

# UNIVERSITY OF COCHIN

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE HELD ON 17-2-1976.

### Present:

1. Dr. N. K. Panikkar,  
Vice-Chancellor.
2. Dr. C. P. Kuriakose,  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor.
3. Dr. C. V. Kurian
4. Dr. S. Vasudev
5. Dr. K. K. Mathew
6. Prof. C. T. Benjamin
7. Shri. P. K. Vasudevan Nair
8. Shri. P. N. Menon

The meeting was convened to discuss the question of Constituent Colleges in the Cochin University. The Vice-Chancellor introduced the subject by reading out the letter dated 9-10-1972 to the Government regarding the discussion the then Vice-Chancellor had with the Managements of the local Colleges and the suggestions made for amending the Cochin University Act, 1971.

A detailed discussion followed. The consensus of opinion was:

I The basic objective of the Cochin University is considered to be the promotion of higher education with particular emphasis on post-graduate studies and research in applied science and technology, industry and commerce. The provision in the Act for a federal type University as well as restriction of the territorial jurisdiction to greater Cochin should only be viewed as secondary considerations in the light of experience over the last five years. The problem of constituent colleges' has to be seen in this perspective. If it is agreed that the University is to develop as a Centre of Excellence in chosen fields, as laid down in the preamble to the Act, considerations like

federal nature or territorial jurisdiction or constituent colleges should not stand in the way of the University making an all out effort to serve the cause of higher education and research in these fields. This would mean amending the Cochin University Act:

1. To provide for affiliation to the Cochin University of any Institution in the state, dealing with the fields of study relevant to the objectives of the University, irrespective of the location of such institutions.
2. To provide a Chapter on the conditions of affiliation for Institutions to be affiliated to the University (Compare Jawaharlal Nehru University and affiliated institutions.)

It may be considered whether the Chapter on constituent colleges is to be retained in the University Act.

II The Director of Technical Education, Kerala State, made a suggestion that all the Engineering Colleges in the State be affiliated to the Cochin University. This is a proposal to be considered carefully in consultation with the State Government, the other Universities in the State and the concerned managements after a final decision is taken on (1) above. But in the meantime the transfer of the Government Engineering College, Trichur, to the Cochin University may be expedited on the lines proposed by Government. This is an essential first step for ensuring technological development of the Cochin University.

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