

# **COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

## **Minutes of the 268th (special) meeting of the Syndicate held on 12.1.1990.**

Place of the meeting : Administrative Office  
: Cochin-22.

Time : 2 00 p. m.

### Members present

1. Prof. C. A. Abdussalam (in the Chair)  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor in-Charge
2. Dr. K. K. George
3. Shri Joseph Pudusery
4. Dr. P. N. Krishnan Nambisan
5. Dr. P. Leelakrishnan
6. Dr. Paul A. Vatakencherry
7. Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan
8. Shri. P. P. Thankachan
9. Shri. A. Thankappan

Before the items on the Agenda were taken up for consideration, the Syndicate adopted the following resolution

"The Syndicate notes with displeasure the absence of the Vice-Chancellor at the meeting of the Syndicate specially convened to discuss the grave situation arising out of the collapse of the roof of the stage of the Open Air Auditorium under construction.

"The Syndicate also views with great concern the frequent absence of the Vice-Chancellor from the University Campus."

**Item No. 268.01: Sudden collapse of the roof slab of the stage of the Open Air Auditorium under construction on 10. I. 1990.**

The Syndicate considered the Report on the collapse of the roof slab of the stage of the Open Air Auditorium under construction on 10. 1. 1990 and noted the consequent action taken by the Pro-Vice Chancellor in-Charge in the matter.

Resolved that:

a) The action of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor in-Charge in having sanctioned ex-gratia payment to the eight workers who sustained injuries during the collapse of the stage of the Open Air Auditorium at the rate of Rs. 500/- to six workers who have suffered minor injuries and at the rate of Rs. 1000/- to the remaining two who have suffered major injuries, be ratified.

b) The Government of Kerala be requested to institute a Judicial Enquiry as expeditiously as possible by a sitting Judge of the High Court; into the circumstances which led to the sudden collapse of the roof of the stage of the Open Air Auditorium on 10.1.1990, and

c) A Committee of the Syndicate consisting of Shri Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan (as Convener) Dr. Paul A. Vatakencherry, Dr. P. Leelakrishnan, Dr. P. N. Krishnan Nambisan, Shri A. Thankappan and Shri G. K. Pillai be requested to enquire and study all aspects of the construction work undertaken by the University Engineering Department during the last one year and their Report be placed before the Syndicate for consideration.

**Item No 268.02: Demand for granting fellowships to all research scholars - Hunger strike and Dharna by the students reg.**

The Syndicate considered the demands from the students for awarding fellowships to all the research students of the University and the situation arising out of the indefinite hunger strike launched by the students

Resolved that adequate number of Junior Research Fellowships be created in the University for awarding fellowships w. e. f. 1. 4. 1990 to those full-time research scholars, who are not recipients of any other fellowships on the rolls of the University as on 1.1.1990.

**Item No. 268.03: Hunger strike staged by a section of University teachers-reg.**

The Syndicate noted that a section of University teachers are on relay hunger strike in front of the University office demanding implementation of the UGC scales of pay.

Resolved that the State Government be requested to grant immediately the UGC scales of pay to the teachers of the Cochin University of Science and Technology in view of the unique nature of the University.

Resolved further that the section of teachers who are on relay hunger strike be requested to withdraw the Hunger Strike in view of the positive attitude of the University in the matter.

After the Items were over, the Syndicate considered the question of finalising the venue of the inaugural session of the Indian Science Congress in which the Prime Minister of India is participating.

Resolved that a special meeting of the Syndicate be convened at 8.00 a. m. on 15.1.1990 to consider the various aspects in the matter.

The meeting came to an end at 5.30 p.m.

Cochin University P. O.

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14, January 1990.

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