

Kerala State Higher Education Council
Minutes of the 9th Executive Body meeting held on 18.10.2024

The 9th Executive Body Meeting of the fourth KSHEC was held on 18.10.2024 at 11.00 am. in the Board Room of the Kerala State Higher Education Council. 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. Saji Gopinath | : | Vice Chancellor, Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation & Technology |
| 3. Dr. Sabu Thomas | : | Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University |
| 4. Dr. K.K. Damodaran | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 5. Sri. Paul V. Karanthanam | : | Member, Executive Body, KSHEC |
| 6. Dr. Rajan Varughese | : | Member Secretary, KSHEC |

The following agenda was transacted and decisions taken.

Item No. 1 - Report of the Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-year Integrated Teacher Education (ITEP).

After detailed discussion, it was resolved to approve the Report of the Committee for formulating the curriculum of 4-year Integrated Teacher Education (ITEP).

It was also decided to:

- a. To forward the recommendation of the Committee to the Government and National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), New Delhi.
- b. To explore the academic pathway/ transition / mobility between FYUGP and Four Year B Ed. Programme.
- c. Prepare a model Regulation for Four-year Integrated Teacher Education based on the Guidelines of NCTE.
- d. To take necessary steps to improve SAAC accreditation/ KIRF Ranking status of Teacher Education Colleges in the state.

(See Annexure -I (Executive Summary of the Report))

Item No. 2 - Centres of Excellence -MoU with Universities.

Resolved to approve the MoU between KSHEC and Universities for Centres of Excellence.

It was also decided to:

- a. Approved the constitution of Search Committee for Centres of Excellence with the following members forwarded to the Government.
 - i. **Prof. Rajan Gurukkal (Vice Chairman, KSHEC) (Chair person)**
 - ii. **Prof. Suresh Das (Former Vice President, KSCSTE)**
 - iii. **Prof. Fathimathu Zuhara (Rtd. Professor, Life Science, University of Calicut)**
 - iv. **Prof. Sabu Thomas (Former Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam)**
 - v. **Prof. M.S Rajasree (Former Vice Chancellor, APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University)**
 - vi. **Prof. Jiju P. Alex (Member, Planning Board)**

- b. Decision to conduct university/ institution level inspection for starting of Centres of Excellence based on the expression of interest submitted by universities/ institution.
- c. It was decided to establish Kerala Institute of Advance Studies (KIAS) in Munnar in the College of Engineering campus Munnar, (under the Centre for Continuing Education Kerala (CCEK)) as per Government direction in this regard.
- d. Decided to commence the functioning of two Centres of Excellence – ‘Centre of Excellence for Teaching Learning’ and ‘Training & Kerala Network for Research Support in Higher Education’ in KSHEC, Thiruvananthapuram and the space in the Council building vacated by KSSTM shall be used for these Centres after renovation.
- e. The following list of Centres of Excellence and their implementing agencies were also approved.

Centres of Excellence in Higher Education

Sl. No.	Centres of Excellence	Agency/ Location
1	Centre of excellence for Teaching, Learning and Training	Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram
2	Kerala Institute for Science, Technology, and Innovation (KISTI)	Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam
3	Kerala Institute of Advanced Studies (KIAS)	Munnar Engineering College campus of the Centre for Continuing Education Kerala (CCEK)
4.	Kerala Network for Research-Support in Higher Education – (KNRSHE) Sub Centres _ <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">a) Central Instrumentation Laboratory, TVPM (South) _</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">b) Central Instrumentation Laboratory – Kannur (North)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">c) Centre for Academic Computing, Cochin</p>	Main Centre, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">i. Government Women’s College, Thiruvananthapuram</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">ii. Kannur University, Kannur</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">ii. Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi</p>
5	Centre for Indigenous People’s Education (CIPE)	University of Calicut, Kozhicode

	Institute for Tribal Studies and Research (ITSR) at Chethalayam to be transformed as Centre for Indigenous People	
6	The Kerala Institute for Gender Equality (KIGE)	Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady
7	Kerala Language Network Sub Centre – a. Translation Centre, Ponnani b. Language Technology Mission, Kannur	Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University

Item No. 3- K- REAP Progress details - Reporting.

Reported the progress of K -REAP Project implementation as detailed below.

- MOU signed between KSHEC and ASAP for implementation of the K REAP project.
- ASAP has formed a Project Development Unit for the implementation of the project
- K reap domain is created and is now available in the web.
- The Data templates required to be prepared and to be uploaded by the respective universities are handed over to all the universities.
- All universities formed their K REAP Project Implementation Committee and K reap Project Unit in their respective university and allotted space for the K REAP PMU to function.
- Online/offline training for all universities is completed regarding the template preparation.
- Training for the PMU and PDU is completed at the MKCL Centres in Pune.
- Live instants for all 8 universities were created and individual logins were given to respective universities.
- Hands on training regarding the K reap software implementation process was given for all the 8 universities and universities successfully generated their mark list through their K reap software.
- Kannur University, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit and Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University has taken steps to implement this software from the first semester of FYUGP2024-25.
- For Kannur university the college affiliation /course affiliation process is going on and once the course affiliation process is completed student registration will be activated
- As directed by the Government, a proposal regarding the financial aspects of the K REAP after negotiating with ASAP and considering the expenses of the Council for the functioning of the PMU will be prepared and submitted to the Government..

In order to ensure the smooth implementation of the K-REAP project it was decided to frame certain rules, SOP and committees :-

Committees

1. K Reap Steering Committee

The Steering Committee will be responsible for the strategic direction and overall governance of the K REAP project. It ensures that the project aligns with the university's goals, oversees high-level decision-making, and resolves escalated issues. This committee should meet at least once in a month and discuss the progress and plan the activities for the next month

Chairman: Prof. Saji Gopinath

Members : - Member Secretary KSHEC, CMD ASAP, MKCL, K -REAP PMU, K -REAP PDU

2. K Reap Implementation Management Committee

This committee will manage the day-to-day aspects of the ERP implementation, providing regular reports to the Steering Committee. It ensures that the project is progressing as planned, addresses operational concerns, and ensures cross-departmental coordination. etc

Chairman: Member Secretary, KSHEC

Members : - Chairman /convenor of the K reap implementation committee from the respective university

K reap Project manager from PMU

K reap project head and chairman from the K reap Project Development Unit

3. K reap Coordination Committee

This committee will focus on the detailed implementation and customization of the K reap software for system specific university functions (e.g., Finance, Human Resources, Student Information Systems). It has to ensure that the K REAP software meets the specific functional requirement of each university/ department.

Members: K reap university nodal officer in charge of their project monitoring unit, K reap Project coordinators from ASAP and MKCL, Dr. Sudheendran K, K Reap project Manager cum state nodal officer will be the convenor of this committee. This committee will meet regularly in online mode to discuss and resolve issues arises during the implementation process.

Item No. 4 - Higher Education Scholarship Guidelines and FYUGP.

Resolved to modify the Guidelines of Higher Education Scholarship in the context of implementation of FYUGP w.e.f 2024-25 academic year as given below.

The UG level Scholarship shall be extended up to the fourth year of study (Honours Level) to FYUGP students and such students shall be eligible for PG level Scholarship only for one year subject to other eligibility conditions of the Scholarship. Terms and conditions / Guidelines related to renewal of Higher Education Scholarship shall remain unchanged. The amount of Scholarship for the fourth year of study for the eligible students under FYUGP will be equal to the amount now given for the first year of PG study.

YEAR	RENEWALS			
FIRST YEAR Amount:12000 (PH 15000)	FIRST RENEWAL Amount:18000(PH 22500)	SECOND RENEWAL Amount:24000 (PH 30000)	THIRD RENEWAL Honours/ PG first year Amount:40000 (PH 50000)	FOURTH RENEWAL/ PG second year Amount:60000 (PH 75000)
2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
	GENERAL : 1 ST SEM (Minimum B grade) OTHERS (BPL,OBC,SC/ST,PH): (Minimum C grade)	GENERAL : 3rd SEM (Minimum B grade) OTHERS (BPL,OBC,SC/ST,PH): (Minimum C grade)	GENERAL : 5 th & 6th SEM (Minimum B grade) OTHERS (BPL,OBC,SC/ST,PH): (Minimum C grade)	GENERAL : PG 1 ST SEM (Minimum B grade) OTHERS (BPL,OBC,SC/ST,PH): (Minimum C grade)

Item No. 5 - Higher Education Conclave.

Reported

International Conclave on Next-Gen Higher Education: The International Conclave on Next-Gen Higher Education, scheduled for December 19-20, 2024, in Kochi, will focus on transformative strategies to shape the future of higher education. The KSHEC plays a pivotal role in overseeing the conclave theme, objectives, and session topics to align with current global trends and challenges in Kerala's higher education sector. The KSHEC is also responsible for securing prominent national and international speakers, planning sessions, and developing the conclave website. To ensure widespread reach and participation, the KSHEC also spearheads promotion and outreach efforts.

The agenda of the conclave includes keynote addresses, various parallel sessions and case study presentations on Transformative Power of AI in Education, Ongoing Reform Initiatives, Financial Sustainability, Research Excellence, Global Engagement, Future of Work and Higher Education, Regulatory Reforms, Democratic Student Unions, gender equality, sustainability and curricula, etc. Through interactive sessions and networking opportunities, the event aims to generate actionable recommendations that will inform best practices and guide policy formulation for Kerala's higher education landscape.

Engaging Foreign Scholars under Erudite Scholar in residence Scheme: The International Conclave on Next-Gen Higher Education, scheduled for December 19-20, 2024, in Kochi, will emphasize transformative strategies in the higher education sector. Therefore, inviting distinguished international scholars, including Nobel laureates, to share insights on the latest global trends affecting higher education is important. The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) will identify and extend invitations to selected globally renowned scholars under the ERUDITE Scholar-in-Residence Scheme. The KSHEC will also explore opportunities for these visiting scholars to engage with various universities and colleges in Kochi beyond the conclave.

The host institution will be responsible for coordinating the scholar's programs across different campuses in consultation with the Council.

Conclave Website: The International Conclave on Next-Gen Higher Education, scheduled for December 19-20, 2024, in Kochi needs to be promoted nationally and internationally, especially in the context of "Study in Kerala" initiative. Considering the international focus of the conference and its goal to engage participants from across the globe, it is essential to create a website that adheres to global standards. A thoughtfully designed, user-friendly website will act as a central platform for sharing information, managing registrations, and promoting the conference to an international audience. The site should deliver a smooth user experience. Furthermore, it should be optimized for search engines to boost visibility and draw potential speakers from outside the country, including Nobel Laureates.

Approved the proposal submitted by MS/ Raintels for the development of website for the International Conclave on Higher Education amounting to Rs. 2,15,000/- + GST (Rupees Two Lakh Fifteen Thousand + GST).

Dr. R. Bindu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education inaugurated the conclave website (<https://keralahighereducation.com>)

Item No. 6 - Reporting - Agreement with ULCCS.

The meeting approved the KSHEC agreement signed with ULCCS for the construction of Head Quarter building of KSHEC, Unnatha Vidya Bhavan -building construction entrusted to ULCCS.

(See Annexure -II - Agreement with ULCCS)

Item No. 7- Engaging Technical Person for check measure - Unnatha Vidya Bhavan.

Approved the panel of Engineers for preparing check measure for Unnatha Vidya Bhavan.

Sl No	Name and Designation	Work Assigned
1.	Mr. Sunil S. Executive Engineer, (Rtd.), Kerala Water Authority	Civil
2.	Smt. Mini S. Depty. Chief Engineer (Retd), Kerala State Electricity Board	Electrical

Item No. 8 - Construction of Toilet Block for KSSTM.

It was resolved to approve the Plan and Estimate for the construction of the Toilet Block for KSSTM as per the Government direction (Govt letter C2/71/2022/HEDn. dated 18.05.2022) and the expenses in this regard shall be met by the Council.

Item No. 9 - Renovation of KSHEC Board Room.

Resolved to approve the Plan and Estimate to renovate the Board Room and the room /space vacated by KSSTM for Centres of Excellence.

Item No. 10 - Modernisation of KSHEC Website.

Resolved to approve the proposal submitted by Ms. Keltron amounting to Rs. 253936 for development of KSHEC official Website as it was the lowest quotation received.

Item No. 11- Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan.

Resolved to approve the Report on Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan and decided to request the Government to extend the Higher Education Empowerment Implementation Plan 2023-24 to a further period of one year for achieving the major objectives envisaged in the Plan.

It was also decided to request the government to release necessary funds for the Plan as per the Government Order, GO (Rt) No. 747/2022/ HEDn. dated 21.05.2022.

The Minutes were read and confirmed

The Meeting which started at 11.00 am concluded by 1.00 pm.



Member Secretary



Vice Chairman