



# UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

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## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

**Time & Date** : 10.00 a.m., Wednesday,  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022

### Online Meeting

#### Members Present

1. Prof.(Dr) V.P. Mahadevan Pillai  
Vice-Chancellor (in the chair)
2. Prof.(Dr) P.P. Ajayakumar  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil
4. Dr. Geetha Janet Vitus
5. Dr. Vasantha Gopal
6. Dr. S. Shifa
7. Dr. S.M.A Shibli
8. Dr. Sunil .V.T
9. Dr. Manju S.Nair
10. Dr. Manoj Changat
11. Dr. Preetha Nayar
12. Dr. Helen A
13. Dr. E.Shaji
14. Dr. K.S Chandrasekar
15. Dr.V.Biju
16. Dr. G. Prasad
17. Dr. S. Nazeeb.
18. Sri. Jairaj. J
19. Dr. M. Vijayan Pillai
20. Sri. R. Arunkumar
21. Sri. Bijukumar. G
22. Adv. Muralidharan Pillai. G
23. Adv. B. Balachandran.
24. Dr. K.B. Manoj
25. Adv. A. Ajikumar
26. Prof. K. Lalitha
27. Dr. Gopchandran K.G
28. Dr. Mariamma Mathew
29. Dr. M.S. Anilkumar
30. Dr. G . Thulaseedharan

31. Dr. P.R. Unnikrishna Pillai
32. Dr. R. Sunil Kumar
33. Dr. Sreelekha. L
34. Smt. Ashwini Ashok
35. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
36. Dr. Sam Soloman
37. Dr. Nazneen A
38. Dr. Muhammad Bava P
39. Dr. Rejiya C.S
40. Dr. Ragaseema V.M
41. Dr. V.L. Pushpa
42. Dr. Anzer R.N
43. Smt. Asha Prabhakran
44. Dr. Sheeja. P. R
45. Smt. Rumla Beegum. S
46. Dr. Prakasan. P.M
47. Sri. Aby Tellas
48. Sri. R. Santhosh
49. Dr. J. Binoy
50. Smt. Vineetha N.R
51. Smt. Kala Rani. K.S
52. Dr. Sabu. P Thomas
53. Dr. K. Manickaraj
54. Dr. P. Vinod

### **Online Presence**

1. Dr. V Salom Gnana Thanga
2. Dr. Mathew V
3. Dr. Meena T. Pillai
4. Dr. Jayachandran R
5. Dr. Jyothi S. Nair
6. Dr. K. Satheesh Kumar
7. Dr. Prakash K.C
8. Dr. Sheeba P
9. Dr. L. Darwin
10. Dr. Pramod Kiran R.B
11. Dr. Suresh K.S
12. Dr. Rajesh S.V
13. Dr. Sumi V.S
14. Dr. D. Muhammad Noorul Mubarak
15. Dr. E.G Jayasree
16. Dr. Usha Sujith Nair
17. Sri. Sreekumar K.N
18. Dr. Shaila C.A
19. Dr. Latha M.S
20. Dr. Sushama Raj R.V
21. Dr. Bindu K
22. Dr. Manoj T.R
23. Dr. Ramesh Kumar
24. Dr. Sibi K.S
25. Dr. S. Kunjamma
26. Dr. B. Mini Devi

27. Dr. Rosamma Philip
28. Dr. Anitha V
29. Dr. K.P Jayakumar
30. Dr. S. Sankararaman
31. Dr. Suresh R
32. Dr. Jeyakrishnan P
33. Dr. Harinarayanan M
34. Dr. Anees A
35. Dr. E.I Abdul Sathar
36. Dr. Jinimon P
37. Dr. Krishnakumar R.S
38. Dr. Anilchandran S
39. Dr. Rejani R.S
40. Dr. Thajudeen A.S
41. Dr. B. Hariharan
42. Dr. Preethi K
43. Dr. Shafi K.A
44. Dr. A. Gangaprasad
45. Dr. Binu G. Bheemnath
46. Dr. Sunil John J
47. Dr. Jaseer J
48. Dr. Deepa M
49. Dr. Sindhu Thulaseedharan
50. Dr. A. Bijukumar
51. Smt. Maggie J
52. Dr. Swapna T.S
53. Dr. Ampotti A.K
54. Dr. Jayarajan David D
55. Dr. Bismi Gopalakrishnan
56. Fr. George Mathew
57. Dr. Sabu Joseph
58. Dr. Aji S
59. Smt. Renju Suresh
60. Dr. Manju A
61. Dr. Mini Mol S

*The meeting was called to order at 10.00 a.m by Prof.(Dr.) V.P. Mahadevan Pillai, Vice-Chancellor in the Chair. He welcomed the members to the meeting.*

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

- 01. Issuance of Eligibility Certificates for the Distance Education Programmes of other Universities which does not have UGC Distance Education Bureau approval – Consideration of- reg (Ac.C)**

**Ref:- Application for Eligibility Certificate and request from Smt. Arpitha Shajjy Vettooran dated 18/11/2021 and application for Eligibility Certificate in respect of Smt. Shabanam V. Haiderali 03/12/2021**

Smt. Arpitha Shajjy Vettooran and Smt. Shabanam V. Haidrali had applied for Eligibility Certificates for their B.Com Degree awarded by University of Madras and BA Degree in English awarded by Annamalai University in the academic year 2017, respectively.

It may be noted that the 'Open and Distance Learning Regulation, 2017' of UGC DEB insist

that the institutions conducting distance education courses and their programmes should have recognition of UGC DEB in the wake of the withdrawal of affiliation of such institutions in the previous years by UGC in connection with their minimum standard policy.

It may also be noted that the public notice issued by the UGC DEB from time to time clearly mandates that distance programmes shall be conducted only in centres situated within the territorial jurisdiction of the University concerned.

The University of Kerala had issued a Press Release dtd 06/08/2018 relating to the ODL Regulations 2017 of UGC DEB. The status of recognition still remains the same in the website of UGC DEB.

The University of Madras and Annamalai University were not included in the list of affiliated Universities for conducting Distance Education Programme for the year 2017-18, published in the DEB website. It may be noted that the University of Kerala had also lost its recognition for two academic years on account of similar non-compliance with the regulations of the DEB, especially due to the conduct of programmes outside the territorial limits through LSCs, and hence did not have any admissions for these two years. Currently the SDE of the University of Kerala is conducting its programmes with the approval of the Regulatory Authority, whereas the Universities mentioned formerly are claiming immunity from the Regulations of the DEB, purportedly on the basis of a verdict of the Hon' High Court of Madras, which could not be the case since otherwise the DEB should have included these Universities in the approved list.

The documents submitted by Smt. Arpitha Shajji Vettooran show that she got admitted in the Institute of Distance Education under the University of Madras in 2017-18, during the period when the University did not have DEB approval.

**Smt. Shabanam V. Haidrali** obtained BA Degree in English through Distance mode of the Annamalai University in the year 2019 through the Centre from outside the jurisdiction which also does not have the approval of DEB. **The applicant therefore filed a petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide WP (C) No. 210/2022 regarding the recognition of B.A Degree in English from Annamalai University obtained the year 2017.**

Accordingly, the High Court directed the respondents 1 & 3 (Kerala University represented by the Registrar & Joint Registrar, Academic), to convene the Academic Council meeting at the earliest, at any rate, within a period of one month and take a decision on the recognition of the course.

On verifying the documents submitted by Smt. Shabanam V. Haidrali, it is seen from the Merit/Recognition Certificate dated 01.12.2021 issued by the Directorate of Distance Education, Annamalai University that Smt. Shabanam V. Haidrali has completed the course beyond the territorial limit of the Annamalai University.

(As per the public notice dated 19.07.2016 issued by the UGC, Open and Distance Learning programmes outside the State of their location or beyond their territorial jurisdiction is wholly illegal.)

The various court orders quoted in the certificate are interim stay orders and no verdicts have been issued by the court against the withdrawal of affiliation of such Universities by UGC/DEB/DEC.

It may be noted in this regard that UGC Distance Education Bureau had temporarily withdrawn the affiliation of School of Distance Education, University of Kerala in the academic years 2015-16 and 2015-17. Students were not admitted in the SDE during that period as it is illegal as per the ODL policy of UGC.

In the light of the fact that among several other Universities in India, University of Kerala had also stopped all SDE programmes during academic years 2015-16 and 2016-17 on account of the lack of recognition by the Distance Education Board due to centres outside territorial jurisdiction. In fact, a large number of students had lost their opportunity for higher studies due to the said sanction.

The Annamalai University as well as the University of Madras are State Statutory Universities like University of Kerala and are bound by territorial jurisdiction as provided for their respective Acts of Constitution.

No statutory university is legally entitled to conduct programme outside its territorial jurisdiction or to offer contact classes through franchises.

While the SDE of the University of Kerala could not make any admissions during 2015-16 and 2016-17 pending assent from the DEB, had to close Learners Support Centres and provide for conducting contact programmes as well as examinations within centres inside its territorial jurisdiction for students who had registered in earlier academic years, the Universities mentioned above went ahead against DEB and UGC regulations with impunity forgoing the approval of DEB.

The students who received admission to the said Universities inspite of the repeated notifications by the UGC and DEB cannot claim ignorance of law. Neither can they, through any recourse including legal, impose upon the University of Kerala to recognize the said examinations conducted against the provision of the Central Regulatory Body.

**Hence, the following matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration regarding the**

1. Issuance of Eligibility Certificates for Degrees awarded by other Universities through Distance mode in the academic year 2017-18 and onwards during the period when the Distance Education Centre and the Course did not have the affiliation of UGC DEB during the particular time period , as in the case of Arpitha Shajjy Vettooran, provided they are able to produce a necessary sanction form the DEB.

2. Issuance of Eligibility Certificates for the Degrees awarded by other Universities through Distance mode where the courses were conducted through outside the territorial limit of those universities and a decision on the issuance of Eligibility Certificate of the B.A Degree in English awarded to Smt. Shabanam V. Hydrali by Annamalai University who got admission in 2017 in Distance mode in the Centre outside the jurisdiction, provided she is able to produce a necessary sanction form the DEB.

**RESOLVED** *not to recognize Degrees awarded by other Universities under distance mode which is not approved by the DEB of UGC.*

**02. Judgment No. WP(C) No.248 of 2022 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala–**

**Recommendation of the BASG held on 16.02.2022 - Consideration of – reg. (Ac.BI)**

Three MBA students of IMK, Kariavattom namely Sreedhanya Pokkattupadi, Anjana A.S, and Athul B Vincent have submitted their complaints against Dr. Ambeeshmon S, Assistant Professor, IMK before the Hon'ble Chairman, Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances (BASG) of the University. The complainants alleged that their counter petitioner Dr. Ambeesh Mon.S's attitude is against the sacred duty of an educator, with full intent failed them in the subject 'Management Information Systems' in the third semester examination while they have an excellent academic performance in all other subjects in the third semester and also in the previous semester examinations. The petitioners assume that the temporary removal of Dr.Ambeeshmon.S from the role of HOD charge is due to the several protests, participated by the petitioners, against the counter petitioner on certain incidents could be a reason for the vengeance against them. The complaints regarding untoward incidents to senior batch submitted to various commissions under the encouragement of petitioners have been closed as settled after recording the report that there would not be any further misbehaviour on the part of the counter petitioner. It was also alleged that CSS has not taken up the issue as per the provisions stipulated in its regulation.

The petitioners request the interference of the Chairman, BASG and enquire in the matter of petitioners' victimization at the hands of the counter petitioner, so that a proper valuation of petitioner's answer book in the subject ' Management Information Systems' of the third semester examination be undertaken, in the interest of justice.

The Head, IMK remarked that, they had conducted the scrutiny in petitioner's presence, as a result, 2 marks were added to Smt. Anjana A S and Sri. Athul B Vincent , but no change to Smt. Sreedhanya pokkattupadi. Assessment and Evaluation were done as per CSS regulations.

In the meanwhile, petitioners approached the High Court of Kerala and obtained a judgment dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in WP(C) No. 248 of 2022 , directing the university to hear the three complainants and the respondent by the BASG and to take a decision expeditiously, in any event, within a period of one month from the date of production of a copy of the judgment.

In compliance with above judgment, the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances (BASG) held on 16.02.2022 conducted a hearing of the petitioners as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> Respondent, Dr. Ambeeshmon.S, Assistant professor, Institute of Management. Prof. K.S Chandrasekar, Head of Department, Management and Dr.Vasanthagopal, Dean, Faculty of Management studies were also required to appear before the Board.

The BASG recommended as following

1. **The answer scripts concerned of the petitioners be evaluated afresh by an expert from the panel of teachers in Management to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor and to treat the said evaluation as absolute and final in settling the issue, subject to the approval of Academic Council.**
2. **Further recommended to place the matter before the Syndicate for approval, under intimation to the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala. Inorder to complete the procedure and to avoid the contempt of Court, the Board also recommended to file a request for time enlargement from the court.**

**Meanwhile a petition filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala through the Standing Counsel of University praying for time enlargement of one month from 22.02.2022 is under consideration.**

The Syndicate held on 25.02.2022, considered the matter as item no. 37.97 and resolved that the above recommendation of the Board for Adjudication of Students' Grievances held on 16.02.2022 , be approved. The Vice chancellor has ordered to implement the resolution.

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, **the answer scripts concerned of the petitioners be evaluated afresh by an expert from the panel of teachers in Management to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor and to treat the said evaluation as absolute and final in settling the issue** is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation.

**RESOLVED** to approve the recommendation of BASG as a special case.

### **03. Recognition of B.Tech Degree /B.E Degree obtained via Mid Course Migration.**

**-Consideration of-reg.**

**(Ac.C)**

**Ref: Request submitted by Sri. Jobin John V dt:22.12.2021**

Sri Jobin John submitted an application for Eligibility Certificate for his B.Tech Degree (obtained via mid course migration) awarded by Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation, Salem on 04.12.2021. The applicant was not issued Eligibility Certificate since AICTE approval to this specific pattern of study is not clearly mentioned in any of the documents submitted by the applicant.

Sri Jobin John filed a litigation with the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide WP (C) 30782 in which it was ordered by the Hon'ble Court to consider the request made by the applicant and issue

Eligibility Certificate expeditiously in any event within three weeks from the receipt of the judgment dated:11.02.2022. Since the judgement interferes with the powers vested with the Academic Council to recognize the Degrees of other Universities, it has been ordered to file an appeal against this judgement and further actions are being initiated in this regard.

The applicant studied from semester 1 to semester 4 in Providence College of Engineering under APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram and then migrated to Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation, Salem (a private deemed to be University ) and completed the rest of the course in Aarupadai Veedu Institute of Technology, which appears to be a constituent institute/affiliated institute of Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation, Salem. It is clearly mentioned in the mark list that the candidate studied semester 1 to semester 4 in Providence college of Engineering under APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University and then migrated to Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation in semester 5.

B.Tech/B.E Degrees of Statutory/Central/Deemed to be University are recognised by the University of Kerala, provided those Degrees are awarded in accordance with AICTE Regulations. Hence B.Tech Degree under regular mode awarded in accordance with AICTE norms by Vinayaka Mission is recognised by the University of Kerala. But in this case the candidate's degree is obtained by mid course migration through credit transfer from a Statutory University to a private Deemed University. This method requires approval by AICTE. In this case, AICTE approval to the mid course migration is not proven.

Hence remarks from AICTE was sought on whether mid course migration to B.Tech students was permitted by AICTE and it was remarked vide Letter No: F.No.AICTE/P&AP/Misc/2022/1031 dt: 04.02.2022 that the AICTE has not issued any regulations/guidelines regarding recognition of B.Tech Degrees obtained through Mid Course migration/Credit Transfer.

**The Chairperson BoS in Engineering (P.G) has remarked that the B.Tech Degree obtained via mid course migration may not be considered since**

**1)AICTE has not issued any Regulations/guidelines regarding the recognition of B.Tech Degrees obtained through Mid course migration/credit transfer.**

**2) Such Mid course migration is not permitted in the University of Kerala as per the existing rules and regulations of the University of Kerala.**

**The Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology has remarked that the Mid Course Migration/Credit Transfer is not recognized either by AICTE or Kerala University. Hence the request submitted by Sri. Jobin John , Dt: 04/12/2021 and others may not be considered.**

The B.Tech Degree courses (Regular) conducted from semester 1 to semester 8 in Vinayaka Mission Research Foundation itself, are being given Eligibility Certificate by the University of Kerala. There is no precedence of issuing Eligibility certificate to a B.Tech Degree obtained through mid course migration.

The Rules and Regulations for credit transfer of APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, produced by the candidate as an exhibit in the High Court of Kerala is silent on whether the Degree obtained by the candidates who leave the course midway from APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, to join another University (Like that of petitioner) to complete their course, is approved by them. Moreover it is stated that Credit transfer allows transferring of earned credits from another institutions under specific conditions with in the purview of KTU.

Another exhibit produced by the candidate regarding AICTE approval to the B.Tech Degrees of Vinayaka Mission, does not specifically mention whether the recognition is accorded to B.Tech Degree obtained through mid course migration from a Statutory University to a Private Deemed to be University.

This being the scenario, the whole matter regarding recognition of B.E./B.Tech Degree obtained via midcourse migration is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED** to defer the matter for the time being in view of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala vide WP (C) 30782.

**04. Issuance of Eligibility certificate of M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras obtained after passing the Visharad Examination conducted by the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras – Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)**

Smt. Ajidha Ikkadan had applied for Eligibility Certificate of M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras. She had passed 10<sup>th</sup> Prवेशिका Examination and B.A Degree in Hindi from Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, (Distance) prior to obtaining this M.A Degree, which are recognized by this University. After Secondary examination, instead of Higher Secondary Examination, she had passed Rashtra Bhasha Visharad Examination of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

It may be noted that the candidate forwarded a mail regarding the recognition of Hindi Examinations conducted by voluntary Hindi Organisations from Ministry of Education and Social welfare which is press note dtd 18/02/1970 and is noted that Visharad examination of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras is equivalent to INTER Examination which is not seen recognized by this University as equivalent to Plus Two yet.

The Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass) has remarked that as per the mail from the candidate the Visharad of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha which she has cleared is equivalent to Pre-Degree (inter). She had passed 10<sup>th</sup> & B.A . So Eligibility Certificate may be issued for M.A (Hindi) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha.

The Chairman BoS in Hindi (PG) has remarked that as per the evidences attached it is found that she has passed 10<sup>th</sup>, Visharad, and B.A. To substantiate her Visharad she has sent a mail which is self explanatory that Visharad is equal to Inter(+2/ pre-degree). Hence she has eligibility to get admission as per 10+2+3 pattern in PG programme. So Eligibility Certificate can be issued for M.A Hindi awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

The Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the recommendations of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (PG).

It is very specific in the remarks of both the Chairman BoS in Hindi (pass) and (PG) that it is by virtue of the document produced by the candidate which is a press note dated 18/02/1970 issued by the Govt. Of India that they have recommended granting recognition to the M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras.

The said press note dated 18/02/1970 was issued more than 50 years back and the current status and also as to whether the state Govt have accepted the same and recognized Visharad Exam as equivalent to Pre-Degree/HSE are matter which are to be ascertained formally.

The Board of Studies in Hindi (PG) at it's annual meeting held on 03/12/2019 recommended to issue the eligibility certificate for the afore mentioned PG programme on the merits of the endorsement of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (PG) and the Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies based on equivalence accorded to plus two level qualification by the government.

The Academic Council held on 04/03/2020 considered the matter of issuance of Eligibility Certificate of M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras vide Item No. 57 and recommended to ascertain the equivalency of Rashtra Bhasha Visharad with Inter/Plus Two/Predegree by the government prior to recognise the M.A Degree.



In reply to the letters from the University, information regarding the equivalence of Visharad with plus two were obtained from the Principal Secretary to Government. In the letter it is noted that the Rashtra Bhasha Visharad programme offered by Dakshina Bharath Hindiprachar sabha has an approval of Kerala P.S.C. for appointment in the post of Upper Primary Hindi Teachers and also said that the Visharad course is recognised as equivalent to Hindi related subjects in the Inter Examination which is mentioned in the Recognition list of equivalence of Hindi Examinations of the Akhila Bharathiya Hindi Samsthan Sangh. Copy of the list is enclosed. Along with this reply, the whole file was again sent to the Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies for seeking their remarks in this regard.

The Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass) has given the remarks in the line of the reply received from the Principal Secretary to Government, General Education (G) Department. The Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass) where it is clear that Rashtra Bhasha Visharad cannot be traeted as an appropriate admission criteria for M.A Degree in Hindi. .

Hence the whole matter regarding the Issuance of Eligibility certificate of M.A Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras obtained after passing the Visharad Examination conducted by the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras is again placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED** to recognize Rashtra Bhasha Visharad of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha for purpose of higher studies only in the field of Hindi and not for employment.

**05. Equivalence of Rashtra Bhasha Visharad of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha with Intermediate/ Predegree/+2- Consideration of- reg. (Ac.C)**

**Ref:** 1. Application submitted by Smt. Lisa. A on 22/09/2021

2. Interim High Court order in WP(C) No. 18422/ 2021 dtd 09/09/2021

Smt. Lisa. A has submitted an Interim High Court order in WP(C) No. 18422/2021 2021 dtd 09/09/2021 filed by her along with the application for Eligibility certificates of M.A Degree in Hindi (Distance) and M.Phil Degree in Hindi Literature awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha, Madras on 22/09/2021 for the purpose of admission to Ph. D Degree in Hindi of the University of Kerala.

In this context it may be noted that the M.A Degree in Hindi (Distance) and M.Phil Degree in Hindi Literature (Regular) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha , Madras are recognised by the University of Kerala as equivalent to the corresponding degrees of this University provided the candidate should have obtained the degree in 10+2+3+2 pattern as followed by the University of Kerala. As per the regulation relating to recognition of Degree/Examinations of other Universities, the Degree/Examinations awarded /passed must be after having undergone the prescribed study with not less than 10+2(12)/10+2+3(15)/10+2+3+2(Hence 10+2 pattern of study is mandatory while issuing Eligibility Certificate of graduate/ post graduate degrees. On verification of the application submitted by the candidate, it was noted that the petitioner has passed the Rashtra Bhasha Visharad Examination in 2005 and Rashtra Bhasha Praveen in 2009 of the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha after SSLC in 1990 and has not done the plus two course. The candidate had obtained B.A Degree through Distance mode of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha in 2014.

However in the Writ Petition WP(C) No. 18422/2021 dtd 09/09/2021, it has been stated that Rashtra Bhasha Visharad of the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha is equivalent to +2 examination. The Rashtra Bhasha Visharad Examination has not been recognised as equivalent to the plus two by the University of Kerala.

In this Circumstances it may be noted that the Academic Council of the University of Kerala at it's meeting held on 04/03/2020 has considered the same matter regarding the recognition of M.A Degree in Hindi (Distance) awarded by Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha , Madras obtained after a Rashtra Bhasha Visharad vide item No. 57 , in the application submitted by Smt. Ajidha Ikkadan on 30/10/2017 for eligibility certificate stating that Visharad priogramme offered by the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha as equivalent to Inter Examination on the basis of a press note dtd 18/02/1970 from Govt of India , Ministry of Education and Social Welfare, the Academic Council had resolved to obtain specific information regarding the equivalence of Rashtra Bhasha Visharad Examination of the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha with the PDC/ Intermediate/+2 prior to recognising the said M.A Degree in Hindi. Accordingly letters seeking the above equivalence of two courses were sent to the Principal Secretary to Govt, the Secretary, General Education Department and the Director, Higher secondary Education on 16/06/2020.

In response to the letters, a reply was received from the Joint Director (Academic) General Education ,Higher secondary wing on 26/11/2021. In the letter it is noted that on the basis of the evaluation report received from SCERT, the Rashtra Bhasha Visharad programme offered by Dakshina Bharath Hindiprachar Sabha has an approval of Kerala P.S.C. for appointmnet in the post of Upper Primary Hindi Teachers and also the said course is recognised as only equivalent to Hindi related subjects in the intermediate examinations.

The reply letter received from the General Education Department along with the whole file was sent for remarks of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass) and the Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies.

The Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass) has given the same remarks as that of the reply received from the Joint Director , Academic , General Education, Higher Secondary wing and hence the request of the candidate cannot be accepted. The Dean Faculty of Oriental Studies has endorsed the remarks of the Chairman BoS in Hindi (Pass).

Hence the matter regarding the issuance of Eligibility certificate of M.A Degree in Hindi (Distnace) and M.Phil Degree in Hindi (Regular) after completing the Rashtra Bhasha Visharad of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED** to recognize *Rashtra Bhasha Visharad of Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha* for purpose of higher studies only in the field of Hindi and not for employment.

**06. Clarification regarding the split up of CE marks of the Practicals-M.Sc. Electronics (2019scheme)-Consideration of-reg. (AcAIV)**

The Regulation, Scheme, and Syllabus of M. Sc. Eectronics was revised with effect from 2019 as per U.O.No.AcAIV/2/48615/IV.F.(II)/2019 dated 28/05/2019. According to the regulation of M.Sc. Electronics(2019 scheme), the continuous evaluation (CE) mark split up for the practical examination is as shown as :

- Attendance 5
  - Performance 5
  - Lab record 5
  - Test 5
- Total 20 marks.

But inside the scheme for each semester, the CE mark for practical is mentioned as 25.

The clarification on the matter is sought from the Chairman, Board of Studies in Electronics . The Chairman remarked that, there is a typographic error in split up of the CE for practical in the Regulation part of the M.Sc. Electronics(2019) scheme, in the printed copy.

The mark allotted for test is '10' but it is printed as '5' in the syllabus. Therefore the split up of CE marks for practicals is as follows:

- Attendance 5
  - Performance 5
  - Lab record 5
  - Test 10
- Total 25 marks.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman, Board of Studies in Electronics.

The modification suggested by the Chairman BoS in Electronics and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences and Technology, was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 26/02/2022. The committee considered the matter as item no.17 and recommended to approve the corrected split up of Continuous Evaluation (CE) marks for the practicals of M. Sc. Electronics (2019 scheme) and to place it before the Academic Council scheduled on 02/03/2022.

As per the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, the matter is placed before Academic Council for consideration and appropriate action.

**RESOLVED** to approve the corrected split up of Continuous Evaluation (CE) marks for the practicals of M. Sc. Electronics (2019 scheme) and to make necessary amendments.

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**07. MFA Painting Degree - Clarification regarding the conduct of Fourth Year BFA & Third Semester and Fourth Semester MFA Degree Examination – Consideration of-reg. (AcAIV)**

The Principal, College of Fine Arts, vide letter dtd 14.09.2021, has pointed out that as per UO No. Ac.AIV/2/48732/IV.C.I/2018 dated 18.09.2018, the MFA 4th semester practical examinations have been changed to the jury model w.e.f the batches taking admission from year 2018.

Hence, has requested to clarify whether the candidates of 4th semester MFA, who had taken admission in 2018 and have completed the course in October 2020, have to appear for the practical examination or exhibit their works before the jury in the 4th semester exam.

The U.O No. Ac.AIV/2/48732/IV.C.I/2018 dated 18.09.2018 reads:

"From 2018 admission onwards, instead of conducting examination under Part I in the final year of BFA (Painting, Sculpture and Applied Art) and final semester examination of MFA (Painting and Sculpture), the students be assigned a project by the teachers in charge and the mark(s) given to examination may be carried over to the Jury. No change is proposed in respect of award of internal marks. The display may consist of work done during the final year in respect of BFA as well as for MFA III and IV semester."

"The internal marks will be awarded by the concerned teachers while the marks of the examination ie, 540/600/420 in Painting, Sculpture, Applied Art respectively will go to assessment by the Jury."

Here, the U.O lacks clarity on whether the examination has to be conducted for practical, since it is mentioned that "marks given to examination may be carried over to the jury".

Remarks of the Chairman, BoS in Applied Arts was sought in this regard, the Chairman remarked to conduct the IV<sup>th</sup> Year BFA and III & IV<sup>th</sup> Semester MFA examination in jury model, in tune with the U.O.No. Ac.AIV/2/48732/IV.C.I/2018 dated 18/09/2018.

The Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts studied the matter and remarked that, according to the U.O, in the final year examination of BFA and in Third and Fourth semester examinations of MFA, students have to submit assigned projects by the teachers and exhibit their works before jury. Still this U.O lacks clarity since it is mentioned that , marks given to examination may be carried over to the jury and hence remarked to place the matter before Board of Studies in Applied Arts.

- As per the minutes of the additional meeting of BoS in Applied Arts held on 04/12/2021, the Board opined that, since there exist a U.O insisting Jury model examination in the Fourth year BFA and Third and Fourth Semester MFA Programmes with effect from 2018 admission, it is recommended to stick on to the U.O. Further recommended that the specific clarifications required in the U.O shall be discussed and resolved in the Annual Meeting of BoS in Applied Arts scheduled on 15/12/2021.

- As per the item no.VI of the Annual meeting of BoS in applied Arts held on 15/12/2021 ([Minutes 2](#) ),and as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts the following has been decided

- i. to follow the Jury Model with same subjects and marks according to the existing syllabus.

- ii. there is no need to add internal marks to University examination marks and to handover the same to jury members.

- iii. There should be a member from the department concerned, along with jury member for evaluation.

- iv. The marks categorized in jury model can be converted into percentage.

Meanwhile the IV Semester Examination for MFA (2018 Admission) has been conducted by the University as practical examinations without considering the above mentioned U.O., since it lacked clarity in many aspects.

Now the issuance of notification for 2019 admission candidates is pending. It may also be noted that , the candidates have to prepare their Projects to place before the Jury instead of preparing for the examination. Hence specific instructions have to be given to the colleges and the tabulation sections, well in advance. (ie before issuing notification of the Fourth semester examination for MFA Degree Programme, which has been followed previously)

As per the orders of the Vice Chancellor, the recommendations of the Additional meeting of Board of Studies in Applied Arts held on 04/12/2021 vide item no.II and the Annual meeting of BoS in Applied Arts held on 15/12/2021 vide item no. VI,as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts regarding the conduct of Jury model assessment in BFA & MFA Degree Programmes was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate recommendations.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council ,recommended to obtain clarification from the Chairman, Board of Studies in Applied Arts on the point (ii) of the recommendation of the Annual meeting of Board of Studies in Applied Arts held on 15/12/2021 vide item no. VI. Further it is recommended to place the matter before the Academic Council scheduled on 02/03/2022.

In this regard the remarks of the Chairman , BoS has been sought.. The Chairman recommended to correct the second point of the Minutes of the Annual meeting of Board of Studies in Applied Arts as " there is no need to handover the internal marks to the Jury members". The Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts also endorsed the correction made in the Minutes.

This essentially means that the external project viva shall be at par with ESA, and hence the CA shall be provided from the college directly to the University.

As per the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Academic Council, the whole matter regarding the implementation of Jury model in the Final year BFA and Third and Fourth Semester MFA Degree Programmes along with the recommendations of the additional meeting of Board of Studies in Applied Arts held on 04/12/2021 and the modified recommendations of the Annual meeting of Board of Studies in Applied Arts held on 15/12/2021 vide item no. VI as endorsed by the Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED** to approve the recommendations of the additional meetings of Board of Studies in Applied Arts to introduce Jury for BFA & MFA Programmes and **FURTHER RESOLVED** to ratify the conduct of practical examinations instead of Jury, for MFA 2018 admission candidates.

**08. New Generation PG Programmes – Modified Course Code – Consideration of-  
Reg. (Ac.A.II)**

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 approved the Scheme and Syllabus of the following New Generation PG Programmes –

1. M.Sc. Chemistry with specialization in Drug Design and Development.
2. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Space Physics.
3. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Nano Science.
4. M.Sc. Statistics with specialization in Data Analytics.
5. M.Sc. Botany with specialization in Ethnobotany and Ethnopharmacology.
6. M.Sc. Zoology with specialization in Biosystematics and Biodiversity.
7. M.A. History ( World History and Historiography).
8. M.A.Economics ( Behaviour Economics and Data Science ).
9. MSW ( Disaster Management).

U.O.No.AcAII.3/22543/2020 Dtd.05.11.2020 has been issued in this regard.

The Academic Council at its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021 approved common guidelines for course code – University Level Programmes, and U. O. No. Ac.AIV/02/2020 Dtd.01.07.2021 has been issued accordingly. (Copy of the UO is appended)

The Chairmen of Board of Studies handling the above subjects submitted modified Course Structure of the New Generation PG Programmes incorporating the Course Code as per U. O. No. Ac.AIV/02/2020 Dtd.01.07.2021. The Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor has ordered to place the modified Course Structure of the New Generation PG Programmes before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council for consideration.

Meanwhile, a meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 chaired by the Controller of Examinations discussed the matter regarding the modification of course codes of New Generation PG Programmes in Botany, Chemistry & Physics. On the basis of the meeting, Chairmen BoS concerned have submitted revised Course Structure for the following New Generation PG Programmes -

1. M.Sc. Chemistry with specialization in Drug Design and Development,
2. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Space Physics.
3. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Nano Science.
4. M.Sc. Botany with specialization in Ethnobotany and Ethnopharmacology.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice – Chancellor, the modified Course Structure of the following New Generation PG Programmes,

1. M.Sc. Chemistry with specialization in Drug Design and Development.
2. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Space Physics.

3. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Nano Science.
4. M.Sc. Statistics with specialization in Data Analytics.
5. M.Sc. Botany with specialization in Ethnobotany and Ethnopharmacology.
6. M.Sc. Zoology with specialization in Biosystematics and Biodiversity.
7. M.A. History ( World History and Historiography).
8. M.A.Economics ( Behaviour Economics and Data Science ).
9. MSW ( Disaster Management).

submitted by the Chairmen BoS concerned and endorsed by the Deans of respective Faculties was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. The Committee considered the matter regarding the modified Course Structure of the New Generation PG Programmes, and recommended and referred the matter to the Academic Council scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2022.

Hence, the modified Course Structure of the following New Generation PG Programmes,

1. M.Sc. Chemistry with specialization in Drug Design and Development.  
(Copy appended)
2. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Space Physics. (Copy appended)
3. M.Sc. Physics with specialization in Nano Science. (Copy appended)
4. M.Sc. Statistics with specialization in Data Analytics. (Copy appended)
5. M.Sc. Botany with specialization in Ethnobotany and Ethnopharmacology. (Copy appended)
6. M.Sc. Zoology with specialization in Biosystematics and Biodiversity.  
(Copy appended)
7. M.A. History ( World History and Historiography). (Copy appended)
8. M.A.Economics ( Behaviour Economics and Datascience ). (Copy appended)
9. MSW ( Disaster Management). (Copy appended)

submitted by the Chairmen BoS concerned and endorsed by the Deans of respective Faculties is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate decision.

**RESOLVED** to approve the modified Course Structure of the New Generation PG Programmes.

**09. Recognition of Ph.D Degree awarded by VIT University, Vellore (Deemed)-  
Consideration of-reg. (Ac.C)**

**Ref: Application received from Smt. Jincy Anna Jomy dtd 01/10/2021**

Smt. Jincy Anna Jomy had submitted the thesis of Ph.D Degree titled as "COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT MISSENSE MUTATIONS IN GENES CAUSING EYE-RELATED DISORDERS" awarded by VIT University, Vellore (Deemed to be University) for course recognition for the purpose of employment in the field of Biotechnology. She had completed 10+2 pattern of study which is recognized by the University of Kerala. She had obtained B.Sc Degree in Biotechnology from Bharathidasan University and M.Sc Degree in Bioinformatics from Mahatma Gandhi University which are recognized by the University of Kerala.

The Chairman BoS In Biotechnology (PG) has remarked that the Ph.D thesis and the other documents submitted by the candidate has been examined thoroughly. The thesis entitled "Computational Analysis of Significant Missense Mutations in Genes Causing Eye-Related Disorders" awarded by VIT is purely a computational and Bioinformatics related thesis. There is a complete absence of 'Wet lab' experiments or the experimental validation of the virtual finding of the in-silico experiments. But, since Computational Biology and Bioinformatics is one of the branches of

Biotechnology, her M.Sc. in Bioinformatics is already recognized by the University and she holds a B.Sc Degree in Biotechnology, her thesis entitled "Computational Analysis of Significant Missense Mutations in Genes Causing Eye-Related Disorders" and her Ph.D degree awarded by VIT University may be recognized as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the area of Biotechnology. Therefore it is recommended that the Ph.D Degree awarded to Smt. Jincy Anna Jomy by VIT University (Deemed) may be considered as an eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Biotechnology. Out of the six publications, the 2nd one, international pharma Sci Rev Res. Vol 2 is a UGC listed Journals. the 7th one "Protein and peptide Letters" is a UGC listed journal but it is not sure that the paper is published or not, because it is indicated as under review in the year 2015. All the other publication (Fine Publications) are not listed in the approved list of UGC. The Dean, Faculty of Science has endorsed the recommendation of the Chairman BoS in Biotechnology and recommended that the Ph.D Degree awarded to the candidate for her Ph.D thesis entitled "Computational Analysis of Significant Missense Mutations in Genes Causing Eye-Related Disorders" awarded by VIT University (Deemed) may be recognized as eligible qualification for higher studies and employment in the field of Biotechnology by the University of Kerala.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on **06/12/2021 vide Item No.59**, recommended to obtain the detailed remarks of the Dean Faculty of Applied Science and Technology on the matter and to place it before the next Standing Committee of the Academic Council.

Accordingly the Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology remarked on the second time that he has verified the status of the research publications of the candidate and found that, among the 6 publications, three are in the U.G.C listed Journals, and hence the earlier recommendations that the Ph.D degree awarded to the candidate by V I T University (Deemed to be University) be recognized as eligible qualification for employment in the field of Biotechnology may be considered.

The Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on **26/02/2022 vide Item No 9**, it was recommended to obtain the detailed remarks of the Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology on the research publication submitted by the candidate which is to be placed before the Academic Council scheduled to be held on 02.02.2022.

As per the report submitted by the Dean, Faculty of Applied Science and Technology, among the six publications, three papers are published in UGC Care list Journals which are:-  
1) International Journal of Pharmaceutical Science Review Research. (One Paper)  
2) Research journal of Pharmaceutical, Biological and chemical Sciences (2 Papers).

Hence the minimum standards of the Journal Publications are satisfied.

Hence the whole matter regarding the recognition of Ph.D Degree for the thesis titled "COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT MISSENSE MUTATIONS IN GENES CAUSING EYE-RELATED DISORDERS" awarded to Smt. Jincy Anna Jomy by VIT University, Vellore (Deemed to be University) as an eligible qualification for the purpose of employment in the field of Biotechnology is placed before the Academic Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED** to recognize *Ph.D Degree for the thesis titled "COMPUTATIONAL ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT MISSENSE MUTATIONS IN GENES CAUSING EYE-RELATED DISORDERS" awarded to Smt. Jincy Anna Jomy by VIT University as a Ph.D Degree in Biotechnology.*

#### **10. Ph.D Registration in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology- Eligibility criteria-Consideration of-reg. (Ac.E1)**

The Chairman, Department Doctoral Committee in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology had forwarded three applications for Ph.D Registration in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology in July 2021

session along with the minutes of Department Doctoral Committee in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology and Subcommittee meeting held on 05.02.2022

Details of the applicants are as follows:

Name of the Applicants	Proposed Research Supervisor	Proposed Research Centre	Basic Qualification	Eligibility Criteria
Meenu P	Dr. Deepa K G (Ph.D holder in Physics)	Dept of Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, University of Kerala, Karyavattom	BSc Physics & MSc Physics from University of Kerala	GATE in Physics
Akash Chandran	Dr. Janeesh P A (Ph.D holder in Biochemistry)	Dept of Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, University of Kerala, Karyavattom	BSc Chemistry & MSc Analytical Chemistry from University of Kerala	M.Phil Degree in Chemistry from MG University
Safna S A Khan	Dr Sam Solomon (Ph.D holder in Physics)	Dept of Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, University of Kerala, Karyavattom	BSc Physics & MSc Physics from University of Kerala	M.Phil Degree Physics from University of Kerala

Since Nanoscience & Nanotechnology are interdisciplinary subjects, the eligibility of the above candidates had to be determined.

The Dean, Faculty of Applied Science & Technology and Chairman BoS(PG) in Nanoscience & Nanotechnology remarked ;" Nanoscience and Nanotechnology is an interdisciplinary area of research in which persons with different scientific background viz, Physics, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Zoology, Microbiology, Botany, Electronics, Optoelectronics, Materials Science, Mechanical Engineering etc. In fact Nanoscience and Nanotechnology is a multidisciplinary area where different science, Applied Science and Engineering disciplines come together. By considering these facts, basic qualification as well as eligibility criteria of these candidates ,viz., Meenu P, Akash Chandran and Safna S A Khan are valid for granting PhD registration in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology under the Faculty of Applied Science and Technology in the July 2021 session."

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor the above matter was placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 14.02.2022 and the committee recommended to convene

the meeting of the sub-committee constituted as per the resolution taken by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council at its meeting held on 11.06.2020, on item no.36, at the earliest. Considering the urgency of the situation the Pro Vice-Chancellor convened the meeting of the Deans of Faculties of Science, Applied Sciences and Technology, Engineering and Technology along with the Chairmen of Board of Studies (PG) concerned; to recommend the eligibility criteria for doing interdisciplinary research. Accordingly, the meeting of the sub-committee was conducted on 05.02.2022 (Minutes Appended).

As per the orders of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, all the recommendations of the meeting of the sub-committee constituted by the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 14.01.2022, to recommend the eligibility criteria for granting Ph.D registration in interdisciplinary subjects, is placed before the Standing Committee of the Academic Council held on 26.02.2022 vide Item No.64 .The committee recommended and referred the matter to the Academic Council scheduled on 02.03.2022.

As per the orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor the above matter is placed before the Academic Council for consideration and appropriate



**RESOLVED** to approve the list of qualifying Degrees for registration for Research leading to Ph.D in inter disciplinary Subjects.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** to approve the eligibility of the applicants, mentioned in the agenda, for registration for research leading to Ph.D in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.

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