A Sociology offered by University of Kerala."

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has endorsed the minutes.

Hence, the matter concerning the recognition of the M.A. Degree in Development Policy and Practice (Regular) awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, T.N. (Institution of National Importance), is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to recognize the M.A. Degree in Development Policy and Practice (Regular) awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, T.N. (Institution of National Importance) for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Sociology.

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46. Recognition of Senior Secondary Course of the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim - Judgment/Directives of the Hon'ble HC Kerala - consideration of – Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:-

1. Judgment dated 13.10.2025 in W.P. (C) No. 37813 of 2025 filed by Risha Krishna **(Appendix 1)**
2. Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.02.2026. **(Appendix 2)**
3. Recent reply Letter No. HSE/727/2025-Acd Spl3, dated 10.06.2026 from the Directorate of General Education (HSE Wing), Kerala (Received on 22.06.2026) **(Appendix 4)**

The matter concerns the recognition of the Senior Secondary Course conducted by the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim, for the purpose of granting Eligibility/Equivalency Certificates for higher studies. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, vide its Judgment dated October 13, 2025, directed the University of Kerala to consider the petitioner's (Risha Krishna) representation by taking into account the equivalency recommendation granted by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). In the interim, the University requested a three-month time enlargement from the Hon'ble High Court to complete the administrative proceedings. **(See Appendix 1)**

The matter was placed before the Academic Council on February 25, 2026. In compliance with the judicial directive and considering the AIU's favorable recommendation, the Council resolved to seek updated remarks from the Director of the Higher Secondary Education (HSE) Wing to make a final, informed decision **(See Appendix 2)**. Accordingly, a formal letter was dispatched to the HSE Wing on March 19, 2026 , requesting a re-review of their stance **(See Appendix 3)**.

The University has received a definitive reply from the Director of General Education (HSE Wing) and has communicated the following categorical updates: **(See Appendix 4)**

1. **Policy Guidelines:** As per Government Order [സ.ഉ. (കൈ) നം. 295/1999/പൊ.വി.വ., dated: 27.11.1999], equivalency certificates are strictly reserved for regular 10+2 structure higher secondary courses of other states that are similar to the course conducted by the Kerala Higher Secondary Board. Equivalency evaluations are strictly based on the recommendations of the SCERT Equivalency Standing Committee.
2. **Prior Committee Decisions:** The Equivalency Standing Committee, in its meeting held on 08.08.2024, had explicitly decided **not to grant** an equivalency certificate to the Senior Secondary course of BOSSE, Sikkim.

3. **Subsequent Re-evaluation:** Furthermore, in a later meeting held on 05.12.2024, the Equivalency Standing Committee re-examined the matter and reiterated its decision **not to grant equivalency** to the BOSSE Senior Secondary Courses.

Given the above facts, the recognition of the Senior Secondary Course of the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED NOT to recognize Senior Secondary Course of the Board of Open Schooling & Skill Education (BOSSE), Sikkim in view of the decision intimated by the Director, General Education to not to grant equivalency to the BOSSE Senior Secondary Courses.

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47. Recognition of B.Sc Degree in Mathematics with Computer Application (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Ms. Arockia Theresa Mary.A dated 07.07.2026

Ms.Arockia Theresa Mary.A had submitted the scheme and syllabus of B.Sc Degree in Mathematics with Computer Application (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore (Autonomous) for Course recognition for the purpose of doing B.Ed in Mathematics. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

It may be noted that the B.Sc Degree in Mathematics with Computer Application (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore (Autonomous) is recognised by the University of Kerala for higher studies and employment in the field of Mathematics vide UO.5097/2026/UOK dated 02.06.2026.

It is seen in the consolidated marklist submitted by the candidate that the Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous) is re-accredited with'A'grade by NAAC.

The Chairman, BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that, based on the UO 5097/2026/UOK dated02.06.2026, the B.Sc Degree in Mathematics with Computer Application (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through Nirmala College for Women, Coimbatore (Autonomous) can be considered as an eligible qualification for doing B.Ed in Mathematics from University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc Degree in Mathematics with Computer Application (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore as an eligible eligible qualification for doing B.Ed in Mathematics is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Sc Degree in Mathematics with Computer Application (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore as an eligible qualification for doing B.Ed in Mathematics.

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48. Recognition of Ph.DDegree awarded by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt.Sruthi.V.Pdated15.05.2026

Smt.Sruthi.V.P had submitted the thesis of Ph.D Degree entitled " Isolation and Characterisation of Mangrove Associated Fungi having Antibacterial Activity" awarded by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies ,Panangad for Course recognition for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Zoology**.**

She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

She obtained B.Sc. Degree in Zoology from Mahatma Gandhi University which is recognised by the University of Kerala. She had completed M.Sc Degree in Biological Oceanography and Biodiversity from Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies ,Panangad which is recognised by University of Kerala for higher studies and employment in Zoology.

The Chairperson, BoS in Zoology (PG), and the Dean, Faculty of Science, are the same individual. It was resolved in the Academic Council Meeting held on 25.02.2026, to obtain the opinion of the Board of Studies wherever **Chairperson, Board of Studies and Dean are the same individual.** Accordingly, the file was placed before the additional meeting of BoS in Zoology (PG) held on 10th July 2026 (online mode).

The revised minutes of the additional meeting of BoS in Zoology (PG) held on 10th July 2026 (online mode) as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science and approved by the Registrar, vide item no.2 attached herewith.

The minutes is as follows,

The Board unanimously resolved not to recommend for the recognition of the Ph.D Degree awarded by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad, since the Ph.D thesis is based on the subject Botany and the candidate not studied pure Zoology in PG.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree entitled " Isolation and Characterisation of Mangrove Associated Fungi having Antibacterial Activity" awarded by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies ,Panangad is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to recognize the Ph.D Degree entitled " Isolation and Characterisation of Mangrove Associated Fungi having Antibacterial Activity" awarded by Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, Panangad for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Zoology.

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49. Recognition of B.Sc Degree (Computer Science, Statistics) (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt. Krishnaprabha P dated 30.06.2026.

Smt.Krishnaprabha.P had submitted the scheme and syllabus of B.Sc Degree (Computer Science, Statistics) (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru for Course recognition for the purpose of pursuing higher education and securing employment in the field of Demography and Biostatistics. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Transfer Certificate submitted by the candidate shows that St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru is Re-accredited with 'A++ Grade' by NAAC.

The Chairman, BoS in Demography has remarked that the eligibility criteria for admission to M.Sc Demography and Biostatistics include both B.Sc Statistics and B.Sc Computer Science. After examining the syllabi submitted by the applicant, B.Sc (Computer Science, Statistics) Degree granted by Mangalore University may be recognised for higher education only for pursuing M.Sc Degree in Demography and Biostatistics.

The Dean, Faculty of Science remarked that the recommendation of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Demography that the course may be recognised for higher studies has been approved.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Sc Degree (Computer Science, Statistics) (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru for higher education only for pursuing M.Sc Degree in Demography and Biostatistics is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Sc Degree (Computer Science, Statistics) (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University through St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Mangaluru for higher education only for pursuing M.Sc Degree in Demography and Biostatistics.

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50. Recognition of B.Ed Degree (Teaching of Social Science: Civics, Teaching of Social Science Economics)(Regular) awarded by Banaras Hindu University,Varanasi-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Smt.Reena Raju dated 17.01.2026

Smt.Reena Raju had submitted the self attested scheme and syllabus of the B.Ed Degree(Teaching of Social Science: Civics, Teaching of Social Science: Economics)(Regular) awarded by Banaras Hindu University for course recognition for the purpose of equating it with the B.Ed degree in Social Science of this University. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognised by the University of Kerala. She obtained B.A Degree in Economics from Mahatma Gandhi University which is also recognised by the University of Kerala. She had passed M.A Degree in Economics from MG University through Sacred Heart College, Thevara (Autonomous) which are also recognised by the University of Kerala.

As per the UO.5360/2025/UOK dated 04.06.2025, in case of Universities or Institutions (State/Central) or institutions of national importance that come under NIRF ranking upto 150 for the preceeding three years, the downloaded copy of the scheme and syllabus self attested by the applicant may be accepted, provided the same shall be verified by the Chairman and Dean concerned at the University before offering their remarks/endorsement.

The Chairman, BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that the B.Ed degree awarded by BHU University can be considered as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Social science is the prescribed qualification.

The Dean, Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Ed Degree (Teaching of Social Science: Civics, Teaching of Social Science:Economics)(Regular) awarded by Banaras Hindu University,Varanasi as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Social science is the prescribed qualification is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize B.Ed Degree (Teaching of Social Science: Civics, Teaching of Social Science: Economics)(Regular) awarded by Banaras Hindu University,Varanasi as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in Social Science is the prescribed qualification.

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51. Recognition of M.A Social Entrepreneurship and Development (Regular) awarded by Kannur University –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Letter from the Director, Institute of Public Policy and Leadership under KILA affiliated to Kannur University dtd. 08.01.2026

The Director, Institute of Public Policy and Leadership under KILA affiliated to Kannur University forwarded a letter along with the syllabus of M.A Social Entrepreneurship and Development (Regular) awarded by Kannur University or the purpose of equating it with either M.Com Degree or M.A Degree in Sociology of this University.

The Chairman BoS in Commerce (PG) has remarked that the degree M.A Social Entrepreneurship and Development (Regular) awarded by Kannur University **cannot be equated with M.Com** as the curriculum does not match. The M.A Social Entrepreneurship is focusing on Social Entrepreneurship and leadership with little or no focus on functional operations of business more so with finance.

The Dean faculty of Commerce has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Commerce (PG).

As directed by the Chairman BoS in Sociology (PG), the matter was considered by the additional meeting of the BoS in Sociology (PG) held on 02.07.2026 and the following recommendations were made.

The additional meeting of the BoS in Sociology (PG) held on 02.07.2026 discussed and scrutinized the syllabus of M.A Social Entrepreneurship and Development (Regular) awarded by Kannur University. The Board found that the curriculum cannot be equated with M.A Sociology of

Kerala University. The Board also found that the curriculum does not match and it has only less than ten percent similarity with M.A Sociology of University of Kerala.

The Board unanimously decided **not to recommend for equivalency/Recognition** for M.A Social Entrepreneurship and Development (Regular) awarded by Kannur University **with M.A Sociology** of University of Kerala.

The Dean Faculty of Social Sciences has endorsed the minutes of the additional meeting of the BoS in Sociology (PG) held on 02.07.2026

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.A Social Entrepreneurship and Development (Regular) awarded by Kannur University is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to recognize the M.A Social Entrepreneurship and Development (Regular) awarded by Kannur University as equivalent to M Com or MA Sociology of this University.

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52. Recognition of M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdulkalam Technological University –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: 1. Application submitted by Shri. Thomaskutty Mathew dtd 05/04/2024

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 11/11/2024 I Item No. 63

3. Minutes of the combined meeting of the BoS in Electronics and Engineering (PG) held on 01.03.2025

4. Minutes of combined online meeting of the BoS in Electronics and Engineering (PG) held on 29.05.2026.

Shri. Thomaskutty Mathew submitted an application for recognition of M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdulkalam Technological University **for the purpose of either equating it with M.Sc Degree in Electronics or considering this as a higher qualification than M.Sc Degree in Electronics of this University for employment purpose (Assistant Professor in Electronics)**. The candidate has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. Later he passed B.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation from MG University, Kottayam and is recognised as equivalent to B.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation of this University. He has also cleared NET Exam in Electronic Science conducted by UGC.

On verification of the application, it is noted that the candidate has applied for the post of Assistant Professor in Electronics vide KPSC Notification (Category Number 52/2021) for which the eligible qualification is M.Sc Degree in Electronics or Equivalent Degree. As per the notification, the candidate needs to equate his M.Tech Degree with M.Sc Degree in Electronics of this University, but he does not have the basic qualifications required for M.Sc Electronics Course of this University. ie; B.Sc Physics/Electronics/Photonics or equivalent qualifications. Also, the admission criteria of both M.Sc Electronics and M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation are different.

But as per the U.O No. 8380 dtd 28.10.2022 (40119/Ac A IV/2022/UOK) issued by this University, the Eligible qualification for the post of Assistant Professor in Electronics are noted as Masters Degree in Electronics or M.Tech Degree in Electronics Engineering or Equivalent degree with at least 55% Marks and the applicants must have cleared National Eligibility Test (NET). (U.O Enclosed).

As per the said U.O, the M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation acquired by the candidate needs to be recognised either as equivalent to M.Sc Degree in Electronics of this University or as equivalent to M.Tech degree in Electronics Engineering or recognised as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Electronics Engineering.

The applicant was directed to submit a document from APJ University showing the Faculty in which the candidate completed his M.Tech Degree. In response to the memo, he has forwarded a document obtained from APJ Technological University vide e-mail, which certified that Sri. Thomaskutty Mathew (TVE17ECAI18) completed his M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation during 2017- 2019 **under the branch of Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialization-Applied Electronics and Instrumentation) from the College of**

Engineering Trivandrum. He also forwarded an mail stating that the APJKTU does not have faculty of studies, as they do not have school of studies. The APJ KTU is currently only having Affiliated Colleges and all the degrees are awarded under A P J Abdul Kalam Technological University.

Accordingly the remarks were sought from the Chairman BoS in Electronics.

The Chairman BoS in Electronics and other members of the BoS in Electronics made a thorough review of both the Syllabi of M. Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation and M. Sc Electronics, and concluded that the course content is not similar. Additionally the M.Tech degree is a professional degree which comes under the Faculty of Engineering, whereas the MSc Electronics falls under the faculty of Applied science and Technology. Consequently, the M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation degree course cannot be equated with the M.Sc Electronics Degree course. **However, after discussing with the other BoS members, most of them pointed out that M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation could be considered for employment purposes exclusively for the position of Assistant professor in Electronics.**

The Dean Faculty of Applied Science and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Electronics that the syllabi of M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation and M.Sc Electronics are not similar. Hence the M.Tech Degree acquired by the candidate can not be equated with M.Sc Degree in Electronics. However**, the M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdulkalam Technological University can be considered for employment purposes exclusively for the position of Assistant professor in Electronics.**

The file was then forwarded to the Chairman BoS in Engineering (PG) for obtaining remarks. As directed by the **Chairman BoS in Engineering (PG)** the matter was placed before the additional online meeting of BoS in Engineering (PG) held on 07.10.2024 .

The Additional Online Meeting of the BoS in Engineering (PG) vide item no. X has considered the matter and **endorsed the BoS (Electronics) and recommended that the M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation degree course can not be equated with the M.Sc Electronics Degree course but can be considered for employment purposes exclusively for the position of Assistant professor in Electronics.**

The Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology has considered the request submitted by the applicant, and also remarked the following points.

1. It is mentioned in paragraph 3 of Note #27 in the note file that "M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation could be considered for employment purposes exclusively for the position of Assistant professor in Electronics ". It is also reported in paragraph 4 of Note #27 in the note file that "the Dean Faculty of Applied Science and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Electronics ".
2. The Academic Section of the University has also forwarded a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Engineering (PG) held on 07/10/2024 at 10.30 am in the online mode. The recommendation in the minutes on this case is read as "M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation can be considered for employment purposes exclusively for the position of Assistant Professor in Electronics".

In these grounds, the Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology has recommended that a certificate may be issued stating that a person holding an M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation from APJAKTU who is having an Engineering Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation can be considered as equally eligible with candidates holding an M.Sc Degree in Electronics for the purpose of getting appointed as Assistant professor in Electronics.

The Academic Council held on 11/11/2024 vide item no. 63 considered the above matter and was resolved to refer the matter to the combined meeting of Board of studies in Electronics and Board of Studies in Engineering (PG) for reconsideration.

Accordingly, the matter was placed before the combined meeting of the BoS in Electronics and Engineering (PG) for consideration.

The combined meeting of BoS in Electronics and Engineering (PG) held on 01.03.2025 considered the matter of recognition and decided to compare the syllabus of M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) of APJ Abdulkalam Technological University with

the M.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (2015 Scheme and Syllabus). **The final decision in this matter will be taken after comparing both the syllabi.**

Accordingly, the recommendations were obtained from the Chairman BoS in Engineering (PG) and the Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

The Chairman BoS in Engineering (PG) has offered her remarks based on the recommendations of the two external subject experts from CET.

The subject experts have reviewed the syllabus of M. Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialisation in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation) followed by the University of Kerala prior to 2015 and that offered by APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU) from 2015 onwards and remarked that both the syllabi are almost similar and more than 90% of the content is the same. All the courses/subjects in the Kerala University syllabus are included in the KTU Syllabus as well.

Based on the opinion of the external experts, the Chairman BoS in Engineering (PG) has recommended that the M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular)offered by APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University **can be considered as equivalent to the M.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialization in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation) offered by the University of Kerala prior to 2015.** Hence the above said M.Tech Degree can be equated and recognised for higher studies and employment purposes.

The Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology vide email has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Engineering and Technology.

Based on the above recommendations received from the Chairman BoS in Engineering (PG) and the Dean faculty of Engineering, the matter was again placed before the combined online meeting of the BoS in Electronics and Engineering (PG) held on 29.05.2026 for obtaining final decision in this regard.

The Recommendations of the online meeting of the Combined BoS in Engineering (PG) and the Electronics are as follows'

Based on the discussions in the Combined BoS in Electronics and Engineering (PG) board, Chairman endorsed the remarks made by the members in the combined BoS Electronics and Engineering (PG) board meeting that M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation cannot be considered as equivalent to M.Sc Electronics.

Further, based on the recommendations of the Subject Experts', the M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University can be considered as equivalent to the M.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialization in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation) offered by the University of Kerala prior to 2015. The candidate possesses an M.Tech Degree that can be considered as equivalent to the M.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialization in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation). Additionally, there is a U.O No. 8380 dtd 28.10.2022 (40119/Ac A IV/2022/UOK) issued by the University of Kerala regarding the eligibility qualification for the post of Assistant Professor in Electronics. Based on the University Order (U.O.) and the recommendations of the subject experts, the Board resolved to consider the M.Tech degree of Shri. Thomaskutty Mathew and recommended that the degree be recognized for employment and higher studies.

The Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology has endorsed the following recommendations of the Combined BoS Electronics and PG (Engineering) board.

1. M.Tech Applied Electronics and Instrumentation cannot be considered as equivalent to M.Sc Electronics.
2. M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University can be considered as equivalent to the M.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialization in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation) offered by the University of Kerala prior to 2015. Shri. Thomaskutty Mathew possesses an M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University that can be considered as equivalent to the M.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialization in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation).
3. Shri. Thomaskutty Mathew's M.Tech degree can be recognized for employment and higher studies.

The Dean faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the minutes of combined online meeting of the BoS in Electronics and Engineering(PG) held on 29.05.2026.

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdulkalam Technological University is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.Tech Degree in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation (Regular) awarded by APJ Abdulkalam Technological University as equivalent to the M.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering (Specialization in Applied Electronics and Instrumentation) offered by the University of Kerala prior to 2015.

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53. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Dietetics and Food Services Management after having passed a Certificate course in Food and Nutritionawarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi –Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application submitted by Mr. Sabu Joy dtd 17.10.2025

Mr. Sabu Joy submitted an application for recognition of M.Sc Degree in Dietetics and Food Service Management after having passed a Certificate course in Food and Nutrition awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi for the purpose of higher studies in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries (For doing Ph.D Degree in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries) of this University.

The applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. Then, he passed Bachelor of Fisheries Science from Kerala Agricultural University and is recognised by this University for doing M.Sc (Full Time Two Year Course) in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries of this University. Further, the applicant has also submitted a document from UGC exempting IGNOU from the applicability of UGC regulations 2020 for Open and Distance Learning programmes.

The Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries has remarked that the applicant Mr. Sabu Joy has completed the recognized 10+2 pattern of education and obtained a Bachelor of Fisheries Science (B.F.Sc.) degree from the Kerala Agricultural University. The B.F.Sc. programme is recognized by the University of Kerala as an eligible qualification for admission to higher studies in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries. The applicant has now sought recognition of the M.Sc. Degree in Dietetics and Food Services Management awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, for the purpose of determining eligibility for admission to the Ph.D. programme in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries. The applicant has also completed a Certificate Course in Food and Nutrition from IGNOU. While the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Higher Education Department have advised universities to consider qualifications awarded by IGNOU for higher studies, such recognition is subject to the academic equivalence and relevance of the programme concerned.

A detailed examination of the curriculum reveals that the M.Sc. Degree in Dietetics and Food Services Management has only a limited overlap with the syllabus of the M.Sc. programme in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries offered by the University of Kerala. A substantial portion of the curriculum comprises courses related to dietetics, food service administration, and Management, which are not relevant to the core disciplines of Aquatic Biology & Fisheries.

Furthermore, the practical and laboratory components essential to the M.Sc. programme in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries are largely absent in the IGNOU programme. Consequently, a meaningful comparison of the two curricula is not feasible, and the Certificate Course in Food and Nutrition cannot be treated as bridging the academic gap between the two programmes.

In view of the above, the M.Sc. Degree in Dietetics and Food Services Management **cannot be considered an equivalent or eligible qualification for admission to the Ph.D.** programme in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries.

The Dean Faculty of Science has remarked that the candidate completed BFSc and M.Sc Degree in Dietetics and Food Services Management awarded by IGNOU and applied for eligibility for the Ph.D programme in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries. As noticed by the Chairman BoS in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries (PG) a meaningful comparison of the two syllabi is not appropriate since the M.Sc Dietetics and Food Service Management is absent in many theory core courses and practical of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries.

In view of the above, the Dean Faculty of Science has stated that M.Sc Degree in Dietetics and Food Services Management awarded by IGNOU **cannot be recommended equivalent or**

eligible qualification for admission to the Ph.D programme in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries.

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Sc Degree in Dietetics and Food Services Management after having passed a Certificate course in Food and Nutrition awarded by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Board of Studies in Aquatic Biology and Fisheries.

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54. Recognition of M.S in Orthopaedics (Regular) awarded by Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur obtained after a recognised MBBS Degree-Consideration of-reg. **(Ac.C)**

Ref: Application received from Sri.Manu Paul dated 23.06.2026

Sri.Manu Paul submitted the scheme and syllabus of M.S in Orthopaedics (Regular) awarded by Kerala University of Health Sciences,Thrissur obtained after a recognised MBBS Degree for Course recognition for the purpose of higher studies (Ph.D in Biotechnology). He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. He obtained MBBS from Mahatma Gandhi University, which is recognised by the University of Kerala.

The candidate has submitted the Certificate of Registration S from The Travancore-Cochin Council of Modern Medicine certify that he has been registered as a practitioner in Modern Medicine under Travancore-Cochin Medical Practitioners Act, 1953.

The Chairman, BoS in Biotechnology (PG) has remarked that Sri.Manu Paul has applied for recognition of M.S in Orthopaedics (Regular) awarded by Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur obtained after a recognised MBBS Degree.Now, he wants to register for Ph.D in Biotechnology and wants to do research in Bone Cancer. This is an important field of research in Biotechnology. University of Kerala does not offer MBBS or MS Degree now, but considering the importance of the research in medical Biotechnology, and also his degrees are recognised by KUHS, permission may be given for doing research in the field of Biotechnology and can be considered eligible for registration for Ph.D in Biotechnology/Eligible for higher education as a special case.

Also, considering the importance of medical biotechnology MS Degree recognised by KUHS, can be considered for including in the list of eligible degrees for Ph.D registration in the field of Biotechnology.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has remarked that the recommendation of Chairman, BoS is endorsed.

The Chairman, BoS in Biotechnology (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology have marked higher education in the proforma.The Chairman, BoS in Biotechnology (PG) has also remarked in the proforma that eligibility for higher education can be given for Ph.D Registration.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.S in Orthopaedics (Regular) awarded by Kerala University of Health Sciences,Thrissur obtained after a recognised MBBS Degree can be considered eligible for registration for Ph.D in Biotechnology is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.S in Orthopaedics (Regular) awarded by Kerala University of Health Sciences,Thrissur obtained after a recognised MBBS Degree as eligible for registration for Ph.D in Biotechnology.

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55. Recognition of BA Degree (History, English Literature, Politics) (Regular) awarded by Krishna University through Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada-Consideration of-reg. **(Ac.C)**

Ref: Application received from Smt. Chandrakala dated 30.03.2026.

Smt. Chandrakala had submitted the scheme and syllabus of B.A Degree (History, English Literature, Politics) (Regular) awarded by Krishna University through Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada for course recognition for the purpose of equating it with B.A Degree in

English Language and Literature of this University. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairperson, BoS in English (Pass) has remarked that,

- The candidate has not acquired sufficient credits in English to be given equivalency with a single main programme like the B.A English Language and Literature of the University of Kerala. However, the three main degree acquired by Smt.Chandrakala makes her eligible for higher studies in English and for employment where any degree or degree with optional English is the required qualification.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that the candidate has not acquired sufficient credits in English to be given equivalency with a single main programme like B.A English Language and Literature of University of Kerala. However, the three main degree acquired by the candidate makes her eligible for for higher studies in English and for employment. She has also opined that the remarks of the BoS in English (Pass) are approved and endorsed.

The Chairperson, BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that,

- Based on the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in English (Pass) and Dean, Faculty of Arts (the candidate has not acquired sufficient credits in English with a single main programme like B.A English Language and Literature of University of Kerala) the applicant is not eligible for doing B.Ed from University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence, the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A Degree (History, English Literature, Politics) (Regular) awarded by Krishna University through Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED not to recognize B.A Degree (History, English Literature, Politics) (Regular) awarded by Krishna University through Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada.

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56. Request of the candidate to issue a special certificate stating that Word Processing was included in the B.Sc Computer Science Syllabus-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The applicant, Athira S. Nair passed B.Sc Computer Science degree programme from Kerala University in 2010. She had appeared for the post of LD Clerk in Kerala Devaswom Recruitment Board vide category No. 039/2025 and for applying this post, Computer word processing certificate is needed. So she has requested to issue her a special certificate stating that Word Processing was included in the B.Sc Computer Science Syllabus. It is noted that "Generic Features of Word Processors" is included in Module III of BSC 101 – Introduction to IT under the syllabus revised with effect from 2004 admissions onwards.

Accordingly the remarks of the former Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science (Pass) and the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology have been sought and obtained.

The Former Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science (Pass) has remarked that a certificate can be issued stating that "This is to certify that the B.Sc Computer Science syllabus revised w.e.f 2004 admission onwards, in semester 1 under the title BSC 101 Introduction to IT, (module III) Generic Features of Word Processors is included."

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has remarked that Unfortunately, the candidate's request cannot be considered. No equivalency can be given to the BSc degree Physics-Computer Science to any of the certificate courses in Word processing for the reason that there is one sentence about "word Processing" in a paper. From the website of https://itkeralaeducation com/course_details.php?c=CWPDE of Government of Kerala, it is evident that the certificate course contains more that what is specified in a sentence in a paper of BSc degree. Hence the applicant's request can not be considered. Also no such request of equivalency based on one sentence in a paper of the course of study need be entertained for equivalency.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue a special certificate stating that "*the B.Sc Computer Science syllabus revised w.e.f 2004 admission onwards, in semester 1 under the title BSC 101 Introduction to IT, (module III) Generic Features of Word Processors is included*".**FURTHER RESOLVED** to issue special certificate to the candidates undergone Career Related First Degree programme in Computer Science under CBCSS system stating that content of wordporcessing is included in the Syllabus**.**

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57. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Zoology (Regular) awarded by Bharathidasan University through Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Sri. Albin Thomas dated 06.08.2025

Sri. Albin Thomas had submitted the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Zoology (Regular) awarded by Bharathidasan University through Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous) , Tiruchirappalli for course recognition for the purpose of equating it with M.Sc Degree in Zoology of this University. He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. He obtained B.Sc Degree in Zoology (Regular) awarded by Bharathidasan University through Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous) , Tiruchirappalli which is recognised by University of Kerala as equivalent to B.Sc Zoology of this University for higher studies and employment including for doing B.Ed Natural Science.

The Chairperson, BoS in Zoology (PG), and the Dean, Faculty of Science, are the same individual. It was resolved in the Academic Council Meeting held on 25.02.2026, to obtain the opinion of the Board of Studies wherever Chairperson, Board of Studies and Dean are the same individual. Accordingly, the file was placed before the additional meeting of BoS in Zoology (PG) held on 10th July 2026 (online mode).

The revised minutes of the additional meeting of BoS in Zoology (PG) held on 10th July 2026 (online mode) as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Science and approved by the Registrar, vide item no.1 attached herewith.

The minutes is as follows,

The Board unanimously resolved to recommend for the equivalency of the M.Sc Degree in Zoology awarded by Bharathidasan University through Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous),Tiruchirappalli

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Sc Degree in Zoology (Regular) awarded by Bharathidasan University through Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous) , Tiruchirappalli is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize M.Sc Degree in Zoology (Regular) awarded by Bharathidasan University through Jamal Mohamed College (Autonomous) , Tiruchirappalli as equivalent to M Sc Zoology of this University.

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58. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Bio-informatics (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through CMS College of Science and Commerce, (Autonomous), Coimbatore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Online application received from Smt. Santhi S dated 27.06.2026

Smt.Santhi.S had submitted the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Bio-Informatics (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through CMS College of Science and Commerce, (Autonomous), Coimbatore for Course recognition for the purpose of equating it with M.Sc Degree in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics of this University. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She obtained B.Sc Degree in Biochemistry from Bharathiar University which is also recognised by the University of Kerala.

The eligibility criteria for admission to M.Sc Bioinformatics is as follows(wef 2007),A graduate degree in any branch of Life science (Botany, Microbiology, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Biochemistry, Medicinal Chemistry and any other degree recognised as equivalent

by the University of Kerala) with not less than 55% marks obtained in the qualifying examination. The period of study of the candidate is 2007-2009.

The Chairman, BoS in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics has remarked that the application of Smt.Santhi.S for recognition of the M.Sc degree in Bioinformatics (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through CMS College of Science and Commerce, (Autonomous), Coimbatore has been examined. The candidate has completed her higher secondary (10+2) education and B.Sc Biochemistry from Bharathiar University, which the University of Kerala recognises. The syllabus of the M.Sc Bioinformatics programme offered by CMS College of Science and Commerce, (Autonomous), Coimbatore under Bharathiar University, was evaluated and compared with the syllabus of the M.Sc Bioinformatics programme previously offered by University of kerala through its affiliated colleges. The two curricula are found to be substantially equivalent in terms of course content and academic standards. In view of the above, it is recommended that the candidate's M.Sc Degree in Bioinformatics awarded by Bharathiar University through CMS College of Science and Commerce (Autonomous) may be recognised as equivalent to the M.Sc Bioinformatics degree of the University of Kerala for higher studies and employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Computational Biology and Bioinformatics.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of M.Sc Degree in Bio-Informatics (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through CMS College of Science and Commerce, (Autonomous), Coimbatore is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.Sc Degree in Bio-Informatics (Regular) awarded by Bharathiar University through CMS College of Science and Commerce, (Autonomous), Coimbatore as equivalent to the M.Sc Bioinformatics degree of the University of Kerala for higher studies and employment.

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59. Recognition - B.Sc. Degree in Costume and Fashion Designing (Regular) - University of Calicut Consideration of– Reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Anshitha, dated: 03.07.2026

Ms. Anshitha has submitted an application for recognition of the B.Sc. Degree in Costume and Fashion Designing (Regular) awarded by University of Calicut.

Her primary objective for seeking this recognition is to establish higher studies in English and employment.

Academic Credentials of the Applicant:

Completed recognised conventional 10+2 pattern of study.

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Expert opinions on this matter have been solicited from the relevant subject expert and Dean, and their remarks are as follows:

Remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in English - U.G.:

"Ms. Anshitha is **not eligible for higher studies in English** as the maximum credits of the English Course in her B.Sc. Syllabus is only 14. For non-English degree holders, the maximum credits that can be earned in English Language course should be at least of 19 credits in order to be eligible."

Remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Arts:

"Ms. Anshitha is not eligible for higher studies in English as the maximum credits of the English Courses in her B.Sc. Syllabus is only 14. **The remarks of the Chairman, BoS in English - Pass are approved and endorsed."**

Hence, the entire matter concerning the recognition of the B.Sc. Degree in Costume and Fashion Designing (Regular) awarded by University of Calicut is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Sc. Degree in Costume and Fashion Designing (Regular) awarded by University of Calicut as eligible for higher studies in English.

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60. മലയാളം (പി.ജി.) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസിന്റെ വാർഷിക യോഗത്തിലെ ശിപാർശയിൽ വ്യക്തത വരുത്തുന്നത് - സംബന്ധിച്ച്. (Ac.AII)

സൂചന: 25.11.2025-ന് നടന്ന മലയാളം (പി.ജി.) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസിന്റെ വാർഷിക യോഗത്തിന്റെ മിനിറ്റ്സിലെ ഇനം നമ്പർ IV.

സൂചനപ്രകാരം, മലയാളം (പി.ജി.) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസിന്റെ വാർഷിക യോഗത്തിൽ 30.04.2024, 05.10.2025 തീയതികളിൽ ബോർഡ് അംഗീകരിച്ച ജേർണലുകളുടെ പട്ടിക സർവകലാശാലയുടെ വെബ്സൈറ്റിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കണമെന്ന് ശിപാർശ ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. പ്രസ്തുത ശിപാർശ 28.01.2026-ന് നടന്ന ഫാക്കൽറ്റി ഓഫ് ഓറിയന്റൽ സ്റ്റഡീസ് യോഗം ശിപാർശ ചെയ്തതിനെ തുടർന്ന് 25.02.2026-ന് ചേർന്ന അക്കാദമിക് കൗൺസിൽ അംഗീകരിക്കുകയും, അതിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ സർവകലാശാല ഉത്തരവുകൾ പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

എന്നാൽ, തുടർന്ന് നടത്തിയ പരിശോധനയിൽ 30.04.2024, 05.10.2025 തീയതികളിൽ മലയാളം (പി.ജി.) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസിന്റെ യോഗങ്ങൾ നടന്നിട്ടില്ലെന്നും, പകരം 03.04.2024, 05.10.2024 തീയതികളിലാണ് യോഗങ്ങൾ ചേർന്ന് ജേർണലുകളുടെ പട്ടിക അംഗീകരിക്കുകയും ശിപാർശ ചെയ്യുകയും ചെയ്തതാണെന്നും വ്യക്തമായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

ഇതുസംബന്ധിച്ച്, സൂചനയിൽ പരാമർശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന തീയതികളെക്കുറിച്ച് മലയാളം (പി.ജി.) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസ് അധ്യക്ഷയുടെ വിശദീകരണം തേടുകയുണ്ടായി. അതിന് മറുപടിയായി, "03.04.2024, 05.10.2024 എന്നീ തീയതികളിലാണ് മലയാളം (പി.ജി.) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസ് യോഗങ്ങൾ നടന്നത്; മറ്റ് തീയതികൾ ടൈപ്പിംഗിലുണ്ടായ പിശകുകളാണ്"എന്ന് അറിയിക്കുകയും, പ്രസ്തുത വിശദീകരണം ഫാക്കൽറ്റി ഓഫ് ഓറിയന്റൽ സ്റ്റഡീസ് ഡീൻ അംഗീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മേൽപ്പറഞ്ഞ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ, 25.11.2025-ന് ചേർന്ന മലയാളം (പി.ജി.) ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസിന്റെ വാർഷിക യോഗത്തിന്റെ മിനിറ്റ്സിലെ ഇനം നമ്പർ IV-ൽ പരാമർശിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന **30.04.2024, 05.10.2025**എന്നീ തീയതികൾക്ക് പകരം **03.04.2024, 05.10.2024**എന്നിങ്ങനെ തിരുത്തി വായിക്കുന്നതിനും, പ്രസ്തുത തീയതികളിൽ ബോർഡ് അംഗീകരിച്ച ജേർണലുകളുടെ പട്ടിക സർവകലാശാലയുടെ വെബ്സൈറ്റിൽ പ്രസിദ്ധീകരിക്കുന്നതിനുമുള്ള വിഷയം അക്കാദമിക് കൗൺസിലിന്റെ പരിഗണനയ്ക്കും അംഗീകാരത്തിനുമായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED that the dates 30.04.2024 and 05.10.2025 mentioned in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Studies in Malayalam (PG) on item no. IV be corrected to read as 03.04.2024, 05.10.2024 and to publish the journals approved by the Board in the meeting held on the said dates in the University web site.

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61. Govt. Order from Higher Education Department- Bilingual option for Law students to write examinations –Consideration of- reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Higher Education Department, vide G.O.(Rt) No.382/2026/HEDN dated 15.03.2026, has directed that the Universities shall permit the Law Students to write the examinations in the field of legal studies either in English or in Malayalam, except the examinations conducted by NUALS (National University of Advanced Legal Studies) and to amend the respective regulations accordingly.

A meeting (Online) of the members of the Board of Studies in Law (Pass & PG), Faculty of Law, Academic Council Member in Law and the Principals of affiliated Law colleges was held on 30.04.2026 to discuss the implementation of the bilingual examination option. The minutes of the meeting have been verified and approved by the Dean, Faculty of Law and the same is attached herewith.

It may be noted that the members in the said meeting, unanimously disagreed with the opinion of the Higher Education to allow the Law students to write the Examination either in English or in Malayalam and to intimate the same to the Government. The members unanimously challenged the exemption of students of NUALS from this order.

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the direction issued by the Higher Education Department, vide G.O.(Rt) No. 382/2026/HEDN dated 15.03.2026, to permit the law students to write the examination in the field of Legal Studies either in English or in Malayalam, except the examinations conducted by NUALS, along with the Minutes of the meeting (online) held on 30.04.2026 to discuss the same, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to permit the law students to write the examination in the field of Legal Studies either in English or in Malayalam, except the examinations conducted by NUALS, as per the directions in the GO (Rt) No. 382/2026/HEDN dated 15.03.2026. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the candidates who opts for writing examination in Malayalam Language shall specify the language opted while registering for the examination and if language is not otherwise specified, the candidate shall be deemed to be opted for writing examination in English language. However the candidate shall write a particular examination in only one language.

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62. Approval of the Scheme and Syllabus for the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) in Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM) with effect from the academic year 2026–27 -Reporting of - reg. (Ac.AV(A))

The Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala, vide letter No.NP/NC/2024/02 dated 09.09.2024, submitted a proposal for starting a new Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) in Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM).

The Board of Studies in Business Management (UG), at its additional meeting held on 25.05.2026, considered the proposal and recommended the approval of the Scheme and Syllabus for the new FYUG Programme in Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM).

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies, endorsed the recommendations of the Board of Studies in Business Management (UG).

Sanction has been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council, for approval of the Scheme and Syllabus of the Four Year Undergraduate Programme in Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management (BTTM) with effect from the academic year 2026–27, as recommended by the Board of Studies in Business Management (UG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies. University Order No. 6852/2026/UOK dated 29.07.2026 has been issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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63. Four Year UG Programmes implemented with effect from 2024 admission - Revised Syllabus - Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AV(A))

The Scheme and Syllabi for various Four Year UG Programmes implemented with effect from 2024 admission were approved by the Academic Council held on 10.05.2024 and UO No. 32912/4/2024/UOK dtd 02.07.2024 was issued accordingly.

The modified Syllabi for the FYUG Programmes appended herewith, as recommended by the Board of Studies and as endorsed by the Deans of Faculties concerned, have been approved by the Vice-Chancellor and UO's issued accordingly.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Details of the revised Syllabus for various FYUG Programmes

Sl No.	FYUGP	Details of Revision	UO issued	Board of Studies	Deans of Faculties
1	Botany	Addition of two new DSC courses, UK5DSCBOT304 - Principles of Plant Taxonomy and Morphological Characterization and UK5DSCBOT305 - Heredity and Variation in Plants in the Syllabus for Semester V of FYUGP in Botany w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 4845/2026/UOK dtd22.05.2026	Botany (UG)	Science
2	Chemistry	Modified syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Chemistry for Semester V w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 5666/2026/UOK dtd 20.06.2026	Chemistry (UG)	Science
3	Geology	Modified the syllabus for Semester Vfor FYUGP in Geology w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 5844/2026/UOK dtd 29.06.2026	Geology (UG)	Science

4	Home Science	Addition of 7 new courses in the syllabus of FYUG Programme in Home Science as below: 1. Semester III (w.e.f. 2025 admissions) - UK3DSEHSC205 - Psychology for Social work 2. Semester V (w.e.f. 2024 admissions) - UK5DSCHSC303 - Children with special needs 3. Semester VI (w.e.f. 2024 admissions) - UK6DSCHSC303 - Development communication and Extension 4. Semester VI (w.e.f. 2024 admissions) - UK6DSCHSC304 - Child counselling - Techniques and Approaches 5. Semester VI (w.e.f. 2024 admissions) - UK6DSEHSC307 - Gender studies 6. Semester VII (w.e.f. 2024 admissions) - UK7DSCHSC402 -ുടെ FYUGP ചട്ടങ്ങളിലെ ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് സ Social Gerontology 7. Semester VIII (w.e.f. 2024 admissions) - UK8DSCHSC402 - Community engagement & Social Responsibility	UO No. 2090/2026/UOK dtd24.02.2026	Home Science (UG)	Science
5	Microbiology	Modified Syllabus for the courses in FYUGP in Microbiology w.e.f 2026-27 Academic year 1. Changes incorporated in the following Courses: (The course codes were also changed) <u>Semester III (Changes from 2025 Admission onwards)</u> UK3DSCMBY204 – Food and Dairy Microbiology UK3VACMBY202 – Microbial Waste Management <u>Semester IV (Changes from 2025 Admission onwards)</u> UK4DSCMBY203 – Microbial Genetics UK4VACMBY203 – Microbes in Sustainable Agriculture and Development <u>Semester V (Changes from 2024 Admission onwards)</u> UK5DSCMBY301- Industrial Microbiology UK5DSCMBY303- Fermentation Technology UK5SECMBY301- Mushroom Cultivation 2. Updated with the following newly introduced courses: <u>Semester V (Changes from 2024 Admission onwards)</u> UK5SECMBY302 – SEC: Medical Laboratory Techniques	UO No. 6194/2026/UOK dtd09.07.2026	Microbiology	Science

		Semester I (Changes from 2026 Admission onwards) UK1MDCMBY102 – MDC: First Aid			
6	Physics	Modified Syllabus for Fifth semester of FYUGP in Physics w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 6091/2026/UOK dtd 06.07.2026	Physics (UG)	Science
7	Physical Education	Correction in the Syllabus of UK3VACPES202 - Exercise and Diet in Weight Management, offered in Semester III as VAC in Physical Education w.e.f 2025 admissions	UO No. 4019/2026/UOK dtd22.04.2026	Physical Education	Physical Education
8	Polymer Chemistry	Modified Syllabus for Semesters I (with effect from 2025 admission) and the modified Syllabus for Semesters III (with effect from 2024 admission)	UO No. 7047/2025/UOK dtd 16.08.2025	Polymer Chemistry	Science
9		Modified Syllabus for Semesters IV of FYUGP in Polymer Chemistry with effect from 2024 admission	UO No. 3934/2026/UOK dtd 21.04.2026	Polymer Chemistry	Science
10	Psychology	Modified Syllabus for Third Semester of FYUGP in Psychology w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 8676/2025/UOK dtd 06.10.2025	Psychology (UG)	Science
11		Modified Syllabus for First Semester of FYUGP in Psychology w.e.f 2025 admissions	UO No. 10127/2025/UOK dtd 26.11.2025		
12		Modified Syllabus for Semester IV of FYUGP in Psychology w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 2470/2026/UOK dtd 28.02.2026		
13		Modified Syllabus for Semester V of FYUGP in Psychology w.e.f 2024 admissions	UO No. 6302/2026/UOK dtd 13.07.2026		
14	Statistics	Addition of a new Multidisciplinary Course UK1MDCSTA103 : ELEMENTARY DATA SCIENCE with the modifications in the Syllabus for Semester I w.e.f 2026 admissions And modifications in the Syllabus for Semester V w.e.f. 2024 admissions	UO No. 6282/2026/UOK dtd 13.07.2026	Statistics (UG)	Science
15	Zoology	Modified Syllabus for Fifth and Sixth Semesters of FYUGP in Zoology w.e.f. 2024 admissions	UO No. 5688/2026/UOK dtd 22.06.2026	Zoology(UG)	Science
16	Computer Application(BCA) Computer Science	1. Modified Syllabus for Semester V FYUG Programmes in Computer Applications (BCA) and B.Sc Computer Science w.e.f. 2024 admissions 2. Modified Syllabus for Semester III and Semester IV FYUG Programmes in Computer Applications (BCA) and B.Sc Computer Science w.e.f. 2024 admissions Introduction of one DSC course titled "UK4DSCCSC204 – Foundations of AI and Machine Learning"in the Semester IV FYUGP B.Sc. Computer Science syllabus	1. UO No.6805/2026/UOK Dated: 28.07.2026 2. UO No 2156/2026/UOK Dated: 26.02.2026	Computer Science (UG)	Applied Sciences &Technology.
17	Business Administration	Revised Syllabus for FYUGProgrammes in Business Administration forSemester IV (w.e.f 2025 admissions) and Semester V (w.e.f 2024 admissions) and introduction of a Value-Added Course (VAC)	UO No 6277/2026/UOK Dated: 13.07.2026	Business Management (UG)	Management Studies

		Introduced a Value Added Course (VAC) titled "Forensic Accounting"(UK4VACMGT203) in Semester IV FYUGP BBA.			
18	Biotechnology	Revised Syllabus for Semester V-FYUGProgrammes in Biotechnology w.e.f. 2024 admissions Addition of five new courses to the syllabus of the FYUG Programme in Biotechnology as detailed below: Discipline Specific Core (DSC) - UK5DSCBIT304 Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)-UK5DSEBIT312 Discipline Specific Elective (DSE)-UK5DSEBIT313 Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)-UK5SECBIT302 Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)-UK5SECBIT303	UO No 6232/2026/UOK Dated: 10.07.2026	Biotechnology (UG)	Applied Sciences and Technology.
19	BA English BA Communicative English	1. Revised Syllabus for Semester V-FYUG programmes in English and Communicative Englishw.e.f. 2024 admissions 2.Revised Syllabus for Semester V-Modified-FYUG programmes in English and Communicative Englishw.e.f. 2024 admissions 3. Deletion of portions from two DSE courses in the Semester IV of the FYUG programmes in English w.e.f. 2024 admissions	UO No 6200/2026/UOK Dated: 09.07.2026 UO No 5715/2026/UOK Dated: 23.06.2026 UO No 2632/2026/UOK Dated: 06.03.2026	English (UG)	Arts
20	Journalism and Mass Communication	1. Revised Syllabus for FYUG Programme in Journalism and Mass Communication of III Semester DSE Course “UK3DSEJMC200: Online Journalism”w.e.f. 2025admissions 2. Modified syllabus for FYUG Programme in Journalism and Mass Communication of the III Semester DSC Course - UK3DSCJMC201-'Introduction to Cinema'	UO No.4843/2026/UOK Dated: 22.05.2026 UONo. 2713/2026/UOK Dated: 07.03.2026	Journalism (UG)	Arts
21	BA Music BA Music Vocal BA Veena BA Violin BA Mridangam	Revised Syllabus for the courses in the Fourth Semester FYUG Programmes in BPA Music, BPA Music (Veena), BPA Music (Violin),BPA Music (Mridangam) and BA Music w.e.f. 2024 admissions. (As per University Order No. 3881/2026/UOK dated 18.04.2026, the nomenclature of the BPA programmes has been changed to BA programmes)	UONo. 2501/2026/UOK Dated: 02.03.2026	Music(UG)	Faculty of Arts

22	History	Modified syllabus for the courses in Semester V of FYUGP in History, with effect from 2024 admissions	U.O No. 5548/2026/UOK Dated:16.06.2026	History (UG)	Faculty of Social Sciences
23	Political Science	Modified syllabus for FYUGP in Political Science, effecting changes in the cognitive levels of the courses for Semesters V–VII w.e.f 2024 admissions,	U.O No. 6184/2026/UOK Dated: 08.07.2026	Political Science(UG)	Faculty of Social Sciences
24	Sanskrit	Inclusion of a new Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) "Basics of Manuscriptology (UK5SECSGE302)"in the fifth semester of the FYUGP under Sanskrit General w.e.f 2024 admissions	U.O No. 6620/2026/UOK Dated: 22.07.2026	Sanskrit (UG)	Faculty of Oriental Studies
25	Syriac	Introduction of a New Skill Enhancement Course, "Syriac Studies: Language, Heritage and Documentation Skills", in Semester V in Syriac for Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)-	U.O No. 6657/2026/UOK Dated: 24.07.2026	Hebrew &Syriac	Faculty of Oriental Studies
26	Commerce	Modified syllabus for the existing courses in Semester V to VIII with addition of a DSE course "Corporate Management and Digital Application (UK7DSECOM408)"in the VII Semester of FYUGP in Commerce, replacing the DSE Course "Co-operative Research and Digital Application (UK7DSECOM401)"and the inclusion of a five-day Study-cum-Industry Visit in the syllabus, with effect from 2024 admissions,	U.O No. 5721/2026/UOK Dated: 23.06.2026	Commerce (UG)	Faculty of Commerce

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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64. Correction in the Index of the Syllabus GAMAT 301 of the Third Semester B.Tech Information Technology (2025 Scheme) - Approved - Orders issued - Reporting of – reg. (Ac.AIII)

The Regulations, Scheme and Syllabus from Semester III to Semester VIII of B.Tech Degree course (2025Scheme)was approved vide U.ONo.AcAIII/6076/2026/UOK dated 06.07.2026 and implemented w.e.f 2025 admission onwards.

The Examination Wing has sought clarification regarding the mismatches noted in the Index and Detailed content of the Syllabus GAMAT 301 of the Third Semester B.Tech Information Technology (2025 Scheme) .

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) has remarked that the Index of the syllabus GAMAT 301 is changed from Mathematics for Information Science-3 to Mathematics for Computer and Information Science-3, which is endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

The revised index is detailed below:

Semester	**Corrected Index of the Syllabus**
Third Semester Information Technology	GAMAT301 Mathematics for Computer and Information Science - 3

The Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to the Academic Council accorded sanction to effect the above mentioned correction in the Index of the Syllabus GAMAT 301 of the Third

Semester B.Tech Information Technology (2025 Scheme) with effect from 2025 admission onwards.

Accordingly, U.O No. Ac AIII/7057/2026/UOK Dated: 04.08.2026 was issued.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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65. University Post Doctoral Fellowship - Interdisciplinary Post Doctoral Research in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology and Optoelectronics at the Department of Chemistry & Physics respectively - Approved by the Vice-Chancellor, subject to reporting to Academic Council - Reporting of - reg. (Ac.EVII)

Dr. Sreevalsa S, Ph.D holder in Chemistry & Bijimol B I who had submitted their Ph.D thesis in Chemistry and Dr. Akhil M Anand, Ph.D holder in Physics under the Faculty of Science, applied for PDF 2024-'25 in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology and Optoelectronics respectively under the Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology.

The Chairman, PG Board of Studies in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology remarked that Ph.D in Chemistry can be considered as a qualification for applying to PDF in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology subject to the provision in the University regulations.

The Chairman, PG Board of Studies in Optoelectronics remarked that the doctoral thesis of Dr. Akhil M Anand entitled "Fabrication and Characterization of Bulk-Nanojunctions for Photovoltaic Applications" is firmly based on the principles and applications of Optoelectronics, thereby establishing its direct relevance to the subject.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the above remarks of the Chairmen, Board of Studies, Nanoscience & Technology and Optoelectronics.

The Vice-Chancellor, in exercising the powers of the Academic Council under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974, approved the above recommendation, subject to reporting to Academic Council.

Accordingly, U.O. No. Ac.EVII/2412/2026/UOK dated 27.02.2026 was issued.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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66. Ph.D. Research - Registration to Part-time mode - Submission of No Objection Certificate in General Format - Modifying Clause 13 (2) of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala 2022-Reporting of -reg. (Ac.E1)

As per the Clause 13 (2) of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala 2022, Ph.D. programmes through part-time will be permitted, if the candidates submit a "No Objection Certificate" from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed clearly stating that:

i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
iii. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

The Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 20.01.2026, vide Item No. A12 considered the difficulties reported by the part time Ph.D. research aspirants in obtaining NOC on the above format and recommended to split the conditions in the Clause 13 (2) of the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala 2022, vide U.O. No. Ac.E1/23887/2022 dated 07.12.2023, as follows:

1. The candidates applying for part time Ph.D. registration shall obtain a "No Objection Certificate" from the Employer in General Format.
2. Such candidate shall submit an affidavit.

Further recommended to reconsider the 25% ceiling for part time Ph.D registration in the U.O.No.Ac.E1/4(2)/2019 dated 06.05.2019, by considering the increased number of applications for part time Ph.D research.

The above recommendations shall be subject to the approval of Academic Council.

Considering the exigency, the Vice-Chancellor has approved the first part of the recommendation in Item No. A12 (related to NOC part only) of the Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 20.01.2026, subject to reporting to the Syndicate and Academic Council.

Consequently, the Order regarding the submission of No Objection Certificate in General Format has been issued, vide U.O. No. Ac.E1/5751/2026/UOK dated 24.06.2026. (U.O. appended) and the matter was reported to the Syndicate.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 09.07.2026, 10.07.2026 and 13.07.2026, vide Item No. 27.280.A12 considered the above matter and resolved that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the First part of recommendation in Item No. A12 (related to NOC) of the meetings of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 20.01.2026 and 27.01.2026 be noted. Further resolved that the item be referred to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research for rechecking the second part of recommendation. The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to implement the resolution of the Syndicate.

The matter is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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67. Eligibility of Polytechnic Diploma and ITI qualified candidates for admission to Undergraduate Programmes in accordance with the National Credit Framework (NCrF) – Implementation of Government Order – Consideration of-reg. (Ac A V (A)

The Higher Education (B) Department, vide letter No. HEDN-B4/220/2026-HEDN dated 20.07.2026, forwarded a representation submitted by Shri Antony Arackal dated 14.05.2025 regarding the eligibility issues faced by Polytechnic Diploma holders seeking admission to Undergraduate Programmes such as BCA and BBA.

Subsequently, the Higher Education (L) Department forwarded a copy of G.O.(Ms) No.530/2026/HEDN dated 01.08.2026, approving the policy regarding the eligibility of Polytechnic Diploma and ITI holders for admission to Undergraduate Programmes in accordance with the National Credit Framework (NcrF).

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter regarding the implementation of G.O.(Ms) No.530/2026/HEDN dated 01.08.2026 (copy attached), pertaining to the eligibility of Polytechnic Diploma and ITI qualified candidates for admission to Undergraduate Programmes, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to accept the G.O.(Ms) No.530/2026/HEDN dated 01.08.2026 in principle. **FURTHER RESOLVED** to refer the matter to the Syndicate for preparing Framework for implementation of the same.

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68. Recognition of B.Ed Degree [Content and Pedagogy of English, Content and Pedagogy of Social Sciences] (Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University –Consideration of- Reg. (Ac C)

Ref: Application from Smt.Aparna Donbosco dated22.04.2026

Smt.Aparna Donbosco had submitted the scheme and syllabus of B.Ed Degree[Content and Pedagogy of English, Content and Pedagogy of Social Sciences] (Regular)awarded by Bengaluru North University for Course recognition for the purpose of equating it with B.Ed Degree in English of this University. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She obtained B.A Degree in English from Indira Gandhi National Open University which is recognised by the University of Kerala as equivalent to the B.A Degree in English Language and Literature of this University.

The Chairperson, BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that the B.Ed degree [content Content and Pedagogy of English, Content and Pedagogy of Social Sciences] (Regular) awarded by

Bengaluru North University can be considered as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in English is the prescribed qualification.

The Dean, Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.Ed Degree [Content and Pedagogy of English, Content and Pedagogy of Social Sciences] (Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in English is the prescribed qualification is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.Ed Degree [Content and Pedagogy of English, Content and Pedagogy of Social Sciences] (Regular) awarded by Bengaluru North University as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment wherever B.Ed Degree in English is the prescribed qualification.

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69. Recognition of Advanced Diploma III in German (CI Level) offered by the University of Mumbai –Consideration of-reg. (Ac C)
Ref: Application submitted by Shri. Singh Ravindra Prem Pal Singh Onkari Devi dtd. 12.06.2026.

Shri. Singh Ravindra Prem Pal Singh Onkari Devi submitted an application for recognition of Advanced Diploma III in German (CI Level) offered by the University of Mumbai through its Department of German for the purpose of equating it with CI German course offered by the University of Kerala for admission to C2 German course of this University. The applicant has passed recognised 10+2 pattern of study. Then he passed B.A Degree (Three year Course) (Regular) awarded by Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra (Formerly Agra University).

Upon verification of the application and other details submitted by the candidate, the applicant has attached a copy of the syllabus from University of Mumbai in which the eligible qualification for admission to the Advanced Diploma III in German (CI Level) is noted as " SSC or any other equivalent X standard Exam (ICSE, CBSE, IB) recognised by the University of Mumbai+ Advanced Diploma II in German/B2 of Goethe Institute.

Accordingly the German Department was sought for a clarification regarding the admission criteria followed by the University of Kerala for admission to German C1 course offered by the University of Kerala. The Head In charge of German Department has remarked that the qualifying Examination for admission to German CI course is German B2. Further remarked that German B2 Certificate of Goethe, Telc,OSD and ECL from Germany and Austria are approved by the University of Kerala vide U.O.AcC/4773/2026/UoK dtd. 22.04.2026.

Again the remarks were sought from the German Department regarding the admission criteria.

Accordingly, **the former Chairman BoS in German** has remarked that the candidate has requested the admission for C2 German at the University of Kerala. Therefore the pre- requisite for C2 German will remain C1 German Certificate and there is no need of German B2 Qualification. He has also remarked that the candidate with C1 German from University of Mumbai can be considered as the equivalent German C1 of the University of the University of Kerala. Hence the request can be considered and the admission for C2 German is eligible.

The Dean Faculty of Arts has remarked that the candidate Sri Ravindra Singh has successfully completed German at C1 level from the University of Mumbai. The Chairman, Board of Studies in German, University of Kerala has observed that the qualification may be considered equivalent to the C1 level German qualification offered by the University of Kerala. Hence the candidate is eligible for admission to the C2 level at Department of German, University of Kerala. The Dean faculty of Arts has approved and endorsed the remarks of the Chairman, Board of Studies in German, University of Kerala.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Advanced Diploma III in German (CI Level) offered by the University of Mumbai is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the Advanced Diploma III in German (CI Level) offered by the University of Mumbai as equivalent to CI German course offered by the University of Kerala for admission to C2 German course of this University.

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70. Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Applied Psychology (Regular) awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur –Consideration of-Reg. (Ac C)

Ref: Application received from Smt.Neeraja K Panicker dated 21.07.2026

Smt.Neeraja K Panicker had submitted the scheme and syllabus of M.Sc Degree in Applied Psychology (Regular) awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur duly attested by the Assistant Registrar of RGNIYD for Course recognition for the purpose of equating it with M.Sc Degree in Psychology of this University. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She obtained B.Sc degree in Psychology from University of Kerala.

The Chairperson, BoS in Psychology (PG) has remarked that the applicant has completed10+2 pattern of study and has obtained B.Sc in Psychology from University of Kerala. The perusal of scheme and syllabus of the M.Sc in Applied Psychology (Regular) by the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur reveals that it is comparable to the scheme and syllabus of University of Kerala in quality and content. However, the PG admission eligibility criteria submitted mentions that the course is open to both Psychology as well as Non-Psychology candidates. The Psychology candidates should have completed B.A/B.Sc three years course in Psychology, where as for the Non-Psychology candidates, the eligibility criteria is any Bachelor's Degree with Psychology as one of the subjects for at least four semesters from a recognised University with a minimum of 50% marks. There is a common entrance examination for Psychology and Non-Psychology streams of candidates for admission to the M.Sc Applied Psychology course.

It may be note here that as per the admission criteria for M.Sc Psychology programme prevailing in the University of Kerala from 2022 onwards, graduation with Psychology as the main subject is compulsory. As the candidate has fulfilled the admission criteria for M.Sc Psychology programme stipulated by the University of Kerala, the M.Sc Applied Psychology programme (Regular) by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur to Ms. Neeraja Panicker can be consideredasequivalenttotheM.ScPsychologyofthisUniversityforhigherstudiesand employment purposes. However, caution has to be exercised before recognizing the course as equivalent to the M.Sc Psychology programme (Regular) of University of Kerala without regard to the basic qualification of the applicants. Given that the M.Sc Applied Psychology course of the RGNIYD is open to students from Non-Psychology stream as well, it may be advisable to verify the eligibility of individual applicants before granting recognition of their degree as equivalent to the degree of University of Kerala for higher studies and for employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed there marks of the Chairperson, BoS in Psychology (PG).

The Chairperson, BoS in Psychology (PG) and the Dean, Faculty of Science have marked equivalency in the proforma.

Hence the whole matter regarding the Recognition of M.Sc Degree in Applied Psychology (Regular) awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur as equivalent to the M.Sc Degree in Psychology of this University for higher studies and employment, provided that the prerequisite qualification is a recognized UG Degree in Psychology.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the M.Sc Degree in Applied Psychology (Regular) awarded by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur as equivalent to the M.Sc Degree in Psychology of this University for higher studies and employment, provided that the prerequisite qualification is a recognized UG Degree in Psychology.

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71. Four Year Under Graduate Programmes (UoK-FYUGP)-Inclusion of new DSC titled "BHAGAVADGITA AND MENTAL HEALTH", in the basket of courses under Oriental Studies for Third Semester w.e.f 2025 admissions - Consideration- reg (Ac.A V (A))

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Sanskrit (UG), forwarded the syllabus for a new Discipline Specific Core (DSC) course titled "Bhagavadgita and Mental Health UK3DSCORS208," for including in the basket of courses under Oriental Studies for the Third Semester. The course is intended to provide students with insights into the philosophical, ethical, and psychological dimensions of the Bhagavadgita, highlighting their relevance to modern life management and value-based living.

The Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the syllabus after making necessary corrections and modifications in the Syllabus.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the syllabus for the Discipline Specific Core (DSC) Course titled "Bhagavadgita and Mental Health," to be included in the basket of courses under Oriental Studies for the Third Semester with effect from the 2025 admissions (appended herewith), as recommended by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Sanskrit and endorsed with necessary corrections by the Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Board of Studies in Sanskrit.

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72. Equivalency between the MBA (Evening) Programme (2010-2012 Batch) and the Regular MBA Programme (2010 Scheme & Syllabus) of IMK, University of Kerala-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The candidate Smt. Shijida Shain has submitted an application for the issuance of an Equivalency Certificate declaring that the MBA (Evening) Programmer (2010–2012 Batch) of the Institute of Management in Kerala (IMK), University of Kerala, as equivalent to the Regular MBA Programmer (2010 Scheme & Syllabus) of IMK, University of Kerala, for employment purposes. The Scheme and Syllabus applicable to students admitted to the MBA (Evening) Programmer at the Institute of Management in Kerala (IMK) during the 2010–2012 batch were those prescribed under the 2008 Regulations and Scheme. The matter was referred to the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) for specific remarks and thereafter to the Dean, Faculty of Management Studies for recommendation.

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG) has reported that the scheme and syllabus of the MBA (Evening) Programme (2010–2012 Batch) are the same as those of the MBA (Regular-CSS) Programme offered at IMK and that each course in all semesters is taught for 50 hours, thereby complying with the full-time instructional requirement. The Chairperson has, therefore, recommended that equivalency may be granted.

The Dean, Faculty of Management Studies has examined the recommendation of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Business Management (PG), and recommended approval for granting the requested equivalency.

As per the orders of Vice Chancellor the matter regarding the Equivalency between the MBA (Evening) Programme (2010-2012 Batch),2008 Regulations and Scheme and the Regular MBA Programme (2010 Scheme & Syllabus) of IMK, University of Kerala is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendation.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to grant equivalency between the MBA (Evening) Programme (2010-2012 Batch),2008 Regulations and Scheme and the Regular MBA Programme (2010 Scheme & Syllabus) of IMK, University of Kerala.

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73. Granting of Equivalence to Degrees of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi with immediate effect-Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)

Ref:

Circular No. KRB/893/2025-GSO6, dated: 20-05-2025 from Governor's Secretariat.

Item No. (I) 31 of the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council, held on 25.02.2026.
Detailed report on granting of Equivalence to Degrees of IGNOU, forwarded by the IQAC Section.

The above-referenced Circular from Governor's Secretariat, based on petitions from the student community and the information brought to the notice of the Honourable Chancellor by the Senior Regional Director, Indira Gandhi National Open University, directs to address the hardships faced by Graduates/Post Graduates of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi due to reluctance by certain Universities in the State, for granting Recognition/Equivalence to the programmes offered by IGNOU. (The Circular appended)

Accordingly, it is directed by the Governor's Secretariat that the programmes offered by IGNOU be treated as recognised and equivalent to the programmes offered by the State Universities in Kerala, automatically. It is also directed to treat the requests for recognition which are already under consideration by the Universities in Kerala, as recognised and equivalent to the programmes offered by the State Universities with immediate effect without further processing or procedure.

As per the Circular, the programmes of IGNOU shall attain equivalency automatically as and when such requests are submitted to respective Universities or constituent/affiliated colleges. It is also directed that the instructions shall be adhered to, without fail, ensuring that students do not face any hardships with unnecessary procedures.

The following points may be noted in this regard:

1. All B.A. programme of IGNOU are recognised as equivalent to the corresponding B.A Degree of this University. Eligibility Certificate stating equivalency are issued on the same day on receipt of duly filled in applications along with all mandatory documents.
2. As far as the programmes which bear different nomenclature and the courses which are not offered by the University of Kerala are concerned, the Course Recognition procedure i.e., verification of the scheme and syllabus of the programmes by the Academic Bodies of this University is a mandatory procedure to be undertaken for issuing Eligibility Certificates. This is to comply with the Regulations of the University of Kerala and Special Rules and Regulations, mandated by the Government of Kerala, for specific employment such as under the Faculty of Teaching, Medicine, Science and other fields which require sufficient hands-on/ practical training.
3. Programmes of IGNOU differ in mode of study, contents, practical's, nomenclature, basic qualifications etc. Hence Recognition/Equivalence cannot be granted without verifying these aspects.
4. Some of the certificates issued by IGNOU do not even bear the major subject of the programme. It is to be noted the major subject/subjects of the B.A/B.Sc. programme is not mentioned in Degree certificate issued by IGNOU of late. Hence, in order to verify the eligibility of the applicants for admission to specific Academic programmes under this University, it becomes essential to verify the subjects undergone by them at their Graduate level programmes. In such cases, graduates from IGNOU need to submit the detailed scheme and syllabus of their graduate programme in order to verify their academic eligibility for admission to the specific programmes.
5. The difference between subject specific Bachelor's degree programmes and Bachelor's Degrees sans major subject, offered by Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi has not yet been clarified by authorities at IGNOU.
6. Moreover, 10+2+3 pattern of study is mandatory for the purposes of employments under various Departments including both the State and Central Governments. The Regulations of the University of Kerala also insists on a recognised 10+2 pattern. The Basic Preparatory Programme (BPP) of IGNOU, intended for those who have not undergone 10+2 pattern of study is not recognised as an equivalent qualification to the Higher Secondary Examination of the State Board. No student have produced Equivalency Certificate from the Higher Secondary Board of Govt. of Kerala for the BPP programme of IGNOU, so as to facilitate issuance of Eligibility Certificate.
7. It is learnt from prospective students that they are facing undue hardships while approaching IGNOU for securing Scheme and syllabus to be submitted before the University of Kerala.
8. Many students have informed that they were unaware that the Degree Certificate awarded by

IGNOU would be issued without specifying the major subject, undegone by them.

9. University of Kerala, has previously considered the matter regarding the recognition of the Distance Education Programmes of the Open Universities, based on UGC Directives, at the meeting of the Deans of all Faculties and the Chairman, Board of Studies (PG & UG Courses) chaired by the Hon. Vice-Chancellor on 13/12/2013 and it was unanimously decided that the directives of UGC to grant recognition to the Degrees through Distance mode of other Universities including Open Universities may be accepted in principle but subject to the rules and regulations of the University of Kerala for the grant of recognition of the Degrees of other Universities. The decision was intimated to the UGC vide letter No:Ac.C/051058/2013 dated: 20.01.20214.

It is also to be noted that the qualifying Examination, duration of the Course and mode of study are to be similar in order to grant automatic equivalence to Degrees/ Courses of other Universities. Equivalence to programmes other than those under regular mode of study and with different nomenclature can be granted after the procedure of Course Recognition.

Furthermore, as per III of V of the Amendment No.4. of the Norms recognition of Degrees and Examinations of other Universities, recognition is granted only on recommendation of the Dean and Chairman of the Boards of Studies concerned in the case of correspondence courses.

In this context, it is worthy to be noted that the programmes offered under Regular mode of study and Distance mode of study offered by the University of Kerala itself are not treated as equivalent to each other due to difference in the mode of offer of the programmes.

The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 31.07.2025 vide item no. 2 considered the matter and refer to the Academic Council.

Hence the Circular No.KRB/893/2025-GSO6, dated: 20-05-2025 from Governor's Secretariat, as per orders of the Vice-Chancellor was placed before the meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.02.2026 and the Academic Council considered the matter vide Item No. (I) 31 and resolved that the matter be referred to IQAC for a detailed report after having discussion with all Boards of Studies along with Heads of all University Departments and Deans of Faculties.

Hence the whole matter regarding granting of Equivalence to Degrees of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi with immediate effect (Circular No.KRB/893/2025-GSO6, dated: 20-05-2025 from Governor's Secretariat), was submitted to IQAC for a detailed report after having discussion with all Boards of Studies along with Heads of all University Departments and Deans of Faculties.

As per the resolution of the Academic Council, at its meeting held on 25.02.2026, vide Item No. (I) 31, meeting with the Chairpersons of the Board of Studies, Heads of the University Teaching Departments and Deans of the Faculties were convened on 05.06.2026, 08.06.2026 and 09.06.2026 respectively. Based on the detailed deliberations held during these meetings and verification of the relevant documents available, IQAC Section has forwarded a detailed report regarding granting of equivalence to the degrees awarded by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) for the consideration of the Academic Council. (The Detailed Report is appended).

Hence, the whole matter regarding **granting of Equivalence to Degrees of Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi with immediate effect (Circular No. KRB/893/2025-GSO6, dated: 20-05-2025 from Governor's Secretariat) including the detailed report forwarded by the IQAC Section** is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and **RESOLVED** the following:

1. All BA/B.Com/M.A/M.Com programmes offered by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) shall be recognized automatically for higher studies and employment with the corresponding programmes offered by the University of Kerala, which have the same nomenclature and duration of study.
2. In cases where the programmes offered by IGNOU differ in nomenclature or duration of study from those offered by the University of Kerala, the degree awarded does not specify the major subject, or where the programme is not offered by the University of Kerala, recognition/equivalency shall be considred only after following the procedure of academic verification prescribed in the University Regulations governing the recognition/equivalency of academic programmes.

3. Equivalency/Recognition for science/interdisciplinary programmes where practical classes, laboratory work, field studies and hands-on learning constitute integral components of the curriculum, equivalency/eligibility may be given only after due academic verification.
4. Equivalency/Recognition may be given to the programmes (LLB, LLM, Psychology, Microbiology, Food and Nutrition Science, Biotechnology, Clinical Nutirition & Diatetics and Health Sciences) only after verifying/following the directives of regulatory bodies (UGC, Bar Council of India etc.) issued from time to time.
5. Equivalency/Recognition for the Ph.D Programmes may be considered as per the existing rules of the University.

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74. CSS – Revision of Syllabus of M.A. Sociology Degree Programme - Approval – Reporting of- reg. (Ac.D)

Ref: Minutes of the CSS Academic Committee held on 15.09.2025

The Head, Department of Sociology submitted the revised syllabus for MA Sociology Degree programme for approval. The CSS Academic Committee at its meeting held on 15.09.2025, vide item no.19 considered the matter and recommended that the revised syllabus of the M.A Sociology Degree Programme offered by the Department of Sociology with effect from 2026 admission onwards, be approved, subject to reporting to the Academic Council.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, the action taken by the CSS Academic Committee in approving the revised Syllabus of MA Sociology Degree Programme offered by the Department of Sociology w.e.f 2026 admission onwards, is reported to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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75. Issuance of Eligibility Certificate of BBA Degree (Distance) awarded by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)

Ref: Application received from Sri. Haseeb A dated 08.07.2026

Sri. Haseeb A submitted a request for the Eligibility Certificate of along with a copy of the Eligibility Certificate issued to him on 06/07/2026 (Folio No: Ac.C/092434/2026).He had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognised by the University of Kerala.

The candidate has stated in his request that the Law Academy rejected his current Eligibility Certificate because it explicitly specifies eligibility for admission to the M.B.A. Degree course of this University.

It may be noted that the B.B.A. degree under distance mode from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore is recognized by the University of Kerala as an eligible qualification for admission to the M.B.A. degree programme vide U.O. No. Ac.C/007670/2014 dated 03/06/2015.It may also be noted that the eligibility criteria for admission to both M.B.A and LL.B programme are any recognised degree from a recognised University.

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Hence, the whole matter regarding the **i**ssuance of Eligibility Certificate of B.B.A Degree (Distance) awarded by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore for the purpose of admission to any programme of this University for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to issue Eligibility Certificate of B.B.A Degree (Distance) awarded by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore for the purpose of admission to any programme of this University for which the prescribed qualification is a degree only without insisting on any particular discipline, as per existing norms.

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76. Recognition of B.A Degree in English, History, Sociology (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)
Ref: Application received from Smt.Jyothi.B dated 30.04.2026

Smt.Jyothi.B had submitted the scheme and syllabus of B.A Degree in English, History, Sociology (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University for course recognition for the purposes of

- equating it with B.A Degree in History or for higher studies and employment in History
- equating it with B.A Degree in English or for higher studies and employment in English.
- including for doing B.Ed Degree in English and B.Ed Degree in Social Science.

The candidate had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala.

The B.A Degree-Triple main-History, English, Sociology (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University is recognised for higher studies and employment in the field of English vide University Order 6681/2022/UOK dated 22.08.2022(Ac.C/069871/2022)

The Chairperson, BoS in History (Pass) has remarked that, after careful examination of the application submitted by Smt.Jyothi.B, it has found that the syllabus of Mangalore University has similarity with the syllabus of University of Kerala. Hence, recommend to give equivalency and also allow her to obtain employment.

The Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences has remarked that the triple main degree obtained from Mangalore University is recommended to be recognised as an eligible degree for higher education and employment in the field of History.

The Chairman, BoS in English (Pass) has remarked that Ms.Jyothi.B is eligible for higher studies in English and for employment where any degree or a degree with English as an optional subject is the requirement.

The Dean, Faculty of Arts has remarked that the B.A Degree in English, History and Sociology (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University can be considered as equivalent to B.A Degree in English of University of Kerala for higher studies and employment, where any degree or a degree with English as an optional subject is the requirement. The remarks of the Chairman, BoS in English (Pass) regarding the application of Ms. Jyothi.B are approved and endorsed.

The Chairman, BoS in English (Pass) and the Dean, Faculty of Arts have marked higher education and employment in the proforma.

The Chairman, BoS in Education (Pass) has remarked that, based on the remarks of the Chairman, BoS in English (Pass)and the Dean, Faculty of Arts; the B.A degree in English, History, Sociology (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University can be considered as an eligible qualification for doing B.Ed in English and Social Science from University of Kerala.

The Dean, Faculty of Education has endorsed the remarks of the Chairperson, BoS in Education (Pass).

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of B.A Degree in English, History, Sociology (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to recognize the B.A Degree in English, History, Sociology (Regular) awarded by Mangalore University as follows:

1. as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of History.
2. for higher studies in English and for employment where any degree or a degree with English as an optional subject is the requirement.
3. as an eligible qualification for doing B Ed in English and Social Science.

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77. Recognition of Examination –Degrees of State Boards- Statutory Universities – Deemed Universities- other Institutions –Approved by the Vice-Chancellor- Reporting to the Academic Council -reg. (Ac.C)

On the basis of the recommendations of the Chairman of various Boards of Studies and the Deans of respective faculties, the degrees/Examinations/Diplomas awarded by States Boards/Statutory Universities / Institutions as per the details shown in the statement appended are recognized as equivalent to the corresponding examinations/Degrees of this University either on reciprocal basis or recognized as an eligible qualifications for specific purposes such as higher studies or employment as the case may be, by the Vice-Chancellor Subject to reporting to the Academic Council in exercise of the powers conferred on him as per section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act of 1974. Hence the matter is reported to the Academic council. The Statement Showing the Degrees Examinations recognized is appended.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council NOTED the matter.

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78. Request of the candidate Manu Mohan, graduate of B.Tech 2008 Scheme (2012 - 2016 Batch) received through the Chief Minister's Grievance Cell - Minutes of the Additional Online Meeting of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology Held on 18.08.2026 - for consideration - reg. (Ac.AIII)

An Additional Meeting of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology was held on 18.08.2026 through Online mode for discussing the matter regarding the CGPA to Percentage Conversion formula for schemes prior to 2020 in view of the request of the candidate Manu Mohan, graduate of B.Tech 2008 Scheme (2012 - 2016 Batch) received through the Chief Minister's Grievance Cell.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter regarding the CGPA to Percentage conversion formula for schemes prior to 2020, in view of the request of the candidate Manu Mohan, graduate of B.Tech 2008 Scheme (2012 - 2016 Batch) received through the Chief Minister's Grievance Cell, along with the Minutes of the Additional Online Meeting of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology held on 18.08.2026, is placed before the Academic Council for consideration. The minutes of the meeting appended.

MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL ONLINE MEETING OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Date : 18.08. 2026 (Tuesday)
Time : 11:00 am

Members present :-

1.Dr. Biju B (Dean in the Chair)
2. Dr. Jaya V
3. Dr. Liji P I
4. Dr. Philomina Simon
5. Dr. Sam Solomon
6. Dr. Muhammed Zakkeer M
7. Dr. Muhammed Siddik A

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am.

The Dean welcomed all the members to the meeting and the following Agenda item was discussed and the following recommendations were made.

I. CGPA to Percentage Conversion Formula for Schemes Prior to 2020 - Petition submitted by Manu Mohan, Graduate of B.Tech - 2008 Scheme (2012 - 2016 Batch) before the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The Monitoring Cell, University of Kerala has forwarded the petition submitted before the Hon'ble Chief Minister by Manu Mohan, graduate of B.Tech 2008 Scheme (2012 - 2016 Batch) for revising the CGPA to Percentage conversion formula. The petitioner has stated that B.Tech Graduates of Kerala University are at a disadvantage in terms of Percentage compared to KTU graduates. Due to difference in conversion method, their application for Higher studies, Govt Recruitment, P.Sc

Notifications & jobs are being rejected. Hence it is requested that the formula Percentage= CGPA x 10 as adopted by APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU) may be approved for Kerala University B.Tech 2008 scheme Graduates also.

It may be noted that earlier reviewing this matter on similar request, remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass I), Chairman, Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass II) and the then Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology were sought. The Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass III) had not been constituted during that time.

The chairperson, Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass I) remarked that " The institutes of national importance like IIT Delhi, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, NIT Calicut etc. allow conversion of CGPA to percentage (notional) using the formula numerical percentage = CGPA x 10. Other Universities in the state of Kerala like MG university, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University etc also use the same formula for conversion of CPI/CGPA to numerical percentage. Hence to safeguard the interest of students of University of Kerala, it is recommended to use the formula, numerical percentage =CGPA x 10, for conversion of CPI/CGPA to numerical percentage."

The Chairman, Board of Studies in Engineering (Pass II) remarked that " Numerical percentage =CGPA x 10 is recommended."

The then Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology remarked that "CGPA*10 may be adopted as the CGPA to percentage conversion formula for all B.Tech schemes for which the University has not yet approved a CGPA to percentage conversion formula."

In this regard, the Tabulation Section has been remarked that on verification of Regulations of B.Tech 2008 Scheme, 2013 Scheme and prior schemes, there is no formula for direct conversion of CGPA to Percentage. In the regulations of 2020 Scheme, CGPA to percentage conversion formula is given as 10*CGPA -2.5. In the present case of 2008 scheme, CGPA to percentage conversion formula is not seen given in the regulation. In similar requests for CGPA to percentage conversion formula, the procedure followed is to issue special certificate mentioning the formula based on the regulation for CGPA

$$\text{CGPA} = \frac{\text{Sum of Credits for the semester x GPA obtained for the semester}}{\text{Sum of Credits for the Semester and for Percentage}}$$

$$\text{Aggregate Percentage} = \frac{\text{Total marks secured x 100}}{\text{Aggregate Marks}}$$

CGPA calculation purely depends on the credits of the subjects (for each and every semester, the papers are having different credits) whereas in percentage calculation, aggregate marks alone is taken.

In 2008 scheme, class (Classification) obtained by the student is determined based on CGPA (whether First Class with Distinction /First Class/Second Class). Introducing a new formula for the already elapsed Scheme would adversely affect the already issued Degree Certificates (2008 Scheme became Mercy chance). Hence for the time being, the procedure followed till now may be retained.

In this regard, the KUCC has been remarked that "the Percentage certificate in SAGE is generated based on the aggregate Percentage of "Semester Total". Technically, it is not feasible to modify this, as making changes would affect the Percentage Certificate that have already been issued."

Further, it may be noted that as per the Regulations of 2008 scheme, 2013 scheme & prior schemes, there is no provision regarding conversion of CGPA to Percentage. The Regulation are silent in this regard. In the regulations of 2020 Scheme & 2025 scheme, CGPA to percentage conversion formula is given as CGPA x 10 - 2.5 & CGPA x 10 respectively.

The Boards of Studies in Engineering (Pass I, Pass II & Pass III) at its Combined Online Meeting held on 14.08.2026 considered the whole matter and recommended as follows:

It is noted that adopting a formula regarding the CGPA to Percentage conversion for schemes prior to 2020 would lead to inconsistencies in the records and may also affect the credibility and uniformity of the University's certification system.

Hence the committee unanimously recommended to maintain the existing practice regarding the conversion of CGPA to Percentage for schemes prior to 2020.

As per the orders of the Registrar, the whole matter regarding the CGPA to Percentage conversion formula for schemes prior to 2020 is placed before the Faculty of Engineering and Technology for consideration and recommendations.

Recommendation of the Faculty

The Committee discussed the whole matter and clarified the recommendation of the Combined Meeting of the Boards of Studies in Engineering (Pass I, Pass II & Pass III) held on 14.08.2026 is as follows:

3. Maintaining the existing practice regarding the calculation of CGPA and calculation of Percentage for schemes prior to 2020.
4. There is no provision for the direct conversion of CGPA to Percentage for schemes prior to 2020.

The meeting came to end at 11.30 am.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

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79. Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council - approval of the Minutes - reg. (Ac.AII)

Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held at 11.30 AM on 19.08.2026 is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision (Minutes appended).

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME : 19.08.2026 at 11.30 AM
VENUE : SYNDICATE ROOM, UNIVERSITY OF KERALA, PALAYAM

Members Present–

1. Dr. Mohanan Kunnummal
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair) (Online)
2. Dr. Suja Kurup P L, Dean, Faculty of Arts.
3. CMA (Dr.) T Rajesh, Dean, Faculty of Commerce
4. Dr. Bindu R L, Dean, Faculty of Education
5. Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan, Dean, Faculty of Law
6. Dr. C N Vijayakumari, Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies
7. Dr. G Prasad, Dean, Faculty of Science
8. Dr. Bindu K, Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts
9. Dr. Manju S Nair, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
10. Dr. S Sankararaman, Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology 11. Dr. Biju B, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology (Online)

The meeting started at 11.30 A.M .The Vice Chancellor welcomed all the members to the meeting. The following items were taken up for consideration by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, subsequent to the deliberations on the agenda items of the Academic Council:

Item No.79.01 Re-examination of the Recognition of the Master of Computer Application (Flexible Learning Mode) awarded by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysis of India University (ICFAI), Tripura (Private University) – Reg

Ref: 1. Application submitted by Ms. Neena K G, dated: 12/03/2024.
2. Item No (I). 27 of the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 10.05.2024
3. Item No 164.02 of the minutes of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 23.02.2026 (Appended)

4. Item No (I). 164.02 of the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 25.02.2026

1. Background of the Matter:

An application was submitted by Ms. Neena K G on March 12, 2024, seeking recognition of her Master of Computer Application (Flexible Learning Mode) degree awarded by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysis of India University (ICFAI), Tripura (Private University). The applicants academic credentials include:

Completed conventional 10+2 pattern of study.

Earned a B.Sc. Degree in Polymer Chemistry (with Mathematics and Computer Application as subsidiaries) from the University of Calicut.

Additional documentation:

Ms. Neena K G also submitted a document from ICFAI, Tripura stating that "the student is not required to attend any classes with the University to complete the programme. (Document Appended)

2. Previous Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Initial scrutiny of the application resulted in non-recommendation based on the following remarks:

Chairperson, BoS in Computer Science (P.G.): Noted that while the syllabus matches the Universitys M.C.A. syllabus, degrees obtained from private universities via Flexible Learning Mode& are not currently recognised by this University.

Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences & Technology: Endorsed the Chairperson's remarks, stating the degree cannot be recommended for any equivalency or recognition due to the private university/flexible-learning status.

3. Report from the Director, IQAC

Per the resolution of the Academic Council meeting held on May 10, 2024, the matter was referred to the Director, IQAC, to evaluate the request in light of the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Key points from the report include:

Merits: Recognition aligns with NEP 2020's emphasis on inclusivity, lifelong learning, and the Academic Bank of Credits. It allows professionals to upskill without leaving workforce, reduce infrastructure costs for universities, and ensures degrees carry equal legal and academic weight.

Challenges: Concerns remain regarding academic rigor, quality assurance, and the perception of online/flexible degrees compared to conventional ones.

Requirement: The Director noted that a policy decision is required to ensure strong regulatory oversight and transparency and recommended that the matter might be placed before the Deans Council for greater clarity and further discussion.

4. Current Status and Recommendation

The Standing Committee previously recommended not to grant recognition. However, the Academic Council, in its latest meeting held on February 25, 2026, considered the matter and RESOLVED that the case be re-examined by the Deans Council.

5. Matter for Consideration

Hence the matter regarding the recognition of the Master of Computer Application (Flexible Learning Mode) awarded by The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysis of India University (ICFAI), Tripura (Private University), is placed before the Council/Standing Committee of the Academic Council for re-examination.

The Committee recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council
The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

Item No.79.02 **Recognition of Ph.D Degree in Data Science and Statistics awarded to Ms. Yaga Sara Thomas by The University of Texas at Dallas - consideration of - reg.**

Ref: Application submitted by Ms. Yaga Sara Thomas, dated: 29.01.2026.

This note pertains to the recognition of Ph.D Degree in Data Science and Statistics for the Thesis/ Dissertation titled INFERENCE ON OPTIMAL TREATMENT REGIMES IN PRECISION MEDICINE WITH ORDINAL TREATMENTS" awarded by The University of Texas at Dallas for the purpose of higher studies and employment in the field of Data Science and Statistics.

The applicant has undergone 10 + 2 pattern of study recognised by the University of Kerala. She has passed B.Sc Mathematics from this University and M.Sc Degree in Statistics from The University of Texas at Dallas, which are recognised by the University of Kerala. She has remitted the required amount of fee of Rs. 5250/- towards this purpose.

Additional Information:

In support of her application, she has submitted the Course Description of the Ph. D Degree. On verification, The University of Texas at Dallas comes 401-500 in the Times Higher Education

World Rankings. (Please see the rankings) She also submitted an Equivalence Certificate from the UGC which states that the qualification of Doctor of Philosophy in Data Science and Statistics awarded by The University of Texas at Dallas of United States of America, in the year 2025 is comparable/equivalent to the Ph.D. [National Credit Framework - (NCrF)-Level 8.0] in India.

Submission of Thesis/ Dissertation: Submitted copy of Ph.D Dissertation.

Expert Opinions and Recommendations:

Expert opinions on this matter have been solicited from the relevant subject expert and The Dean, and their remarks are as follows:

1. Remarks of the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Statistics (PG):

It is noted that the candidate has fulfilled all the mandatory requirements prescribed under the UGC regulations for the award of Ph.D. Degree. Further, the quality and standard of the dissertation submitted by the candidate are comparable to those of similar Ph.D. works in the discipline of Statistics. In view of the above, I'm of the opinion that the candidate's Ph.D. in Data Science and Statistics merits recognition. I therefore request the University to take necessary steps to grant recognition to the said degree for the purpose of higher studies and employment

2. Evaluation Report of the Ph.D. Thesis/Dissertation Generated by a Foreign University:

As per the evaluation report, the Ph.D. Thesis/ Dissertation secured the points of 82 out of 100. (Evaluation

Report is appended).

3. Remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Science:

The recommendations of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Statistics (P.G.) has been endorsed. Matter for Consideration:

As per Clause 8 of the Guidelines appendix to the U.O No. Ac.C/2017, dated 21/10/2017 for evaluation of the Ph.D. Thesis generated by the Foreign University, the above recommendations of the Chairperson, BoS in Statistics (P.G.) and the Dean, Faculty of Science regarding the recognition of Ph.D. Degree in Data Science and Statistics for the Thesis/ Dissertation titled "INFERENCE ON OPTIMAL TREATMENT REGIMES IN PRECISION MEDICINE WITH ORDINAL TREATMENTS" awarded by The University of Texas at Dallas for the purpose of higher studies and employment, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

Item No.79.03 Clarification regarding requirements of journal publication and paper presentation for submission of Ph.D. thesis, and continuation of existing guidelines on evaluation and issuance of Special Certificate under the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2022

Ref: Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2022 (Minimum Standards and Procedures)

The Regulations for the Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2022 (Minimum Standards and Procedures), implemented vide U.O. No. Ac.E1/23887/2022 dated 07/12/2023, have been made applicable from the January 2024 session onwards, and the submission of theses under the said Regulations will commence from January 2027 onwards.

The Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2022, prescribe the procedure for evaluation, assessment, plagiarism check, thesis submission, and conduct of viva-voce examination. However, upon perusal of the Regulations, it is noted that the clauses do not explicitly stipulate whether the following are mandatory prerequisites for submission of the Ph.D. thesis:

1. Publication of research articles in refereed/peer-reviewed/ /UGC-CARE listed journals. 2. Presentation of research papers in national or international conferences/seminars.

The Regulations notified by the UGC [No.544, PART III-Section 4] dated 07 November 2022, in adherence to which the University Regulations 2022 have been framed, do not mandate journal publication or paper presentation as an essential condition for thesis submission. Nevertheless, several Higher Educational Institutions have been prescribing such requirements through separate University Orders or guidelines.

In this context, clarification is required on the following points for ensuring uniform compliance by research scholars registered under the Regulations, 2022.

1. Whether publication of research work in in refereed/peer-reviewed/ /UGC-CARE listed journals is to be made compulsory to submission of the Ph.D. thesis. If mandatory, the minimum numbers of publications and the acceptable indexing/quality criteria have to be specified.

2. Whether presentation of research work in national/international conferences/seminars is to bemade compulsory. If so, the minimum number and nature of such presentations have to be prescribed.

3. Whether these requirements, if applicable, separate University Orders may be issued in this regard.

Further, with regard to the panel of adjudicators for evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis, the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2022 stipulate that “the Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by the Research Supervisor and at least two external examiners who are experts in the field and not in employment of the University concerned. Such examiner(s) should be academics with a good record of scholarly publications in the field. Wherever possible, one of the external examiners should be chosen from outside India.”

As per the existing guidelines for the evaluation of Ph.D. theses issued vide U.O. No. Ac.E1/10685/(2)/2016 dated 15.12.2020, the following provisions are applicable:

“The Ph.D. thesis submitted for adjudication shall be evaluated by the respective Research Supervisor, who shall be the Principal Guide, and two external examiners, one of whom may be from outside the country.”

“Two external examiners for evaluating the Ph.D. thesis shall be nominated by the Vice Chancellor from among a panel of twelve experts, of whom at least two shall be from outside the country. Foreign examiners are not mandatory in the case of regional languages. The panel shall be submitted by the supervising teacher, duly scrutinized by the Head of the Department and countersigned by the Dean of the concerned Faculty, with necessary modifications, wherever required, giving due consideration to the specialization of the topic of study.”

Whether the aforesaid guidelines need be continued under the Regulations, 2022, have to be considered.

With regard to the issuance of the Special Certificate, the Regulations for Award of Ph.D. Degree, University of Kerala, 2022 provide that a Special Certificate shall be issued prior to the actual award of the Ph.D. degree, to the effect that the Ph.D. degree is being awarded in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

As per the existing guidelines (2016 Regulations) for the issuance of the Special Certificate vide U.O. NoAc.EII/2021 dated 30/06/2021, the following provisions are applicable:

1. Ph.D. Research has been conducted in the regular mode.

2. Evaluation of the thesis has been done by two external examiners and concerned Research Supervisor.

3. The public Ph.D. viva-voce of the research scholar has been conducted. 4. Candidate has published a research paper from the Ph.D. work in a referred journal.

5. Candidate has made two presentations in Conferences/Seminars, based on the Ph.D. work.

Whether the aforesaid guidelines may be continued under the Regulations, 2022 also have to be considered.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the following matters are placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration.

1. Requirement of clarification regarding publication of research work in refereed/peer-reviewed/ /UGC-CARE listed journals is compulsory to submission of the Ph.D. thesis and presentation of research work in national/international conferences/seminars is compulsory under the Regulations, 2022.

2. Decision on continuing the existing guidelines issued vide U.O. No. Ac.E1/10685/(2)/2016 dated 15.12.2020 regarding the panel of adjudicators, and the issuance of the Special Certificate vide U.O No. Ac.EII/2021 dated 30/06/2021 under the Regulations, 2022.

The Committee recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research.

Item No.79.04 Preparation of Rank/Position List including the grace marks awarded candidates – Omission of Grade details from the Rank/Position certificate – reg.

UO No. 3888/2025/UOK dated 26.04.2025 was issued in continuation to the resolution of the Academic Council vide Item No. (1) 43 of the minutes of its meeting held on 17.02.2025 to prepare

Rank/Position List by considering all candidates, including those awarded Grace Marks. However grace marks shall not be considered for ranking purpose. Also Rank/Position certificates shall be issued without mentioning CCPA (s). The Policy was made applicable to the candidates from 2022 admission onwards.

Now a practical difficulty in mentioning the grade details in the Rank/Position certificate is noted, since there is a possibility of change in the grades of students who are on the border line of marks eligible for each grade. Hence the Controller of Examinations proposed to omit the details of Grade from the Rank/Position Certificate.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter of omission of Grade Deatils from the Rank/Position Certificate is placed before the Dean's Council for consideration and recommendation.

The Committee recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

Item No.79.05 Review and revamp the existing norms for awarding Grace Marks for all courses to ensure uniformity and alignment with the respective course regulations – Resolution of the Academic Council held on 17.02.2025 item no.43-reg.

The Academic Council held on 17.02.2025 resolved that the Standing Committee of the Academic

Council shall review and revamp the existing norms for awarding Grace Marks for all courses to ensure uniformity and alignment with the respective course regulations. This has been recommended while considering the case of a candidate who is eligible for Rank position if considered with out adding Grace Marks (Item No. I.43).

As per the records available, the first University Order pertaining to allocation of Grace Marks dates back to 2007, implementing the grace marks from 2006-2007 academic year. University Orders had been issued for awarding Grace Marks in the areas – Sports, Arts , NSS and NCC to the candidates of UG Courses before CBCSS Programmes, PG Courses and Professional Courses. Initial orders for awarding Grace Marks to Sports/Arts were issued on 07.09.2007. After that modifications have been made to several clauses of initial University Order with regard to general courses as well as w.r.t specific courses like BPE /MPE , B Ed. etc. Similar is the case with NSS and NCC. Grace mark have been awarded to PG and Professional courses vide UO dated 16.01.2017.

Some basic/major rules are as follows:- Only regular bonafide students shall be eligible for Grace Marks. Grace Marks shall be awarded for one additional chance including improvement/betterment and also to papers of the supplementary examinations in the next immediate chance only. This includes readmitted candidates also. In awarding Grace Marks to the supplementary examinations it shall be given only to the papers of the performing year of the candidate and at the same percentage applicable there to in performing year. Grace Marks shall be awarded for Professional Courses, subject to the norms of the respective Central Councils. Moderation shall be effected after awarding Grace Marks to the original mark of a student.

Further, Grace Marks awarded shall not be considered for ranking and the total marks after awarding Grace Marks shall be one mark less than the total marks of the third rank. This rule itself makes it very complicated to award Grace Marks. Further, candidates awarded Grace Marks or moderation for any paper of any semester are not eligible to be included in the Position/Rank List. The Resolution of the the Academic Council to review and revamp the existing norms for Grace Marks was also made in the context of this rule. Then, the Academic Council considered the report submitted by the sub committee constituted by the Syndicate to examine the request of one candidate of B Com Computer Application pertaining to the award of grace marks and resolved that the candidate be issued the Rank Certificate with her recalculated marks making her eligible for the first position in April 2023 Examination, after verifying the authenticity of the claim of the candidate. It was further resolved that to prevent future cases where candidates lose meritorious positions, the Rank/Position List shall be prepared considering all candidates, including those awarded grace marks. However their grace marks shall not be considered for ranking purpose. Furthermore Rank/Position certificate shall be issued without mentioning CGPAs. This policy shall be made applicable from the 2022 admission candidates onwards.

Though the basic rules remains the same for different courses as well as areas like NSS, Sports, Arts et., there are slight difference in areas like the date of implementation, maximum limit to which a candidate can be awarded gracemark etc. The First Degree Programmes under CBCS System will be summed up in the current academic year 2025-26 and hence revision of norms for awardinggrace marks may not be effective for CBCSS. Ac AV(A) section dealing with the Curriculum of FYUGP has reported that the norms for award of Grace marks related toNSS/NCC/Arts/Sports and for Differently abled candidates under FYUGP w.e.f 2024 admissions

was implemented, subject to reporting to the Syndicate, as per UO No. 9608/2025/UOK dated07.11.2025. Apart from CBCSS candidates, for all other candidates ie., for PG andProfessional course candidates the awarding of grace marks spreads over a large number of UO. As such revamping the existing norms/UOs to a single UO considering the general rule for awarding Grace mark (eligibility of the candidate, period within which the candidate needs to apply, applying the rule considering the appropriate rules and regulation, maximum limit of each category and the total permissible upper limit of Grace Mark) is a need to the situation.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of reviewing and revamping the existing norms for awarding Grace Marks for all courses to ensure uniformity and alignment with the respective course regulations is placed for the consideration of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

Deferred to next Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

Item No.79.06 Ph.D Registration in Law - July 2025 session - Ashish Krishna - Part-time - reg.

Ashish Krishna, an applicant for Part-time Ph.D. registration in Law under the July 2025 session, has submitted all the documents required for registration. However, on verification of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) submitted by the candidate, it is observed that he has been working as an Assistant Professor at Arunachal Law Academy, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, with effect from

09.09.2024. His place of employment is outside the State of Kerala.

As per U.O. No. Ac E1/A4(2)/2019 dated **06.05.2019, admission to the Ph.D. programme under the Part-time mode was permitted to candidates working in self-financing colleges within the State,** subject to a minimum of five years of service and the submission of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) and a 25% attendance certificate.

Subsequently, **U.O. No. Ac E1/5731/2024/UOK issued on 10.07.2024,** provides that Ph.D. registration under the Part-time mode shall be granted to applicants from the July 2024 session onwards, provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria stipulated in the UGC Regulations, 2022, subject to the existing ceiling of 25% of the subject-wise vacancies available in each session. However, **the said U.O. does not specifically clarify whether applicants employed outside the State of Kerala are eligible for admission under the Part-time mode**.

The Syndicate, at its meetings held on 09.07.2026, 10.07.2026 and 13.07.2026, **vide** Item No. 27.280.C28**, resolved to refer the request of Ashish Krishna for granting Part-time Ph.D. registration in Law to the Deans' Council.**

Accordingly, as per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the proposal for granting Ph.D. registration in Law under the Part-time mode for the July 2025 session to Ashish Krishna, who is employed outside the State, is placed before the Deans' Council for consideration.

The Committee recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

Item No. 79 Additional No.I Registration to Ph. D programme in Law under Part-time mode in the July 2025 session - Request from Ms. Asha Prasad - reg.

Asha Prasad, Assistant Professor, NSS Law College, Kottiyam, and applicant for Ph.D in Law, has submitted a request to be considered for Part-time Ph.D registration in Law for the July 2025 session. She has stated that during the initial stage of the application process, the University's Research Portal required candidates to select their preferred mode of study, whether Full-time or Part-time. She opted for Part-time mode and uploaded the required No Objection Certificate (NOC) from her institution. She asserts that she meets all eligibility criteria prescribed by the University and successfully cleared the two levels of screening and evaluation conducted by the Doctoral Committee.

After completing all the necessary formalities, she believed she had been admitted to the Ph.D. programme in Part-time mode. However, she was later informed that, as per University Ph.D. Regulations, only 25% of the total vacancies i.e.,out of 24, only 6 could be allotted to Part-time candidates. At that point, five candidates had already been selected for Part-time research. **With only one Part-time seat remaining, two candidates including Asha Prasad, were competing for the last vacancy.**

To resolve the tie, the Department of Law adopted a lot drawing method in the presence of both candidates. Unfortunately she was not selected. Since she is employed as an Assistant Professor, she is unable to join the Full-time Ph.D. programme without compromising her teaching career. In light of these circumstances, she has requested that her case be reconsidered.

As per U. O. No. Ac. E I/A4(2)/2019 dated 06.05.2019, the part-time Registration to this category is limited to 25% of the available vacancies in each subjects and hence, granting her Part-time registration in July 2025 session, would exceed the permissible 25% limit.

It may be noted that Asha Prasad was not selected for the last vacancy and hence the request of the scholar was placed before the Syndicate for consideration. The Syndicate, at its meetings held on 09.07.2026, 10.07.2026 and 13.07.2026, vide Item No. 27.280.C27, **resolved to refer the request of Asha Prasad for granting Part-time Ph. D. registration in Law to the Dean's Council along with the explanation from the Chairperson, Doctoral Committee.**

Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan, Chairperson, Doctoral Committee in Law, University of Kerala, Karyavattom, has submitted her explanation. She has stated that, in the July 2025 session, 25% of the available vacancies, i.e. **6 out of 24 vacancies, were earmarked for Part-time Ph.D. registration. Out of these, five candidates possessing UGC-NET qualification were allotted research guides for part-time research.**

It has further been stated that Asha Prasad was also provisionally allotted a research guide for undertaking full-time research. However, as she was not willing to commence full-time research for Ph.D., the Doctoral Committee considered the matter of her request for Part-time registration.

Since Asha Prasad and Ashish Krishna were similarly placed, both being candidates aspiring to undertake part-time research and having eligibility for Ph.D. admission as per UGC norms, the Doctoral Committee decided to draw lots in the presence of both candidates for determining the candidate to be considered for Part-time registration (minutes appended).

From the minutes it is noted that Ashish Krishna was selected for the sixth vacancy for part-time registration in July 2025 session.

The Syndicate, at its meetings held on 09.07.2026, 10.07.2026, and 13.07.2026, resolved to refer the proposal for granting **Part-time Ph.D. registration to Ashish Krishna, who is working outside the State**, to the Dean's Council.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter of granting Part-time registration in July 2025 session to Asha Prasad along with the explanation furnished by the Chairperson, Doctoral Committee in Law is placed before the **Dean's Council** for consideration.

The Committee recommended to refer the matter to the Academic Council

Resolution of the Academic Council
The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to refer the matter to the next meeting of the Academic Council.

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80. Curriculum for Income Tax courses in the M.Com programme consequent to the New Income Tax Act-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.AIV)

The Chairperson, Board of Studies in Commerce (PG), proposed to convene a meeting of the Board on 14.08.2026 at 3.00 p.m. through online mode to discuss and finalise the revised curriculum in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 2026.

The proposed agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1 Curriculum for Income Tax courses consequent to the New Income Tax Act.
2 Any other matter

The Minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies in Commerce (PG) was approved by the Chairperson, Board of Studies in Commerce (PG) and endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Commerce

The meeting discussed the need to include the provisions of the Income tax Act 2025 in the courses on Income tax for the M Com Programme with effect from the current academic year , as the same was made effective from April 2026. The curriculum need to include the provisions of the new Act. All assessment processes (Continuous assessment and End Semester Examination) need to consider the same. The BoS unanimously recommended that the Income tax courses for M Com need to be aligned with the provisions of the Income Tax Act 2025 which became effective from April 2026.

The corresponding minutes is also attached.

As ordered by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

Minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies in Commerce(PG) held on 14/08/2026 at 3.00 PM via googlemeet : meet.google.com/eqz-bfnj-

Members Present

1.Dr.Gabriel Simon Thattil(Chairperson, BoS in Commerce(PG))
2.Dr. Resia Beegam.S
3. Dr.Biju T
4.Dr.T Rajesh
5.Swapna K Cherian
6.Dr.Biju M G

Agenda

Curriculum for Income Tax courses in the M Com programme consequent to the New Income Tax Act.

The meeting commenced at 3.00 p.m. with the Chairperson welcoming the members. The meeting discussed the need to include the provisions of the Income tax Act 2025 in the courses on Income tax for the M Com Programme with effect from the current academic year, as the same was made effective from April 2026. The curriculum need to include the provisions of the new Act. All assessment processes (Continuous assessment and End Semester Examination) need to consider the same.

The BoS unanimously recommended that the Income tax courses for M Com need to be aligned with the provisions of the Income Tax Act 2025 which became effective from April 2026.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Resolution of the Academic Council

The Academic Council considered the matter and RESOLVED to approve the above recommendation of the Board of Studies in Commerce (PG) held on 14.08.2026.

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(II) Business brought forward by the Faculties

(III) Resolutions given notice of by the Members

Dr. C.N Vijayakumari	
1.	കേരള സർവകലാശാല-യിൽ നിലവിൽ സംസ്കൃതം ജനറലിനും (Language and Literature) ശാസ്ത്ര വിഷയങ്ങളായ ന്യായം, വ്യാകരണം, വേദാന്തം, സാഹിത്യം, ജ്യോതിഷം എന്നീ പ്രത്യേക വിഷയങ്ങൾക്കും ബിരുദ-ബിരുദാനന്തര പഠന നിലവിലുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ ബിരുദ തലത്തിലും ബിരുദാനന്തരതലത്തിലും സ്പെഷ്യലിനും ജനറലിനുമായി Board of Studies ഓരോന്നു മാത്രമേ നിലവിലുള്ളു. സംസ്കൃതം ജനറലും (Language and Literature) ശാസ്ത്ര വിഷയങ്ങളടങ്ങിയ സ്പെഷ്യലും തികച്ചും വ്യത്യസ്തങ്ങളായതു കൊണ്ട് ജനറലിന് ഒരു Board of Studies ഉം ന്യായം, വേദാന്തം, വ്യാകരണം, ജ്യോതിഷം, സാഹിത്യം എന്നീ 5 ശാസ്ത്ര വിഷയങ്ങൾക്കും കൂടി ഒരു Special Board of Studies ഉം നിലവിൽ വരാനുള്ള നടപടികളുണ്ടാകണമെന്ന് ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was not taken up as the member concerned was not present at that time.	
Dr.Nithya P. Viswam	
2.	BA (ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് ആൻഡ് മലയാളം ലിറ്ററേച്ചേഴ്സ്) പ്രോഗ്രാമിന്റെ പാഠ്യപദ്ധതി ഘടന (pathway) നിശ്ചയിക്കണമന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു. ഈ പ്രോഗ്രാമിന്റെ മാതൃവിഭാഗം മലയാളം വിഭാഗമായതിനാൽ, അതിനനുസൃതമായി കോഴ്സ് ഘടന നിശ്ചയിക്കണമെന്നും ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.

The resolution was seconded by Dr.Reji.S.R The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	
Dr Anil Kumar K M	
3.	നാലുവർഷ ബിരുദ കോഴ്സുകൾ OBE മാതൃകയിൽ ആരംഭിച്ചപ്പോൾ നടപ്പിലാക്കേണ്ട "Course Outcome Attainment" എത്രയും വേഗം ആരംഭിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Mahesh S The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	
Dr.Nithya P. Viswam	
4.	ചോദ്യങ്ങൾ അപ്ലോഡ് ചെയ്യുന്നതിനൊപ്പം ഉത്തരസൂചികയും നൽകുന്ന വിധം ചോദ്യ ബാങ്ക് സംവിധാനം പുന:ക്രമീകരിക്കണമെന്നും, സ്ക്രൂട്ടണി മെച്ചപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നും ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by J.S.Jahangir The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be accepted and entrusted the Controller of Examinations to do the needful.	
Prof.(Dr.) Shiburaj Sugathan	
5.	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയുടെ കീഴിൽ സൂക്ഷ്മജീവശാസ്ത്രത്തിൽ (**Microbiology**) ബിരുദാനന്തര കോഴ്സ് ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി. കേരള സർവകലാശാല നേരിട്ടോ, അതിന്റെ കീഴിലുള്ള ഗവൺമെന്റ്, എയ്ഡഡ് കോളേജുകളിലോ നിലവിൽ സൂക്ഷ്മശാസ്ത്രത്തിൽ (**Microbiology**) ബിരുദാനന്തര (Postgraduate) പ്രോഗ്രാമുകളൊന്നും നടത്തുന്നില്ല. ഇപ്പോൾ സർവകലാശാലയുടെ കീഴിൽ ഒരു സ്വാശ്രയ കോളേജ് മാത്രമാണ് എം.എസ്.സി മൈക്രോബയോളജി കോഴ്സ് നടത്തിവരുന്നത്. ഇതുമൂലം മൈക്രോബയോളജി, ബയോടെക്നോളജി, ബയോകെമിസ്ട്രി, അനുബന്ധ വിഷയങ്ങൾ എന്നിവയിൽ ബിരുദം നേടിയ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ഗണ്യമായ അക്കാദമിക പരിമിതിയാണ് നേരിടേണ്ടിവരുന്നത്. ഈ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് സ്വാശ്രയ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളെ ആശ്രയിക്കുകയോ കേരളത്തിന് പുറത്തുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളിലേക്ക് മാറുകയോ ചെയ്യേണ്ട സാഹചര്യം നിലനിൽക്കുന്നു. ഇത് ഉന്നതവിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിലേക്കുള്ള പ്രാപ്യതയെ പരിമിതപ്പെടുത്തുന്നനോടൊപ്പം, ഈ സുപ്രധാന മേഖലയിലെ പ്രാദേശിക അക്കാദമിക ശേഷി വികസനത്തെയും പ്രതികൂലമായി ബാധിക്കുന്നു. സൂക്ഷ്മ ജീവശാസ്ത്രം വളരെ അധികം പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള വിഷയമാണ്. ദേശീയ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ നയം (NEP-2020), ജൈവസമ്പദ് വ്യവസ്ഥ (Bioeconomy), ബയോമാനുഫാക്ചറിംഗ്, ബയോ–ഇന്നോവേഷൻ തുടങ്ങിയ ദേശീയ വികസന മുൻഗണനകളുടെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിലും ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ഉന്നതവിദ്യാഭ്യാസ സൗകര്യങ്ങൾ അനിവാര്യമാണ്. അതിനാൽ, കേരള സർവകലാശാലയുടെ അക്കാദമിക മികവും സാമൂഹിക ഉത്തരവാദിത്തവും മുൻനിർത്തി, സൂക്ഷ്മ ജീവശാസ്ത്രം (**Microbiology**) അല്ലെങ്കിൽ അപ്ലൈഡ് മൈക്രോബയോളജി (Applied Microbiology) വിഷയത്തിൽ എം.എസ്.എസി ബിരുദാനന്തര കോഴ്സ് സർവകലാശാലാ നേരിട്ടോ, സർവകലാശാലയുടെ കീഴിലുള്ള അനുയോജ്യമായ ഗവൺമെന്റ്/എയ്ഡഡ് കോളേജുകളിലോ എത്രയും വേഗം ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതിനാവശ്യമായ നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ യോഗം പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.Pramod Kiran The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be considered.	

Dr Rajeev Kumar A. D	
6.	Resolved that the Academic Council revoke its decision to approve the recommendations in the minutes of the Board of Studies in Statistics (P.G.), brought forward as business of the Faculty of Science, which restricts the teaching of courses involving Statistics, irrespective of the title under which they are offered, under the Commerce discipline as designed by the BoS in Commerce, only to faculty with an M. Sc. in Statistics/Applied Statistics. Such a recommendation was made without consulting the Board of Studies in Commerce, and the matter was not listed as a separate agenda item in the meeting and was approved without detailed discussion. Further Resolved that Order No. 22749/AC AII/2022/UOK dated 27.07.2026, communicating the said decision, be withdrawn forthwith.
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Aparna P The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined and the order of the hon'ble High Court be complied with.	
Dr. J S Jahangir	
7.	Resolution submitted for the Consideration of the Academic Council, University of Kerala, on Facilitating Free-of-Cost Internship Opportunities for Students under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP).
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Nithya P Viswam The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be considered.	
Dr. R. Jayakrishnan	
8.	Upgradation of the University Astronomical Observatory Resolved that the Astronomical Observatory of the University of Kerala, Which has now completed 190 years of service and will reach its bicentennial in 2036, be considered for elevation to the status of a Multidisciplinary Research Centre, integrating Astronomy, Physics, History of Science, Space Science Policy, Anthropology, and allied disciplines. Further resolved that a Special Committee be constituted by the Academic Council to: • Examine the academic, infrastructural, and administrative requirements for such an upgradation. • Invite inputs from relevant Boards of Studies, Departments, and external experts. • Envision the Scope of interdisciplinary programmes, Collaborative projects, and outreach activities. • Submit a detailed report with recommendation to the Academic Council for Further deliberation and approval. **Rationale:** The Observatory is not only a Scientific facility but also a **heritage institution of national importance**. Its approaching bicentennial offer a Unique opportunity to reimagine its role as a hub for interdisciplinary research and public engagement. A structured committee process will ensure transparency, academic rigor, and broad- based consultation, thereby

	strengthening institutional consensus and long-term sustainability.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.Pramod Kiran The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be accepted.	
Dr. Anil Kumar K M	
9.	FYUGPപരീക്ഷകൾക്കു വേണ്ട ചോദ്യപേപ്പർ തയ്യാറാക്കിയതിനുള്ള വേതനം നൽകുവാൻ വേണ്ട നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Mahesh S. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined and entrusted the Controller of Examinations to do the needful.	
Dr. Anil Kumar K M	
10.	FYUGP യുടെ തുടർച്ചയായി ബിരുദാനന്തര ബിരുദ കോഴ്സുകൾക്ക് വേണ്ട റെഗുലേഷനും സിലബസും തയ്യാറാക്കാൻ വേണ്ട നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Angelo Mathew. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be accepted.	
Dr. Regi S R	
11.	"കേരള സർവകലാശാല 2024 അഡ്മിഷൻ മുതൽ നടപ്പിലാക്കിയ FYUGPപ്രോഗ്രാമിൽ സയൻസ് വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന പ്രാക്ടിക്കലുകളുടെ എൻഡ് സെമസ്റ്റർ മൂല്യനിർണ്ണയത്തിന് (ESE) ഇന്റേണൽ എക്സാമിനർക്കൊപ്പം ഒരു എക്സ്റ്റേണൽ എക്സാമിനറെ കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്ന് ഈ യോഗം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു."
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Anil Kumar.K.M. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	
Dr. Ram Kumar	
12.	ഏഴാം സെമസ്റ്ററിൽ വൊക്കേഷണൽ, നൈപുണ്യാധിഷ്ഠിത (Skill-oriented), മൈനർ, ഇന്റർഡിസിപ്ലിനറി കോഴ്സുകൾ മുഖേന 12 ക്രെഡിറ്റുകൾ നേടുന്നതിനുള്ള അവസരത്തിന് പുറമെ, വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് താൽപര്യമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ മാതൃവിഭാഗം (Parent Department) നടത്തുന്ന അഡ്വാൻസ്ഡ്, മേജർ കോഴ്സുകൾ മുഖേനയും പ്രസ്തുത 12 ക്രെഡിറ്റുകൾകൂടി നേടുന്നതിന് അനുവാദം നൽകുന്ന തരത്തിൽ സർവകലാശാലയുടെ FYUGP ചട്ടങ്ങളിലെ ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട വ്യവസ്ഥകൾ ഭേദഗതി ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് സർവകലാശാലയുടെ ഉചിതമായ അധികാരികളോട് ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Angelo Mathew. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	
Dr. J S Jahangir	
13.	Resolution Submitted to the Academic Council, University of Kerala, Seeking Approval for the Interchangeability of Minor Courses between the B.A. English Language and Literature Programme and the B.A. English and Communicative English Programme.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.Reji. S R The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	

Dr. Mumthas S	
14.	**FYUGP** പ്രാക്ടിക്കൽ (**ESE)** പരീക്ഷകളുടെ നടത്തിപ്പിനുള്ള ചിലവുകൾ സംബന്ധിച്ച മാർഗ്ഗരേഖകൾ തയ്യാറാക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.Anil Kumar K.M. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	
Dr. Mumthas S	
15.	ബിരുദാനന്തര പരീക്ഷകളുടെ ഓൺലൈൻ മൂല്യനിർണ്ണയത്തിൽ 7 പേപ്പറുകൾ മൂല്യനിർണ്ണയം നടത്തുന്നതിന് ഒരു ഡ്യൂട്ടി ലീവ് അനുവദിക്കുന്ന വിധം സംവിധാനം പരിഷ്ക്കരിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Mahesh S. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter cannot be considered.	
Dr. C.N Vijayakumari	
16.	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിലവിൽ സംസ്കൃതം ജനറലിനും (Language and Literature) ശാസ്ത്ര വിഷയങ്ങളായ ന്യായം, വ്യാകരണം, വേദാന്തം, സാഹിത്യം, ജ്യോതിഷം എന്നീ പ്രത്യേക വിഷയങ്ങൾക്കും ബിരുദപഠനവും ബിരുദാനന്തര പഠനവും നിലവിലുണ്ട്. സംസ്കൃതത്തിന്റെ വിവിധ പഠനവകുപ്പുകളായ വ്യാകരണം, ന്യായം, വേദാന്തം, സാഹിത്യം, ജ്യോതിഷം, സംസ്കൃതം ജനറൽ (Language and Literature) എന്നിവകളിൽ ഉദ്യോഗപ്രാപ്തിക്കായി അതത് ഐച്ഛികവിഷയങ്ങളിൽ യോഗ്യത നേടിയവരെ മാത്രം പരിഗക്കണം (അതായത് സംസ്കൃതം ജനറൽ പഠിച്ചവരെ സംസ്കൃതം ജനറൽ വിഭാഗത്തിലും ന്യായം പഠിച്ചവരെ ന്യായത്തിലും വ്യാകരണം പഠിച്ചവരെ വ്യാകരണത്തിലും വേദാന്തം പഠിച്ചവരെ വേദാന്തത്തിലും ജ്യോതിഷം പഠിച്ചവരെ ജ്യോതിഷത്തിലും സാഹിത്യം പഠിച്ചവരെ സാഹിത്യത്തിലും മാത്രം പരിഗണിക്കണം) എന്ന് ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.Biju B The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be considered.	
Dr. C.N Vijayakumari	
17.	യു.ജി.സി അംഗീകൃതമായ Central Sanskrit University Delhi, National Sanskrit University Tirupati, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University Delhi, ഭാരത്തിലെ മറ്റ് സർവകലാശാലകൾ തുടങ്ങിയ പ്രശസ്ത യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റികളിൽ നിന്ന് സംസ്കൃത്തിൽ ബിരുദമോ ബിരുദാനന്തര ബിരുദമോ നേടിയ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ഉന്നതപഠനത്തിനും ഉദ്യോഗ പ്രാപ്തിക്കും യോഗ്യതയ്ക്കായി പ്രത്യേകം ഫീസടച്ച് കാത്തരിക്കേണ്ട അവസ്ഥയാണ് നമ്മുടെ സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിലവിലുള്ളത്. UGC അംഗീകൃതമായ ഇന്ത്യയിലെ മികച്ച ഇത്തരം സർവകലാശാലകളിൽ നിന്ന് പഠിച്ചിറങ്ങുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്ക് ഉപരിപഠനത്തിനും ഉദ്യോഗ പ്രാപ്തിക്കും ഉള്ള യോഗ്യത കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിൽ നിന്ന് അംഗീകരിച്ച് നൽകുവാൻ ഉള്ള തീരുമാനം കൈക്കൊളളണമെന്ന് ഈ പ്രമേയത്തിലൂടെ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.T.Rajesh. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	
Dr. Angelo Mathew	
18.	സോഷ്യൽ വർക്ക് ബിരുദ–ബിരുദാനന്തര ബോർഡ് ഓഫ് സ്റ്റഡീസിൽ ആംഗങ്ങളാകാനുള്ള യോഗ്യത സോഷ്യൽ വർക്കിൽ ഡോക്ടറേറ്റും എംഎസ് ഡബ്ലിയുവും ആക്കി നിജപ്പെടുത്തണം എന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr. Ram Kumar. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	
Dr. Aparna P	
19.	Resolved that the decision restricting the teaching of Statistics courses exclusively to faculty holding an M.Sc in Statistics or Applied Statistics be quashed and communication No.22749/Ac.AII/2022/UOK dated 27.07.2026

	be withdrawn with immediate effect. In view of the well-established interdisciplinary application of Statistics in Economics and allied disciplines. Resolved further that qualified Economics faculty trained in applied Statistics, econometrics and quantitative methods be recognized as competent to teach such courses within Economics curricula, and that the statutory academic autonomy of Boards of Studies in matters of curriculum and teaching assignment be upheld.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.J.S.Jahangir. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined and the order of the hon'ble High Court be complied with.	
Dr. Vinod B S	
20.	കേരള സർവകലാശാലയിൽ ബിരുദ (UG), ബിരുദാനന്തര (PG) ബയോകെമിസ്ട്രി പ്രോഗ്രാമുകൾക്കായി നിലവിൽ സംയുക്തമായി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുവരുന്ന Board of Studies-ന് പകരം, UG,PG പ്രോഗ്രാമുകൾക്ക് പ്രത്യേകം Board of Studies രൂപീകരിക്കുന്നതിന് ആവശ്യമായ നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്ന് ഈ സഭ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു.
The resolution was seconded by Dr.Anil Kumar K.M. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter can be considered.	
Dr. Regi S R	
21.	"കേരള സർവകലാശാലയ്ക്ക് കീഴിലുള്ള അഫിലിയേറ്റഡ് കോളേജുകളിലെ ഗവേഷണ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിൽ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള പിഎച്ച്ഡി വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പ്രീ-സബ്മിഷൻ സെമിനാറും ഓപ്പൺ ഡിഫൻസും അവർ ഗവേഷണം നടത്തിയ അതാത് കേന്ദ്രങ്ങളിൽ തന്നെ നടത്തുന്നതിന് ആവശ്യമായ ഭേദഗതികൾ സർവകലാശാലാ ചട്ടങ്ങളിൽ വരുത്തണമെന്നും, ഇതിനായുള്ള നടപടികൾ അടിയന്തരമായി സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്നും ഈ അക്കാദമിക് കൗൺസിൽ യോഗം സർവകലാശാലയോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു."
The resolution was seconded by Dr.J.S.Jahangir. The Vice-Chancellor replied that the matter shall be examined.	

The Vice-Chancellor thanked all members for their whole-hearted co-operation.
The meeting came to a close at 12.15 PM.

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