

## Kerala State Higher Education Council

### Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Body meeting held on 24.11.2023

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Body Meeting of the fourth KSHEC was held on 24.11.2023 at 2.00 pm. through video conferencing. Prof. Rajan Gurukkal P.M. Vice Chairman presided.

The following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. | Prof.Rajan Gurukkal P.M. | : | Vice Chairman, KSHEC.   |
| 2. | Dr.Rajan Varughese       | : | Member Secretary, KSHEC   |
| 3. | Dr. Saji Gopinath        | : | Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation & Technology |
| 4. | Dr. Sabu Thomas          | : | Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University                               |
| 5. | Dr. K.K. Damodaran       | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC   |
| 6. | Dr. M.S. Rajasree        | : | Director, Technical Education   |
| 7. | Sri. Paul V. Karanthanam | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC   |
| 8. | Dr. P.P.Ajayakumar       | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC   |

The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.

#### Item No. 1. Study in Kerala – International Conference cum Exhibition

Resolved to organise an international Higher Education Summit in the month of February 2024 at CUSAT Kochi/ Thiruvananthapuram in order to strengthen Kerala as the Higher Education Hub. It will showcase the academic achievements and potentials of universities/ colleges in the state. The Hon'ble Higher Education Minister will be the chairperson of the organising committee of the Higher Education Summit. The details of the Higher Education Summit will be finalised in consultation with the Hon'ble Higher Education Minister.

#### Item No. 2. International Academic collaboration – Reporting

The Hon'ble Vice Chairman reported the following details of his University level visits abroad.

##### International Collaboration - Universities of McMaster, Toronto, Glasgow, Humboldt, Vienna and Central European University

- International Collaboration: McMaster University, School of Medicine headed by Prof. Salim Yusuf has been showing great interest in building up the research ecosystem in our Medical Colleges. The Council has gone ahead with various schemes based on ideas generated in conferences of experts and hands-on workshops under their mentoring for achieving this objective. The Government has accepted the Bio-medical Research Policy Document put up by the Council anticipating far reaching changes in the field of Medical higher education and research. A formal declaration of the policy is under way.
- Dr. Kevin Smith, Professor and Director, Institute for Medical Sciences, Department of Medicine; Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME), **University of Toronto**, has agreed to visit our Medical University, leading Medical Colleges and Government Nursing

Colleges. He has agreed to extend academic collaboration in Biomedical research.

- c. **Glasgow University** has expressed willingness to run multidisciplinary joint Programmes at the Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels. Professor Wendy Anderson (Assistant Vice-Principal (Learning & Teaching)) has agreed to sign MoU with Universities in the State in this regard.
- d. Prof. Birgit Kellner, Director of the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia, at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, **Vienna University** is interested in research collaboration in Indology.
- e. **Central European University**, Vienna has expressed in signing an MoU with the Council to work in collaboration with one of their Main Funding Sources, Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Programme in Comparative Religious Studies.

CEU has Marie Sklodowska- Curie Doctoral Networks for joint research projects. The EU funds the stipend of the doctoral students and research and management costs for 36 months at the European partner universities. Indian partner universities could join the network as "Associate partners" and provide research internships for students.

Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships are individual applications, but could be advertised through the Council in Kerala. Indian scholars could be hosted by CEU in the framework of the European Postdoctoral Fellowships, or scholars from EU countries could spend one or two years at a university in Kerala as part of their research project in the framework of a Global Postdoctoral Fellowships.

The Kerala State Higher Education Council which manages the Chief Minister's Navakerala Post-doctoral Fellowship Programme, expressed its interest in internship opportunities for its PDFs and Erasmus Mundus would provide travel and monthly internship fellowship for ten months to 3 or 5 students per year based on the topic of research.

It was discussed that it would be advantageous if for both post-doc opportunities instead of the CEU alone, all partner institutions of the Austrian Cluster of Excellence, Eurasian Transformations would partner, in order to have a larger pool of mentors and hosts. (The members of the Cluster of Excellence are the Austrian Academy of Sciences, CEU, University of Innsbruck and Vienna University)

They are open to researchers moving within Europe or coming to Europe from another part of the world to pursue their research career. These fellowships take place in an EU Member State Horizon Europe Associated Country and can last between 1 and 2 years. Researchers of any nationality can apply. They fund the mobility of researchers outside Europe. The fellowship lasts between 2 to 3 years, of which the first 1 to 2 years will be spent in a non-associated Third Country, followed by a mandatory return phase of 1 year to an organisation based in an EU Member State or Horizon Europe Associated Country. Only nationals or long-term residents of the EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries can apply.

**Item No. 3. – Reporting -Possession of the land allotted by the Government of Kerala to the KSHEC and revised Plan and Estimate of Unnatha Vidya Bhavan.**

The KSHEC has taken possession of the revenue land (48.8 Cents) allotted in the KSSTM Campus, Thiruvananthapuram as per GO 28.06.2023 തീയതിയിലെ സ. ഉ.(കൈ)നം. 147/2023/RD

The revised plan and estimate submitted by UCCL for the construction of the Higher Education Council Building -Unnatha Vidya Bhavan - in the allotted land amounting to Rs. 14.95 Crore is to be submitted for approval in the Government.

**Item No. 4. Reporting - Review of progress of FYUGP in Universities.**

The Curriculum Framework for Four-Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP) and the model Regulation for FYUGP have been forwarded to the Universities for implementation. The syllabi of various programmes have to be designed in line with the proposed Curriculum Framework which allows for student mobility and credit transfer. The UGC Curriculum and Credit Framework for Undergraduate Programme, National Skills Qualification framework (NSQF) etc. have to be considered in the implementation of the new curriculum. Similarly, Outcome Based Education (OBE) for Teaching, Learning and Evaluation has to be integral to the new Curriculum. In this context KSHEC is organizing training programme for members of the Board of Studies (BoS) / Faculty in Universities/ colleges to familiarize them with the various aspects of the new Curriculum. The faculty so trained (Master Trainers) should take the lead in training the teachers in universities/ colleges. In this connection, Calicut University, Mahatma Gandhi University, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit and Kannur University have submitted the list of teachers to the KSHEC for organizing the training programme. Institutional / college level orientation programme are also planned after the completion of District level Orientation Programmes.

**Schedule of Workshop for Master Trainers**

Sl.No	Name of University	Date/Month
1	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam	12 & 13 October 2023
2	University of Calicut	19 & 20 October 2023
3	Cochin University of Science and Technology & Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady	17 November 2023
5	Kerala University	3 & 4 November 2023
6	Kannur University	13 &14 December 2023

**Schedule of District level Orientation Program – Implementation of FYUGP**

Sl.No	Date	District	Venue
1	7/11/2023	Ernakulam	Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous), Kalamassery
2	8/11/2023	Thrissur	St. Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur
3	9/11/2023	Palakkad	Mercy College, Palakkad,
4	13/11/2023	Idukki	Marian College, Kuttikkanam
5	14/11/2023	Kottayam	CMS College, Kottayam
6	28.11.2023	Thiruvananthapuram	Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram
7	29.11.2023	Kollam	Fatima Mata National College, Kollam
8	30.11.2023	Alappuzha	MSM College Alappuzha
9	01.12.2023	Pathanamthitta	St. Thomas College, Pathanamthitta
10	14.12.2023	Kannur	Kannur Univerisy
11	15.12.2023	Kasaragod	Nehru Arts & Science College, Kasaragod
12	January 2024	Kozhikode	Kozhikode
13	January 2024	Malappuram	Malappuram
14	January 2024	Wayanad	Wayanad

**Item No. 5. Calculation of combined workload in Commerce and BBA in colleges.**

Resolved to constitute a committee consisting of Dr. K. K. Damodaran and Sri.Paul V. Karanthanam to study the workload related problems of B Com. / BBA courses and submit a report in the next meeting.

Sl No.	Name	Member
1.	Dr. K. K. Damodaran	Member, Executive Body, KSHEC
2.	Sri.Paul V. Karanthanam	Member, Executive Body, KSHEC

**Item No. 6. Curriculum for 4 Year Integrated Teacher Education (ITEP) in the state.**

Resolved to constitute a committee for formulating the curriculum of 4 Year Integrated Teacher Education (ITEP) with Dr. Mohan B Menon as Chairman (former Pro Vice Chancellor, Singapore National University), Dr. T. Mohamed Salim, Principal, Farook Training College, Dr. Anil kumar, Professor, Regional Institute of Teacher Education Mysore, Prof. (Dr.) Asha J.V., Professor & Head of the Department, School of Pedagogical Studies, MGU, Kottayam and Prof. Suresh, Professor, Central University of Kerala and Dr. K. S. Sajan, Asst. Professor of Education, Teacher's Training College, Ottapalam.

Sl. No.	Name	Chairman /Member
1.	Dr. Mohan B Menon (Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Singapore National University)	Chairman
2.	Dr. T. Mohamed Saleem Principal, Farook Training College, Kozhikode 9496363353 9778206739 principalftc1@gmail.com drsalimt@gmail.com	Member
3.	Prof. Anil Kumar K. Regional Institute of Teacher Education Mysore dranilkumar67@gmail.com	Member
4.	Prof. (Dr.) Asha J.V. Professor & Head of the Department, School of Pedagogical Studies, MGU, Kottayam 9447043489 ashajv3@gmail.com, ashajv@mgu.ac.in	Member
5.	Prof. Suresh Professor, Dept. of Education, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod 04902477234 drsureshkp@cukerala.ac.in	Member
6.	Dr. K. S. Sajan Asst. Professor of Education, Teacher's Training College, Ottapalam, Palakkad. sajan@nssce.org Ph: 9496354916	Member

**Item No. 7. Revamping of Music Curriculum.**

Resolved to constitute a committee to revise the curriculum of Music with Smt. Omanakutty Amma, Rt. professor and Head of the Department of Music, University of Kerala as Chairperson and with the following members

1. Sri Umalyapuram K. Shivaraman (Founder, Director, UKS School of Mrudangam, Chennai)
2. Mr. Alphonse Joseph (Director, Crossroads School of Music, Kalamassery, Kochi)
3. Dr. C. A. Sreedharan (Department of Music, University College of Fine Arts Mysore University)

Sl. No.	Name	Chairman/ Member
1.	Smt. Omanakutty Amma Rt. professor and Head of the Department of Music, University of Kerala.	Chairperson
2.	Sri Umalyapuram K. Shivaraman, Founder, Director, UKS School of Mrudangam, Chennai	Member
3.	Mr. Alphonse Joseph, Director, Crossroads School of Music, Kalamassery, Kochi	Member
4.	Prof. Dr. C.A. Sreedharan, Department of Music, University College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore	Member

**Item No. 8. Awards for HEIs in Kerala Institutional Ranking Framework (KIRF).**

Resolved to recommend to the Government to institute Awards/ prizes for the all the 12 Categories – Overall, Universities, Colleges, Engineering, Management, Architecture, Medical, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Law and Teacher Education institutions ranked top (1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position) in the KIRF ranking to be released every year.

Further resolved to advice the Government to make SAAC accreditation mandatory for all unaccredited Higher Education Institutions including those in the self-financing sector.

**Item No. 9. Reporting - Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan.**

Resolved to request the Government to extend the Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan 2022-23 to a further period of one year for achieving the major objectives envisaged in the plan. It also urged the Government to release the amount sanctioned for the Implementation Plan as only less than 20% of the AS amount was given to the Council as on March 2023.

**Item No. 10. Creation of Online Digital Repository of study materials.**

Advice the Hon'ble Higher Education Minister to appoint Dr. K. P. Mohanan (Prof Emeritus, IISER, Pune) as the Director of Kerala Network for Research Support in Higher /education (KNRSHE), since Administrative Sanction has been given for the working of the Centre. The task of the centre includes networking of Research Centres for imparting higher order cognition for quality enhancement through methodological training. The centre is also entrusted with the task to prepare content material for the foundation course of the FYUGP and develop the Online Digital Repository of study material.

## **Additional Agenda**

### **A1. – Reporting - One day workshop on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at Thiruvananthapuram- Implementation of Four-Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP) -reg.**

A meeting of the representatives of University of Kerala, Mahatma Gandhi University, Sree Narayana guru Open University, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, University of Calicut, Kannur University and Cochin University of Science and Technology was held on 18.10.2023 at IMG, Thiruvananthapuram. The Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education chaired the meeting. The meeting discussed the details of the curriculum and Regulation related to FYUGP presented by the Universities. The meeting decided to follow the curriculum and model Regulation prepared by the KSHEC and to maintain broad uniformity in the distribution of credit for the three year / four year programme. The details of the decisions comprising of nearly 43 points agreed in the meeting were communicated to all the Universities vide letter number B3/385/2022/H.Edn dated 13.11.2023.

It was also resolved to convene a meeting of the Universities for reviewing the implementation of FYUGP in the next month.

### **A2. – Reporting - Implementation of FYUGP – Financial Assistance for Universities**

The following letter was submitted to the Government in connection with the implementation of Four Year Under Graduate Programme (FYUGP) from 2024-25 academic year

1. The Commission for Reforms in Higher Education in Kerala has recommended an improved implementation of the semester system, a drastic decentralisation of syllabus preparation and evaluation and an expanded provisioning of credit sharing and transfer. It also recommended a comprehensive reform in undergraduate curriculum with effect from 2023-24 for a four-year structure with a single lateral exit option must replace the present three-year structure. It also recommended this pathway further into the post graduate and doctoral programmes.
2. Based on the recommendations of the Higher Education Reforms Commission, the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala constituted the committee for Kerala Higher Education Curriculum Framework (KHECF) under the chairmanship of Dr. Suresh Das. The committee submitted the report in May 2023 which was forwarded to the Universities for implementation. Similarly a Model Regulation for FYUGP was also formulated by the KSHEC and given to the Universities for the orderly implementation of the FYUGP.
3. Meanwhile KSHEC has started the training programme of teachers in universities and colleges in order to familiarise the academic community the details of the FYUGP. The KSHEC has constituted a committee to develop the content of various foundation courses which are integral to the FYUGP. In order to create a pool of trained faculty in universities/ colleges in the realm of the new curriculum, KSHEC has started the Master Trainers programme. The Council is organising workshop for Master Trainers in Universities who will be in their turn leading the workshops to be conducted at the University level covering all Boards of Studies (BoS). There is need for training the faculty in universities and colleges under the leadership of

various BoS / expert committee functioning in the Universities. This calls for financial assistance to the Universities as they have to organise workshops/training programmes for all the teachers in the Universities and colleges. A maximum amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) was provided to each Board of Studies in the Universities for implementing the Credit Semester System (CBCSS) in 2009-10 and 2012-13, based on the nature and number of the teachers under various Board of Studies (BoS).

**Hence Rs. 30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh only) each may be provided to affiliated Universities (Kerala, MGU, Calicut, Kannur) and Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs) for other Universities (CUSAT, SSUS, SNOU) may be sanctioned as initial financial assistance for workshop/training programmes in connection with the implementation of FYUGP. Hence a total amount of Rs. 1,35,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty-Five Lakh only) may be released for training**

#### **OA.1 - Reporting Extending the joining date of CMNP Fellows**

The submission of the following CMNP Fellows for extending the joining date has been forwarded to the Government.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>a</b>	<b>Dr. Sandra Murwn Francis</b>
<b>b</b>	<b>Dr. Meera S. P.</b>
<b>c</b>	<b>Dr. Syama S. P.</b>

#### **OA.2 -Reporting - Programme Officer for Internationalisation of Higher Education -Govt. Letter**

Permission was granted to appoint the person, currently working as a Deputy Advisor in National Institute of Education Planning and Administration (NIEPA) and selected by the Selection Committee appointed by the KSHEC, to the post of Programme Officer (on a contract basis) for internationalisation of Higher Education and his salary is fixed as Rs.75,000/- per month vide Govt. letter No. C3/111/2023- HEDN dated 20-11-2023, Thiruvananthapuram. Mr Eldho Mathew was directed to join the KSHEC as Programme Officer as per the terms and conditions in the Government letter.

#### **The Minutes were read and confirmed**

The Meeting which started at 2.00 pm concluded by 4.15 pm.



**Member Secretary**



**Vice Chairman**