

# COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of the 351st meeting of the Syndicate  
held on October 20, 1994

Place of the meeting : Administrative Buildings,  
Kochi-682 022.

Time : 11.00 a.m.

Members present:

1. Dr K. G. Adiyodi,  
Vice-Chancellor (in the Chair)
2. Dr S. Balaraman  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
3. Dr K. Babu Joseph
4. Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan
5. Shri Binoy Viswom
6. Shri M. P. M. Ishaque Kurikkal, MLA
7. Shri Johnson P. John
8. Dr. N. R. Menon
9. Shri. K. R. Prasad
10. Shri B. Raghavan
11. Prof N. Ranganathan
12. Shri S. Sarma
13. Shri. Subramonia Iyer

Also Presents : Shri. S. Maeran Maluk Mohamed Registrar.

As the meeting of the Syndicate was about to start, a group of persons barged into the Syndicate room demanding resignation of Shri Binoy Viswom and Shri B. Raghavan, MLA of their Syndicate membership alleging that the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has issued strictures against them in its judgement relating to the appointment to the post of Public Relations Officer. As the obstructionists refused to leave the Syndicate room, to facilitate the conduct of the meeting they were removed by the Police as requested by the Vice-Chancellor.

As soon as the meeting resumed, the members expressed their displeasure on the incident, and the Syndicate resolved that suitable action may be taken against the persons who barged into the Syndicate room.

Item No. 351 01 : Report of action taken upon the decisions of the Syndicate meetings held on 9.5.1994 (345th) and 30.5.1994 (346th) respectively.

Resolved that the report of action taken on the decisions of the Syndicate at its meetings held on 9.5.1994 and 30.5.1994 be noted.

Arising out of the discussion, the Syndicate resolved further as under:

(a) The Sub.-committee constituted by the Syndicate vide item 345.12 be convened urgently. (Ac.)

(b) University order implementing the decision under 345.12 be issued urgently, if not issued yet. (Ac.)

(c) Applications for Ph.D. registration which have been rejected once be considered again only after completion of one year and suitable administrative orders be issued in this regard and the same be communicated to all Heads of Departments. (Ac.)

(d) In order to reduce the cost of advertisement charges the course notification for admission to the MBA programme be published along with the general notification for admission to the other academic programmes from the next academic year onwards.

(Ac/PR)

(e) The members of the Committee envisaged under item 344.22 be as under, and the meeting of the Committee convened urgently.

(i) Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan

(ii) Dr. Babu Joseph

(iii) Prof. N. Ranganathan

(iv) Dr. N. R. Menon

(PL)

(f) The report of the sub-committee constituted to suggest measures for streamlining the Engineering Department of the University be placed at the next meeting of the Syndicate after clearance by the Finance Committee (Statutory)

(Ad.A)

Item No. 351.02 : Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.9.1994.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.9.1994 be confirmed subject to the following emendations.

1. The words 'Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan dissented against the decision restricting the recognition for the College of Engineering at Adoor for one year' be added as the last paragraph in the minutes recorded under item 349.21.

2. The words 'for detailed study and the matter reported to the Syndicate' be added at the end of the resolution under item 350.09.

3. The words 'Resolved further that suitable amendment to the Statutes with a view to making the posts of Assistant Registrar and Deputy Registrar as promotion posts be placed before the Syndicate' be added after the second resolution under item 350.10:

4. The condition listed under Serial No. 2 in item 350.14 be deleted and the Sl. No. 3 in the said item be corrected as Sl. No. 2.

5. The words 'the first three' in the second line of the first resolution under item 350.26 be replaced with the word 'each'.

6. The words 'as the first step of collaboration between Merrick School of Business, University of Baltimore (USA) and the School of Management Studies of the University and an MOU be signed in this regard' be added at the end of the resolution under item 350.30.

7. The numeral '(iii)' be inserted after the words 'Engineering Sciences Block' in the first resolution under item 350.56

8. The words 'and report directly to the Vice-Chancellor' be added at the end of the resolution under item 350.67.

9. The words 'and the matter be reported to the Academic Council' be added at the end of the resolution under item 350.69.

10. The words 'in the matter' occurring at the end of the resolution under item 350.73 be replaced with the words 'in such matters'.

11. The words 'with a consolidated salary of Rs 4026/-' be added at the end of the resolution under item 350.75.

12. The words 'Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan, dissented' be added at the end of the decisions under item 350.82.

Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan, dissatisfied on the decision of the Syndicate on the proposal, staged a walk out.

Dr K. G Balakrishnan took part in the meeting after the lunch break.

13. The following be added after the second resolution under item 350 87.

'Resolved also that :

- (a) Rs 1/- lakh be earmarked for the operating expenses of the Sophisticated Test and Instrumentation Centre (STIC).
- (b) Dr. K. Gopalakrishnan Nair, Head, Department of Electronics, be appointed as the Honorary Director of the Centre for a period of five years'
- (c) Director, STIC, be authorised to go ahead with the implementation of the project as per the proposal.
- (d) The Governing Council and Executive Committee be constituted by the Vice - Chancellor.

Item No 351.03 : Report of the Vice - Chancellor on important developments in the University since the last meeting.

No report.

Item No. 351.04 : Ph. D. thesis entitled, 'Usha Priyamvada Ka Katha Sahithya' - Submitted by Smt. Bridget Joseph, K. - Evaluation reports and minutes of viva - voce examination - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual reports of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners in respect of the Ph.D. thesis submitted by Smt. Bridget Joseph, K., full-time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. M. Easwari, Professor and Head, Department of Hindi Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin - 22.

Resolved that Smt. Bridget Joseph, K, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Humanities for her thesis "USHA PRIYAM VADA KA KATHA SAHITHYA".

(E.A.)

Item No. 351.05 : Ph. D. thesis entitled "Reflective and coreflective subcategories in Fuzzy Topology" - Submitted by Smt. Sheela, C. — Evaluation reports and minutes of viva - voce examination Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the individual reports of the Examiners, together with the consolidated report of the Chairman, Board of Examiners in respect of the Ph. D. thesis submitted by Smt. Sheela, C., full - time research student who worked under the guidance of Dr. S. Babu Sundar, Reader, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Cochin University of Science and Technology Cochin - 22.

Resolved that Smt. Sheela, G, be declared eligible for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the Faculty of Science for her thesis "REFLECTIVE AND COREFLECTIVE SUBCATEGORIES IN FUZZY TOPOLOGY".

(E.A.)

Item No. 351.06 : Ph. D. registration to Ph. D. programme-1993-Application from Marine Geology Division - School of Marine Sciences-Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for granting part-time Ph. D. registration to Shri. Badarudeen under the guidance of Dr K. Sejan, Marine Geology Division, School of Marine Sciences.

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to take a decision in the matter.

(Ac B)

Item No. 351. 07 : Dissolution of Standing Advisory Committees to the various Departments/Schools.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

Resolved further that the report of the Standing Advisory Committees in respect of the Departments of Law Polymer Science and Rubber Technology, Physics, Foreign Languages, Computer Science and Electronics along with the recommendation of the Planning Committee be placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

(PL UGC Unit)

Item No. 351. 08 : Selection of Dr. M. Chandrasekharan, Head, Centre for Bio-technology and Dr. P. Mohanan Reader, Department of Electronics for UGC Career Award 1994.

The Syndicate noted that Dr. M. Chandrasekharan, Head, Centre for Biotechnology and Dr. P. Mohanan, Reader, Department of Electronics have been selected by the UGC for the Career Award for a period of three years.

Resolved that:

1. Dr. M. Chandrasekharan and Dr. P. Mohanan, UGC Career Awardees be granted autonomy with regard to the expenditure from the research grant of Rs. 2/- lakhs each sanctioned by the UGC subject to the Rules in the matter.

2. The awardees be paid the research grant for each year in advance.

3. Dr. M. Chandrasekharan be relieved from the Headship of the Centre for Biotechnology and the next seniormost Lecturer in the Centre be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as Lecturer in-Charge of the Centre.

Resolved further that Dr. M. Chandrasekharan and Dr. P. Mohanan be paid cash award of Rs. 5000/- each in appreciation of their achievement.

(PL UGC Unit)

Item No 351 09 : University Science Instrumentation Centre - Purchase of glass blowing equipments Advance - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase the proposal for sanctioning the purchase of various glass blowing items for the USIC.

Resolved that sanction be accorded for purchasing the following glass blowing items for the USIC and the Head, USIC be authorised to draw an amount of Rs. 50,000/- as advance for effecting the purchase.

Sl. No.	Name of the equipment	Name of the firm	Amount Rs.
1	Quartz Burner Flame hit 11/4 40 m.m	Infusil Glasstech Machines Pvt. Ltd.	38,550/-
2	Blast Burner Noiseless	Popular Traders	800/-
3	Glass Burner for table glass blowing	Veer Workshop B-53 Naraina Industrial Area, Phase II, New Delhi.	660/-
4	Universal Planetary Chuck with range of 40 mm to 350 mm dia jaw length 250 mm can hold flask upto 29 litres	-do-	6,000/- 46,010/-

(PLA 2)



Item No 351.10: Purchase of various equipments for USIC-  
Purchase of all geared head lathe machine-  
Advance - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase, the proposal for sanctioning purchase of an all geared head lathe for the USIC.

Resolved that the Head, USIC be permitted to purchase an all geared head lathe machine with all required accessories from M/s. Machine Tools Traders (Mds) Madras, at their quoted rate of Rs. 1,13,500/- plus taxes and other charges.

Resolved further that the Head, USIC be sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1,12,000/- as advance making 90% payment documents through bank.

(PLA 2)

Item No. 351.11: Purchase of teak wood furniture for furnishing the newly occupied space left by School of Engineering.

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice - Chancellor in having sanctioned purchase of teak wood furniture for furnishing the building constructed for the conduct of M. Sc. Electronics Science course under the Department of Electronics at a total cost of Rs. 99,130/- from M/s Forest Industries (Travancore) Ltd. Aluva, and sanctioned an amount of Rs. 49,565/- as advance for making 50% payment to the firm, and to incur transportation charges at the rate of Rs. 450/- per load and loading charges @ Rs. 200/- per load.

Resolved that the action of the Vice - Chancellor be ratified.

(Ad. C)

Item No 351.12 : Request for permission for continued stay in the quarters after retirement — Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the proposal for permitting prof. N Ranganathan to occupy the quarters till 31-10-1994, in relaxation of the Rules relating to the allotment and occupation of University quarters

Resolved that Prof N Ranganathan, School of Management Studies be permitted to stay in the University quarters till 31-10-1994 in relaxation of the Rules relating to allotment and occupation of University quarters, as a special case at the existing rate of rent.

(Ad E)

Item No. 351.13 : Electrification work for the installation of UPS in the Computer Science Department in the University Campus at Thrikkakara,

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Works, the proposal for approving the estimate amounting to Rs 80,000/- for the electrification work connected with the installation of UPS in the Computer Science Department.

Resolved that the University Engineer be required to identify an alternate layout in order to reduce the estimate cost, as the present estimate appears to be high mainly due to high cable length.

(PLA 3)

Item No 351.14 : Perkin Elmer 2380 Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer - Purchase of spares-Reg

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase,

the proposal for sanctioning spare parts for the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer in the Chemical Oceanography Division of the School of Marine Sciences and sanctioning advance for effecting the purchase.

Resolved that the Head, Chemical Oceanography Division School of Marine Sciences, be permitted to purchase various spare parts for the Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer from M/s Perkin - Elmer AG, Switzerland, at a cost of US \$ 5211 (approx. Rs. 1,78,600/- only) and he be authorised to draw the amount as advance for opening letter of credit.

(PLA 2)

Item No. 351. 15 : Grievances of the Security Guards---  
Recommendations of the Sub-committee  
of the Staff Council/Finance Committee  
(Statutory) - Consideration of

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ad.)

Item No 351. 16 : Smt. K. Girija, Lecturer, School of Management Studies - LWA for higher studies at Hong Kong University - Extension of leave  
Request for consideration.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Academic Matters, and Staff and Establishment, the request from Smt. K Girija, Lecturer, School of Management Studies for granting her extension of leave without allowances for one more year w. e. f. 1.9.1995 for completing the Ph. D. programme at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Resolved that Smt K. Girija be granted extension of leave without allowances under Rule 91 Part I KSR for one more year w e f 1 9 1995 subject to execution of the prescribed bond for the extended period of leave.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 351.17 : University Teacher - Dr. K. T. Mathew, Reader, Department of Electronics-Representation for protection of increment date or grant of one increment - Recommendation of the Staff Council and Finance Committee (Statutory) for consideration - Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment and Finance and Purchase, the request from Dr. K.T. Mathew Reader, Department of Electronics, for permitting him to draw his annual increment from the date on which he was drawing the increment in the Mahatma Gandhi University prior to joining in the Cochin University service.

Resolved that Dr. K. T. Mathew, Reader, Department of Electronics be permitted to draw his annual increment w. e. f. 1.1.1991, with consequential arrears, subject to his probation having been declared as satisfactorily completed.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 351.18 : Government Order on Ad hoc Bonus/Special Festival Allowance - Ratification of the Vice-Chancellor's action - Reg.

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having adopted for implementation in the University G.O.(P) No.502/94/Fin. dated, 5.9.1994 sanctioning ad hoc Bonus/Special Festival Allowance for the year 1993-94 to the State Government employees.

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 351.19 : Construction of Multi-storeyed Building at Lakeside Campus - Progress Report as of 31.7.1994.

Resolved that the progress report in respect of the construction of the multi-storeyed building at Lakeside campus

for the month of July 1994 be noted.

(PLA 4)

Item No 351.20 : Construction of an extension to USIC Building - Revised estimate.

The Syndicate noted the action of the Vice-Chancellor in having approved the revised estimate amounting to Rs. 6,70,000/- for the extension to the USIC building.

Resolved that the action of the Vice-Chancellor be ratified.

(PLA 4)

Item No. 351.21 : Construction of multi-storeyed building in the Lakeside Campus at Ernakulam—Progress Report as on 31 8 1994.

Resolved that the progress report in respect of the construction of the multi-storeyed building at the Lakeside campus, Ernakulam for the month of August, 1994 be noted

(PLA 4)

Item No. 351.22 : Representation of Shri C. C. John, Heavy Duty Driver for a higher scale - Consideration of

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase, the proposal for granting Shri C. C. John, Driver, higher grade on completion of 20 years of service by reckoning the previous service put in by him as light duty vehicle driver.

Resolved that Shri C. C. John, Driver, be granted the higher scale of pay of Rs. 1400 - 2300 as recommended by the Staff Council and the Finance Committee (Statutory) w. e. f. 23.1992.

(PLA 4)

Item No 351.23 : Request from the Security staff for the enhancement of the retirement age from 55 to 60 - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, and Finance and Purchase, the proposal for enhancing the retirement age of ex - service men in the security service from 55 years to 60 years.

Resolved that x - servicemen in the security service be permitted to continue in the University service till they attain the age of 60 years treating them as Class IV employees as is the practice in other Universities.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 351.24 : University Science Instrumentation Centre Purchase of electronic instruments - Drawa of advance - Reg.

The Syndicate considered along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance and Purchase the proposal for sanctioning purchase of various electronic instruments/equipments for the USIC as part of its upgradation to Level III.

Resolved that the Head, USIC be permitted to purchase the various items of equipments/instruments as in Appendix I and an amount of Rs. 2,10,764/- be sanctioned or advance, for effecting payment against documents through bank.

(PLA)

Item No. 351.25: Charge Allowance to Shri P. P. Balakrishnan - Assistant Deck Officer - Consideration Non of.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 351 26 : Dr. P. R. Saseendran Pillai, Reader, Department of Electronics - Request for promotion as Professor under norms-Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Staff and Establishment, Finance and Purchase, and Academic matters, the proposal for granting promotion to Dr. P. R. Saseendran Pillai, Reader, Department of Electronics as Professor on his fulfilling the norms prescribed in the matter w.e.f 6.2 1994.

Resolved that Dr. P. R. Saseendran Pillai, Reader, Department of Electronics, be promoted as Professor w.e.f. 6-2-1994 and the proposal for instituting the post of Professor by upgrading the post of Reader held by him in the Department of Electronics be placed before the Academic Council.

(Ad.D)

Item No. 351 27 : Dr. K. Murugesan Reddiar, Professor in Russian, Department of Foreign Languages - Request for headship of the Department - Consideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the proposal for nominating Dr. K. Murugesan Reddiar, Professor, Department of Foreign Languages, as the Head of the Department as per Statute 18 of the Cochin University First Statutes 1991.

Resolved that legal opinion be obtained and the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to take a decision in the matter.

(Ad D)

Item No. 351. 28 : Department of Law - Application for registration to Ph.D. programme - Request from Shri. V S Sebāstian.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the

request from Shri. V. S. Sebastian for reviewing the decision taken by the Syndicate at its meeting held on 9-5-1994 to cancel Ph. D. registration granted to him in the Department of Law.

Resolved that the request be declined.

(Ac. B)

Item No. 351. 29 : Starting of UGC assisted P G. Diploma Course in Functional Hindi - (Part-time) Reg.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic matters, the proposal for starting the Diploma Course in Functional Hind (part-time) from the academic year 1994-95 onwards.

Resolved that the Diploma course in Functional Hind (Part-time) be started as a self-supporting course and the course be started only if the whole strength of students are admitted.

(Ac.A)

Item No. 351. 30 : Department of Ship Technology-Augmentation of Structural Analysis Capability Procurement of structural analysis software (NISA - II) - Reg.-

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(PLA)

Item No. 351. 31 : Minutes of the meeting of the Head of Departments held on 13.9.1994 - Consideration of -

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ac.A)



**Item No. 351.32 : Recognition of Institutions - Amendment to Cochin University Act, Statutes, Ordinances etc - Consideration of.**

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for requesting the Government to make suitable amendments to the Cochin University of Science and Technology Act so that the present provision for recognition of institutions carrying out research.

Resolved that no decision be taken in this regard.

Arising out of discussion, the Vice - Chancellor informed that in view of the grounds well of opinion in favour of such amendment in the academic community including Heads of Departments, teachers and research students, and University bodies such as the Senate and Academic Council, he would take up the matter with the Chancellor.

(GA & LA)

**Item No. 351. 33 : Construction of additional space for USIC.**

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Works, the proposal for awarding the work of construction of additional space to USIC.

Resolved that the work of construction of additional space to USIC be awarded to Shri M V. George, Malamej House, BMC P.O. at his negotiated rate of 74% above the PAC of Rs. 6,68,467/- which comes to Rs. 10,86,506/- including departmental supply worth Rs. 1,03,550/-

(PLA 4)

**Item No. 351. 34 : Introduction of Technical Cadre (Scientific) Scheme - Questions to be cleared for its smooth implementation.**

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the various difficulties pointed out in the matter of introduction of Technical Cadre (Scientific) in the University.

Resolved that Technical Cadre (Scientific) be introduced in the University based on the Guidelines drawn up by the Sub-committee of the Syndicate at its meeting held on 22-12-1993 as in Appendix II.

(Ad.A)

**Item No. 351. 35 : Payment of special pay to various categories of employees - Report of the Sub-committee of the Syndicate - Consideration of.**

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendations of the Standing Committees on Finance and Purchase and Staff and Establishment, the report of the Sub-committee of the Syndicate constituted for reviewing the payment of special pay to various categories of employees in the University.

Resolved that the recommendation of the Sub-committee be placed before the Finance Committee (Statutory).

(Ad.A)

**Item No. 351. 36 : University Teachers - Declaration of probation in the post of professor—proposal for - Consideration of - Reg.**

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Staff and Establishment, the proposal for declaring the period of probation of Dr. Jacob Philip, Head, USIC and Dr. K. Murugesan Reddiar, Professor, Department of Foreign Languages as satisfactorily completed.

Resolved that Dr. Jacob Philip, Head, USIC be declared to have satisfactorily completed the period of probation in the post of Professor w.e.f. 16-5-1994.

Resolved further that the proposal for declaring the period of probation in respect of Dr. K. Murugesan Reddiar be placed before the Syndicate along with the recommendation of the Head of the Department.

(Ad.D)

**Item No. 351. 37 :** Construction of Multistoreyed building in the Lakeside campus at Ernakulam - progress report as on 30-9-1994.

Resolved that the progress report in respect of the construction of multi-storeyed building at the Lakeside campus for the month of September 1994 be noted.

(PLA 4)

**Item No. 351. 38 :** Remedial courses for the failed papers of the B. Tech. Degree courses in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology — Reconsideration of.

The Syndicate considered, along with the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Academic Matters, the proposal for discontinuing the practice of conducting remedial courses for the students who failed in a particular semester of the B. Tech. degree courses in the Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

Resolved that the practice of conducting remedial courses be discontinued with immediate effect.

(Ac.A)

**Item No. 351. 39 :** Powers of the Syndicate / Statutory Finance Committee in granting benefits to employees in relaxation of KSR provisions-Reg.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ad)

**Item No. 351.40 :** Unauthorised absence from duty and drawal of pay and allowances for days absent from duty - Disciplinary action against Smt S Kanchanavally Devi - Reg.

The Syndicate considered the report of the unauthorised absence from duty of Smt. S. Kanchanavally Devi, Pool Officer

on various occasions and failure to apply for leave for the period, and drawal of pay and allowances for days absent from duty.

Resolved that Smt S. Kanchanavally Devi, Pool Officer be placed under suspension with immediate effect pending enquiry into the alleged irregularity.

Resolved further that the Vice - Chancellor be authorised to frame Memo of Charges and Statement of Allegations.

(Ad.A)

Item No. 351.41 : Conduct of entrance test for MBA 1994

The Syndicate considered the report submitted by Dr. K. G. Nair, who was appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to enquire into the allegations in the matter of conduct of entrance test for admission to MBA programme 1994, and to consider various actions taken by the Director, School of Management Studies in this regard.

Resolved that the enquiry report of Dr. K. G. Nair, as in Appendix III be approved and the statement of fact for counter affidavit in the O. P. filed by Shri D. Aruja be prepared based on the findings of the inquiry authority.

(Ac.A)

Item No. 351.42 : AICTE Scheme - Reckoning of previous service as Assistant Manager (Production) for Senior Scale placement under the Career Advancement Scheme - Reg.

Resolved that the matter be deferred for consideration.

(Ad.B)

Item No. 351.43 : Construction of a temporary shed for Industrial Fisheries Department at Ernakulam Campus.

The Syndicate considered the proposal for approving construction of a temporary shed at the Lakeside Campus

for the Department of Industrial Fisheries at an estimated cost of Rs 1,30,000/-.

Resolved that construction of a shed at the Lakeside campus at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,30,000/- be approved.

(PLA 4)

Item No 351 44 : Construction of 1st Floor over the existing ground floor of Ladies Hostel 'Athulya' at Thrikkakara Campus.

The Syndicate considered the proposal for awarding the work of construction of 1st floor over the existing ground floor of the Ladies Hostel.

Resolved that the work of construction of the first floor over the existing ground floor of the Ladies Hostel be awarded to Shri K. R. Sudhakaran at 78% above the PAC of Rs. 14,26,821/- (Total for 24,14,438/- including departmental supply worth Rs. 1,60,645/-)

(PLA 4)

Item No. 351.45 : Provisional recognition granted to the self-financing Engineering College at Adoor - withdrawal of - Reg.

Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan invited the attention of the Syndicate to the contents of a letter received from Prof. M P. Nair, Director, Institute of Human Resources Development for Electronics about a report that appeared in the newspaper Malayala Manorama regarding the convening of the combined meeting of the Faculty of Engineering and Undergraduate Board of Studies in Engineering. The Syndicate discussed at length all the developments that have taken place since the decision to grant provisional reconstructive recognition to the Engineering College at Adoor was taken by the Syndicate on August 31.

The Syndicate noted that classes have not so far begun in the Self-financing Engineering College at Adoor for the

B. Tech. Electronics Engineering and Computer Engineering whereas classes had already begun for these courses in the Engineering College at Chengannoor and the Model Engineering College at Thrikkakara even before the commencement of the Onam holidays. Therefore, the students of this year's batch for the B.Tech. Electronics Engineering and Computer Engineering in the Engineering College at Adoor will not have enough attendance to appear for the examinations which will be held along with those of Engineering College at Chengannoor and the Model Engineering College at Thrikkakara. Moreover, the syllabi, course structure etc. of the B. Tech. course in Mechanical Engineering have not been finalised so far. Although a combined meeting of the Undergraduate Board of Studies in Engineering and the Faculty of Engineering was convened in early September to approve the syllabus, no syllabus for the B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering was approved. Hence it is unlikely that the B.Tech. courses in Mechanical Engineering could be started this year. The Commission of the University which visited the College had found that it did not have even the basic facilities to conduct, let alone a College, even a School. Further the College had even now failed to acquire even the basic facilities needed to run the B.Tech. course that it proposed to run.

In the circumstances stated above, the Syndicate resolved that show cause notice be served on the Institute of Human Resources Development for Electronics as to why provisional recognition granted to the self - financing College at Adoor should not be withdrawn consequent on their failure to satisfy the conditions prescribed by the University when provisional recognition was granted to the said college.

(Ac.)

Item No. 351. 46 : Successful launch of PSLV-D2-Commendation of the Syndicate-Reg.

The Syndicate noted with appreciation, the achievements of the Indian Space Research Organisation in the successful launch of PSLV-D2 and the efforts put in by Dr.K.Kasturirangan ISRO Chairman, and Mr. G. Madhavan Nair, PSLV Project Director, in connection with the above experiment.

The Syndicate resolved to express its commendation to Dr. K. Kasturirangan, ISRO Chairman, and Mr. G. Madhavan Nair, PSLV Project Director, and they be invited to the University Campus to attend a function to convey the said honour, and the function be arranged before the end of December 1994

Resolved further that three old students of the University working under ISRO who are associated with the said project be also invited to take part in the above function.

(PL)

Item No. 351.47 : Judgement of the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in Writ Appeal No. 424 of 1994 relating to the appointment to the post of Public Relations Officer in the University.

Resolved that the Vice-Chancellor be authorised to obtain legal opinion as to whether it is a fit case for moving an appeal before the Supreme Court of India against the Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala.

(GA & LA)

The meeting came to an end at 3.30 p.m.

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25 October 1994.

REGISTRAR

APPENDIX I

Appendix to Item No. 351. 24

LIST OF EQUIPMENTS

Sl. No.	Name of the equipment	Rate	Qty.	Total cost including tax	Amount needed as advance	Name of supplier and Address
1	20 MHz Oscilloscope	18,500	7	Rs. 1,29,500 + 12,950 + 1,295 + 1,295 Rs. 1,34,162 (including freight + insurance @ 1% and deducting 7.5%)	Rs. 1,34,162	M/s Accurate Engineers, PKM Manzil Buildings, 2nd Floor, T.D. Road, Flower Junction, Kochi-35.
2	Function Generator and Counter	7,750	7	Rs. 54,250 + 5,425 + 542 + 542 (Freight + insurance 1% each = 56,202 (Deduction 7.5%))	Rs. 53,202	-do-
3	Digital Multimeter	5,290	1	Rs. 5,290 + 529 + (E.D. 10%) Rs. 6,348	—	Integrated Instrumnts and Servies 28/1427, Thekkanath Bldg, Kochi-16



Sl. No.	Name of the equipment	Rate	Qty.	Total cost including tax	Amount need as advance	Name of supplier and Address
4	Power Supply	6,100	7	Rs. 42,700 + 4270 + 4270 (ED 10%) — 51,240	—	-do-
5	3½ Digit hand held D. M. M.	2,340	4	Rs. 9,360 + 936	10,296	— M/s. Aegee Enterprises, Nettipadam Road Kochi-682 016.
6	Storage Oscilloscope	48,500	1	Rs. 48,500 + 4,850 + 4850 (DE 10%) — Rs 58,200/-	—	M/s. Scientific MES Technique Ltd., B-14, Industrial Estate Indore 452 003.
7	Voltage Stabilizer	8,500	2	Rs 17,000 + 1,700 — Rs. 20,400	1,700 (CED) 20,400	Applied Electronics Ltd., Aplab House A-5 Wagie Industrial Estate Thane 400 604 Maharashtra.
				<u>3,30,500</u>	<u>2,10,764</u>	

Appendix to Item No 351.34

Minutes of the meeting of the Poly Campus of the Syndicate constituted to study and recommend the creation of a Scientific Cadre in the University.

Time and date of meeting : 3.30 p.m. 22nd December 1993

Place of meeting : Syndicate Room  
University Buildings,  
Kochi - 682 022.

Members Present :

1. Shri. Johnson P. John
2. Shri. K. R. Prasad
3. Dr K. G. Balakrishnan (Convener)

The Sub-committee examined the issues which arose at the time of actual implementation of Technical Cadre (Scientific) scheme. The Sub-committee of the Syndicate resolved to recommend the following guidelines clarifications.

1. All technical personnel assisting in the teaching work in the departments/schools will be automatically brought into the technical cadre. They are to be given time to come over to the new scheme and opt for the new scales of pay and inducted as and when they fulfill the requirements.
2. The induction to Technical Cadre (Scientific) is based on the qualification required for a particular post into which the induction is proposed.

Eg. The Technical Assistant Gr. III in the old cadre be inducted as Technical Assistant Gr. I in the scale of pay of Rs. 1100-2070 in. Technical Cadre (Scientific)

3. Non-conventional posts with the existing staff are to be brought into the technical cadre in the suggested posts.

While recruiting new personnel to these posts, the qualification should be followed in concurrence with those suggested in the Technical Cadre (Scientific). The non conventional post of Maintenance Engineer be redesignated Technical Officer Grade I (Selection Scale) and brought under the Technical Cadre (Scientific) be put in the cadre of a Reader as suggested vide UGC letter No. F. 8-4/88 (COS-ii) dated 14.12.1993.

4. The service already put in the existing cadre will count for career advancement in the Technical Cadre will count for career advancement in the Technical Cadre (Scientific). The difficulties, if any, i.e., like those employees who have got benefit of promotion to higher grades, be brought to the Syndicate as individual cases.
5. Qualifications prescribed for career advancements/promotion should be acquired at the time of consideration for career advancement/promotion.
6. The question of induction technical personnel in the USIC be taken up only after the upgradation of USIC to level III is completed.
7. Computer Operator in the scale of pay of Rs. 1330-2556 in the existing Technical Cadre be brought into the Technical Cadre (Scientific) as Technical Assistant Grade III in the scale of pay of Rs. 1590-3090 in the Technical Cadre (Scientific). The computer Programmer will also be in the same grade, as both have similar nature of duties. Changes required, if any, be examined as and when the post of Computer Programmer is filled up in future.
8. Those personnel who have obtained Ph.D. degree till 31.12.1993 are exempted from a pass in NET for the purpose of initial induction/career advancement/promotion in the Technical Cadre (Scientific).

Sd/-

Shri Johnson P. John  
(Member)Shri K. B. Prasad  
(Member)

Sd/-

Dr. K. G. Balakrishnan  
(Convener)

Appendix to Item No. 351. 41

Report of the inquiring the matters regarding the conatet of admission test of CUSAT 1994-95.

October 7, 1994

On the outset, the Inquiry Authority would like to point out that the whole confusion and hue and cry raised in the conduct of examination for MBA Admission 1994 were mainly due to some of the steps taken by the Director, School of Management Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology. If he were more practical and realistic about such matters of high confidential nature, this could have been avoided.

My inquiry report is given in two parts:

- (a) Summary of Findings, and
- (b) Detailed Report.

These are submitted to you for further action, if necessary.

Sd/-  
(K. G. NAIR)

(a) Summary of findings of Inquiry Authority (IA)

- i) The Inquiry Authority finds that the entrance test (written exam part) by the School of Management [Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, jointly with Calicut University for MBA Admission '94 is with the knowledge and approval of the Cochin University of Science and Technology.
- ii) All allegations [regarding the credibility of All India Management Associatrion, which undertook the responsi-bility of conducting the written examination part of the entrance test are false.
- iii) The complaint that the members of the faculty of School of Management Studies are not involved in the entrance test is again baseless. For the Group discussion, and viva-voce they are very much involved.

- iv) University has not incurred heavy financial loss due to the new arrangement. In fact, the University has earned more money, compared to many previous years.
- v) Any anomaly, procedural errors or mistakes could be checked by the admission committee which consists of the Director of the School, Dean of the concerned faculty and the Registrar.
- (b) Detailed Report of inquiry constituted into the matter of conduct of CUSAT MBA Admission Test 1994-95

The Inquiry Authority has conducted a formal hearing of complaints/comments and criticisms of a cross-section of faculty members, particularly those in the School of Management Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology. Statements from them are recorded and were signed by them. Inquiry Authority had a number of sittings with the Director, School of Management Studies for clarifications and replies to comments. It also sought opinions from experts and former Director of School of Management Studies.

Having considered the various aspects of the event, the Inquiry Authority comes to the following conclusions :

1. This is not for the first time, external agencies were involved in the conduct of MBA Entrance Test. Earlier also, a part of the written test (setting of question paper and printing) were entrusted to external agencies and remunerations were paid. However, this is for the first time that the whole written examination part of the test is entrusted to an external agency.
2. The Director of SMS has taken this step with the knowledge and approval of the University. His request for raising entrance test fee from - to Rs. 100/- to Rs. 200/- for involving an external agency for the new arrangement has been sanctioned by the University.