



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

**Preliminary Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the
Syndicate held on 30.07.2020**

Place of Meeting : University Buildings
Thiruvananthapuram
Time : 10.00 AM

Members present:

1. Prof.(Dr.) V.P.Mahadevan Pillai (*In the Chair*)
Vice-Chancellor
2. Prof.(Dr.) P.P.Ajayakumar
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Adv.B.Balachandran
4. Dr.S.Nazeeb
5. Adv.A.Ajikumar
6. Dr.Mathew. V
7. Adv.G.Muralidharan Pillai
8. Sri.Arunkumar R
9. Dr.B.Unnikrishnan Nair
10. Sri.Bijukumar.G
11. Dr.K.B.Manoj
12. Dr.K.G.Gopchandran
13. Dr.M. Vijayan Pillai
14. Sri.Jairaj.J
15. Sri.B.P.Murali
16. Sri.Viswan Padanilam
17. Adv.K.H.Babujan
18. Sri.Mohammed Yaseen
19. Prof.K.Lalitha

**Item No.15.01. Confirmation of the Preliminary Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the
Syndicate held on 04.06.2020 -reg.**

The Syndicate considered the Preliminary Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 04.06.2020 with the following modifications:

(Ac.A.I)

**Item No.12.53.02 Resolution be corrected as 'Resolved to appoint two AC Mechanics, one
telephone technician on contract basis and to enter into AMC for
maintenance works related to the Telephones.**

(Pl.G)

**Item No.12.58 In the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee for Performance Appraisal of
Staff on Contract Employees of the Institutions Under Domtec following
modification be effected**

'University College of Engineering, Kariavattom

The Committee after detailed verification of the documents submitted recommended to *re-engage* teaching and non-teaching staff of University Engineering College, Kariavattom on *contract basis* for another period of 11 months and for casual employees for a period of 89 days on the condition that the defect noted against their names are rectified in the ensuing contract year'.

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currently engaged on contract basis at the Health Centre, Kariavattom and to appoint a new RMO with a monthly remuneration of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only). Further, the Syndicate resolved to provide quarters at Kariavattom Campus, free of rent for RMO, as the nature of work is residential. It was also resolved to grant one casual leave per month.

Thus, for implementation of the Syndicate resolution, when the file was forwarded to Finance section for endorsement, the Finance section has pointed out that:

1. the consolidated amount fixed for Resident Medical Officer on contract basis at the University seems to be much higher than the remuneration/ wages of government/ contract employees of other institutions. ie, the enhanced rate of remuneration of Rs.1,00,000/- fixed is more than twice the present rate of Rs.40,000/- .
2. as per the latest salary enhancement order of contract employees, G.P(p)/112/2018/Fin dated 21/07/2018 the maximum admissible monthly pay for Medical Officer is Rs. 55,825/-.
3. the scale of pay stipulated for Medical Officer as per latest pay revision order is Rs.45800-89000. In government, a person appointed as a regular employee draw only an initial pay of Rs. 57360/- after including DA (20%) HRA (Rs.2000) CCA (Rs. 400).
4. More over the consolidated monthly pay fixed for Medical Officer in various institutions under Government were also provided for reference:
 1. BARC Hospital: Residential Medical Officer-Rs.72000/- for first year, Rs.74,000/- for second year and Rs.76000/- for third year.
 2. National health mission TVM, palliative care Medical Officer-Rs.41,000/- per month.

Hence, the finance has opined that the requirement of the University and criteria taken for fixing a higher pay shall be stated separately in administrative orders so as to avoid audit objections.

Thus, when the same was reported to the Vice-Chancellor, while considering the matter regarding engagement of Resident Medical Officer on contract basis, the Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place the matter before the Syndicate.

Hence the matter regarding the fixing of remuneration of Resident Medical Officer to be engaged on contract basis at University Health Centre is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

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

Item Nos.15.10 to 15.17

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the items (15.10 to 15.17) be referred to next Syndicate.

Item No.15.18. Conduct of IV Semester Examinations for foreign Students.- Reporting of-reg.

(CSS)

Representations have been received from foreign students, who opted for departments for writing exams, for early conduct of their final PG examinations as their visa period will expire by the end of July/August 2020. The HoD's of Department of Computer Science/Political Science/ Sanskrit/IMK have forwarded the list of foreign students who have to appear for the exams. The matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee for recommendations.

The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 23.07.2020 vide item no.03 considered the matter and recommended to conduct a separate examination to foreign students as their visa period is getting expired by July/August 2020. The committee also recommended to conduct a special exam to all other students who had not written the examination due to the triple lock down enforced in Thiruvananthapuram Corporation and due to COVID 19, after the lockdown. The Committee also recommended to report the same to the next meeting of the Syndicate. The matter is reported to Syndicate.



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OFFICE OF THE CREDIT AND SEMESTER SYSTEM
KARIAVATTOM

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CSS ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Venue : Online Meeting
Date& Time : 23.07.2020, 2.30 pm

Members Present:

1. Dr V.P Mahadevan Pillai, Vice Chancellor & Chairman, CSS (in the chair)
2. Prof. P.P. Ajayakumar, Pro- Vice – Chancellor
3. Dr. S. Nazeeb, Member, Syndicate
4. Prof. A. Biju Kumar, Vice-Chairman (CSS)
5. Prof. B.S. Jamuna, Dean, faculty of Arts
6. Prof. R. Jayachandran, Dean, Faculty of Oriental studies
7. Prof. A. Ganga Prasad, Dean, Faculty of Science
8. Prof. R.B. Binoj Kumar, Professor and Head, Dept. of Geology.
9. Prof. P.M. Radhamany, Professor, Dept of Botany
10. Dr. Aji S, Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science.
11. Dr. V. Biju, Assistant Professor, Dept of Physics
12. Dr. Simon Thattil, Director, IQAC

The meeting started at 02.30 pm.

Item No. 3: Conduct of IV Semester Examinations for foreign Students.

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The matter is placed before the CSS Academic Committee for necessary recommendations.

Decision Taken:- The CSS Academic Committee considered the matter and recommended to conduct a separate examination to foreign students as their visa period is getting expired by July/August 2020. The committee also recommended to conduct a special exam to all other students who had not written the examination due to the triple lock down enforced in Thiruvananthapuram Corporation and due to COVID 19, after the lockdown.

The Committee also recommended to report the same to the next meeting of the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

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

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Item No.15.19. Conduct of IV Semester Examinations to Col. Rajiv A, Master of Communication & Journalism (2018-20 Batch) - Reporting of-reg. (CSS)

The HOD, Department of Communication and Journalism has forwarded the request received from Col. Rajiv A. for conducting his remaining one paper of S4 exam before 27th July 2020 as he has been granted study leave till 31.07.2020 and he has to join new duty station at West Bengal by that date. The matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee for recommendations.

The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 23.07.2020 vide item no.04 recommended to conduct separate examination immediately to Col. Rajiv A. The committee also recommended to conduct a special exam to all other students who had not written the examination due to the triple lock down enforced in Thiruvananthapuram Corporation and due to COVID 19, after the lockdown.

The Committee also recommended to report the same to the next meeting of the Syndicate. The matter is reported to the Syndicate.



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The meeting started at 02.30 pm.

Item No.04: Conduct of IV Semester Examinations to Col. Rajiv A, Master of Communication and Journalism (2018-20 Batch).

The HOD, Department of Communication and Journalism has forwarded the request received from Col. Rajiv A. for conducting his remaining one paper of S4 exam before 27th July 2020 as he has been granted study leave till 31.07.2020 and he has to join new duty station at West Bengal by that date.

The matter is placed before the CSS Academic Committee for necessary recommendations.

Decision Taken:- The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 23.07.2020 vide item no.04 recommended to conduct separate examination immediately to Col. Rajiv A. The committee also recommended to conduct a special exam to all other students who had not written the examination due to the triple lock down enforced in Thiruvananthapuram Corporation and due to COVID 19, after the lockdown.

The Committee also recommended to report the same to the next meeting of the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

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

Item No.15.20. Request from Col. Anishmon M S for granting admission to PG course in the supernumerary vacancy-Reporting of - reg-

(CSS)

Col.Anishmon. M S has applied for CSS PG (Master of Communication & Journalism) for the academic year 2020-22 and will be appearing for the CSS PG entrance examination. He has been accorded permission by the Indian Army for study leave for 2 years to pursue a Post-Graduation in Master of Communication and Journalism. Now he has requested to consider him in the supernumerary vacancy for admission to the course as the vacancy in the said course is limited. The matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee for recommendations.

The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 23.07.2020 vide item no.06 recommended to consider the request of Col. Anishmon M S based on the precedence of allotting supernumerary seats for the army officers. The committee also recommended to report the matter to the Syndicate.

The matter is reported to Syndicate.



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The meeting started at 02.30 pm.

Item No.06: Request from Col.Anishmon M S for granting admission to PG course in the supernumerary vacancy-reg-

Col.Anishmon M S has applied for CSS PG (Master of Communication and Journalism) for the academic year 2020-22 and will be appearing for the CSS PG entrance examination. He has been accorded permission by the Indian Army for study leave for 2 years to pursue a Post Graduation in Master of Communication and Journalism. Now he has requested to consider him in the supernumerary vacancy for admission to the course as the vacancy in the said course is limited.

Hence the matter is placed before the CSS Academic Committee for necessary recommendations.

Decision Taken:- The CSS Academic Committee recommended to consider the request of Col. Anishmon M S., based on the precedence of allotting supernumerary seats for the army officers. The committee also recommended to report the matter to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

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

Item No.15.21. Request from Col. M S Kumar for granting admission to PG (Master of Communication & Journalism) in the Army quota-Reporting of - reg- (CSS)

Col. M S Kumar has applied for CSS PG (Master of Communication & Journalism) for the academic year 2020-22 and will be appearing for the CSS PG entrance examination. He has been accorded permission by the Indian Army for study leave for 2 years to pursue a Post Graduation in Master of Communication and Journalism. Now he has requested to allocate and reserve a seat under the army quota. As such the matter was placed before the CSS Academic Committee recommendations. The CSS Academic Committee in its meeting held on 23.07.2020 vide item no.07 recommended to consider the request of Col. M S Kumar based on the precedence of allotting supernumerary seats for the army officers. The committee also recommended to report the matter to the Syndicate.

The matter is reported to Syndicate.



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Venue : Online Meeting
Date & Time : 23.07.2020, 2.30 pm

Members Present:

1. Dr V.P Mahadevan Pillai, Vice Chancellor & Chairman, CSS (in the chair)
2. Prof. P.P. Ajayakumar, Pro- Vice – Chancellor
3. Dr. S. Nazeem, Member, Syndicate
4. Prof. A. Biju Kumar, Vice-Chairman (CSS)
5. Prof. B.S. Jamuna, Dean, faculty of Arts
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10. Dr. Aji S, Associate Professor, Dept. of Computer Science.
11. Dr. V. Biju, Assistant Professor, Dept of Physics
12. Dr. Simon Thattil, Director, IQAC

The meeting started at 02.30 pm.

Item No.07: Request from Col. M S Kumar for granting admission to PG (Master of Communication and Journalism) in the army quota-reg-

Col. M S Kumar has applied for CSS PG (Master of Communication and Journalism) for the academic year 2020-22 and will be appearing for the CSS PG entrance examination. He has been accorded permission by the Indian Army for study leave for 2 years to pursue a Post Graduation in Master of Communication and Journalism. Now he has requested to allocate and reserve a seat under the army quota.

As such the matter is placed before the CSS Academic Committee for necessary recommendations.

Decision Taken:- The CSS Academic Committee recommended to consider the request of Col. M S Kumar based on the precedence of allotting supernumerary seats for the army officers.

The committee also recommended to report the matter to the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

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

Item No.15.22. Minutes of the meeting of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 03.07.2020- approval of – reg.

(Ac BI)

The minutes of the meeting of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 03.07.2020 is placed before the Syndicate for approval.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD FOR
ADJUDICATION OF STUDENTS' GRIEVANCES**

DAY	:	FRIDAY
DATE	:	03/07/2020
TIME	:	11.00 A.M.
VENUE	:	SENATE CHAMBER

Members present:

1. Vice Chancellor (in the chair)	Sd/-
2. Sri. Siddik. R, Director, DSS	Sd/-
3. Dr.K.B. Manoj, Member, Syndicate	Sd/-
4. Dr. B.Unnikrishnan Nair, Member, Syndicate	Sd/-
5. Sri.Jairaj.J, Member, Syndicate	Sd/-
6. Adv.B.Balachandran, Member, Syndicate	Sd/-
7. Sri. Riyas A.R, Chairman, Kerala University Union	Sd/-
8. Ms. Anagha.A.S, Member, Senate	Sd/-

Members absent

- (1) Dr. K.S.Anilkumar, Member, Senate
- (2) Sri. Aby shinu, Law Academy Law College, Thiruvananthapuram

Persons who appeared for the hearing:

1. The Principal, University College, Thiruvananthapuram	Sd/-
2. The Principal, Government Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram	Sd/-
3. The Principal, Government Law College, Thiruvananthapuram	Sd/-
4. The Principal, VTMNSS College, Dhanuvachapuram	Sd/-
5. Sri. Riyas Vahab, District Secretary, SFI, Thiruvananthapuram	Sd/-
6. Sri. Sajikumar.V.S, Vazhakkadu, Pothencode	Sd/-
7. Sri.Muhammed Aslam.A, BA Arabic, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
8. Sri.Mohammad Ibraheem, BA Economics, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
9. Sri.Sofvan.H, BA Arabic, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
10. Sri. Renjith Bhaskaran, BA Economics, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
11. Sri. Amar.A.R, BA Economics, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
12. Sri. Nithin.S, Bsc Mathematics, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
13. Sri. Ejab.S, BA Malayalam, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
14. Sri. Adhil Mohammed B, BA Malayalam, University College. Tvpm	Sd/-
15. Sri. Akshay.S.S, BA Islamic History, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
16. Sri. Adwaith Manikantan, BSc Botany, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
17. Sri. Aromal.S.Nair, Bsc Physics, University College, Tvpm	Sd/-
18. Sri. Nazeem.M, BA Sanskrit Vedanta, Govt Sanskrit College, Tvpm	Sd/-

Item No.15.22.01 *Complaint from Vaishnavi P - First DC literature student at Sree Narayana College , Chempazhanthy - Mental harassment - reputational threat from seniors reg :-*

(AcBI)

A complaint was received from Smt.Vaishnavi P, first DC, Literature student at Sree Narayana College, Chempazhanthy regarding the mental harassment from her seniors, face to face and through social media. She requested the Principal, S.N College Chempazhanthy and Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) to look into the matter and it was not accepted. Her family was humiliated in front of the college and ICC in a PTA meeting. In her complaint the student requested the authorities to safeguard her studies since this was her first year in college and also requested to provide a conclusive atmosphere in the college. The Principal Sree Narayana College, Chempazhanthy remarked that the complaint given by Ms.Vaishnavi P was forwarded to the Station

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Vice-Chancellor

House Officer, Kazhakoottam and the ICC and preliminary enquiry was conducted by the ICC and notice was sent to the concerned students . The Principal has informed that Ms. Vaishnavi withdrew her complaint in writing, the copy of which is attached along with the letter from the Principal.

Meanwhile an e-mail was received from Dr. Swapna Gopinath , Associate Professor in English, S N College Chempazhanchy and Convener of Womens' studies cell and former Convener of ICC. Dr. Swapna Gopinath has put forward several allegations against the Principal S N College Chempazhanchy and states that she compelled Vaishnavi to withdraw the complaint. According to Dr. Swapna Gopinath the statements made by the Principal in the General Body and at the ICC meeting amounted to further harassment to Vaishnavi who was threatened by the respondents to withdraw the complaint.

Recommendation:

The Board recommended to send notice to the Principal and the petitioner to appear for a hearing in the next meeting of the BASG.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 03.07.2020, be approved.

Item No.15.22.02 Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) nos 5138, 5095, 5094, 5113, 5108, 5130, 4914, 4905, 5000, 4912, 4913, 4896 of 2020 - Representations submitted by 12 students before the Chairman, Kerala University Union - Hearing by the Board of Adjudication of Students' Grievances (BASG) - reg.

(AcBI)

The Chairman, Kerala University Union vide letter dated 07.02.2020 has forwarded representations addressed to the Chairman, Board for Adjudication of Students Grievances for the conduct of BASG for 12 students (11 from University College and 1 from Sanskrit College) who were under suspension for 4 months in connection with the University college issue. It has been pointed out that the students are studying in different semesters for different courses and the continued delay in conducting an enquiry and not granting the petitioners a chance to prove their innocence will affect the future prospects of the petitioners. Further it has been submitted that they have played no part in the ill fated events which took place in University College on 12. 07. 2019 (stabbing issue of Akhil). Unfortunately the victim, the person who is alleged to be stabbed and the petitioners belong to the same student organization. It has been alleged that, action was taken not only against the perpetrators of the incident, but also against innocent bystanders like the petitioners. The petitioners have not been able to attend the University Examinations. The petitioners have requested the BASG to invoke powers vested under Chapter 36 of Kerala University First Statutes, 1977 and start enquiry in these illegal suspensions.

Meanwhile, the petitioners filed writ petitions before the Hon'ble High Court in which the Hon'ble Court in its judgements dated 20.02.2020 and 24.02.2020 directed the BASG, to take up, consider and pass appropriate orders on the representations submitted by the petitioners and the petitioners shall be heard before orders are passed as directed.

In this context it may be noted that the happenings in the college that led to the suspension of the students attracted much public and media attention and the Government and the Educational Agency of the College has already initiated action including inquiry by crime branch police and had entrusted law enforcement machinery to ensure peace in the campus.

As per the Kerala University First Statutes 1977, the Principal of the college shall be the Head of the College and shall be responsible for the internal management and administration of the college.

Recommendation

In deference to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court on various WP(c) s on the issue relating to suspension of students from the University College, Thiruvananthapuram and Government Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram consequent on the clash among students occurring in the University college campus, the BASG heard the Principals concerned and the petitioners individually and obtained their statements.

The individual petitioners submitted that they were not guilty of any misconduct and pleaded that they may be allowed to continue their academic career. The Principals concerned observed that the students should be allowed to complete their academic programmes, but expressed their difficulty in readmitting the students to the same colleges since it may lead to law and order issues. The Committee observed that the petitioners were bound to lose academic years on account of the persisting suspension period, while no specific judgment of any Court of law relating to the issue in question prevails, other than to hear the petitioners in this context and pass appropriate orders. However in view of the pleading by the students and the statements made by the Principals, the Committee made the following recommendations.

1. The eleven students from University College, Thiruvananthapuram be permitted to apply for inter-college transfer to colleges, other than the University College, Thiruvananthapuram and Government Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram, where the concerned subjects of study are offered, in the respective semesters, adhering to regulations, as a special case taking into consideration that the students may not be deprived of their academic career and at the same time considering the serious apprehension expressed by the Principal concerned on the law and order situation if the students are permitted to continue studying in the University College, Thiruvananthapuram.

2. Since Sri.Nazeem.M, Semester 1 BA Sanskrit Vedanta, Government Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram is not eligible for re-admission as per norms, he may be permitted to apply for fresh admission during 2020-21 to any affiliated college under University of Kerala, other than University College, Thiruvananthapuram and Government Sanskrit College, Thiruvananthapuram.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 03.07.2020, be approved.

Item No.15.22.03 Judgment No WP(c) No.34248 of 2019(E) of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala – Representation from students of Government Law College – reg. (Ac.BI)

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in its judgment dated 04.12.2019 in WP(c) No. 32971 of 2019(V) directed the BASG to consider the representation dated 23.11.2019 submitted by the petitioners (Government Law College students under suspension) to the Vice Chancellor in accordance with law and attain finality to the same at the earliest and at any rate, after providing notice of hearing to all concerned. The BASG at its meeting held on 24.12.2019 considered the above matter and recommended that the Principal be directed to resolve the issue as immediately as possible in consultation with all concerned in order to ensure that the academic prospects of the petitioners does not suffer and also to take necessary measures to maintain an amiable environment in the institution conducive to academic activities. The Syndicate at its meeting held on 21.01.2020 approved the same.

The decision of the Syndicate was intimated to the Principal, Government Law College vide this office letter dated 27.02.2020. The Principal vide letter dated 23.03.2020 informed that although the consultative meeting was convened on 21.03.2020, the victims their parents and their college level political leaders did not turn up. It has also been informed that one more meeting will be convened at any rate before the college reopens. If the present COVID-2019 situation persists till the commencement of the next academic year, the absentees of the meeting of 21.03.2020 will be given a notice to submit their opinion by writing.

Meanwhile, the petitioners filed a Writ Petition No. WP(c) No.34248 of 2019(E) before the Hon'ble High Court in which the Court has pointed out that the complaint submitted by the petitioners are not considered by the Grievances Cell so far. The Hon'ble High Court has directed the BASG to take up Ext.P6 complaint preferred by the petitioners and to take a decision expeditiously as possible, in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the judgment(which expires on 29.07.2020).

Recommendation

The Committee heard the Principal of the college who remarked that the college had no objection in revoking the suspension of the 4 students uniformly so that they can continue their academic career in the respective programmes.

The Committee noted that a final decision on the matter can be arrived at, only after conducting a hearing of the petitioner students.

Hence recommended to hear the petitioner students.

Resolution of the Syndicate
RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 03.07.2020, be approved.

Item No.15.22.04 സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം അധ്യക്ഷയ്ക്കെതിരെ ശ്രീ. സജി കുമാർ വി.എസ്, ഇലവിൻ കുഴി വീട്, വഴയ്കാട്, പോത്തൻകോട് പി.ഓ സമർപ്പിച്ച പരാതി -സംബന്ധിച്ച്.

- സൂചന :
- 1) ശ്രീ. സജി കുമാർ വി.എസ് സമർപ്പിച്ച പരാതി
 - 2) 27.06.2019 തീർപ്പിൽ ഡോ.സി.എ. ഷൈല , അസോ.പ്രൊഫസർ & ഹെഡ് , സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം, കാര്യവട്ടം സമർപ്പിച്ച വിശദീകരണം

(Ad.DII)

സൂചന (1) പ്രകാരം ശ്രീ. സജി കുമാർ വി.എസ്, സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം മേധാവിയ്ക്കെതിരെ സമർപ്പിച്ച പരാതി ചുവടെ ചേർക്കുന്നു.

1) കാര്യവട്ടം ക്യാമ്പസിൽ സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗത്തിൽ എം.ഫിൽ പഠിച്ചിറങ്ങിയ എന്ന അവിടത്തെ സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം മേധാവി ഷൈല ടീച്ചർ അവരുടെ ഒത്താശയ്ക്ക് കൂട്ട് നിൽക്കുന്നില്ല എന്ന കാരണത്താൽ മാനസികമായി പീഡിപ്പിക്കുകയും അവഗണിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തിരുന്നതായും അവസാനം ഗതി കേട്ട് അവരുടെ മുന്നിൽ വെച്ച് തന്നെ പ്രാണഹത്യ ചെയ്തു ഈ അവഗണനയിൽ നിന്നും മാനസിക പീഡനത്തിൽ നിന്നും രക്ഷപ്പെടണമെന്ന് തോന്നിയതായും അപ്രകാരം ആത്മഹത്യയ്ക്ക് ശ്രമിച്ച് ഭാഗ്യം കൊണ്ട് രക്ഷപ്പെട്ടതായും പരാതിയിൽ ആരോപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

2) എം. ഫിലിനൂ എ ഗ്രേഡ് നേടി ജയിച്ചിട്ട് പി.എച്ച്.ഡിയ്ക്ക് അപേക്ഷ 2015 മുതൽ നൽകുകയാണെന്നും ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റി വരുമ്പോൾ വിളിച്ചു വരുത്തി തന്നെ പരിഹസിച്ചു വിടുന്നതായും 2017-18ൽ ന്യായ പ്രകാരം തനിക്ക് കിട്ടേണ്ടസിറ്റ് സീനിയോറിറ്റിയിലും സർട്ടിഫിക്കറ്റിലും തന്നെക്കാൾ അർഹതയില്ലാത്ത സംസ്കൃത കോളേജിലെ ജ്യോതിഷ അധ്യാപകനായ സുധീഷ് സാനിന്റെ ഭാര്യയ്ക്കു, അധ്യാപകന്റെ ഭാര്യ എന്ന പരിഗണനയിൽ, തന്നെ ഒഴിവാക്കിയിട്ട് ആ കുട്ടിക്ക് നൽകിയതായും പരാതിയിൽ ആരോപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

3) ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ തന്നെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുത്തതായി കള്ളം പറഞ്ഞു യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിലെ സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം ഉഷ ടീച്ചറിന്റെ അടുത്ത് പറഞ്ഞു വിട്ടു. അവിടെ ചെന്നപ്പോൾ തന്നെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിട്ടില്ല എന്നും ടീച്ചറിന് നാലു പേർ ആയിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞു മടക്കി അയച്ചു . തിരിച്ചു ഷൈല ടീച്ചറെ കാണുവാൻ കാര്യവട്ടത്തു ചെന്ന തന്നെ, അടുത്ത് ഏതു ടീച്ചറിന്റെ കീഴിലും ഒഴിവു വന്നാൽ ആദ്യം തരാം എന്ന് പറഞ്ഞു തിരിച്ചയച്ചു. 2019 ൽ ജൂൺ 18 തീയതി ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റി കൂടിയപ്പോൾ തന്നെ ഒഴിച്ച് മറ്റെല്ലാവരെയും അറിയിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റി വിവരം ഒരു കുട്ടി വഴി അറിഞ്ഞു കാര്യവട്ടത്തെ ഷൈല ടീച്ചറെ വിളിച്ചു തിരക്കിയപ്പോൾ സാഹിത്യകാരെ മാത്രമേ എടുക്കുകയുള്ളൂ എന്നും ഒരു സീറ്റേ ഉള്ളൂ എന്നും

കളെ പഠത്തു. എന്നാൽ ആ പുതിയ ടീച്ചറിന്റെ കീഴിൽ നാല് ഒഴിവുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. തന്നെക്കാൾ സീനിയോറിറ്റി ഇല്ലാത്ത നാലു പേരെയും എടുത്തു. ഈ നാലു പേരിൽ സാഹിത്യം, ന്യായം എന്നീ പല വിഭാഗക്കാരും ഉണ്ട്. തന്നെ ബോധപൂർവ്വം ഒഴിവാക്കുന്നുണ്ട് എന്ന് മനസിലായെന്നും അന്നേ ദിവസം ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റിയ്ക്കു എത്തിയ ടീച്ചർ തന്നെ മനഃപൂർവ്വം അവഗണിക്കുകയായിരുന്നു എന്നും ടീച്ചർക്ക് ഒത്താശ നിൽക്കുന്ന കുട്ടികളെ മാത്രം പി.എച്ച് .ഡി യ്ക്കു തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുകയും തന്നിട്ടു ടി.സി പോലും തരാത്തത് കൊണ്ട് മറ്റു യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിൽ പി.എച്ച് .ഡി ചെയ്യാമെന്ന് വിചാരിച്ചാൽ അതിനും കഴിയുന്നില്ല എന്നും പരാതിയിൽ ആരോപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

4) ഒരു കുടുംബമായ തനിക്ക് പഠിക്കണമെന്ന് വളരെ താല്പര്യം ഉണ്ടെന്നും ഷൈല ടീച്ചർ നിരന്തരം മാനസികമായി പിഡിപ്പിക്കുന്നതുമൂലം ആത്മഹത്യാ പ്രവണത ശക്തമായിവരുന്നെന്നും ഒരു പക്ഷെ ആത്മഹത്യാ ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനുത്തരവാദി കാര്യവട്ടത്തെ ഷൈല ടീച്ചറും കേരളം യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയുമാണെന്നും പരാതിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു .

5) ബാല്യകാലത്തു അപസ്ഥാരം എന്ന അസുഖം തന്നെ ബാധിച്ചിരുന്നെന്നും കാര്യവട്ടം ക്യാമ്പസിലെ സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം മേധാവി ഡോ.ഷൈല ടീച്ചറിൽ നിന്നും നിരന്തരം മാനസിക സംഘർഷവും അവഗണനയും ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതിനാൽ ഭേദമായ അസുഖം വീണ്ടും ഉണ്ടാകുമോ എന്ന ഭയത്തിലാണ് തന്റെ അച്ഛനമ്മമാർ എന്നും അസുഖം മൂലം പഠനത്തിൽ ഒരുപാടു വർഷങ്ങൾ നഷ്ടപ്പെട്ട തനിക്ക് അർഹമായ പി.എച്ച് .ഡി പഠിക്കുവാനുള്ള അവസരങ്ങൾ വീണ്ടും തട്ടി കളഞ്ഞു വർഷങ്ങൾ നഷ്ടമാക്കുകയാണ് ഷൈല ടീച്ചറെന്നും ദാരിദ്ര്യ രേഖയ്ക്ക് താഴെയുള്ള തന്റെ ജീവിതം വളരെ ദുരിതങ്ങൾ നിറഞ്ഞതാണെന്നും സാമ്പത്തികമായി പിന്നിലും എന്നാൽ സാമുദായികമായി മുന്നിലുംവരുന്ന താൻ വളരെ കഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടാണ് ഇതുവരെ പഠിച്ചെത്തിയത് എന്നും പരാതിയിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നു. 2016 മുതലേ പി.എച്ച്.ഡി പ്രവേശനത്തിന് കാത്തിരിക്കുന്ന തനിക്ക് അർഹമായ സീറ്റ് സീനിയോറിറ്റി അനുസരിച്ചു തിരിച്ചു നൽകണമെന്ന് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈസ് ചാൻസിലറിനോട് പരാതിയിൽ അപേക്ഷിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

മേൽ പരാതിയിന്മേൽ കാര്യവട്ടം സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം അധ്യക്ഷയിൽ നിന്ന് വിശദീകരണം സൂചന (2) പ്രകാരം ലഭ്യമാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആയതു ചുവടെ ചേർക്കുന്നു .

1) ശ്രീ സജികുമാർ വി.എസ് 2014-15 അധ്യയന വർഷത്തിൽ ഈ വിഭാഗത്തിൽ എം.ഫിൽ ബിരുദത്തിനു പഠിച്ചിരുന്ന വ്യക്തിയാണ്. പഠനത്തിനിടയിൽ അതേ ക്ലാസ്സിൽ പഠിച്ചിരുന്ന ഒരു പെൺകുട്ടിയുമായുള്ള ബന്ധത്തെ തുടർന്ന് സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗത്തിൽ ക്രിസ്തു മസ്റ്റ് ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ നടക്കുന്നതിനിടയിൽ വീട്ടിൽ നിന്ന് വിഷം കൊണ്ട് വന്നു ക്ലാസ്സിൽ വെച്ചു കഴിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. അധ്യാപകരുടെയും വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെയും അവസരോചിതമായ ഇടപെടൽ മൂലമാണ് അത്യാഹിതം ഒന്നും സംഭവിക്കാതെ ടിയാനെ അന്ന് രക്ഷിക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞത്. തുടർന്ന് ടി പെൺകുട്ടി പഠനം ഉപേക്ഷിച്ചു പോവുകയും ടിയാൻ പിന്നീട് രക്ഷകർത്താവിനോടൊപ്പം വന്നു പഠനം തുടരാൻ അനുവദിക്കണമെന്ന് അപേക്ഷിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ടിയാൻ മുൻപും മാനസികമായി പ്രശ്നങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നതായി പിതാവിൽ നിന്നും അറിഞ്ഞതിനെ തുടർന്ന്, മേലിൽ അത്തരം പ്രവർത്തികൾ ആവർത്തിക്കില്ല എന്ന് ടിയാനിൽ നിന്നും രക്ഷാകർത്താവിൽ നിന്നും എഴുതി വാങ്ങിയതിന് ശേഷമാണു പഠനം തുടരുന്നതിനു അനുവാദം കൊടുത്തത്. ഈ സംഭവങ്ങളും തുടർന്നുണ്ടായ കാര്യങ്ങളും രജിസ്ട്രാറെ യഥാസമയം അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ടിയാനിൽ നിന്നും

പിതാവിൽ നിന്നും അന്ന് എഴുതി വാങ്ങിയ സത്യവാങ്മൂലങ്ങൾ ഇതോടൊപ്പം പരിശോധനയ്ക്കായി ചേർത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

2) ടിയാൻ പരാതിയിൽ പറയുന്നത് പോലെ 2015 മുതൽ അല്പ പി.എച്ച്.ഡി ക്കു അപേക്ഷ നൽകുന്നത്, മറിച്ച് 2017 ജൂലൈ സെഷനിൽ അണ്. ആയതു സർവകലാശാലയുടെ രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ പോർട്ടലിൽ ലഭ്യമാണ്. ഒഴിവുകൾ കുറവായതിനെ തുടർന്ന് 2017 ജനുവരി, ജൂലൈ സെഷനുകളിലെ അപേക്ഷാർത്ഥികൾക്കു മുഴുവനും രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ലഭ്യമാക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്തതിനാൽ പുതിയ ഒരു അഡ്യാപിക്യ്ക്കു ഗവേഷണ മേഖ്നോട്ടത്തിനുള്ള രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ലഭിച്ചതിനെ തുടർന്ന് 2019 ജൂൺ 18 നു ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റി കൂടുക ഉണ്ടായി. ശ്രീ സജികുമാറടക്കം 2017 ജനുവരി, ജൂലൈ സെഷനുകളിൽ രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ലഭിക്കാതിരുന്ന എല്ലാ പേർക്കും മെയിൽ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിന്റെ പകർപ്പും ഇതോടൊപ്പം ചേർത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

3) 18.06.2019 നു ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നതിനായി എത്തിയ ടിയാൻ ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റി അംഗങ്ങൾ ചോദിച്ച ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ആഭാസകരമായ രീതിയിലാണ് മറുപടി നൽകിയത്. ഗവേഷണപരമായ ഒരു ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കും ശരിയായ മറുപടി നൽകാത്തതിനാലും പരസ്പര ബന്ധമില്ലാത്ത കാര്യങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞതിനാലും ടിയാൻ ഗവേഷണത്തിന് അനുമതി നൽകാനാകില്ല എന്ന തീരുമാനമാണ് ഡോക്ടറൽ കമ്മിറ്റി എടുത്തത്. മാത്രമല്ല, മതിയായ രേഖകൾ ഒന്നും ടിയാൻ അന്ന് ഹാജരാക്കിയിരുന്നില്ല.

4) ടിയാൻ മേൽപറഞ്ഞ പരാതി സർവകലാശാലയ്ക്കു നൽകിയ അതേ ദിവസം രാവിലെ ആണ് വിഭാഗത്തിലെത്തി ടി.സി അപേക്ഷ നൽകിയത്. മറ്റു ബാധ്യതകൾ ഒന്നും തന്നെ പരിശോധനയിൽ കണ്ടെത്താത്തതിനാൽ അപ്പോൾ തന്നെ ടി.സി അനുവദിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. ഇക്കാര്യങ്ങൾ സർവകലാശാലയുടെ സി.സി.ടി.വി ദൃശ്യങ്ങൾ പരിശോധിച്ചാൽ ബോധ്യപ്പെടാവുന്നതാണ്.

5) ശ്രീ സജികുമാറിന്റെ ഇതു വരെയുള്ള പ്രവർത്തികളിൽ നിന്നും ഗവേഷണം നടത്തുന്നതിനുള്ള മാനസിക ആരോഗ്യം ഉണ്ടോയെന്നു സംശയിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ആയതിനാൽ ഈ വിശദീകരണങ്ങൾ തൃപ്തികരമല്ലാത്ത പക്ഷം, സർവകലാശാല സ്വതന്ത്രമായ അന്വേഷണം നടത്തി കാര്യങ്ങൾ ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്തിനുശേഷം മേൽനടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

പരാതിക്കാരനെയും സംസ്കൃത വിഭാഗം മേധാവി ഷൈല ടീച്ചറേയും ബോർഡ് ഫോർ അഡ്ജുഡിക്കേഷൻ ഓഫ് സ്റ്റുഡൻസ് ശ്രീവൻസസ് മുൻപാകെ ഹിയറിങ് നടത്താനുള്ള 31.08.2019 ലെ സിന്റിക്രേറ്റ് തീരുമാനം ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈസ് ചാൻസലർ അംഗീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Recommendation

The Committee heard the petitioner in detail. The petitioner expressed his concern regarding the admission process for Ph.D programme through the concerned Doctoral Committees which appeared to provide ample opportunity for biased decisions by the members of the Doctoral Committee, which are detrimental to the interest of the students and the University at large. He further stated that he did not press any longer on his personal complaint, but sought the University to look into his above mentioned apprehension.

Recommended that the Registrar be authorized to look into the admission process to Ph.D programme to see if there are any flaws or deficiencies. Also recommended that necessary steps may be initiated to make the system more efficient, student friendly and foolproof.

Resolution of the Syndicate
RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 03.07.2020, be approved.

Item No.15.22.05 **Admission granted to Sri. Stephin S N, to BA Degree Course in History at VTMNSS College, Dhanuvachapuram who was suspended on ragging case – reg:**

(Ad.DII)

Complaints have been received from the Secretary, SFI Thiruvananthapuram District Committee and General Secretary, Kerala University Union regarding the admission granted to Sri. Stephin SN to BA Degree Course in History at VTMNSS College, Dhanuvachapuram as the candidate was suspended from the College during the year 2017, in connection with a ragging case.

The Principal VTMNSS College, Dhanuvachapuram was requested to offer remarks in this regard and the Principal submitted the following:

1. Sri. Stephin S N was admitted in the college under PWD quota as per allotment memo issued by University of Kerala on 21/06/2019 to BA Degree Course in History.
2. Previously Sri. Stephin S N was admitted in the academic year 2015-16 in B.Sc Botany under PWD category.
3. During the course of his study he was involved in a ragging case. The act of ragging was first reported to the UGC and the UGC Anti-ragging Cell and it was directed to take strict action in the complaint(ARCC/KL-3368).
4. Accordingly an enquiry committee was constituted at college level. The committee conducted an enquiry and submitted its report in which Sri. Stephin S.N was found guilty.
5. On the recommendation of the College Anti-ragging Committee and College Council, he was suspended from the college with effect from 30.06.2017 as per the letter No.1813/17 dated 30.06.2017, preventing him from attending classes and all academic privileges for the remaining period of his study in the institution, was withdrawn.
6. The matter was reported to the UGC Anti Ragging Cell as well as the University of Kerala.
7. Now he is again admitted under PWD category for BA Degree Course in History at VTMNSS College, Dhanuvachapuram.

The Principal further requested to take appropriate decision in this case at the earliest.

The matter was placed before the Board of Adjudication of Students' Grievances, held on 24.12.2019 and it was recommended to conduct hearing of the Principal and petitioner at the next meeting of the BASG.

Recommendation

The Principal of the College and Sri. Riyas Vahab, District Secretary, SFI, Thiruvananthapuram were present for the hearing and they were heard in detail by the Committee. The Principal could not satisfactorily explain as to how the said student who have been issued compulsory TC earlier, ie on 17.12.2018 on ragging charges was once again given admission to the same college for a different programme as the previous TC happened to be a mandatory document for admissions. The Committee noted that as per anti ragging provisions of the UGC, a student cannot be deprived of his academic career for consecutive semesters on account of such charges, depending on the severity of the misconduct.

The Committee expressed its concern on the procedure lapse on the part of the college and recommended that the original TC submitted by the said student for the present admission be examined to see whether there is any foul play. Also recommended that if nothing untoward is found, then the student may be allowed to continue his academic programme in some other college under the same educational agency by way of inter-college transfer adhering to regulations.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendation of the meeting of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 03.07.2020, be approved.

Item No.15.23. **University Health Centre, Kariavattom - Extension of contract of the existing Resident Medical Officer appointed on contract basis – Consideration of- reg.**

(Ad.DII)

The Syndicate held on 13.03.2020, while considering the matter regarding the revamping of University Health centre, vide item no. 10.129, resolved to appoint a new Resident Medical Officer at the University Health Centre, Kariavattom, on completion of the tenure of contract of the current RMO appointed on contract basis.

The tenure of the current RMO, Dr.R.Krishnaprasad expired on 03.04.2020, ie., during the lockdown period and it was decided to permit him to continue in service until a new RMO is appointed. Further, it was decided to give extension to the RMO on contract basis for a further period of 89 days or until a new RMO is appointed. It was also ordered to obtain remarks on the remuneration to be paid to the RMO on contract basis who is to be reengaged for a period of 89 days. The Finance section opined that the RMO may be paid the same remuneration he is currently being paid ie., Rs.40,000/- per month. The file when submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for orders on re-engaging the RMO on contract basis for a period of 89 days with a consolidated pay of Rs.40,000/-, it was ordered to place the same before the Syndicate. It may be noted in this regard that if the RMO was to be re-engaged for a period of 89 days, his first tenure would have been completed on 02.07.2020 itself.

Meantime, Dr. R. Krishnaprasad, the current Resident Medical Officer on contract basis, sought clarification on non renewal of his contract till now. He has also informed that he is ready to relinquish his service anytime, but by doing so, deserting the health centre without handing over charge to a responsible Medical Officer will be dereliction of duty as well as violation of Medical Ethics, especially in the current COVID-19 scenario and has requested either to permit him to resign at the earliest without handing over charge of Health Centre to any responsible Medical Officer or to continue till a responsible Medical Officer assumes charge.

Dr. R. Krishnaprasad has also requested to settle his salary from 04.04.2020 onwards and to settle the arrears of salary w.e.f. 27.12.2016 as per the relevant government orders in this regard. It may be noted that the remuneration for contract employees are revived time to time as per existing government norms and currently the RMO is paid a remuneration of Rs.40,000/- as per remuneration enhanced vide U.O No. Ad.AV.6906/ 2019 dated 19.10.2019.

In light of the circumstances explained above the matter regarding **re-engagement of Dr.R.Krishnaprasad, the current Resident Medical Officer on contract basis for a period of 89 days with a consolidated monthly remuneration of Rs.40,000/- or till the appointment of a new Resident Medical Officer, whichever is earlier**, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision thereof.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to re-engage Dr.R.Krishnaprasad, the current Resident Medical Officer on contract basis for a period of eleven months with a consolidated monthly remuneration of Rs.40,000/- or till the appointment of a new Resident Medical Officer.

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Item No.15.24. *Disbursement of salary to contract/contingent employees for the month of July2020 –Consideration of- reg.*

(Finance)

The usual procedure followed for disbursement of salary to contract/ contingent employees is on the basis of attendance statments forwarded by the Principal/ Head of the Department concerned. In the case of contingent employees university order has to be issued by the Administrative sections concerned on the basis of the attendance statements and contingent bill has to be forwarded to the Audit section for disbursal of salary, whereas attendance certificates alone are required in the case of Contract employees. Due to the situation of spreading of Covid 19 pandemic in alarming proportions, the government has declared lockdown in the entire Thiruvananthapuram corporation area with effect from 6th July2020 and is being continued till date. Because of this, the centers/departments are unable to forward the hard copies of the attendance statement.

In the previous lockdown period for contract employees the attendance statement was e-mailed to the Finance Officer. It may also be noted that in the previous lock down period the government had issued orders to consider lock down period as on duty and to disburse the salary accordingly. But now, as the lock down has been declared only on regional basis, the government has

not issued any such orders till date. In the above circumstance administrative sanction is required for effecting any relaxations in the usual procedures for the disbursal of the salary of July 2020.

To be more specific, decision has to be taken as to whether their salary for the lock down period may be disbursed and if so, the procedure (with regard to attendance etc;) to be adopted for the same may also be decided. As ordered by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to implement the G.O. (P) No.99/2020/Fin. dated 30.07.2020 and to disburse the salary to contract/contingent employees for the month of July 2020 accordingly.

Item No.15.25. *Engaging of Estate Officer- Consideration of- reg.*

(Ad.AI)

Sri. C Mohanan was engaged as Estate Officer on contract basis at the University Office w.e.f 21.08.2019 for a period of 11 months on monthly remuneration basis as per U.O. No. Ad.A1.3/26675/19 dated 18.12.2019. His period of engagement as Estate Officer has expired on 20.07.2020.

The date of birth of Sri. C Mohanan is 02.04.1960 and he attained the age of 60 in April 2020. As per the resolution of the Syndicate held on 20.06.2019 in item no. 11.38, *person with age upto 65 years can be considered for engagement as non- teaching staff including Sweepers and Cleaners in various University institutions like UITs/UIMs/KUCTEs/UCE.* The post of Estate Officer requires technical expertise with regards to land matters and Sri. C. Mohanan has been continuing as Estate Officer on contract basis since 18.08.2017. Sri. C. Mohanan had held the post of Deputy Collector in Land Revenue Department previously.

As the post of Estate Officer is lying vacant, either Sri. C. Mohanan, Estate Officer on contract basis may be

(i) re-engaged as Estate Officer for a period of eleven months as per the existing remuneration after imposing a mandatory break of one working day for the previous engagement

OR

(ii) Steps may be initiated to appoint a new incumbent as Estate Officer on contract basis and Sri. C. Mohanan, former Estate Officer on contract basis may be re engaged till a new incumbent joins duty.

As per orders of the Vice-Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Syndicate for appropriate consideration and recommendation.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED not to re-engage Sri. C. Mohanan as Estate Officer.

FURTHER RESOLVED to initiate immediate steps to appoint a new incumbent as Estate Officer on contract basis.

ALSO RESOLVED to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to nominate an official (Deputy Registrar) to assign the charge of Estate Officer till the new appointment is made.

Item No.15.26. *Kerala University Department of Publications-Appointment of the Director in the Department of Publications- Request-Consideration of- reg.*

(Ad.DIII)

1. *Request dated 01.06.2020, submitted by Sri..Joe Joseph, former Director, Department of Publications, University of Kerala*
2. *Note No.KUDP/20-21dated 09.06.2020 from the Department of Publications*

As per reference cited 1st, Sri Joe Joseph, Former Director, Department of Publications has requested to engage him as the Director, Department of Publications, University of Kerala on Contract basis by considering the following;

a) He had been working as the Director, Department of Publications, University of Kerala for about 8 years. He retired from service on 31.05.2020.

b) Although he had approached the Hon.High Court for the extension of his retirement age to 60 years, the Hon.Court disposed the case on 29.05.2020 without accepting his pleading.

Registrar

Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor

As per reference cited 2nd the Administrative Officer, Kerala University Department of Publications has informed that since the Director, Kerala University Department of Publications retired from service on 31.05.2020, the smooth functioning of the department has not been possible and there are several matters that requires the attention of the Director such as Printing of text books for various University Courses, forwarding of Contingent Bills, Decision regarding paper for printing of books, issuing of NLC/LC to Sri Joe Joseph, Director(Retired) and to Smt.Lali, Clerical Assistant (Retired) from the Department.

The Vice-Chancellor has ordered to place the request of Sri Joe Joseph, former Director, Department of Publications, University of Kerala, to appoint him as the Director, Department of Publications, on contract basis before the Syndicate for a final decision.

In this regard the following points may be noted.

i) *As per U.O.No.Ad.DIII.2.53724/2012 dated 04.12.2016 Sri Joe Joseph was appointed as the Director, Department of Publications, University of Kerala w.e.f. 06.11.2012 .*

ii) *Sri Joe Joseph had filed a case against the University challenging his retirement from service at the age of 56. The University had taken the stand that the Director, Department of Publications being a non-teaching post had to retire at the age of 56 and not at 60, as in the case of teachers in the University.*

iii) *The Hon'ble High Court had dismissed his Petition on 29th May 2020 and upheld the stand of the University. In this context appointing Joe Joseph on Contract could weaken the above stand of the University and could find itself in an embarrassing situation, if Sri. Joe Joseph files an appeal against the verdict in the Hon'ble High Court.*

iv) *However it may be seen that the post of the Director, Department of Publications is a very crucial and unique one and cannot be kept vacant indefinitely. Urgent steps need to be taken to appoint a Director for the Publication Department.*

v) *There is no precedence of a procedure of contract appointment to the post of Director, Department of Publications. Charge of Director was handed over to Assistant Director in the previous instance. However at present there are no permanent employees in the post of Assistant Director or Publication Officer.*

vii) ***Also in the scenario of the Director, Department of Publications being engaged on Contract basis, the service conditions including remunerations needs to be fixed.***

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor ***the request of Sri Joe Joseph, former Director, Department of Publications, University of Kerala, to engage him as the Director, Department of Publications on Contract basis,*** is hereby placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

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

Item No.15.27. Promotion of Section Officers of 2008 batch – Remarks of the Standing Counsel regarding six re-appointed assistants- for consideration- Consideration of reg

(Ad A I)

With regard to the Assistants appointment during 2008, the Hon'ble Court in the common Judgement dated 21.02.2017 in WPC 37082/2007 and connected cases declared that as the selection of the appointed candidates have been already upheld, the University shall grant them all benefits flowing from the respective date/order of appointment including promotions and all consequential benefits in preference to their juniors. The employees of the batch were not given promotion till February 2017 due to the pendency of court proceedings. They had been retained in the post of Assistant till February 2017.

The Assistants from 2008 batch were given promotion vide U.O. No. Ad.AI.2/6765/17 dated 23-02-2017 by complying with the Judgement dated 21.02.2017 in WP(C) 491/2012. Many complaints were received against the U.O. No. Ad.AI.2/6765/17 dated 23-02-2017. The Vice Chancellor ordered to constitute an Anomaly Rectification Committee (ARC) to look into the

allegations raised against the U.O dated 23-02-2017. The main allegation against the U.O dated 23-02-2017 was the seniority accrued in the cadre of Assistant (Senior Grade) was not considered for promotion to the cadre Assistant (Selection Grade) and for the further promotion to the post of Section Officer. The ARC submitted its report dated 10.08.2017. A group of employees approached the Hon'ble Court seeking implementation of the report dated 10.08.2017 submitted by the ARC by filing WP (C) 30240/2017. The Hon'ble Court disposed this Writ Petition on 13.10.2017 with the direction to the University to call for and obtain objections, if any, as against the report, within a period of 'two weeks' from the date of receipt of a copy of the judgment and to take a final decision within a further period of one month and to effect promotions without any further delay."

Accordingly objections were further called for and the ARC submitted its final report on 4.11.17. Considering the recommendation of the ARC, the Vice-Chancellor directed to seek legal opinion from the Legal Adviser. The Legal Adviser recommended to provide equal opportunity to all and also opined that it will be proper to effect promotions by reckoning the date of occurrence of vacancy as on 03.07.2010, since the last incumbent of 2008 batch assistants joined service on 03.07.2008. The Vice-Chancellor approved the same and University Order dated 03.01.2018 was issued.

Again numerous complaints were received against the U.O dated 03.01.2018 alleging irregularities. The petitioners of WPC 30240/2017 again filed another Writ Petition (WP(C) 1366/2018) before the Hon'ble Court and the Hon'ble Court on 08.02.2018 issued an interim order staying further promotions from the U.O dated 03.01.2018. Subsequently another group of employees also filed WP(C) 5731/2018 challenging the U.O dated 03.01.2018. In view of the complaints received against the U.O dated 03.01.2018, it was decided to form another ARC, comprising officials, to look into the alleged anomalies.

The Hon'ble Vice - Chancellor has ordered to constitute a New Anomaly Rectification Committee (ARC) to verify the complaints received against the order in U.O. No Ad.AI.2/6765/18 dtd 03/01/2018 and the same was constituted vide U.O.No.Ad.AI.4.6765/2018 dated 05.03.2018. The Committee was entrusted to verify the service books of all the Assistants appointed during 2008 to ascertain the actual date of passing of Account Test and Secretariat Manual Test and also state their eligible date of promotion to various categories based on the relevant rules. The Committee verified the service books of all the assistants appointed during 2008 and submitted a report on 13.03.2018. A Circular was issued on 13.03.2018 intimating the publication of the list prepared by the new ARC to the employees concerned. Altogether 35 complaints had been received.

Subsequently two Writ Petitions (WPC 8866/2018 & WPC 9290/2018) were filed against the formation of the new ARC which was intended to examine the alleged anomalies crept in the U.O. dated 03.01.2018 and to stay the proceedings in pursuant to the circular dated 13.03.2018. It was submitted by the University before the Hon'ble Court that the matter will be considered by the Syndicate of the University and shall report it to the Hon'ble Court before taking a final decision. The Hon'ble Court vide interim order dated 27-03-2018, made clear that the proceedings in pursuant to circular dated 13.03.2018 shall go on, however finalisation of such proceedings shall be made only after obtaining further orders from the Court. Complying the orders of the Hon'ble Court, the Vice-Chancellor has accorded sanction to resume the process of considering the complaints in pursuant to the circular dated 13.03.2018. Accordingly the report prepared and submitted by the ARC on 24.04.2018 was considered by the Syndicate held on 10.05.2018 and it was resolved to accept the report and to inform the Standing Counsel to obtain necessary orders from the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala for its implementation.

University filed an IA before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala on 24.07.2018 to permit the University to implement Syndicate resolution (Item No. 35.72. Additional Item No.03) held on 10.05.2018 and to fill 29 vacant posts of Section Officer. UO has been issued to promote 24 incumbents from the list approved by Syndicate without affecting Smt. Beena S.G. and Sri. Renjith Sekhar R as directed by the Court. Accordingly U.Os. dated 16.08.2018 were issued.

Sri. Sreenath.S & Others filed Contempt Case (Civil) COC No. 1755/18 against the issuance of the promotion orders dated 16.08.2018. The Legal Monitoring Committee held on 14.11.2018 recommended the following:

a) decision on the fixation of pay to the promoted posts of incumbents in 2008 batch Assistants and payment of arrears may not be considered now, since there is an Interim Order dated 27.07.2017 in WA 706 & 788/2017 As of now, Interlocutory Applications need not be filed by the University to vacate the Interim Order dated 27.07.2017.

b) until CCC No.1755/2018 filed by Sreenath.S and others is closed by the Hon'ble High Court, it is not advisable for the University to file IA for filling the vacant post of Section Officers by promotion.

c) if the situation so warrants the Vice-Chancellor be authorized to withdraw the U.O. Nos. Ad.AI.2/6765/2018-1,2&3 dated 16.08.2018 and to issue a fresh University Order accordingly promoting the same 24 incumbents who were promoted as Section Officers vide U.O. No.Ad.AI.2/6765/2018-3 dated 16.08.2018.

The Syndicate in its meeting dated 16.11.2018 has resolved to agree to the above recommendations of the Legal Monitoring Committee. The standing Counsel vide letter No. TA/SC-LO-13/2019 dated 13.02.2019 informed that the contempt case has been closed recording the decision of the Syndicate to withdraw Annexures IX, X and XI orders. The said decision submitted before the Hon'ble Court as per the statement dated 16.01.2019 has been extracted in paragraph 4 of the judgment. Therefore the orders have to be withdrawn forthwith and those orders in force prior to the interim order dated 27.03.2018 would revive instead. Fresh orders regarding the promotion to the post of Section Officers to the 24 vacancies for which permission was granted as per interim order dated 14.08.2018 and to the 12 vacancies granted as per the interim order dated 29.01.2019 have to be issued specifically mentioning that the same are being issued provisionally subject to the final outcome of W.P.(c) Nos.1366, 5761, 8866 and 9290 of 2018. Hence, the U.Os dated 16.08.2018 have been modified and fresh U.O was issued accordingly. Further promotions to the post of Section Officer were being made with the permission of the Hon'ble High Court from the list approved by the Syndicate on 10.05.2018.

It may be noted that the employees of 2008 batch are eligible for promotion to the post of Section Officer (Hr.Gr) wef 01.06.2019. In this context, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Standing Counsel was requested to take earnest steps to get the High Court stay vacated for the disbursement of monetary benefits to the 2008 batch of Assistants and to obtain a favorable decision from the court in the cases related to seniority dispute urgently by implementing the resolution of the Syndicate held on 10.05.2018.

The Standing Counsel furnished the following;

"The above referred cases came up for consideration before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala yesterday (1.7.2020). The said posting was granted by the Hon'ble Court on the basis of the submissions made on behalf of the University on the date of last posting. But the cases were adjourned again. I insisted on the hearing to be commenced on 1.7.2020 itself so that the matter could be listed again as a part heard matter on a later date, if some among the counsel had any personal inconvenience yesterday. This request was opposed by 2 counsel and therefore the case was adjourned to 16.7.2020.

*In the last about 2 years this batch of cases is facing the same fate as a result of which the stalemate in the University in granting eligible promotions is continuing. The University as a respondent in all these cases has an inherent legal disability to initiate any final hearing as the cases have been filed by the petitioner employees and not by the University. But the fact that the present impasse in promotions is really creating a vacuum in our middle level administrative machinery has to be reckoned with the seriousness the same deserves. Therefore to overcome this crisis it is essential that the University should take initiative in moving the Hon'ble Court for modification of the earlier interim order interdicting the University from passing any further orders and permit the University to provisionally grant promotions on the basis of the seniority list approved by the Syndicate in its meeting dated 10.5.2018. This in fact is not going to create any prejudice to the rival claims as the direction sought to be issued is only for provisional promotions subject to the final outcome of the batch of cases. **Since this is a policy matter I request that appropriate decision may be taken and informed for enabling me to file a suitable application. Please treat this as most urgent as any interlocutory application in this regard has to be filed if possible this week itself**".*

It may also be noted that 6 employees of 2008 batch were reappointed (in July 2018) after the submission of Report of new ARC (ie, after 10.05.2018). Hence they were not included in the said list. Hence permission may also be obtained from the Hon'ble Court to include them in the said list in their eligible positions. As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor remarks furnished by the Standing Counsel was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on staff, equipments and buildings for consideration.

The Vice Chancellor, while considering the minutes of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on staff, equipments and buildings on 03.07.2020 (copy appended), approved the minutes and has ordered "Due to exigency for additional item no.3, an IA be filed in the Hon'ble High Court (subject to reporting to Syndicate)". It has also been ordered to send a letter to the Standing Counsel in this regard. Accordingly, a note dated 13.07.2020 was given to the Standing Counsel.

The Standing counsel, vide Letter No. SC/Lt.No.24/2020 dated 14.07.2020, forwarding the draft of the affidavit and petition seeking permission of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala for the provisional promotion to the 44 vacancies of Section Officer (Higher Grade), opined that "the matter of 6 employees mentioned in the note cannot be included in the affidavit as such inclusion is liable to be considered as an abuse of the process of the Court. The subject matter of all the cases is the seniority issue based on the ARC Report and all developments consequent to the same culminating in the decision of the Syndicate held on 10.5.2018. If the 6 employees are also included in the said seniority list that would definitely alter the validly approved seniority list now in force which is the subject matter of the pending cases. It has also been opined that there is no such decision taken by any competent authority of the University modifying/altering the decision of the Syndicate dated 10.5.2018 for the inclusion of the 6 employees in question. The Standing Counsel is also of the view that it is only proper and legal to present the draft of the affidavit and the IA for the approval of the Vice-Chancellor as the decision in this regard can be only by invoking the powers under Section 10(13) of the Kerala University Act 1974".

IA has been filed for promoting 2008 batch Section Officers as Section Officers (Hr.Gr.). As instructed by the Standing Counsel the case of 6 re-appointed Section Officers has not been included as they are not in the list approved by the Syndicate on 10.05.2018.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor remarks furnished by the Standing Counsel is placed before the Syndicate for appropriate consideration and recommendation.

Resolution of the Syndicate

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

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Item Nos.15.28 Promotion of Section Officers of 2008 batch - Reporting of - reg.
(Ad A I)

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the item be referred to next Syndicate.

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Item No.15.29. Renewal of 1Gbps NMEICT Connectivity - Consideration of- reg.
(Ad.BII)

BSNL has intimated that the NMEICT connectivity was provided to the University in the year 2010 is due for renewal w.e.f. 29.09.2020. A meeting was held at PVC chamber on 29.06.2020 with BSNL team. At this meeting, BSNL submitted a proposal for renewal of 1Gbps NMEICT connectivity for 10 years in advance or for one year in advance. The renewal charges are as detailed below.

Service	Bandwidth	Offer for 10 Years in advance	Offer for 10 years but with payment yearly in advance
NMEICT	1Gbps	Rs.1.8 crores	Rs.20 Lakh/annum

The Director, Computer Centre has remarked that the BSNL 1Gbps NMEICT connectivity was provisioned to the University of Kerala, Trivandrum in the Year 2010 for 10 years. BSNL informed through their letter that NMEICT connectivity is due for renewl w.e.f. 29.09.2020. NKN connectivity under NMEICT project interconnects all knowledge and research institutions in the

country and enables collaborative research, development and innovation amongst NKN connected institutes. NKN connectivity acts as backbone of the University of Kerala. At present NKN connectivity is used for internet connectivity at both Palayam and Kariyavattom campus of the University of Kerala. Generally, Internet connectivity available through this connection is sufficient for the essential services of University like on-line meetings, seminars etc. Public Ips granted to the University through the NKN connectivity is used to host different University website like research portal, library portals, DDFS, on-line question paper etc. It is also helpful for conducting video conferencing systems with various Universities coming under NKN connectivity.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor, the matter is placed before the Syndicate for Consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve the proposal submitted by BSNL for the renewal of 1Gbps NMEICT Connectivity for ten years.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Vice-Chancellor to have a negotiation with BSNL and reduce the yearly payment to Rs.18 lakh per annum.

Item No.15.30. *Items required to be purchased for the smooth functioning of video conferencing system – Consideration of - reg.*

(Ad BII)

At present as part of Covid-19 precautions, usage of online services are increased in a considerable manner. Today events like daily meetings, online classes, webinars and various activities are conducted through online facility. Now a days various video conferences in our University are being conducted with help of the limited equipment available at computer Centre. Hence a permanent solution is required to facilitate video conferences in each main conferencing venues like office of the Hon'ble VC, PVC, registrar, Syndicate room and Senate Chamber (Video Conferencing Facility has already been installed at the VC's office). It is also advisable to have at least a laptop to the higher officials for participating in various software based video conferencing platform.

The Director, Computer Centre has hence requested to take necessary steps to make available the following items for the smooth functioning of video conferencing system.

• **Laptop 3 Nos (VC/PVC/Registrar)**

Items	Specification
Processor	Intel Core i5 – processor 10 th generation 1.6 GHz base Frequency
Memory	8 GB DDR4-2666 (1 X 8GB)
Graphics Card	2 GB Dedicated
Hard Drive	1 TB 400RPM SATA Hard Drive + 256 GB PCTe NVME M.2 SSD
Screen	15.6" FHD Anti-glare (1920X1080)
Wireless Connectivity	802.11ac Wi-Fi and Bluetooth 4.02 combo
Camera & Mic	HD Camers with Integrated dual array digital microphone
Audio	Dual Integrated Speakers
Network Interface	10/100/1000 GbE LAN I
OS	Windows 10 64-bit
Battery	3 Cell Li-ion
Ports & Slots	HDMI RJ-45 Power Headphone/ Microphone USB 3.1 Type – A SD Card Reader USB 3.1 Type – C (Optional)
Adaptor	AC Adapter
Pointing Device	Touchpad with multi-touch gesture, precision support
Keyboard	Full Size island Style keys with Numeric Pad
Backup Options	Backup and recovery manager
Softwares	Microsoft office 2019
Carry Case	Backpack Laptop Bag
Warranty	3 Yr Next Business Day Onsite Service
Preferable Brand	HP/DELL/LENOVA/ACER

2. Headphone 5 Nos

Port Type	:	Combo port
Ear Phone	:	Ear Cushions
Mic	:	Inbuilt MIC
Volume Control	:	Yes

3. Camera : PTZ 20x camera with USB 3.0

4. Face Light 2 Nos : LED White Light Ring or Panel Type

5. Microphone : USB type Noise, echo cancellation MIC with wireless Receiver

6. Tripod : Tripod for Camera fixing

7. Video Decoder & Recorder : Black Magic Mini Ultra Studio

8. Cables : HDMI cable 15 mtrs – 2 Nos

9. Recoder Encoder Laptop ; OMEN 15 17 Laptop with thunderbolt port

10. Extension box 10 Meter – 3 Nos

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor, the matter of providing Video Conferencing facilities as above is placed before the Syndicate for Consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to approve the proposal for the purchase of above items required for the Video Conferencing facilities by inviting tender.

Item No.15.31. Unitary degree course in Law - Inter Collegiate Transfer – Request from Sri. Arjun Babu T P – Consideration of- reg.

(Ac.AIII)

Sri. Arjun Babu T P, who was admitted during 2017-18 to Unitary Degree course in Law at Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram, has requested for inter college transfer to the V Semester to CSI Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam (Self Financing) during 2020-21 by relaxing the norms for inter college transfer. It is stated that he has completed IV semester and now wishes to be transferred from the college since he fears he cannot complete the course due to the threats prevailing in the parent college. His studies were discontinued after completing the IV semester as he was suspended from the college due to some issues. The candidate will have to take readmission in the V semester during 2020-21 to pursue his studies as he has lost one academic year. The candidate has also expressed his willingness to join the 4th semester in another college after the cancellation of registration to the 4th semester.

A complaint on this matter was filed on 23.11.2019 before Students' Grievance Cell, the Pro-Vice Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor. The Principal, Govt. College, Thiruvananthapuram has expressed consent in the matter of Arjun Babu T P seeking admission in the V semester at CSI Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam. Likewise, the Principal, CSI Institute of Legal studies college has informed that they have no objection in admitting the candidate to V sem in their college. The tabulation section has reported that the candidate had registered upto IV semester (Sept. 2019) of unitary LLB degree examinations.

As per the prescribed norms for inter college transfer for LLB degree course, 'transfer shall be permitted in the Second to Fourth Semester in the Three year LLB stream and within the first month of the commencement of the semester to which admission by transfer is sought'. It is to be noted that, the classes for IV semester during the academic year 2020-21 commence only in February, 2021.

As per the orders of the Vice-Chancellor the matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges at its meeting held on 11/06/2020 and the committee recommended to conduct the hearing of the candidate on 15th June, 2020 at 11.00 am. After hearing the candidate, the Committee recommended to consider the matter in favour of the candidate, who was suspended from the college after completing IV semester, and grant him inter college transfer along with readmission to the V semester of Unitary degree course in Law from Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram to CSI, Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam, during 2020-21 considering the volatile nature of the issue, subject to Legal opinion. The Legal Advisor quoting the conditions in clause 3 of Chapter III of the Kerala University First Ordinances, 1978, has opined

that there is no legal impediment in granting inter college transfer to the candidate as he has produced the necessary documents and particularly as he apprehends threat to his life.

In this context, it is pertinent to note that on issues relating to the violent incidents in University college, Thiruvananthapuram and Govt. Law college, Tvm, there are cases filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala seeking intervention by the University to ensure that the academic career of the students under suspension do not suffer in the context of the severe Law and order issues prevailing in the said colleges.

Hence, as per orders of the Vice-Chancellor the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate an Affiliation of Colleges along with the legal opinion of the Legal Advisor to grant inter college transfer along with readmission to the V semester Unitary degree course in Law from Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram to CSI, Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam, during 2020-21 to Sri. Arjun Babu T P is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and approval.

Resolution of the Syndicate

The Syndicate considered the opinion of the Legal Adviser and **RESOLVED** to grant intercollege transfer from Govt. Law College, Thiruvananthapuram to CSI, Institute of Legal Studies, Cheruvarakonam, during 2020-21 to Sri. Arjun Babu T.P along with readmission to the V semester Unitary degree course in Law.

Item Nos.15.32 to 15.35

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the items (15.32 to 15.35) be referred to next Syndicate.

Item No.15.36

Minutes of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020 - reporting of – reg.

(Ac.H)

The minutes of the meeting of the **Online Admission Monitoring Committee** held on 28.07.2020 is appended. The Vice Chancellor has approved the items except 4 & 5 in the minutes of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020, as per 10.13 of act, subject to reporting to the Syndicate.

The action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the minutes of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020 is reported to the Syndicate.

The item numbers 4 & 5 are placed before the Syndicate for consideration and decision.

Minutes of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee for UG/PG admissions 2020-21

Committee No : 4

Date	:	28.07.2020
Time	:	01.30 PM
Venue	:	Syndicate Room

Members

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| 1. Pro Vice - Chancellor (Chairman) | : Sd/- |
| 2. Adv. Muralidharan Pillai. G, Convenor, Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Affiliation of Colleges | : Sd/- |
| 3. Dr. Vijayan Pillai. M (Member, Syndicate) | : Sd/- |
| 4. Dr. B. Unnikrishnan Nair (Member, Syndicate) | : Sd/- |
| 5. Sri. Arun Kumar. R (Member, Syndicate) | : Sd/- |
| 6. Sri. Jairaj. J (Member, Syndicate) | : Sd/- |
| 7. Director, Computer Centre | : Sd/- |
| 8. Dr. Manoj Chacko (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Statistics) | : Sd/- |
| 9. Dr. K. B. Manoj (Member, Syndicate) | : Sd/- |
| 10. Dr. Aji S (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Computer Science) | : Sd/- |
| 11. Deputy Registrar (In charge of Online Admissions) | : Sd/- |
| 12. Dr. K. Satheesh Kumar (Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Future Studies) | : Absent |
| 13. Registrar | : Absent |

Registrar

Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor

Item No. 15.36.01 Sports Quota Admission – Submission of proforma to colleges – reg.

As per the prospectus for UG admission 2020, clause 4.4, "after completion of the registration process, the candidates shall submit a proforma in prescribed format to the colleges of their choice among the colleges they have opted while registering online." Telephonic enquiries have been received from a few parents regarding submission of proforma to colleges for sports quota admission. It is informed that, in the present scenario of Covid 19 pandemic, it is not feasible to insist the students to submit the proforma to the colleges.

Remark has been sought from DPE in this regard. DPE remarked that necessary changes may be done in prospectus only for the submission of prescribed proforma to the colleges of choice of candidates in connection with sports quota admission 2020-21 because of the present scenario of Covid 19 pandemic.

The committee considered the matter and recommended to maintain the process of submission of prescribed proforma to colleges and also to include the provision to the candidates for submitting the proforma to the colleges concerned along with the copies of completed application by providing the e-mail id of colleges in the admission website. Also necessary instructions may be given to the Principals of all colleges that confirmation message may be given to the candidates who submit the proforma through e-mail.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the above recommendations of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020, be noted.

Item No.15.36.02 Management Quota Admission – Submission of online application printout to colleges – reg.

As per UG prospectus 2020, for admission to management quota seats in Aided/Self financing colleges, candidates should contact the colleges he/she intends to take admission and submit the printout of the online registration application form to the colleges concerned.

In the present scenario of Covid 19 pandemic, it is not feasible to insist the students to submit the online application printout to the colleges. This may be reviewed.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to maintain status quo.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the above recommendations of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020, be noted.

Item No.15.36.03 Admission to BA Music course – Submission of online application printout to colleges – reg.

As per UG prospectus 2020, for admission to BA Music programme, after registration, the printout of the application form shall be submitted directly to the colleges concerned.

In the present scenario of Covid 19 pandemic, it is not feasible to insist the students to submit the online application printout to the colleges. This may be reviewed.

The committee considered the matter and recommended to maintain status quo in the process of submission of printout of online application to colleges and also include the provision to the candidates for submitting the proforma to the colleges concerned by providing the e-mail id of colleges in the admission website.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the above recommendations of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020, be noted.

Item No.15.36.04 Admission to BPA course in SST Govt. College of Music –reg.

As per UG Prospectus 2020, the University will not be conducting online centralized allotment for BPA Programmes and those candidates who wish to apply for the same need to apply directly to the Colleges concerned.

E-mail has been received from the Principal, SST Govt. College of Music regarding submission of applications to BPA programmes to the college.

It has been stated that since the courses are related to vocal and instrumental music, it is compulsory to conduct aptitude test for the candidates. Hence the applications were issued and scrutinized manually and eligible candidates were called for aptitude tests. In the prevailing background of Covid-19 pandemic, considering the Covid protocols, it has been requested that necessary permissions / orders may be issued to either process the issue and submission of applications online or manually by announcing the dates for the application process (Issuing to conducting aptitude test) as early as possible.

The committee considered the matter and recommended the following.

1. **The format of application to BPA programmes in SST Govt. College of Music, Thiruvananthapuram may be given in the admission website. Candidate may submit the scanned copy of completed application by sending the same to the e-mail id of the college.**
2. **Matter may be referred to the Syndicate for final decision.**

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations at Sl. No.1 of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020, be approved.

Item No.15.36.05 *Letter from the Director of General Education - VHSE curriculum-change to NSQF curriculum and certification through Higher Secondary-Admission to Degree and B .Voc Courses –reg.*

In the letter, it has been stated that NSQF compliant vocational courses were introduced in 66 VHS schools from 2018-19 academic year onwards in 147 batches. Certification of these students will be done by the Board of Examination Higher secondary, Kerala. As per the scheme of subjects, no second language is included. Software for online registration is designed in such a way that second language is mandatory and it will consider for calculation of index marks.

It has been requested that necessary action may be taken for entering the marks as per the subjects in the online application to higher secondary students for Degree and B.Voc admission in the colleges in Kerala University for this academic year itself as the first batch of students will be applying this year for higher studies.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to refer the same to the next meeting of the Syndicate.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the above recommendations of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020, be approved.

Item No. 15.36.06 *Convening of Principals' meeting – reg.*

A convenient date and time may be fixed for the conduct of the meeting of Principals and Admission Co-ordinators of all the Affiliated Colleges in connection with the UG /PG online Admissions of the academic year 2020-21.

The Committee considered the matter and recommended to conduct the meeting of the Principals and Admission Co-ordinators of all the Affiliated Colleges in connection with the UG/ PG online Admissions of the academic year 2020-21 on 20.08.2020 at 11.00AM (Govt. and Aided Colleges) and at 02.00PM (UIT's and Self financing colleges)

The meeting came to an end at 02.45 PM.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice Chancellor in having approved the above recommendations of the meeting of the Online Admission Monitoring Committee held on 28.07.2020, be noted.

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Item No.15.37 *Request received from transgender candidates – relaxation in upper age limit –Consideration of- reg.*

(Ac.H)

Resolution of the Syndicate**RESOLVED** that the item be referred to next Syndicate.

Item No.15.38 **Releasing Retirement benefits to Dr.Padma Rao.G without getting thumb impression-Consideration of- reg.**

(DR (Audit))

Dr.Padma Rao.G, Professor, Department of Malayalam, retired from service on 30.04. 2019 has requested to calculate his pensionary benefits only after getting his prior service reckoned. The order reckoning his prior service was issued on 14.05.2020 and subsequently the pensionary benefits were sanctioned vide U.O.No.Ad.AIII.a/SP/22983/2020 dt.12.06.2020.

The release of retirement benefits are pending as the pensioner has not reported for getting thumb impression and signature on the Pension Payment Order.

Dr.Sheela Kumari, w/o Dr.Padma Rao.G vide request dated 23.07.2020 has intimated that the pensioner met with an accident on 09.06.2020 and still under medical treatment. She has produced Treatment Summary from KIMS Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram and has requested to release the retirement benefits of her husband for meeting the expenses for medical treatment.

Considering the present condition of social spreading COVID-19 pandemic and the medical condition of the pensioner it is not advisable to direct the section to visit the hospital and complete the formalities for releasing the payments.

The Legal Advisor had opined that taking in to consideration the current Global Health Crisis/ Pandemic and also the fact that the retiree had met with an accident incapacitating him from personally appearing before the competent officer to give thumb impression, it is only reasonable and just to take an empathetic and humanitarian approach towards the plight of the retiree. It is opined that, the exemption from giving his thumb impression be afforded to the pensioner in light of the circumstances and in doing so will not result in any irregularity or misappropriation as the amount due to the retired employee will be directly credited to his bank account. Moreover, the lack of thumb impression is a curable defect that can be rectified once these circumstances are favorable.

The matter of releasing the retirement benefits in respect of Dr.Padma Rao.G without getting thumb impression and on the strength of the Treatment Summary from KIMS Hospital, Trivandrum and completing the pending formalities at earliest possible date is placed before the Syndicate for consideration and appropriate decision.

Resolution of the Syndicate

The Syndicate considered the opinion of the Legal Advisor and **RESOLVED** to release the retirement benefits in respect of Dr.Padma Rao.G, Professor, Department of Malayalam (Rtd.) without getting thumb impression and on the strength of the Treatment summary from KIMS Hospital, Trivandrum and completing the pending formalities with immediate effect.

Item No. 15.39 **Replacing of acacia trees with indigenous trees at Kariavattom- Consideration of-reg.**

(Ad.B1)

An MoU has been executed between the University and the Social Forestry Division for implementing the project of replacing acacia trees with indigenous trees at 20 hectares of land at Kariavattom Campus.

In the mean time, the Joint Registrar, Administration has informed that the related works as per the MoU executed with Social Forestry Division, is in progress. However, an action plan has to be conceived for the clearing of all acacia trees, with in an exact time frame. The numbering and value assessing of trees, move at a snail's gallop. As discussed with the authorities of Social Forestry Division, the value of trees/ logs dumped in the campus will be assessed by the SFD, within the project period, if required officially. The clearing of land and planting of tree saplings has to be completed prior to monsoon. Urgent intervention is required on the matter, as the project may cease when the monsoon begins. Also, the speeding up of the aforesaid work may be helpful to boost up the funding of various projects in the campus and also to make the campus, acacia free, before the NAAC visit.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the matter of *entrusting the Social Forestry Division to assess the value of acacia trees/ logs dumped in the campus within the project period and speeding up of the project*, is placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED to entrust the Social Forestry Division to assess the value of acacia trees/ logs dumped in the campus and speeding up of the project for planting of tree saplings.

Item No.15.40 **Draft Report of the Expert Committee on Educational Reforms in University of Kerala in the Post COVID 19 Scenario - reg**

Resolution of the Syndicate

The Syndicate considered the Draft Report of the Expert Committee on Educational Reforms in the University of Kerala in the post COVID -19 Scenario and **RESOLVED** to approve in principle.

FURTHER RESOLVED to constitute the following committees for a detailed discussions on the Report:

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| 1. <i>Examinations</i> related matters | Dr.K.B. Manoj, Convenor
Dr.M.Vijayan Pillai
Sri.R.Arunkumar |
| 2. <i>Courses and Research</i> | Adv.Muraleedharan Pillai. G (Convenor)
Dr.S.Nazeeb
Dr.Gopchandran. K.G
Sri.Mohammed Yaseen
Sri.Viswan Padanilam |
| 3. <i>Online & Digital debase</i> | Dr.Gopchandran. K.G. (Convenor)
Dr.B.Unnikrishnan Nair
Dr.Mathew.V
Dr.Vijayan Pillai M
Sri.R.Arunkumar |
| 4. <i>Private Participation and Engg. College</i> | Sri.B.P. Murali (Convenor)
Sri.Jairaj J
Pro.K.Lalitha
Dr.S.Nazeeb |
| 5. <i>Faculty Redeployment</i> | Vice-Chancellor (Convenor)
Pro- Vice-Chancellor
Registrar |
| 6. <i>Administrative Reforms</i> | Adv.B.Balachandran (Convenor)
Sri.R.Rajesh , MLA
Smt.Renju Suresh
Prof.K.Lalitha
Sri.Bijukumar G |

After incorporating the suggestions submit the final report before the Syndicate for approval.

Additional Item 1 **University Departments of Library and Information Science – Selection and promotion of Teachers under CAS–Panel of Experts–Approval of – reg**
(VC's Sn.)

The Panel of experts for conducting selection and promotion of Teachers and for promotions under Career Advancement Scheme in the Departments of Library and Information Science are placed before the Syndicate for approval.

Resolution of the Syndicate

RESOLVED that the panel be approved.

University Buildings,
Thiruvananthapuram,
30.07.2020

Registrar

Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Vice-Chancellor



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**Preliminary Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the
Syndicate held on 14.08.2020**

Place of Meeting : University Buildings
Thiruvananthapuram
Time : 10.00 AM

Members present:

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

Online presence

17. Dr.Mathew.V
18. Sri.Vijayakumar R, Joint Secretary, Higher Education Department
19. Smt. Renju Suresh

Item No.16.01. *Confirmation of the Preliminary Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the
Syndicate held on 17.07.2020 -reg.*

(Ac.A.I)

The Syndicate considered the Preliminary Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Syndicate held on 17.07.2020 with the following modifications:

Item No.14.14.15 Agenda note be corrected as:

'The Repair works of drainage system and allied works in the Science Block-I (Geology Block Building) at Kariavattom Campus was awarded to Sri.Thomas Jacob vide work order No.UE/DB/(e-GP)/E5/2017-18 dated 24.05.2017 at an agreed probable amount of contract (PAC) of Rs.16,48,373/- i.e 22.7% below the estimate rate as per the accompanying schedule. Agreement for the work was executed vide No.109/17-18 dated 31.08.2017.

The contractor vide letter dated 03.03.2019 (request was received on 03.03.2020) has intimated that even after completing the repair work of drainage system and allied works in the Science Block-I (Geology Block Building) on 05.03.2018 (as per the status report dated 06.11.2019

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submitted by the University Engineer the work was completed on 05.09.2018), no action was taken to refund the fine amount of Rs.70,080/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand and Eighty only).

Since the request of the contractor dated 19.03.2019 was not received in the planning section, a clarification was sought from the University Engineer and the University Engineer vide letter No.DB2/Drainage/RUSA/2018 dated 28.05.2020 has clarified that "the fine amount recovered from the contractor Sri.Thomas Jacob for the delay in completion was imposed as per the norms.The Assistant Executive Engineer and the Assistant Engineer concerned in the proforma for extension of time of completion have recommended to extend the time with suitable fine.More over the contractor Sri .Thomas jacob had executed a supplementary agreement for deducting the fine amount, hence the fine for delay was calculated and an amount of Rs.70,080/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand and Eighty only) was deducted from the bill amount.

In response to the email dated 15.06.2020 Director (P&D), the University Engineer has forwarded the request of the contractor Sri.Thomas Jacob dated 19.03.2019 vide email dated 17.06.2020. The contractor has intimated that repair works of drainage system and allied works in the Science Block-I (Geology Block Building) at Kariavattom Campus was completed on 05.03.2018 and submitted the bill.But the bill amount was not released to contractor even after one year of completion of the work and the Assistant Executive Engineer has intimated the contractor that they had delayed the work for 114 days.The contractor has further intimated that they had to wait for holidays to complete the work since most of the work could not be done during the class time of the Department. Further he has stated even though explanation for the delay of the work had been intimated to the concerned, he was purposefully imposed the fine amount because he had complained against the Assistant Executive Engineer. The contractor also emphasised that he had to struggle for the completion of the work and requested to refund the fine amount imposed on him.

As per the orders of Vice Chancellor the matter of refund of fine amount of Rs.70,080/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand and Eighty only) to the contractor Sri.Thomas Jacob in connection with the repair works of drainage system and allied works in the Science Block-I (Geology Block Building) at Kariavattom Campus, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Planning & Development for consideration and appropriate recommendation'.

(Pl.G)

Item No.14.41 Resolution be modified as "**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the amount earmarked in the University Budget estimates for Chancellor's Multiplex (for the year 2020-2021), be utilized for the construction of '**Chancellor's Multiplex: Foreign Languages**'.

(Ad.B1)

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