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further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974, the Calicut University Act, 1975, the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985, the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 and the Kannur University Act, 1996.

Preamble.—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) and the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2025.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of Act 17 of 1974.*—In the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974),—

(a) in section 2, after clause (32), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(33) “College Council” means a College Council constituted under section 53A of the Act;

(34) “Constituent College” means a college affiliated to the University and recognised as Constituent College by the Syndicate under section 69T of the Act;

(35) “Constituent University Centre” means a centre of the University and recognised as Constituent University Centre by the Syndicate under section 69T of the Act;

(36) “Constituent University Department” means a department of the University and recognised as Constituent University Department by the Syndicate under section 69T of the Act;

(37) “Internal Quality Assurance Cell” means the Internal Quality Assurance Cell constituted under section 31A of the Act;

(38) “Research Council” means a Research Council constituted under section 25A of the Act;

(39) “Research Park” means a Research Park established under section 80D of the Act;

(40) “University Resource Planning System” means a University Resource Planning System established under section 80B of the Act.”.

(b) in section 4, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1)The jurisdiction of the University shall extend to Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam revenue Districts, Adoor Taluk of Pathanamthitta revenue District and Alappuzha revenue District except Kuttanad Taluk of the State.”.

(c) for section 8, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“8. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department of the State shall, by virtue of his office, be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall, when present, preside over the meetings of the Senate and at any convocation of the University.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall, have the right to call for any information relating to the academic and administrative affairs of the University and such requisition shall be complied with by the University.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to bring any matter, which he considers important or a matter involving the policy of the Government, to the attention of the Chancellor or to any authority or officer of the University and seek appropriate action.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment, and of any college or institution maintained by the University; and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the administration or finances of the University, colleges or institutions.

(6) The Pro-Chancellor shall have such powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(7) The Pro-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may, by an order in writing, delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.”.

(d) in section 10, for sub-section (13), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(13) If there are reasonable grounds for the Vice-Chancellor to believe that there is an emergency which requires immediate action to be taken, he shall, take such action as he thinks necessary, and shall, as soon as, report in writing, the grounds for the emergency and the action taken by him, to such authority, body or various councils, as the case may be, which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter for decision in its next meeting and the concerned authority, body or councils shall consider the said report in its next session:

Provided that, in the event of a difference arising between the Vice-Chancellor and the authority, body or various councils, as the case may be, on the issue of the existence of such an emergency, or on the action taken or on both, the said matter shall be referred to the Appellate Tribunal whose decision shall be final.”.

(e) in section 11,—

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period, which is co-terminus with that of the Vice-Chancellor and is also eligible for reappointment.”;

(ii) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried academic and administrative officer of the University and who has held the post of Professor or Principal of a college or an institution with not less than ten years teaching or research experience with a doctoral degree.”;

(iii) sub-section (4) shall be omitted;

(iv) in sub-section (5), for the words “determined by the Chancellor”, the words “prescribed by the Statutes” shall be substituted;

(v) for sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(6) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and as delegated by the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(f) in section 18, after sub-section (5), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(6) Senate shall be deemed to have been constituted if one-third of the members of the elected members have been elected and the Registrar shall issue it through a notification.”.

(g) in section 19, in sub-section (2),—

(i) clause (a) shall be omitted;

(ii) clause (d) shall be omitted;

(iii) in clause (e), after the word “lecturerships”, the symbols and words “, associate professorships, assistant professorships” shall be inserted;

(iv) clause (j) shall be omitted.

(h) in section 21,—

(i) under the heading “Ex-officio Members”,—

(a) item (d) shall be omitted;

(b) item (f) shall be omitted;

(ii) under the heading “Other Members”,—

(a) for item (a), the following item shall be substituted, namely: —

“(a) Eight members elected by the Senate from among themselves of whom,—

(i) four shall be persons who are not teachers, of whom one shall be a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe and one shall be a woman;

(ii) one Principal of affiliated colleges; and

(iii) three shall be teachers who are not Principals, of whom one shall be a University teacher, one shall be a teacher of a Government College and one shall be a teacher of a Private College.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item 'Private College' means private college other than unaided colleges.”;

(b) for item (b), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(b) One student member elected by the Senate from among the members referred to,—

(i) in item (15), under the heading “Ex-Officio Members” in section 17;

(ii) in item (12), under the heading “Elected Members” in section 17; and

(iii) in item (3), under the heading “Other Members” in section 17.”;

(c) for item (d), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(d) One Dean of faculty nominated by the Vice Chancellor as per the seniority for a period of two years based on rotation.”.

(i) in section 23,—

(i) after item (xiv), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xiva) to co-operate and collaborate with other Universities and other authorities in India and abroad in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine.”;

(ii) for item (xv), the following items shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xv) to conduct University examinations, approve and publish results thereof and award degrees;

(xva) to determine what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

(xvb) to cancel any degree, diploma, title or any other distinction granted to any person in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;”;

(iii) for item (xvii), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xvii) to fix the remuneration of the examiners in the panel;”;

(iv) for item (xx), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate salaries to them, and in case of disregard of such instructions of University or general Government directions, take steps to withdraw affiliation or recognition;”;

(v) after item (xxiii), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xxiiia) to constitute cluster of colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions of such clusters as may be prescribed in the Statutes;

(xxiiib) to constitute constituent colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions as may be prescribed in this Act and the Statutes;

(xxiiic) to determine the institution of professorships, readerships, lecturerships, associate professorships, assistant professorships and other teaching and research posts required by the University;

(xxiiid) to determine and award the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xxiiie) to constitute expert committees to exercise powers and functions of Boards of Studies in the absence of formally constituted Board of Studies for such programmes or courses in specialised fields of study introduced by the University.”.

(j) in section 24, in sub-section (3),—

(i) item (c) shall be omitted;

(ii) item (l) shall be omitted;

(iii) for item (m), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(m) one Principal of a Government College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Government Colleges from among themselves;”;

(iv) for item (n), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(n) one Principal of a Private College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Private Colleges from among themselves;

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item 'Private College' means private college other than unaided colleges.”;

(v) item (o) shall be omitted;

(vi) item (q) shall be omitted;

(vii) after item (s), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

“(t) five regular Research Scholars in the University, of whom one shall be a female student, one shall be from Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe communities and one shall be from differently-abled sections nominated by the Syndicate;

(u) Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell.”;

(viii) in sub-section (4), after the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that, he shall continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.”.

(k) in section 25, —

(i) in clause (v), for the word “courses”, the word “programmes” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (vi), for the word “courses”, the word “programmes” shall be substituted;

(iii) in clause (viii), for the words “to make”, the words “to make and accept” shall be substituted;

(iv) clause (ix) shall be omitted;

(v) clause (x) shall be omitted;

(vi) in clause (xi), for the words “to make proposals”, the words “to approve proposals recommended by the respective bodies” shall be substituted;

(vii) for clause (xiii), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xiii) to co-ordinate teaching and learning in University departments, constituent colleges, affiliated colleges and recognised institutions;

(xiii a) to frame such regulations for promoting and facilitating inter university transfer and mobility of students with transfer of credits across different Universities or institutions in India and abroad;

(xiii b) to frame regulations for transfer of earned credits from another institution or University to the same programme or different programmes of the University;”.

(1) after section 25, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“25A. *Research Council*.—(1) There shall be a Research Council in the University to discuss, deliberate and decide on any matters regarding research, innovation, academic collaboration, technology transfer and research related extension activities and concerned bodies shall issue orders as per its decision.

(2) The Research Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Director of Research, who shall be a Professor nominated by the Syndicate;

(e) two teachers of the Syndicate nominated by the Syndicate of whom one shall be a University teacher;

(f) three Deans of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) two external experts, outside the University, who are eminent researchers nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(h) one research scholar of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(i) the Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;

(j) two members nominated by the Academic Council from among themselves.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson and the Director of Research shall be the Convenor of the Research Council. In the absence of the Chairperson, the members present shall elect one member from among themselves to preside over the meeting.

(4) The members of the Research Council shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of constitution or until reconstitution, whichever is earlier.

(5) The Research Council shall meet at least once in a month or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(6) One-half of the total members constitute the quorum of the meeting.

(7) The powers and functions of the Research Council including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(m) in section 26, in sub-section (3),—

(i) in clause (b), for the words “two members”, the words “one member” shall be substituted;

(ii) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) five members nominated by the Syndicate.”.

(n) for section 28, the following section shall be substituted, namely: —

“28. *Boards of Studies.*—(1) There shall be a composite Board of Studies for each department of study in the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Board of Studies nominated by the Syndicate and the Chairperson shall be a teacher with a minimum of fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) The members of the Boards of Studies shall be teachers with a minimum of ten years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with ten years of regular service, teachers with lesser experience shall be considered.

(4) Each Board of Studies shall have a maximum of fifteen members and at least one shall be an expert from outside the University and at least one shall be an expert from relevant industry or skill sector from outside the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(5) The Chairperson and members of the Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(6) The constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

28A. *Expert Committee.*—(1) The Syndicate shall appoint an Expert Committee to exercise the powers and perform the functions of Boards of Studies in the absence of formally constituted Boards of Studies.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Expert Committee nominated by the Syndicate and Chairperson shall have minimum fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) Members of Expert Committee shall have minimum five years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with minimum five years of regular service, teachers with less than five years of regular service may also be considered.

(4) Each Expert Committee shall have minimum ten members and at least one shall be an external expert from outside the University.

(5) The constitution and powers of Expert Committee shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) The tenure of Expert Committee shall be decided by the Syndicate:

Provided that, it shall not be more than two years.”.

(o) in section 29, in sub-section (2), under the heading “Ex-officio Members”, in item (b), for the word “Chairman”, the word “Chairperson” shall be substituted.

(p) after section 30, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“30A. *Students’ Rights*.—(1) Students have the right to get the prospectus of the institution where they are willing to continue their studies and provided with sufficient information to make informed decisions about course selection and registration.

(2) Students have a right to a detailed and complete course outline for every course in which they are registered, to be provided during the first week of class. This information should include, where appropriate:—

(a) a description of the topics to be considered in the course;

(b) a list of required and recommended readings or study materials;

(c) a description of the means of evaluation to be used in the course; and

(d) the instructor’s contact information, office location and office hours.

(3) Students have a right to receive satisfactory academic education and required teaching hours either face to face or online to achieve their specific learning objectives and credit requirements.

(4) Students have a right to be a member of any lawful association of their choice and the University shall not subject them to any prejudice by reason of their membership in such an association.

(5) Every group of students has a right to organise and promote the interests of its members, provided that the purposes of such a group shall be lawful. Every such group shall have the right to publicise and hold meetings, to debate any matter and to engage in lawful and peaceful demonstration.

(6) The University and all the educational institutions affiliated to it shall constitute a formal representative body of students, in which elections shall be held regularly for the selection of students' representatives in that body as and when decided by the University.

(7) The University teaching department and affiliated colleges shall be liable to observe, promote and protect these rights of students.

(8) Every student shall have such other specific students' rights as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

30B. *Students' Grievance Redressal System.*—(1) There shall be a Students' Grievance Redressal System as per the Regulations of University Grants Commission and relevant Government Orders.

(2) The constitution, powers and functions of such system shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

30C. *Teachers' rights and responsibilities.*—(1) Teachers have the right to academic freedom and the right to freedom of inquiry, expression and assembly.

(2) Teachers shall have the academic autonomy for designing academic programmes, curricula, syllabi, evaluation and assessment in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(3) Teachers or their groups or organisations may distribute and display written or printed or electronic material in campus without prior approval of the University so long as the distributed material is consistent with University policy and State law. The person or persons responsible for such material must be clearly indicated.

(4) Teachers have the right to pursue further study opportunities for improving their skills and developing their talents related to their responsibilities as teachers and scholars contingent upon the availability of resources.

(5) Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of its results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties.

(6) Teaching duties of a teacher include the following:—

(a) planning classroom and online activities as appropriate to the method of course delivery;

(b) preparing course syllabi;

(c) designing assignments and examinations;

(d) holding regular office hours or being available for consultation;

(e) supervising independent work undertaken by students;

(f) directing thesis and dissertations;

(g) evaluating students;

(h) assessing and documenting student learning;

(i) advising, developing and accessing curricula;

(j) co-ordinating activities including student mentor programmes, tutor services, study skills workshops and special events, research guiding, conducting research, prepare and submit proposals for project or extension activities.

(7) Academic advising is a part of the teaching responsibility of the teacher.

(8) Teaching responsibilities include prompt and regular presence during scheduled class hours whether in an offline or online classroom, as appropriate to the mode of course delivery.

(9) A teacher is expected to treat students with professional courtesy and to respect their rights, including academic freedom and those rights outlined in the ‘Students’ Rights’.

(10) Every teacher in the University, affiliated college and constituent college shall have such other specific teachers’ rights and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(q) in section 31, —

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely: —

“(1) The Finance Committee shall be the principal financial body of the University and shall exercise general supervision over the financial matters of the University.”;

(ii) in sub-section (2), after clause (g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(h) The Registrar.”;

(iii) after sub-section (3), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3A) The Finance Committee shall examine and scrutinise the annual budget of the University and make recommendations on financial matters to the concerned bodies;

(3B) The Finance Committee shall consider proposals for new expenditure and make recommendations to the concerned bodies;

(3C) The Finance Committee shall consider the periodical statement of accounts, review the finances of the University from time to time, consider re-appropriation statements, audit reports and make recommendations to the concerned bodies.”;

(iv) for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(r) after section 31, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“31A. *Internal Quality Assurance Cell.*—(1) There shall be an Internal Quality Assurance Cell in the University, its affiliated colleges and constituent colleges.

(2) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Finance Officer;

(e) two members of the Syndicate nominated from among themselves;

(f) five teachers nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Syndicate;

(h) one person each from employers, industrialists and stakeholders nominated by the Syndicate.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the Syndicate shall be the Director of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(4) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the affiliated college and constituent college shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Principal;

(b) one representative of Management;

(c) five teachers nominated by the College Council;

(d) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Principal;

(e) one person each from employers, industrialists and Stakeholders nominated by the Principal ;

(f) the College Superintendent;

(g) the Librarian.

(5) The Principal shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the College Council shall be the Co-ordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(6) The members of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(7) The powers and functions of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall be prescribed by the Statutes based on the University Grants Commission directions issued from time to time.

(8) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall meet at least once in every three months or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(9) Two-third of the total members constitute the quorum of the meeting.”.

(s) in section 33, in sub-section (1),—

(i) in clause (b), the words and symbol “or a deaf-mute”, shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (d), for the words “moral delinquency”, the words “moral turpitude” shall be substituted.

(t) in section 35, after sub-section (5), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that, when the Chancellor has not decided on the Statute within sixty days from the date it had been submitted to him, it shall be deemed to be assented.”.

(u) in section 42, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) The Registrar shall be the Chief Election Officer for elections to all authorities or bodies of the University and he shall issue notification, conduct election and declare result and issue notification for the constitution of the respective authorities or bodies of the University.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the authority to prefer appeal for all the election related complaints.”.

(v) in section 45, in sub-section (2), for the words “the State Bank of India or its subsidiaries”, the words “any Nationalised bank or Kerala Bank” shall be substituted.

(w) after section 45, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“45A. *Funds earmarked for a purpose not to be diverted without prior approval of the Government.*—The University shall not without the prior approval of the Government,—

(i) divert funds earmarked for a purpose for any other purpose; or

(ii) implement any scheme which involves any matching contribution from the State Government; or

(iii) implement any scheme which imposes a recurring liability on the Government, after the assistance from the sponsoring authority ceases.”.

(x) in section 50, after sub-section (7), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the accounts relating to the funds granted by external funding agencies for specific projects or programmes shall be audited only in such manner as may be specified by the funding agency.”.

(y) after section 53, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“53A. *College Council.*—(1) All the affiliated colleges and constituent colleges of the University shall constitute a College Council in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(2) The College Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Principal – Chairperson;
- (b) the Vice-Principal;
- (c) Heads of the departments from all departments;
- (d) Elected teachers;
- (e) the College Librarian;
- (f) the Co-ordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;
- (g) the Superintendent.

(3) National Cadet Corps Officers, National Service Scheme Officers, the hostel warden and the college union chairperson or any other persons given specific responsibilities by the college shall be invited to the College Council if the College Council deems it fit to take their opinion on special matters.

(4) For every thirty teachers or fraction thereof, there shall be an elected member in the College Council.

(5) The term of the elected members shall be two years from the date of their entering upon the office:

Provided that, an elected member shall continue to hold his office, after the expiration of the said period, until his successor enters upon his office.

(6) The procedure for nominating Heads of the Departments by rotation, election of the teachers to the College Council and guidelines for the functioning of the College Council shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(z) in section 57,—

(i) in sub-section (1), the words “or by such officers as may be authorised by the Government” shall be omitted;

(ii) for sub-section (10), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(10) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Vice-Chancellor within thirty days after the issuance of appointment order appealed against and the Vice-Chancellor shall dispose of the appeal in the manner prescribed by the Statutes within sixty days:

Provided that, if he is not satisfied with the decision of Vice-Chancellor, he may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal within thirty days from the date of order of the Vice-Chancellor and the decision of the Appellate Tribunal shall be final.”.

(za) in section 60, after sub-section (3), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that, when a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding thirty days, the educational agency shall obtain prior permission of the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(zb) in section 62, after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2A) Where a teacher becomes a President of Grama Panchayat or Chairperson of Municipal Corporation or Mayor of Corporation the period served as such President or Chairperson or Mayor, as the case may be, shall be treated as on leave without salary and allowances.”.

(zc) after Chapter VIII B, the following Chapter shall be inserted, namely:—

“CHAPTER VIII C
CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

69T. *Constituent Colleges.*—(1) The University shall have power to designate an existing affiliated college or department or centre as its constituent college or constituent university department or constituent university center in any discipline in collaboration with Government or quasi-Government or reputed educational agencies by making a suitable memorandum of understanding or agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any.

(2) The University shall have power to establish a constituent college or constituent university department or a constituent university centre managed and maintained by the University with co-operation or collaboration with Government or quasi Government or reputed educational agencies by making a suitable memorandum of understanding or agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any, under its jurisdiction.

(3) The University shall have power to start new programmes and courses in its constituent colleges, constituent university departments or constituent university centres by following the procedures laid down in this Act, Statutes and Regulations, with the prior approval of the Government.

(4) The procedure for establishment of a constituent college or giving constituent college status shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(zd) after section 80A, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“80B. *University Resource Planning System.*—(1) The University shall have an integrated software-based resource planning and management system or be part of such a system established by the Government through any of its agencies for its day-to-day function which shall integrate, automate and streamline its core administrative, academic, human resource, financial, examination and other processes under various departments or units and affiliated colleges within the University to improve administrative efficiencies.

(2) The policy and programme of University Resource Planning System may be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.

80C. *Rules of Business.*—(1) The University shall frame Rules of Business based on re-engineering for the improvement of performance and an effective application of Information Technology based governance.

(2) The Rules of Business shall be prescribed in the Statutes and shall be updated from time to time based on the University Grants Commission Regulations or Government directions as may be applicable.

80D. *Research Parks.*—(1) The University and its affiliated colleges may establish independent research parks or other similar establishments to be established as companies under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013) with investment coming from anchor clients, alumni and civil society.

(2) Each research park and company shall have an independent governing body. The policy and programme of the research park and the constitution of the governing body shall be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.”.

3. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1975.*—In the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975),—

(a) in section 2, after clause (32), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(33) “College Council” means a College Council constituted under section 53A of the Act;

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(37) “Internal Quality Assurance Cell” means the Internal Quality Assurance Cell constituted under section 31A of the Act ;

(38) “Research Council” means a Research Council constituted under section 25A of the Act;

(39) “Research Park” means a Research Park established under section 79D of the Act;

(40) “University Resource Planning System” means a University Resource Planning System established under section 79B of the Act.”.

(b) in section 4, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The jurisdiction of the University shall extend to the revenue districts of Kozhikode, Malappuram, Thrissur, Palakkad and the area excluding Mananthavadi Taluk in Wayanad District of the State.

(c) for section 8, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“8. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department of the State shall, by virtue of his office, be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall, when present, preside over the meetings of the Senate and at any convocation of the University.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall, have the right to call for any information relating to the academic and administrative affairs of the University and such requisition shall be complied with by the University.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to bring any matter, which he considers important or a matter involving the policy of the Government, to the attention of the Chancellor or to any authority or officer of the University and seek appropriate action.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its

buildings, laboratories and equipment, and of any college or institution maintained by the University; and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the administration or finances of the University, Colleges or Institutions.

(6) The Pro-Chancellor shall have such powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(7) The Pro-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may, by an order in writing, delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.”.

(d) in section 10, for sub-section (13), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(13) If there are reasonable grounds for the Vice-Chancellor to believe that there is an emergency which requires immediate action to be taken, he shall, take such action as he thinks necessary, and shall, as soon as, report in writing, the grounds for the emergency and the action taken by him, to such authority, body or various councils, as the case may be, which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter for decision in its next meeting and the concerned authority, body or councils shall consider the said report in its next session:

Provided that, in the event of a difference arising between the Vice-Chancellor and the authority, body or councils, as the case may be, on the issue of the existence of such an emergency, or on the action taken or on both, the matter shall be referred to the Appellate Tribunal whose decision shall be final.”.

(e) in section 11,—

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely: —

“(1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period, which is co-terminus with that of the Vice-Chancellor and is also eligible for reappointment.”;

(ii) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) No person who is more than sixty years of age shall be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.”;

(iii) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried academic and administrative officer of the University and who has held the post of Professor or Principal of a college or an institution with not less than ten years teaching or research experience with a doctoral degree.”;

(iv) sub-section (4) shall be omitted;

(v) in sub section (5), for the words “determined by the Chancellor”, the words “prescribed by the Statutes” shall be substituted;

(vi) for sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(6) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and as delegated by the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(f) in section 18,—

(i) after sub-section (5), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(6) Senate shall be deemed to have been constituted if one-third of the members of the elected members have been elected and the Registrar shall issue it through a notification.”.

(g) in section 19, in sub-section (2),—

(i) clause (a) shall be omitted;

(ii) clause (d) shall be omitted;

(iii) in clause (e), after the word “lecturerships”, the words and symbols “, associate professorships, assistant professorships” shall be inserted;

(iv) clause (j) shall be omitted;

(h) in section 21,—

(i) under the heading “Ex-officio Members”,—

(a) item (d) shall be omitted;

(b) item (f) shall be omitted;

(ii) under the heading “Other Members”,—

(a) for item (a), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(a) Eight members elected by the Senate from among themselves of whom,—

(i) four shall be persons who are not teachers, of whom one shall be a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe and one shall be a woman;

(ii) one Principal of affiliated colleges; and

(iii) three shall be teachers who are not Principals, of whom one shall be a University teacher, one shall be a teacher of a Government College, and one shall be a teacher of a Private College.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item 'Private College' means private college other than unaided colleges.”;

(b) for item (b), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(b) One student member elected by the Senate from among the members referred to,—

(i) in item (15), under the heading “Ex-Officio Members” in section 17;

(ii) in item (12), under the heading “Elected Members” in section 17;

(iii) in item (4), under the heading “Other Members” in section 17.”;

(c) for item (d), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(d) One Dean of faculty nominated by the Vice Chancellor as per the seniority for a period of two years based on rotation.”.

(i) in section 23,—

(i) after item (xiv), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xiva) to co-operate and collaborate with other Universities and other authorities in India and abroad in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;”;

(ii) for item (xv), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xv) to conduct University examinations, approve and publish results thereof and award degrees;

(xva) to determine what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

(xvb) to cancel any degree, diploma, title or any other distinction granted to any person in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;”;

(iii) for item (xvii), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xvii) to fix the remuneration of the examiners in the panel;”;

(iv) for item (xx), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate salaries to them, and in case of disregard of such instructions of University or general Government directions, take steps to withdraw affiliation or recognition;”;

(v) after item (xxiii), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xxiiia) to constitute cluster of colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions of such clusters as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(xxiiib) to constitute constituent colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions as may be prescribed in this Act and as may be prescribed in the Statutes;

(xxiiic) to determine the institution of professorships, readerships, lecturerships, associate professorships, assistant professorships and other teaching and research posts required by the University;

(xxiiid) to determine and award the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xxiiie) to constitute expert committees to exercise powers and functions of Boards of Studies in the absence of formally constituted Board of Studies, for such programmes or courses in specialised fields of study introduced by the University;”.

(j) in section 24, in sub-section (3),—

(i) item (c) shall be omitted;

(ii) item (l) shall be omitted;

(iii) for item (m), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(m) one Principal of a Government College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Government Colleges from among themselves;”;

(iv) for item (n), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(n) one Principal of a Private College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Private Colleges from among themselves;

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item 'Private College' means private college other than Unaided College.”;

(v) item (o) shall be omitted;

(vi) item (q) shall be omitted;

(vii) after item (s), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

“(t) five regular research scholars in the University of whom, one shall be a female student, one shall be from Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe communities and one shall be from differently-abled sections nominated by the Syndicate;

(u) the Director of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.”;

(viii) in sub-section (4), after the existing proviso the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided further that, he shall continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.”.

(k) in section 25,—

(i) in clause (v), for the word “courses”, the word “programmes” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (vi), for the word “courses”, the word “programmes” shall be substituted;

(iii) in clause (viii), for the words “to make”, the words “to make and accept” shall be substituted;

(iv) clause (ix) shall be omitted;

(v) clause (x) shall be omitted;

(vi) in clause (xi), for the words “to make proposals”, the words “to approve proposals recommended by the respective bodies” shall be substituted;

(vii) for clause (xiii), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xiii) to co-ordinate teaching and learning in University departments, constituent colleges, affiliated colleges and recognised institutions;

(xiiiia) to frame such regulations for promoting and facilitating inter university transfer and mobility of students with transfer of credits across different universities or institutions in India and abroad;

(xiiiib) to frame regulations for transfer of earned credits from another institution or University to the same programme or different programmes of the University;”.

(l) after section 25, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“25A. *Research Council*.—(1) There shall be a Research Council in the University to discuss, deliberate and decide on any matters regarding research, innovation, academic collaboration, technology transfer and research related extension activities and concerned bodies shall issue orders as per its decision.

(2) The Research Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Director of Research, who shall be a Professor nominated by the Syndicate;

(e) two teacher members of the Syndicate nominated by the Syndicate of whom one shall be a University teacher;

(f) three Deans of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) two external experts, outside the University, who are eminent researchers nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(h) one research scholar of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(i) the Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;

(j) two members nominated by the Academic Council from among themselves.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Research Council and the Director of Research shall be the Convenor. In the absence of the Chairperson, the members present shall elect one member from among themselves to preside over the meeting.

(4) The members of the Research Council shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of constitution or until reconstitution, whichever is earlier.

(5) The Research Council shall meet atleast once in a month or as and when required in online, offline or hybrid mode.

(6) The powers and functions of the Research Council including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(m) in section 26, in sub-section (3),—

(i) in clause (b), for the words “two members”, the words “one member” shall be substituted;

(ii) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) five members nominated by the Syndicate.”.

(n) for section 28, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“28. *Boards of Studies.*—(1) There shall be a composite Board of Studies for each department of study in the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Board of Studies nominated by the Syndicate and the Chairperson shall be a teacher with a minimum of fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) The members of the Boards of Studies shall be a teacher with a minimum of ten years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with ten years of regular service, teachers with lesser experience shall be considered.

(4) Each Board of Studies shall have a maximum of fifteen members and atleast one shall be an expert from outside the University and atleast one shall be an expert from relevant industry or skill sector from outside the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(5) The Chairperson and members of the Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(6) The constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

28A. *Expert Committee*.—(1) The Syndicate shall appoint an Expert Committee to exercise the powers and perform the functions of Boards of Studies in the absence of formally constituted Boards of Studies.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Expert Committee nominated by the Syndicate and Chairperson shall have minimum of fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) Members of Expert Committee shall have minimum of five years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with minimum five years of regular service, teachers with less than five years of regular service may also be considered.

(4) Each Expert Committee shall have minimum ten members and atleast one shall be an external expert from outside the University.

(5) The constitution and powers of Expert Committee shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) The tenure of Expert Committee shall be decided by the Syndicate:

Provided that, it shall not be more than two years.”.

(o) in section 29, in sub-section (2), under the heading “Ex-officio Members”, in item (b), for the word “Chairman”, the word “Chairperson” shall be substituted.

(p) after section 30, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“30A. *Students’ Rights.*—(1) Students have the right to get the prospectus of the institution where they are willing to continue their studies and provided with sufficient information to make informed decisions about course selection and registration.

(2) Students have a right to a detailed and complete course outline for every course in which they are registered, to be provided during the first week of class. This information should include, where appropriate:

(a) a description of the topics to be considered in the course;

(b) a list of required and recommended readings or study materials;

(c) a description of the means of evaluation to be used in the course; and

(d) the instructor’s contact information, office location and office hours.

(3) Students have a right to receive satisfactory academic education and required teaching hours either face to face or online to achieve their specific learning objectives and credit requirements.

(4) Students have a right to be a member of any lawful association of their choice and the University shall not subject them to any prejudice by reason of their membership in such an association.

(5) Every group of students has a right to organise and promote the interests of its members, provided that the purposes of such a group shall be lawful. Every such group shall have the right to publicise and hold meetings, to debate any matter and to engage in lawful and peaceful demonstration.

(6) The University and all educational institutions affiliated to it shall constitute a formal representative body of students, in which elections shall be held regularly for the selection of students’ representatives in that body as and when decided by the University.

(7) The University teaching department and affiliated colleges shall be liable to observe, promote and protect these rights of students.

(8) Every student shall have such other specific students' rights as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

30B. *Students' Grievance Redressal System.*—(1) There shall be a Students' Grievance Redressal System as per the Regulations of University Grants Commission and relevant Government Orders.

(2) The constitution, powers and functions of such system shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

30C. *Teachers' rights and responsibilities.*—(1) Teachers have the right to academic freedom and the right to freedom of inquiry, expression and assembly.

(2) Teachers shall have the academic autonomy for designing academic programmes, curricula, syllabi, evaluation and assessment in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(3) Teachers or their groups or organisations may distribute and display written or printed or electronic material on campus without prior approval of the University so long as the distributed material is consistent with University policy and State law. The person or persons responsible for such material must be clearly indicated.

(4) Teachers have the right to pursue further study opportunities for improving their skills and developing their talents related to their responsibilities as teachers and scholars contingent upon the availability of resources.

(5) Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of its results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties.

(6) Teaching duties of a teacher include the following:

(a) planning classroom and online activities as appropriate to the method of course delivery;

(b) preparing course syllabi;

(c) designing assignments and examinations;

(d) holding regular office hours or being available for consultation;

(e) supervising independent work undertaken by students;

(f) directing thesis and dissertations;

(g) evaluating students;

(h) assessing and documenting student learning;

(i) advising, developing and accessing curricula;

(j) co-ordinating activities including student mentor programmes, tutor services, study skills workshops and special events, research guiding, conducting research, prepare and submit proposals for project or extension activities.

(7) Academic advising is a part of the teaching responsibility of the teacher.

(8) Teaching responsibilities include prompt and regular presence during scheduled class hours whether in an offline or online classroom, as appropriate to the mode of course delivery.

(9) A teacher is expected to treat students with professional courtesy and to respect their rights, including academic freedom and those rights outlined in the 'students' rights'.

(10) Every teacher in the University, affiliated college and constituent college shall have such other specific teachers' rights and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(q) in section 31,—

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Finance Committee shall be the principal financial body of the University and shall exercise general supervision over the financial matters of the University.”;

(ii) in sub-section (2), after clause (g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(h) the Registrar.”;

(iii) after sub-section (3), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3A) The Finance Committee shall examine and scrutinise the annual budget of the University and make recommendations on financial matters to the concerned bodies;

(3B) The Finance Committee shall consider proposals for new expenditure and make recommendations to the concerned bodies;

(3C) The Finance Committee shall consider the periodical statement of accounts, review the finances of the University from time to time, consider re-appropriation statements, audit reports and make recommendations to the concerned bodies.”.

(iv) for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(r) after section 31, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“31A. *Internal Quality Assurance Cell.*—(1) There shall be an Internal Quality Assurance Cell in the University, its affiliated colleges and constituent colleges.

(2) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Finance Officer;

(e) two members of Syndicate nominated from among themselves;

(f) five teachers nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Syndicate;

(h) one person each from employers, industrialists and stake holders nominated by the Syndicate;

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the Syndicate shall be the Director of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(4) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the affiliated colleges and constituent colleges shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Principal;

(b) one representative of Management;

(c) five teachers nominated by the College Council;

(d) one person each from local society, Students and Alumni nominated by the Principal;

(e) one person each from employers, industrialists and stake holders nominated by the Principal;

(f) the College Superintendent;

(g) the Librarian.

(5) The Principal shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the College Council shall be the Co-ordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell .

(6) The members of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(7) The powers and functions of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall be prescribed by the Statutes based on the relevant University Grants Commission directions from time to time.

(8) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall meet atleast once in every three months or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(9) Two-third of total members constitute the quorum of the meeting.”.

(s) in section 33, in sub-section (1),—

(i) in clause (b), the words and symbol “or a deaf-mute”, shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (d), for the words “moral delinquency”, the words “moral turpitude” shall be substituted.

(t) in section 35, after sub-section (5), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that, when the Chancellor has not decided on the Statute within sixty days from the date it had been submitted to him, it shall be deemed to be assented.”.

(u) in section 42, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) The Registrar shall be the Chief Election Officer for elections to all authorities or bodies of the University and he shall issue notification, conduct election and declare result and issue notification for the constitution of the respective authorities or bodies of the University.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the authority to prefer appeal for all the election related complaints.”.

(v) in section 45,—

(i) in sub-section (2), for the words “the State Bank of India or its subsidiaries”, the words “any Nationalised bank or Kerala Bank” shall be substituted.

(w) after section 45, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“45A. *Funds earmarked for a purpose not to be diverted without prior approval of the Government.*—The University shall not without the prior approval of the Government,—

(i) divert funds earmarked for a purpose for any other purpose; or

(ii) implement any scheme which involves any matching contribution from the State Government; or

(iii) implement any scheme which imposes a recurring liability on the Government, after the assistance from the sponsoring authority ceases.”.

(x) in section 50, after sub-section (7), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(8) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the accounts relating to the funds granted by external funding agencies for specific projects or programmes shall be audited only in such manner as may be specified by the funding agency.”.

(y) after section 53, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“53A. *College Council.*—(1) All the affiliated colleges and constituent colleges of the University shall constitute a college council in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(2) The College Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Principal – Chairperson;

(b) the Vice-Principal;

- (c) Heads of the departments from all departments;
- (d) the Elected teachers;
- (e) the College Librarian;
- (f) the Co-ordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;
- (g) the Superintendent.

(3) National Cadet Corps Officers, National Service Scheme Officers, the hostel warden, and the college union Chairperson, or any other persons given specific responsibilities by the college shall be invited to the college council if the college council deems it fit to take their opinion on special matters.

(4) For every thirty teachers or fraction thereof, there shall be an elected member in the college council.

(5) The term of the elected members shall be two years from the date of their entering upon the office:

Provided that, an elected member shall continue to hold his office, after the expiration of the said period, until his successor enters upon his office.

(6) The procedure for nominating Head of the departments by rotation, election of the teachers to the College Council and guidelines for the functioning of the College Council shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(z) in section 57,—

(i) in sub-section (1), the words “or by such officers as may be authorised by the Government” shall be omitted;

(ii) for sub-section (10), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(10) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Vice-Chancellor within thirty days after the issuance of appointment order appealed against and the Vice-Chancellor shall dispose of the appeal in the manner prescribed by the Statutes within sixty days:

Provided that, if he is not satisfied with the decision of the Vice-Chancellor, he may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal within thirty days from the date of order of the Vice-Chancellor and the decision of Appellate Tribunal shall be final.”.

(za) in section 60, after sub-section (3), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that, when a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding thirty days, the educational agency shall obtain prior permission of the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(zb) in section 62, after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2A) Where a teacher becomes a President of Grama Panchayath or Chairperson of Municipal Corporation or Mayor of Corporation the period served as such President or Chairperson or Mayor, as the case may be, shall be treated as on leave without salary and allowances.”.

(zc) after Chapter VIII B, the following Chapter shall be inserted, namely:—

“CHAPTER VIII C CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

68U. *Constituent Colleges*.—(1) The University shall have power to designate an existing affiliated college or department or center as its constituent college or constituent university department or constituent university center in any disciplines in collaboration with Government or quasi-Government or reputed educational agencies by making a suitable memorandum of understanding or agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any.

(2) The University shall have power to establish a constituent college or constituent university department or a constituent university centre managed and maintained by the University with co-operation or collaboration with Government or quasi Government or reputed educational agencies by making a

suitable memorandum of understanding on agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any, under its jurisdiction.

(3) The University shall have power to start new programs and courses in its constituent colleges, constituent university departments or constituent university centres by following the procedures laid down in this Act, Statutes and Regulations with the prior approval of the Government.

(4) The procedure for establishment of a constituent college or giving constituent college status shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(zd) after section 79A, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“79B. *University Resource Planning System.*—(1) The University shall have an integrated software-based resource planning and management system or be part of such a system established by the Government through any of its agencies for its day-to-day function which shall integrate, automate and streamline its core administrative, academic, human resource, financial, examination and other processes under various departments or units and affiliated colleges within the University to improve administrative efficiencies.

(2) The policy and programme of University Resource Planning System may be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.

79C. *Rules of Business.*—(1) The University shall frame Rules of Business based on re-engineering for the improvement of performance and an effective application of Information Technology based governance.

(2) The Rules of Business shall be prescribed in the Statutes and shall be updated from time to time based on the University Grants Commission Regulations or Government directions as may be applicable.

79D. *Research Parks.*—(1)The University and its affiliated colleges may establish independent research parks, or other similar establishments to be established as companies under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013) with investment coming from anchor clients, alumni and civil society.

(2) Each research park or company shall have an independent governing body. The policy and programme of the research park and the constitution of the governing body shall be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.”.

4. *Amendment of Act 12 of 1985.*— In the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985),—

(a) in section 2, after clause (34), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(35) “College Council” means a College Council constituted under section 53A of the Act;

(36) “Constituent College” means a college affiliated to the University and recognised as Constituent College by the Syndicate as per the provisions of Chapter X of this Act;

(37) “Constituent University Centre” means a centre of the University and recognised as Constituent University Centre by the Syndicate as per the provisions of Chapter X of this Act;

(38) “Constituent University Department” means a department of the University and recognised as Constituent University Department by the Syndicate as per the provisions of Chapter X of this Act;

(39) “Internal Quality Assurance Cell” means the Internal Quality Assurance Cell constituted under section 31A of the Act ;

(40) “Research Council” means a Research Council constituted under section 25A of the Act;

(41) “Research Park” means a Research Park established under section 89C of the Act;

(42) “University Resource Planning System” means a University Resource Planning System established under section 89A of the Act.”.

(b) for section 8, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“8. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister-in-charge of Higher Education Department of the State shall, by virtue of his office, be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall, when present, preside over the meetings of the Senate and at any convocation of the University.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall, have the right to call for any information relating to the academic and administrative affairs of the University and such requisition shall be complied with by the University.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to bring any matter, which he considers important or a matter involving the policy of the Government, to the attention of the Chancellor or to any authority or officer of the University and seek appropriate action.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment, and of any college or institution maintained by the University and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the administration or finances of the University, colleges or institutions.

(6) The Pro-Chancellor shall have such powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(7) The Pro-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may, by an order in writing, delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.”.

(c) in section 10, for sub-section (17), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(17) If there are reasonable grounds for the Vice-Chancellor to believe that there is an emergency which requires immediate action to be taken, he shall,

take such action as he thinks necessary, and shall, as soon as, report in writing, the grounds for the emergency and the action taken by him, to such authority, body or various councils, as the case may be, which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter for decision in its next meeting and the concerned authority, body or councils shall consider the said report in its next session:

Provided that, in the event of a difference arising between the Vice-Chancellor and the authority, body or councils, as the case may be, on the issue of existence of such an emergency, or on the action taken or on both, the matter shall be referred to the Appellate Tribunal whose decision shall be final.”.

(d) in section 11,—

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period, which is co-terminus with that of the Vice-Chancellor and is also eligible for reappointment.”.

(ii) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried academic and administrative officer of the University and who has held the post of Professor or Principal of a college or an institution with not less than ten years teaching or research experience with a doctoral degree.”;

(iii) sub-section (4) shall be omitted;

(iv) for sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(6) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and as delegated by the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(e) in section 17, under the heading “Other Members”, after item (3), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3a) Not more than four members nominated by the Government from the field of higher education of whom one shall be a woman.”.

(f) in section 18, after sub-section (8), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(9) Senate shall be deemed to have been constituted if one-third of members of the elected members have been elected and the Registrar shall issue it through a notification.”.

(g) in section 19, after clause (d), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(e) to make, amend or repeal Statutes either of its own motion or on the motion of the Syndicate;

(f) to cancel or amend by a majority of the total membership of the Senate and by a majority of not less than two-third of the members present and voting, any Ordinance passed by the Syndicate or any Regulation passed by the Academic Council:

Provided that, no Regulation shall be cancelled or amended by the Senate without giving the Academic Council an opportunity to state its opinion on the proposed cancellation or amendment.”.

(h) for section 21, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“21. *The Syndicate*.—The Syndicate shall be the Chief Executive body of the University and shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Ex-officio Members

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(d) the Director of Collegiate Education.

Other members

(a) Eight members elected by the Senate from among themselves of whom,—

(i) four shall be persons who are not teachers, of whom one shall be a person belonging to a Scheduled caste or a Scheduled Tribe;

(ii) one Principal of affiliated colleges; and

(iii) three shall be teachers who are not Principals, of whom one shall be a University teacher, one shall be a teacher of a Government college and one shall be a teacher of a private college.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item 'Private College' means private college other than unaided colleges.

(b) One student member elected by the Senate from among the members referred to—

(i) in item (15), under the heading “Ex-Officio Members” in section 17;

(ii) in item (12), under the heading “Elected Members” in section 17;

(iii) in item (3), under the heading “Other Members” in section 17.

(c) One Dean of faculty nominated by the Vice Chancellor as per the seniority for a period of two years based on rotation.

(d) The members referred to the item (3a) under the heading “other members” in section 17 to be nominated by the Government.”.

(i) for section 22, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“22. *Term of office of members of Syndicate.*—(1) The members of the Syndicate other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their election:

Provided that, no person elected in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as the holder of a particular office shall be a member of the Syndicate for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such member of that

body or holder of such office unless in the meanwhile he again becomes a member of that body or the holder of that office:

Provided further that, the member referred to in item (b) under the heading “Other Members” in section 21 shall hold office for a period of one year from the date of his election or till he ceases to be a member of the Senate, whichever is earlier:

Provided also that, the term of the Syndicate shall be co-terminous with the term of the Senate:

Provided also that, no person other than an ex-officio member shall be eligible to hold office for more than two terms in succession.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the first proviso to sub-section (1), a member of the Syndicate referred to in sub-item (ii) of item (a) under the heading “Other Members” in section 21, or referred to in sub-item (iii) of that item who is a teacher of a private college or a Government college, shall not cease to be such member merely on the ground that,—

(a) he had been transferred to an educational institution within the State, situated beyond the territorial limits of the University; or

(b) the college of which he is the Principal or in which he is a teacher has been transferred to another University.”.

(j) in section 23,—

(i) in item (ii), the words “Statutes and” shall be omitted;

(ii) in item (xii), after the word and symbol “fellowships,” the words and symbol “travelling fellowships,” shall be inserted;

(iii) after item (xiv), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xiva) to co-operate and collaborate with other Universities and other authorities in India and abroad in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;”;

(iv) for item (xv), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xv) to conduct University examinations, approve and publish results thereof and award degrees;”;

(v) for item (xvii), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xvii) to fix the remuneration of the examiners in the panel;”;

(vi) for item (xx), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate salaries to them and in case of disregard of such instructions of University or general Government directions, take steps to withdraw affiliation or recognition;”;

(vii) in item (xxvi),—

(a) after the word “lecturerships”, the symbols and words, “associate professorships, assistant professorships” shall be inserted;

(b) in the proviso, after the word “lecturership”, the symbols and words, “associate professorship, assistant professorship” shall be inserted.

(viii) after item (xxxiv), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xxxiva) to constitute cluster of colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions of such clusters as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(xxxivb) to constitute constituent colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions as may be prescribed in this Act and as may be prescribed in the Statutes;

(xxxivc) to constitute expert committees to exercise powers and perform the functions of Boards of Studies in the absence of formally constituted Boards of Studies, for such programmes or courses in specialised fields of study introduced by the University.”.

(k) for section 24, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“24. *The Academic Council.*—(1) The Academic Council shall be the supreme academic body of the University.

(2) The Academic Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, have the control and general regulation and be responsible for the

maintenance of standards, of instruction, education and examinations within the University.

(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Director of Technical Education;

(d) the Director of Collegiate Education;

(e) the Director of Research and Studies;

(f) the Director of Physical Education;

(g) the Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;

(h) the Deans of Faculties;

(i) the General Secretary of the University Union;

(j) all the Heads of University Departments of Study and Research, who are not Deans of Faculties;

(k) all members of the Syndicate who are not otherwise members of the Academic Council;

(l) one Principal of a Government College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Government Colleges from among themselves;

(m) one Principal of a Private College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Private Colleges from among themselves.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item, 'Private College' means private college other than unaided colleges.”;

(n) one member each of every subject of study other than Deans of Faculties or Head of a University department or Principal elected by the teachers of that subject from among themselves;

(o) one member representing each faculty, elected by the full-time postgraduate students of the faculty from among themselves;

(p) five external experts of whom atleast one shall be an expert from the industrial sector to be nominated by the Chancellor;

(q) five regular research scholars in the University, of whom one shall be a female student, one shall be from a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe and one shall be from differently-abled sections nominated by the Syndicate.

(4) The members of the Academic Council, other than the members specified in clauses (a) to (j) of sub-section (3) shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their appointment or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that, a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a student:

Provided further that, he shall continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.”.

(l) in section 25,—

(i) in clause (v), for the word “courses” the word, “programmes” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (vi), for the word “courses” the word, “programmes” shall be substituted;

(iii) in clause (viii), for the words “to make” the words, “to make and accept” shall be substituted;

(iv) clause (ix) shall be omitted;

(v) clause (x) shall be omitted;

(vi) in clause (xi), for the words “to make proposals”, the words “to approve proposals recommended by the respective bodies” shall be substituted;

(vii) for clause (xiii), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xiii) to co-ordinate teaching and learning in University departments, constituent colleges, affiliated colleges and recognised institutions;

(xiiia) to frame such regulations for promoting and facilitating inter university transfer and mobility of students with transfer of credits across different Universities or institutions in India and abroad;

(xiiib) to frame regulations for transfer of earned credits from another institution or University to the same programme or different programmes of the University;”.

(m) after section 25, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“25A. *Research Council*.—(1) There shall be a Research Council in the University to discuss, deliberate and decide on any matters regarding research, innovation, academic collaboration, technology transfer and research related extension activities and concerned bodies shall issue orders as per its decision.

(2) The Research Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Director of Research, who shall be a Professor nominated by the Syndicate;

(e) two teacher members of the Syndicate nominated by the Syndicate of whom one shall be a University teacher;

(f) three Deans of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) two external experts, outside the University, who are eminent researchers nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(h) one research scholar of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(i) the Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;

(j) two members nominated by the Academic Council from among themselves.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Research Council and the Director of Research shall be the Convenor. In the absence of the Chairperson, the members present shall elect one member from among themselves to preside over the meeting.

(4) The members of the Research Council shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of constitution or until reconstitution whichever is earlier.

(5) The Research Council shall meet atleast once in a month or as and when required in online, offline or hybrid mode.

(6) The powers and functions of the Research Council including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(n) in section 26, in sub-section (3),—

(i) in clause (b), for the words “two members”, the words “one member” shall be substituted;

(ii) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) five members nominated by the Syndicate;”.

(o) for section 28, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“28. *Boards of Studies.*—(1) There shall be a composite Board of Studies for each department of study in the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Board of Studies nominated by the Syndicate and the Chairperson shall have a minimum of fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) The members of the Boards of Studies shall have a minimum of ten years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with ten years of regular service, teachers with lesser experience shall be considered.

(4) Each Board of Studies shall have a maximum of fifteen members and atleast one shall be an expert from outside the University and atleast one shall be an expert from relevant industry or skill sector from outside the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(5) The Chairperson and members of the Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(6) The constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

28A. *Expert Committee*.—(1) The Syndicate shall appoint an Expert Committee to exercise the powers and perform the functions of Boards of Studies in the absence of formally constituted Boards of Studies.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Expert Committee nominated by the Syndicate and Chairperson shall have minimum fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) Members of Expert Committee shall have minimum five years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with minimum five years of regular service, teachers with less than five years of regular service may also be considered.

(4) Each Expert Committee shall have minimum ten members and atleast one shall be an external expert from outside the University.

(5) The constitution and powers of Expert Committee shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) The tenure of Expert Committee shall be decided by the Syndicate:

Provided that, it shall not be more than two years.”.

(p) in section 29, in sub-section (2), under the heading “Ex-officio Members”, in item (b), for the word “Chairman” the word “Chairperson” shall be substituted.

(q) after section 30, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“30A. *Students' Rights*.—(1) Students have the right to get the prospectus of the institution where they are willing to continue their studies and

provided with sufficient information to make informed decisions about course selection and registration.

(2) Students have a right to a detailed and complete course outline for every course in which they are registered, to be provided during the first week of class. This information should include, where appropriate:

- (a) a description of the topics to be considered in the course;
- (b) a list of required and recommended readings and study materials;
- (c) a description of the means of evaluation to be used in the course; and
- (d) the instructor's contact information, office location and office hours.

(3) Students have a right to receive satisfactory academic education and required teaching hours either face to face or online to achieve their specific learning objectives and credit requirements.

(4) Students have a right to be a member of any lawful association of their choice and the University shall not subject them to any prejudice by reason of their membership in such an association.

(5) Every group of students has a right to organise and promote the interests of its members, provided that the purposes of such a group shall be lawful. Every such group shall have the right to publicise and hold meetings, to debate any matter and to engage in lawful and peaceful demonstration.

(6) The University and all educational institutions affiliated to it shall constitute a formal representative body of students, in which elections shall be held regularly for the selection of students' representatives in that body as and when decided by the University.

(7) The University teaching department and affiliated colleges shall be liable to observe, promote and protect these rights of students.

(8) Every student shall have such other specific students' rights as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

30B. *Students' Grievance Redressal System.*—(1) There shall be a Students' Grievance Redressal System as per the Regulations of University Grants Commission and relevant Government Orders.

(2) The constitution, powers and functions of such system shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

30C. *Teachers' rights and responsibilities.*—(1) Teachers have the right to academic freedom and the right to freedom of inquiry, expression and assembly.

(2) Teachers shall have the academic autonomy for designing academic programmes, curricula, syllabi, evaluation and assessment in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(3) Teachers or their groups or organisations may distribute and display written or printed or electronic material in campus without prior approval of the University so long as the distributed material is consistent with University policy and State law. The person or persons responsible for such material must be clearly indicated.

(4) Teachers have the right to pursue further study opportunities for improving their skills and developing their talents related to their responsibilities as teachers and scholars contingent upon the availability of resources.

(5) Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of its results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties.

(6) Teaching duties of a teacher include the following:

(a) planning classroom and online activities as appropriate to the method of course delivery;

(b) preparing course syllabi;

(c) designing assignments and examinations;

(d) holding regular office hours or being available for consultation;

- (e) supervising independent work undertaken by students;
- (f) directing thesis and dissertations;
- (g) evaluating students;
- (h) assessing and documenting student learning;
- (i) advising, developing and accessing curricula;

(j) co-ordinating activities including student mentor programmes, tutor services, study skills workshops and special events, research guiding, conducting research, prepare and submit proposals for project or extension activities.

(7) Academic advising is a part of the teaching responsibility of the teacher.

(8) Teaching responsibilities include prompt and regular presence during scheduled class hours whether in an offline or online classroom, as appropriate to the mode of course delivery.

(9) A teacher is expected to treat students with professional courtesy and to respect their rights, including academic freedom and those rights outlined in the students' rights.

(10) Every teacher in the University, affiliated college and constituent college shall have such other specific teachers' rights and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(r) in section 31,—

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Finance Committee shall be the principal financial body of the University and shall exercise general supervision over the financial matters of the University.”;

(ii) in sub-section (2), after clause (g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(h) the Registrar.”;

(iii) after sub-section (3), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3A) The Finance Committee shall examine and scrutinise the annual budget of the University and make recommendations on financial matters to the concerned bodies;

(3B) The Finance Committee shall consider proposals for new expenditure and make recommendations to the concerned bodies;

(3C) The Finance Committee shall consider the periodical statements of accounts, review the finances of the University from time to time, consider re-appropriation statements, audit reports and make recommendations to the concerned bodies.”;

(iv) for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(s) after section 31, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“31A. *Internal Quality Assurance Cell.*—(1) There shall be an Internal Quality Assurance Cell in the University, its affiliated colleges and constituent colleges.

(2) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Finance Officer;

(e) two members of Syndicate nominated from among themselves;

(f) five teachers nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Syndicate;

(h) one person each from employers, industrialists and stake holders nominated by the Syndicate.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the Syndicate shall be the Director of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(4) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the affiliated college and constituent college shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Principal;

(b) one representative of Management;

(c) five teachers nominated by the College Council;

(d) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Principal;

(e) One person each from employers, industrialists and stake holders nominated by the Principal;

(f) the College Superintendent;

(g) the Librarian.

(5) The Principal shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the College Council shall be the Co-ordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(6) The members of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(7) The powers and functions of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall be prescribed by the Statutes based on the relevant University Grants Commission directions from time to time.

(8) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall meet atleast once in every three months or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(9) Two-third of total members constitute the quorum of the meeting.”.

(t) in section 34, in sub-section (1),—

(i) in clause (b), the words and symbol “or a deaf-mute”, shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (d), for the words “moral delinquency”, the words “moral turpitude” shall be substituted;

(u) for section 36, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“36. *Procedure for making Statutes.*—(1) The Senate may of its own motion take into consideration the draft of a Statute:

Provided that, in any such case, before the Statute is passed, the Senate shall obtain and consider the opinion of the Syndicate.

(2) The Syndicate may propose to the Senate the draft of any Statute for consideration and such draft shall be considered by the Senate at its next meeting.

(3) The Senate may approve the draft of a Statute proposed by the Syndicate and pass the Statute or may reject it or return it to the Syndicate for reconsideration, either in whole or in part together with amendments which the Senate may suggest.

(4) After any draft returned by the Senate under sub-section (3) has been further considered by the Syndicate, together with any amendment suggested by the Senate, it shall be again presented to the Senate with the report of the Syndicate thereon, and the Senate may then deal with the draft in any manner as it thinks fit.

(5) Where any Statute has been passed by the Senate, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may refer the Statute back to the Senate for further consideration or assent thereto or withhold his assent:

Provided that, when the Chancellor has not decided on the Statute within sixty days from the date it had been submitted to him, it shall be deemed to be assented.

(6) No Statute passed by the Senate shall be valid or come into force until assented to by the Chancellor.

(7) The Syndicate shall not propose the draft of a Statute or of an amendment to a Statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal and any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Senate.

(8) No Statute providing for the conditions for, or procedure relating to, the affiliation of private colleges shall be passed by the Senate without the previous approval of the Government.”.

(v) in section 46, in sub-section (2), for the words “the State Bank of India or its subsidiaries”, the words “any nationalised bank or Kerala Bank” shall be substituted.

(w) in section 52, after sub-section (8), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(9) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the accounts relating to the funds granted by external funding agencies for specific projects or programmes shall be audited only in such manner as may be specified by the funding agency.”.

(x) after section 55, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“55A. *College Council.*—(1) All the affiliated colleges and constituent colleges of the University shall constitute a College Council in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(2) The College Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Principal – Chairperson;
- (b) the Vice-Principal;
- (c) Heads of the department from all departments;
- (d) elected teachers;
- (e) the College Librarian;
- (f) the Co-ordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;
- (g) the Superintendent.

(3) National Cadet Corps Officers, National Service Scheme Officers, the hostel warden and the college union Chairperson, or any other persons given specific responsibilities by the college shall be invited to the College Council if the College Council deems it fit to take their opinion on special matters.

(4) For every thirty teachers or fraction thereof, there shall be an elected member in the College Council.

(5) The term of the elected members shall be two years from the date of their entering upon the office:

Provided that, an elected member shall continue to hold his office, after the expiration of the said period, until his successor enters upon his office.

(6) The procedure for nominating Head of the Departments by rotation, election of the teachers to the College Council and guidelines for the functioning of the College Council shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(y) in section 59,—

(i) in sub-section (1), the words “or by such officers as may be authorized by the Government” shall be omitted;

(ii) for sub-section (9), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(9) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Vice-Chancellor within thirty days after the issuance of appointment order appealed against, and the Vice-Chancellor shall dispose of the appeal in the manner prescribed by the Statutes within sixty days:

Provided that, if he is not satisfied with the decision of Vice-Chancellor, he may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal within thirty days from the date of the order of the Vice-Chancellor and the decision of Appellate Tribunal shall be final.”.

(z) in section 63, after sub-section (3), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that, when a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding thirty days, the educational agency shall obtain prior permission of the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(za) in section 66, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) Where a teacher becomes a President of Grama Panchayath or Chairperson of Municipal Corporation or Mayor of Corporation the period served as such President or Chairperson or Mayor, as the case may be, shall be treated as on leave without salary and allowances.”.

(zb) after section 89, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“89A. *University Resource Planning System.*—(1) The University shall have an integrated software-based resource planning and management system or be part of such a system established by the Government through any of its agencies for its day-to-day function which shall integrate, automate and streamline its core administrative, academic, human resource, financial, examination and other processes under various departments or units and affiliated colleges within the University to improve administrative efficiencies.

(2) The policy and programme of University Resource Planning System may be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.

89B. *Rules of Business.*—(1) The University shall frame Rules of Business based on re-engineering for the improvement of performance and an effective application of Information Technology based governance.

(2) The Rules of Business shall be prescribed in the Statutes and shall be updated from time to time based on the University Grants Commission Regulations or Government directions as may be applicable.

89C. *Research Parks.*—(1) The University and its affiliated colleges may establish independent research parks or other similar establishments to be established as companies under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013) with investment coming from anchor clients, alumni and civil society.

(2) Each research park or company shall have an independent governing body. The policy and programme of the research park and the constitution of the governing body shall be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.”.

(zc) after Chapter IX, the following Chapter shall be inserted, namely:—

“ CHAPTER X

CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

122. *Constituent Colleges.*—(1) The University shall have power to designate an existing affiliated college or department or centre as its Constituent college or constituent university department or constituent university center in any discipline in collaboration with Government or quasi-Government or reputed educational agencies by making a suitable memorandum of understanding or agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any.

(2) The University shall have power to establish a constituent college or constituent university department or a constituent university centre managed and maintained by the University with co-operation or collaboration with Government or quasi Government or reputed educational agencies by making a suitable memorandum of understanding or agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any, under its jurisdiction.

(3) The University shall have power to start new programmes and courses in its constituent colleges, constituent university departments or constituent university centres by following the procedures laid down in this Act, Statutes and Regulations, with the prior approval of the Government.

(4) The procedure for establishment of a constituent college or giving constituent college status shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

5. *Amendment of Act 5 of 1994.*—In the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994),—

(a) in section 2, after clause (w), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(x) “Internal Quality Assurance Cell” means the Internal Quality Assurance Cell constituted under section 21A of the Act ;

(y) “Research Council” means a Research Council constituted under section 18A of the Act;

(z) “Research Park” means a Research Park established under section 52C of the Act;

(za) “University Resource Planning System” means a University Resource Planning System established under section 52A of the Act.”.

(b) for section 9, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“9. *Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department of the State shall, by virtue of his office, be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall, when present, preside over the meetings of the Senate and at any convocation of the University.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall, have the right to call for any information relating to the academic and administrative affairs of the University and such requisition shall be complied with by the University.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to bring any matter, which he considers important or a matter involving the policy of the Government, to the attention of the Chancellor or to any authority or officer of the University and seek appropriate action.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment, and of any college or institution maintained by the University; and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the administration or finances of the University, colleges or institutions.

(6) The Pro-Chancellor shall have such powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(7) The Pro-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may, by an order in writing, delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.”.

(c) in section 12,—

(i) under the heading “Ex-officio Members”, item (iv) shall be omitted;

(ii) for the heading “Elected Member”, the heading “Elected Members” shall be substituted and under the heading “Elected Members” so substituted, the existing item shall be numbered as item (i) and after item (i) as so numbered, the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ii) Two permanent teachers of the University elected from among themselves.”;

(iii) under the heading “Nominated Members”,—

(a) in item (i), for the words “Four eminent scholars”, the words “Two eminent scholars” shall be substituted;

(b) for item (ii), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(ii) Four educationalists or eminent academicians in the field of Higher Education nominated by the Government, for a period of four years of whom one shall be a teacher of the University, one shall be from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes and one shall be a woman.”;

(c) item (iv) shall be substituted, namely:—

“(iv) One Dean of faculty nominated by the Vice-Chancellor as per the seniority for a period of two years based on rotation.”;

(d) item (v) shall be omitted.

(d) in section 14, in sub-section (2), after clause (y), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ya) to constitute expert committees to exercise the powers and functions of Board of Studies, in the absence of formally constituted Board of Studies for such programmes or courses in specialized fields of study introduced by the University;”.

(e) in section 16, in sub-section (3),—

(i) under the heading “Elected Members”, the existing item shall be numbered as item (i) and after item (i) as so numbered, the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(ii) Two postgraduate students and one research scholar elected from among themselves:

Provided that, a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a student or research scholar shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a student or research scholar and new election to such vacancies shall be conducted within three months.”;

(ii) under the heading “Nominated Members”,—

(a) item (i) shall be omitted;

(b) in item (ii), for the word “Five” the word “Two” shall be substituted.

(f) in section 17,—

(i) in sub-section (2), after clause (c), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely: —

“(ca) to frame such regulations for promoting and facilitating inter university transfer and mobility of students with transfer of credits across different Universities or institutions in India and abroad;

(cb) to frame regulations for transfer of earned credits from another institution or University to the same programme or different programmes of the University;”.

(g) after section 18, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“18A. *Research Council*.—(1) There shall be a Research Council in the University to discuss, deliberate and decide on any matters regarding research,

innovation, academic collaboration, technology transfer and research related extension activities and concerned bodies shall issue orders as per its decision.

(2) The Research Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Director of Research, who shall be a Professor nominated by the Syndicate;

(e) one teacher member of the Syndicate nominated by the Syndicate;

(f) Two Deans of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) two external experts, outside the University, who are eminent researchers nominated by the Syndicate;

(h) one research scholar of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(i) the Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Research Council and the Director of Research shall be the Convenor. In the absence of the Chairperson, the members present shall elect one member from among themselves to preside over the meeting.

(4) The members of the Research Council shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of constitution or until re-constitution, whichever is earlier.

(5) The Research Council shall meet atleast once in two months or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(6) The powers and functions of the Research Council including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(h) after section 21 ,the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“21A. *Internal Quality Assurance Cell.*—(1) There shall be an Internal Quality Assurance Cell in the University.

(2) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Finance Officer;

(e) two members of Syndicate nominated from among themselves;

(f) five teachers nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Syndicate;

(h) one person each from employers, industrialists and stakeholders nominated by the Syndicate;

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the Syndicate shall be the Director of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(4) The members of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(5) The powers and functions of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall be prescribed by the Statutes based on the relevant University Grants Commission directions from time to time.

(6) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall meet atleast once in every three months or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(7) Two-third of total members shall constitute the quorum of the meeting.”.

(i) in section 26, for sub-section (7), the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(7) If there are reasonable grounds for the Vice-Chancellor to believe that there is an emergency which requires immediate action to be taken, he shall, take such action as he thinks necessary, and shall, as soon as, report in writing, the grounds for the emergency and the action taken by him, to such authority, body or various councils as the case may be, which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter for decision in its next meeting and the concerned authority, body or council shall consider the said report in its next session:

Provided that, in the event of a difference arising between the Vice-Chancellor and the authority, body or councils, as the case may be, on the issue of existence of such an emergency, or on the action taken or on both, the matter shall be referred to the Appellate Tribunal whose decision shall be final.”.

(j) in section 27, —

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period, which is co-terminus with that of the Vice-Chancellor and is also eligible for reappointment.”;

(ii) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) No person who is more than sixty years of age shall be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.”;

(iii) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried academic and administrative officer of the University and who has held the post of Professor or Principal of a college or an institution with not less than ten years teaching or research experience with a doctoral degree.”;

(iv) sub-section (4) shall be omitted;

(v) for sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(6) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be the Head of the University Examinations and shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and as delegated by the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(k) in section 31, in sub-section (1), for the words and symbol “Vice-Chancellor”, the word “Syndicate” shall be substituted.

(l) in section 38, after sub-section (10), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(11) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the accounts relating to the funds granted by external funding agencies for specific projects or programmes shall be audited only in such manner as may be specified by the funding agency.”.

(m) in section 40, after sub-section (4), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that, when the Chancellor has not decided on the Statute within sixty days from the date it had been submitted to him, it shall be deemed to be assented.”.

(n) after section 47, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“47A. *Students' Rights.*-(1) Students have the right to get the prospectus of the institution where they are willing to continue their studies and provided with sufficient information to make informed decisions about course selection and registration.

(2) Students have a right to a detailed and complete course outline for every course in which they are registered, to be provided during the first week of class. This information should include, where appropriate:

- (a) a description of the topics to be considered in the course;
- (b) a list of required and recommended readings or study materials;
- (c) a description of the means of evaluation to be used in the course; and

(d) the instructor's contact information, office location and office hours.

(3) Students have a right to receive satisfactory academic education and required teaching hours either face to face or online to achieve their specific learning objectives and credit requirements.

(4) Students have a right to be a member of any lawful association of their choice and the University shall not subject them to any prejudice by reason of their membership in such an association.

(5) Every group of students has a right to organise and promote the interests of its members, provided that the purposes of such a group shall be lawful. Every such group shall have the right to publicise and hold meetings, to debate any matter and to engage in lawful and peaceful demonstration.

(6) The University and all the educational institutions affiliated to it shall constitute a formal representative body of students, in which elections shall be held regularly for the selection of students' representatives in that body as and when decided by the University.

(7) The University teaching department and affiliated colleges shall be liable to observe, promote and protect these rights of students.

(8) Every Student shall have such other specific students' rights as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

47B. *Students' Grievance Redressal System.*—(1) There shall be a Students' Grievance Redressal System as per the Regulations of University Grants Commission and relevant Government Orders.

(2) The constitution, powers and functions of such system shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

47C. *Teachers' rights and responsibilities.*—(1) Teachers have the right to academic freedom and the right to freedom of inquiry, expression and assembly.

(2) Teachers shall have the academic autonomy for designing academic programmes, curricula, syllabi, evaluation and assessment in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(3) Teachers or their groups or organisations may distribute and display written or printed or electronic material in campus without prior approval of the University so long as the distributed material is consistent with University policy and State law. The person or persons responsible for such material must be clearly indicated.

(4) Teachers have the right to pursue further study opportunities for improving their skills and developing their talents related to their responsibilities as teachers and scholars contingent upon the availability of resources.

(5) Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of its results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties.

(6) Teaching duties of a teacher include the following:

(a) planning classroom and online activities as appropriate to the method of course delivery;

(b) preparing course syllabi;

(c) designing assignments and examinations;

(d) holding regular office hours or being available for consultation;

(e) supervising independent work undertaken by students;

(f) directing thesis and dissertations;

(g) evaluating students;

(h) assessing and documenting student learning;

(i) advising, developing and accessing curricula;

(j) co-ordinating activities including student mentor programmes, tutor services, study skills workshops and special events, research guiding, conducting research, prepare and submit proposals for project or extension activities.

(7) Academic advising is a part of the teaching responsibility of the teacher.

(8) Teaching responsibilities include prompt and regular presence during scheduled class hours whether in an offline or online classroom, as appropriate to the mode of course delivery.

(9) A teacher is expected to treat students with professional courtesy and to respect their rights, including academic freedom and those rights outlined in the students' rights.

(10) Every teacher in the University and affiliated college shall have such other specific teachers' rights and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(o) after section 52, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“52A. *University Resource Planning System.*—(1) The University shall have an integrated software-based resource planning and management system or be part of such a system established by the Government through any of its agencies for its day-to-day function which shall integrate, automate and streamline its core administrative, academic, human resource, financial, examination and other processes under various departments or units and affiliated colleges within the University to improve administrative efficiencies.

(2) The policy and programme of University Resource Planning System may be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.

52B. *Rules of Business.*—(1) The University shall frame Rules of Business based on re-engineering for the improvement of performance and an effective application of Information Technology based governance.

(2) The Rules of Business shall be prescribed in the Statutes and shall be updated from time to time based on University Grants Commission Regulations or Government directions as may be applicable.

52C. *Research Parks.*—(1) The University may establish independent research parks or other similar establishments to be established as companies under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013) with investment coming from anchor clients, alumni and civil society.

(2) Each research park and company shall have an independent governing body. The policy and programme of the research park and the constitution of the governing body shall be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.”.

6. *Amendment of Act 22 of 1996.*—In the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996),—

(a) in section 2, after clause (xxxiii), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xxxiv) “College Council” means a College Council constituted under section 58A of the Act ;

(xxxv) “Constituent College” means a college affiliated to the University and recognised as Constituent College by the Syndicate under section 74T of the Act;

(xxxvi) “Constituent University Centre” means centre of the University and recognised as Constituent University Centre by the Syndicate under section 74T of the Act;

(xxxvii) “Constituent University Department” means a department of the University and recognised as Constituent University Department by the Syndicate under section 74T of the Act;

(xxxviii) “Internal Quality Assurance Cell” means the Internal Quality Assurance Cell constituted under section 33A of the Act;

(xxxix) “Research Council” means a Research Council constituted under section 27A of the Act;

(xL) “Research Park” means a Research Park established under section 91C of the Act;

(xLi) “University Resource Planning System” means a University Resource Planning System established under section 91A of the Act.”.

(b) for section 8, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“8. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister-in-charge of Higher Education Department of the State shall, by virtue of his office, be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor shall, when present, preside over the meetings of the Senate and at any convocation of the University.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall, have the right to call for any information relating to the academic and administrative affairs of the University and such requisition shall be complied with by the University.

(4) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to bring any matter, which he considers important or a matter involving the policy of the Government, to the attention of the Chancellor or to any authority or officer of the University and seek appropriate action.

(5) The Pro-Chancellor shall have the right to cause an inspection to be made by such person or persons as he may direct, of the University, its buildings, laboratories and equipment, and of any college or institution maintained by the University and also of the examinations, teaching and other work conducted or done by the University and to cause an inquiry to be made in like manner in respect of any matter connected with the administration or finances of the University, colleges or institutions.

(6) The Pro-Chancellor shall have such powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(7) The Pro-Chancellor shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may, by an order in writing, delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.”.

(c) in section 11, for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) If there are reasonable grounds for the Vice-Chancellor to believe that there is an emergency which requires immediate action to be taken, he shall, take such action as he thinks necessary, and shall, as soon as, report in writing, the grounds for the emergency and the action taken by him, to such authority, body or various councils, as the case may be, which, in the ordinary course, would have dealt with the matter for decision in its next meeting and the concerned authority, body or council shall consider the said report in its next session:

Provided that, in the event of a difference arising between the Vice-Chancellor and the authority, body or councils, as the case may be, on the issue of the existence of such an emergency, or on the action taken or on both, the matter shall be referred to the Appellate Tribunal whose decision shall be final.”.

(d) in section 13,—

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Syndicate on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a period, which is co-terminus with that of the Vice-Chancellor and is also eligible for reappointment.”;

(ii) for sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(2) No person who is more than sixty years of age shall be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.”;

(iii) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried academic and administrative officer of the University and who has held the post of Professor or Principal of a college or an institution with not less than ten years teaching or research experience with a doctoral degree.”;

(iv) sub-section (4) shall be omitted;

(v) in sub-section (5), for the words “determined by the Chancellor”, the words “prescribed by the Statutes” shall be substituted;

(vi) for sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(6) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes and as delegated by the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(e) in section 19, under the heading “Other members”, after item (iii), the following item shall be inserted, namely:—

“(iii) Not more than four members nominated by the Government from the field of higher education of whom one shall be a woman.”.

(f) in section 20, after sub-section (7), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(8) Senate shall be deemed to have been constituted if one-third of members of the elected members have been elected and the Registrar shall issue it through a notification.”.

(g) in section 21, after clause (d), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(e) to make, amend or repeal Statutes either of its own motion or on the motion of the Syndicate;

(f) to cancel or amend by a majority of the total membership of the Senate and by a majority of not less than two-third of the members present and voting, any Ordinance passed by the Syndicate or any Regulation passed by the Academic Council:

Provided that, no Regulation shall be cancelled or amended by the Senate without giving the Academic Council an opportunity to state its opinion on the proposed cancellation or amendment.”.

(h) for section 23, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“ 23. *The Syndicate*.—The Syndicate shall be the Chief Executive Body of the University and shall consist of the following members, namely:—

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(d) the Director of Collegiate Education.

OTHER MEMBERS

(a) Eight members elected by the Senate from among themselves of whom,—

(i) four shall be persons who are not teachers, of whom one shall be a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe;

(ii) one Principal of affiliated colleges; and

(iii) three shall be teachers who are not Principals, of whom one shall be a University teacher, one shall be a teacher of a Government College and one shall be a teacher of a private college.

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item 'Private College' means private college other than unaided college.”;

(b) One student member elected by the Senate from among the members referred to—

(i) in item (xiv) under the heading “Ex-officio members” in section 19;

(ii) in item (xi) under the heading “Elected members” in section 19;

(iii) in item (iii) under the heading “Other members” in section 19.

(c) the members referred to in the item (iiia) under the heading “Other members” in section 19, nominated by the Government.

(d) One Dean of faculty nominated by the Vice Chancellor as per the seniority for a period of two years based on rotation.”.

(i) for section 24, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“24. *Term of office of members of Syndicate.*—(1) The members of the Syndicate other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their election or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that, no person elected in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as the holder of a particular office shall be a member of the Syndicate for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such member of that body or holder of such office unless in the meanwhile he again becomes a member of that body or the holder of that office:

Provided further that, the member referred to in item (b) under the heading “Other members” in section 23 shall hold office for a period of one year from the date of his election or till he ceases to be a member of the Senate, whichever is earlier:

Provided also that, the term of the Syndicate shall be co-terminous with the term of the Senate:

Provided also that, no person other than an ex-officio member shall be eligible to hold office for more than two terms in succession.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the first proviso to sub-section (1), a member of the Syndicate referred to in sub-item (ii) of item (a) under the heading “Other Members” in section 23, or referred to in sub-item (iii) of item (a) who is a teacher of a private college or a Government college, shall not cease to be such member merely on the ground that,-

(a) he had been transferred to an educational institution within the State, situated beyond the territorial limits of the University; or

(b) the college of which he is the Principal or in which he is a teacher has been transferred to another University.”.

(j) in section 25,—

(i) in item (ii), the words “Statutes and ” shall be omitted;

(ii) for item (xv), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xv) to conduct University examinations, approve and publish results thereof and award degrees;

(xva) to co-operate and collaborate with other Universities and other authorities in India and abroad in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;”;

(iii) for item (xvii), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xvii) to fix the remuneration of the examiners in the panel;”;

(iv) for item (xx), the following item shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate salaries to them and in case of disregard of such instructions of University or general Government directions, take steps to withdraw affiliation or recognition;”;

(v) in item (xxvi),—

(a) after the word “lecturerships”, the symbols and words, “associate professorships, assistant professorships” shall be inserted;

(b) in the proviso, after the word “lectureship”, the symbols and words, “associate professorship, assistant professorship” shall be inserted;

(vi) after item (xxxiv), the following items shall be inserted, namely:—

“(xxxiva) to constitute cluster of colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions of such clusters as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(xxxivb) to constitute constituent colleges in accordance with the terms and conditions as may be prescribed in this Act and the Statutes;

(xxxivc) to determine the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xxxivd) to constitute expert committees to exercise the powers and perform the functions of Boards of Studies, in the absence of formally constituted Board of Studies, for such programmes or courses in specialised fields of study introduced by the University.”.

(k) for section 26, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“26. *The Academic Council.*—(1) The Academic Council shall be the supreme academic body of the University.

(2) The Academic Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, have the control and general regulation and be responsible for the maintenance of standards, of instruction, education and examinations within the University.

(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the Director of Technical Education;
- (d) the Director of Collegiate Education;
- (e) the Director of Research and Studies;
- (f) the Director of Physical Education;
- (g) the Deans of Faculties;
- (h) the General Secretary of the University Union;
- (i) the Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;

(j) all the Heads of University Departments of study and research, who are not Deans of faculties;

(k) all members of the Syndicate who are not otherwise members of the Academic Council;

(l) one Principal of a Government College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Government Colleges from among themselves;

(m) one Principal of Private College, other than Deans of Faculties, elected by the Principals of Private Colleges from among themselves;

Explanation:—For the purpose of this item, 'Private College' means private college other than unaided college.”.

(n) one member each of every subject of study other than Deans of Faculties or head of a University department or Principal elected by the teachers of that subject from among themselves;

(o) one member representing each faculty, elected by the full-time postgraduate students of the faculty from among themselves;

(p) five external experts of whom atleast one shall be an expert from industrial sector to be nominated by the Chancellor;

(q) five regular research scholars in the University, of whom one shall be a female student, one shall be from a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe and one shall be from differently abled sections nominated by the Syndicate.

(4) The members of the Academic Council, other than the members specified in clauses (a) to (j) of sub-section (3) shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their appointment or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that, a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a student:

Provided further that, he shall continue to hold office until his successor enters upon his office.”.

(l) in section 27,—

(i) in clause (v), for the word “courses”, the word “programmes” shall be substituted;

(ii) in clause (vi), for the word “courses”, the word “programmes” shall be substituted;

(iii) in clause (viii), for the words “to make”, the words “to make and accept” shall be substituted;

(iv) clause (ix) shall be omitted;

(v) clause (x) shall be omitted;

(vi) in clause (xi), for the words “to make proposals”, the words “to approve proposals recommended by the respective bodies” shall be substituted;

(vii) for clause (xiii), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely:—

“(xiii) to co-ordinate teaching and learning in University departments, constituent colleges, affiliated colleges and recognised institutions;

(xiiia) to frame such regulations for promoting and facilitating inter university transfer and mobility of students with transfer of credits across different Universities or institutions in India and abroad;

(xiiib) to frame regulations for transfer of earned credits from another institution or University to the same programme or different programmes of the University;”.

(m) after section 27, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“27A. *Research Council*.—(1) There shall be a Research Council in the University to discuss, deliberate and decide on any matters regarding research, innovation, academic collaboration, technology transfer and research related extension activities and concerned bodies shall issue orders as per its decision.

(2) The Research Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar;

(d) the Director of Research, who shall be a Professor nominated by the Syndicate;

(e) two teacher members of the Syndicate nominated by the Syndicate of whom one shall be a University teacher;

(f) three Deans of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) two external experts, outside the University, who are eminent researchers nominated by the Vice-Chancellor;

(h) one research scholar of the University nominated by the Syndicate;

(i) the Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;

(j) two members nominated by the Academic Council from among themselves.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Research Council and the Director of Research shall be the Convenor. In the absence of the Chairperson, the members present shall elect one member from among themselves to preside over the meeting.

(4) The members of the Research Council shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of constitution or until reconstitution, whichever is earlier.

(5) The Research Council shall meet atleast once in a month or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(6) The powers and functions of the Research Council including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(n) in section 28, in sub-section (3),—

(i) in clause (b), for the words “two members”, the words “one member” shall be substituted;

(ii) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(c) five members nominated by the Syndicate;”.

(o) for section 30, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“30. *Boards of Studies.*—(1) There shall be a composite Board of Studies for each department of study in the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Board of Studies nominated by the Syndicate and the Chairperson shall have a minimum of fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) The members of the Boards of Studies shall have a minimum of ten years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with ten years of regular service, teachers with lesser experience shall be considered.

(4) Each Board of Studies shall have a maximum of fifteen members and atleast one shall be an expert from outside the University and atleast one shall be an expert from relevant industry or skill sector from outside the University nominated by the Syndicate.

(5) The Chairperson and members of the Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of their entering upon office.

(6) The constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

30A. *Expert Committee.*—(1) The Syndicate shall appoint an Expert Committee to exercise the powers and perform the functions of Boards of Studies in the absence of formally constituted Boards of Studies.

(2) There shall be a Chairperson for each Expert Committee nominated by the Syndicate and Chairperson shall have a minimum of fifteen years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with fifteen years of regular service, the senior most teacher shall be the Chairperson.

(3) Members of Expert Committee shall have a minimum of five years of regular service:

Provided that, if there are no teachers with minimum five years of regular service, teachers with less than five years of regular service may also be considered.

(4) Each Expert Committee shall have minimum ten members and atleast one shall be an external expert from outside the University.

(5) The constitution and powers of Expert Committee shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) The tenure of Expert Committee shall be decided by the Syndicate:

Provided that, it shall not be more than two years.”.

(p) in section 31, in sub-section (2), under the heading “ex-officio members”, in item (b), for the word “Chairman”, the word “Chairperson” shall be substituted.

(q) after section 32, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“32A. *Students' Rights.*—(1) Students have the right to get the prospectus of the institution where they are willing to continue their studies and provided with sufficient information to make informed decisions about course selection and registration.

(2) Students have a right to a detailed and complete course outline for every course in which they are registered, to be provided during the first week of class. This information should include, where appropriate:

(a) a description of the topics to be considered in the course;

(b) a list of required and recommended readings and study materials;

(c) a description of the means of evaluation to be used in the course; and

(d) the instructor's contact information, office location and office hours.

(3) Students have a right to receive satisfactory academic education and required teaching hours either face to face or online to achieve their specific learning objectives and credit requirements.

(4) Students have a right to be a member of any lawful association of their choice and the University shall not subject them to any prejudice by reason of their membership in such an association.

(5) Every group of students has a right to organise and promote the interests of its members, provided that the purposes of such a group shall be lawful. Every such group shall have the right to publicise and hold meetings, to debate any matter and to engage in lawful and peaceful demonstration.

(6) The University and all educational institutions affiliated to it shall constitute a formal representative body of students, in which elections shall be held regularly for the selection of students' representatives in that body as and when decided by the University.

(7) The University teaching department and affiliated colleges shall be liable to observe, promote and protect these rights of students.

(8) Every student shall have such other specific students' rights as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

32B. *Students' Grievance Redressal System.*—(1) There shall be a Students' Grievance Redressal System as per the Regulations of University Grants Commission and relevant Government Orders.

(2) The constitution, powers and functions of such system shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

32C. *Teachers' rights and responsibilities.*—(1) Teachers have the right to academic freedom and the right to freedom of inquiry, expression and assembly.

(2) Teachers shall have the academic autonomy for designing academic programmes, curricula, syllabi, evaluation and assessment in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(3) Teachers or their groups or organisations may distribute and display written or printed or electronic material in campus without prior approval of the University so long as the distributed material is consistent with University policy and State law. The person or persons responsible for such material must be clearly indicated.

(4) Teachers have the right to pursue further study opportunities for improving their skills and developing their talents related to their responsibilities as teachers and scholars contingent upon the availability of resources.

(5) Teachers are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of its results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties.

(6) Teaching duties of a teacher include the following:

(a) planning classroom and online activities as appropriate to the method of course delivery;

(b) preparing course syllabi;

- (c) designing assignments and examinations;
- (d) holding regular office hours or being available for consultation;
- (e) supervising independent work undertaken by students;
- (f) directing thesis and dissertations;
- (g) evaluating students;
- (h) assessing and documenting student learning;
- (i) advising, developing and accessing curricula;
- (j) co-ordinating activities including student mentor programmes, tutor services, study skills workshops and special events, research guiding, conducting research, prepare and submit proposals for project or extension activities.

(7) Academic advising is a part of the teaching responsibility of the teacher.

(8) Teaching responsibilities include prompt and regular presence during scheduled class hours whether in an offline or online classroom, as appropriate to the mode of course delivery.

(9) A teacher is expected to treat students with professional courtesy and to respect their rights, including academic freedom and those rights outlined in the 'students' rights'.

(10) Every teacher in the University, affiliated college and constituent college shall have such other specific teachers' rights and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(r) in section 33,—

(i) for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) The Finance Committee shall be the principal financial body of the University and shall exercise general supervision over the financial matters of the University.”;

(ii) in sub-section (2), after clause (g), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(h) the Registrar.”;

(iii) after sub-section (3), the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3A) The Finance Committee shall examine and scrutinise the annual budget of the University and make recommendations on financial matters to the concerned bodies.

(3B) The Finance Committee shall consider proposals for new expenditure and make recommendations to the concerned bodies.

(3C) The Finance Committee shall consider the periodical statements of accounts, review the finances of the University from time to time, consider re-appropriation statements, audit reports and make recommendations to the concerned bodies.”;

(iv) for sub-section (4), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(s) after section 33, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“33A. *Internal Quality Assurance Cell.*—(1) There shall be an Internal Quality Assurance Cell in the University, its affiliated colleges and constituent colleges.

(2) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the University shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Registrar

(d) the Finance Officer;

(e) two members of Syndicate nominated from among themselves;

(f) five teachers nominated by the Syndicate;

(g) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Syndicate;

(h) one person each from employers, industrialists and stakeholders nominated by the Syndicate;

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the Syndicate shall be the Director of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

(4) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the affiliated college and constituent college shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Principal;

(b) one representative of Management;

(c) five teachers nominated by the College Council;

(d) one person each from local society, students and alumni nominated by the Principal;

(e) one person each from employers, industrialists and stakeholders nominated by the Principal;

(f) the College Superintendent;

(g) the Librarian.

(5) The Principal shall be the Chairperson and one teacher member nominated by the College Council shall be the Co-ordinator of Internal Quality Assurance Cell .

(6) The members of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of their entering upon the office.

(7) The powers and functions of Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall be prescribed by the Statutes based on the relevant University Grants Commission directions from time to time.

(8) The Internal Quality Assurance Cell shall meet atleast once in every three months or as and when required in offline, online or hybrid mode.

(9) Two-third of total members shall constitute the quorum of the meeting.”.

(t) in section 36, in sub-section (1),—

(i) in clause (b) the words and symbol “or a deaf-mute”, shall be omitted;

(ii) in clause (d), for the words “moral delinquency”, the words “moral turpitude” shall be substituted.

(u) for section 38, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

“38. *Procedure for making Statutes.*—(1) The Senate may of its own motion take into consideration the draft of a Statute:

Provided that, in any such case, before the Statute is passed, the Senate shall obtain and consider the opinion of the Syndicate.

(2) The Syndicate may propose to the Senate the draft of any Statute for consideration and such draft shall be considered by the Senate at its next meeting.

(3) The Senate may approve the draft of a Statute proposed by the Syndicate and pass the Statute or may reject it or return it to the Syndicate for reconsideration, either in whole or in part together with amendments which the Senate may suggest.

(4) After any draft returned by the Senate under sub-section (3) has been further considered by the Syndicate, together with any amendment suggested by the Senate, it shall be again presented to the Senate with the report of the Syndicate thereon, and the Senate may then deal with the draft in any manner as it thinks fit.

(5) Where any Statute has been passed by the Senate, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may refer the Statute back to the Senate for further consideration or assent thereto or withhold his assent:

Provided that, when the Chancellor has not decided on the Statute within sixty days from the date it had been submitted to him, it shall be deemed to be assented.

(6) No Statute passed by the Senate shall be valid or come into force until assented to by the Chancellor.

(7) The Syndicate shall not propose the draft of a Statute or of an amendment to a Statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal and any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Senate.

(8) No Statute providing for the conditions for, or procedure relating to, the affiliation of private colleges shall be passed by the Senate without the previous approval of the Government.”.

(v) in section 45, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) The Registrar shall be the Chief Election Officer for elections to all authorities or bodies of the University and he shall issue notification, conduct election and declare result and issue notification for the constitution of the respective authorities or bodies of the University.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the authority to prefer appeal for all the election related complaints.”.

(w) in section 48, in sub-section (2), for the words “the State Bank of India or its subsidiaries”, the words “any Nationalised bank or Kerala Bank” shall be substituted.

(x) in section 55, the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-section (1) and after sub-section (1) as so numbered, the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions, the accounts relating to the funds granted by external funding agencies for specific

projects or programmes shall be audited only in such manner as may be specified by the funding agency.”.

(y) after section 58, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“58A. *College Council*.—(1) All the affiliated colleges and constituent colleges of the University shall constitute a college council in accordance with the provisions of this Act, Statutes and Regulations.

(2) The College Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Principal – Chairperson;
- (b) the Vice-Principal;
- (c) the Heads of the departments from all departments;
- (d) elected teachers;
- (e) the College Librarian;
- (f) the Co-ordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell;
- (g) the Superintendent.

(3) National Cadet Corps Officers, National Service Scheme Officers, the hostel warden and the college union Chairperson, or any other persons given specific responsibilities by the college shall be invited to the College Council if the College Council deems it fit to take their opinion on special matters.

(4) For every thirty teachers or fraction thereof, there shall be an elected member in the College Council.

(5) The term of the elected members shall be two years from the date of their entering upon the office:

Provided that, an elected member shall continue to hold his office, after the expiration of the said period, until his successor enters upon his office.

(6) The procedure for nominating Head of the Departments by rotation, election of the teachers to the College Council and guidelines for the functioning of the College Council shall be as prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(z) in section 62,—

(i) in sub-section (1), the words “or by such officers as may be authorized by the Government” shall be omitted;

(ii) for sub-section (9), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(9) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Vice-Chancellor within thirty days after the issuance of the appointment order appealed against, and the Vice-Chancellor shall dispose of the appeal in the manner prescribed by the Statutes within sixty days:

Provided that, if he is not satisfied with the decision of Vice-Chancellor, he may prefer an appeal to the Appellate Tribunal within thirty days from the date of the order of the Vice-Chancellor and the decision of Appellate Tribunal shall be final.”.

(za) in section 66, after sub-section (3), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:—

“Provided that, when a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding thirty days, the educational agency shall obtain prior permission of the Vice-Chancellor.”.

(zb) in section 69, after sub-section (2), the following sub-section shall be inserted, namely:—

“(2A) Where a teacher becomes a President of Grama Panchayath or Chairperson of Municipal Corporation or Mayor of Corporation the period served as such President or Chairperson or Mayor, as the case may be, shall be treated as on leave without salary and allowances.”.

(zc) after Chapter VIIIA , the following Chapter shall be inserted, namely:—

“Chapter VIII B

CONSTITUENT COLLEGES

74T. *Constituent Colleges.*—(1) The University shall have power to designate an existing affiliated college or department or centre as its constituent college or constituent university department or constituent university center in any

discipline in collaboration with Government or quasi-Government or reputed educational agencies by making a suitable memorandum of understanding or agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any.

(2) The University shall have power to establish a constituent college or constituent university department or a constituent university centre managed and maintained by the University with co-operation or collaboration with Government or quasi Government or reputed educational agencies by making a suitable memorandum of understanding or agreement, as the case may be, by following the appropriate procedure and sanction or permission of the concerned authorities, if any, under its jurisdiction.

(3) The University shall have power to start new programmes and courses in its constituent colleges, constituent university departments or constituent university centres by following the procedures laid down in this Act, Statutes and regulations, with the prior approval of the Government.

(4) The procedure for establishment of a constituent college or giving constituent college status shall be prescribed by the Statutes.”.

(zd) after section 91, the following sections shall be inserted, namely:—

“91A. *University Resource Planning System.*—(1) The University shall have an integrated software-based resource planning and management system or be part of such a system established by the Government through any of its agencies for its day-to-day function which shall integrate, automate and streamline its core administrative, academic, human resource, financial, examination and other processes under various departments or units and affiliated colleges within the University to improve administrative efficiency.

(2) The policy and programme of University Resource Planning System may be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.

91B. *Rules of Business.*—(1) The University shall frame Rules of Business based on re-engineering for the improvement of performance and an effective application of Information Technology based governance.

(2) The Rules of Business shall be prescribed in the Statutes and shall be updated from time to time based on the University Grants Commission Regulations or Government directions as may be applicable.

91C. *Research Parks*.—(1) The University and its affiliated colleges may establish independent research parks or other similar establishments to be established as companies under section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 (Central Act 18 of 2013) with investment coming from anchor clients, alumni, and civil society.

(2) Each research park or company shall have an independent governing body. The policy and programme of the research park and the constitution of the governing body shall be prescribed by the Statutes from time to time.”.

7. *Special provision relating to existing Syndicate, Academic Council, Boards of Studies and Faculty*.—Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act,

(1) The Syndicate, Academic Council, Boards of Studies and Faculty of the Kerala University, the Calicut University, the Mahatma Gandhi University and the Kannur University, functioning as such immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to so function, until the expiry of the term of the said Syndicate, Academic Council, Boards of Studies and Faculty or till a new Syndicate, Academic Council, Boards of Studies and Faculty are constituted, under this Act whichever is earlier.

(2) The Syndicate and Academic Council of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit functioning as such immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to so function, until the expiry of the term of the said Syndicate and Academic Council or till a new Syndicate and Academic Council are constituted, under this Act whichever is earlier.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Government have constituted Higher Education Reforms Commission to make recommendations on reforms in higher education sector and Kerala State University Law Reforms Commission to make recommendations regarding reforms to be made in University Laws. In the reports submitted by the said Commissions to the Government, it was observed that nowadays the Universities

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in the State have become merely degree giving institutions concentrating on conducting examinations, rather than becoming a system that transmits, generates and interprets knowledge, and the Commissions proposed changes in the legal framework of the Universities, so that Universities become focal points of knowledge generation and transmission. On examination of the said reports, the Government is satisfied that the recommendations made in matters such as enhancing the role of Pro-Chancellor, vesting some powers with the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, giving academic freedom to the teachers and students, restructuring certain authorities, constituting new authorities, designating constituent colleges, establishing research parks etc. are to be implemented. Hence as a part of the move for revamping of Acts of Universities to make them suitable for the transformation of State into a knowledge society with a compatible socio-economic structure, the Government have decided to make necessary amendments in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974), the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975), the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985), the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1996 (5 of 1996) and the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996).

2. The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill, if enacted and brought into operation, would not involve any additional expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

1. Sub-section (6) of section 8 proposed to be substituted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (c) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 8 proposed to be substituted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (c) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 8 proposed to be substituted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (b) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 9 proposed to be substituted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (b) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (6) of section 8 proposed to be substituted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of

1996) by sub-clause (b) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the powers of the Pro-Chancellor.

2. Sub-section (5) of section 11 proposed to be substituted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by item (iv) of sub-clause (e) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (5) of section 11 proposed to be substituted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by item (v) of sub-clause (e) of clause 3 of the Bill and sub-section (5) of section 13 proposed to be substituted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by item (v) of sub-clause (d) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes salary and conditions of service of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

3. Sub-section (6) of section 11 proposed to be substituted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by item (v) of sub-clause (e) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 11 proposed to be substituted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by item (vi) of sub-clause (e) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 11 proposed to be substituted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by item (iv) of sub-clause (d) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 27 proposed to be substituted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by item (v) of sub-clause (j) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (6) of section 13 proposed to be substituted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by item (vi) of sub-clause (d) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

4. sub-section (6) of section 18 proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (f) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 18 proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (f) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (9) of section 18 proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (f) of clause 4 of the Bill and sub-section (8) of section 20 proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (f) of clause 6 of the Bill empowers the Registrar to issue notification regarding the constitution of Senate.

5. Item (xxiiia) of section 23 proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by item (v) of sub-clause (i) of clause 2 of the Bill, item (xxiiia) of section 23 proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by item (v) of sub-clause (i) of clause 3 of the Bill, item (xxxiva) of section 23 proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by item (viii) of sub-clause (j) of clause 4 of the Bill and item (xxxiva) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by item (vi) of sub-clause (j) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the terms and conditions for constituting cluster of colleges.

6. Item (xxiiib) of section 23 proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by item (v) of sub-clause (i) of clause 2 of the Bill, item (xxiiib) of section 23 proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by item (v) of sub-clause (i) of clause 3 of the Bill, item (xxxivb) of section 23 proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by item (viii) of sub-clause (j) of clause 4 of the Bill and item (xxxivb) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) proposed to be inserted by item (vi) of sub-clause (j) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the terms and conditions of constituent colleges.

7. Clause (xiiia) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (k) of clause 2 of the Bill, clause (xiiia) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (k) of clause 3 of the Bill, clause (xiiia) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (l) of clause 4 of the Bill, clause (ca) of sub-section (2) of section 17 proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (f) of clause 5 of the Bill and clause (xiiia) of section 27 proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (l) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to frame regulations for promoting and facilitating inter university transfer and mobility of students with transfer of credits across different Universities or institutions in India and abroad.

8. Clause (xiiib) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (k) of clause 2 of the Bill, clause (xiiib) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (k) of clause 3 of the Bill, clause (xiiib) of section 25 proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (l) of clause 4 of the Bill, clause (cb) of sub-section (2) of section 17 proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (f) of clause 5 of the Bill and clause (xiiib) of section 27 proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (l) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to frame regulations for transfer of earned credits from another institution or University to the same programme or different programmes of the University.

9. Sub-section (7) of section 25A proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (l) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 25A proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (l) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 25A proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (m) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 18A proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (g) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (6) of section 27A proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (m) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes powers and functions of the Research Council.

10. Sub-section (6) of section 28 proposed to be substituted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (n) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 28 proposed to be substituted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (n) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 28 proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (o) of clause 4 of the Bill and sub-section (6) of section 30 proposed to be substituted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (o) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies.

11. Sub-section (5) of section 28A proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (n) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (5) of section 28A proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (n) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (5) of section 28A proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (o) of clause 4 of the Bill and sub-section (5) of section 30A proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (o) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes constitution and powers of Expert Committee.

12. Sub-section (8) of section 30A proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (p) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (8) of section 30A proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (p) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (8) of section 30A proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (q) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (8) of section 47A proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (n) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (8) of section 32A proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (q) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes students' rights other than those mentioned in the Act.

13. Sub-section (2) of section 30B proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (p) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 30B proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (p) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 30B proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (q) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 47B proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (n) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (2) of section 32B proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (q) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the constitution, powers and functions of Students' Grievance Redressal System.

14. Sub-section (10) of section 30C proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (p) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (10) of section 30C proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (p) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (10) of section 30C proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (q) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (10) of section 47C proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (n) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (10) of section 32C proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (q) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes specific teachers' rights and responsibilities of a teacher in the University, affiliated college and constituent college other than those mentioned in the Act.

15. Sub-section (4) of section 31 proposed to be substituted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (q) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (4) of section 31 proposed to be substituted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (q) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (4) of section 31 proposed to be substituted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by item (iv) of sub-clause (r) of clause 4 of the Bill and sub-section (4) of section 33 proposed to be substituted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by item (iv) of sub-clause (r) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters.

16. Sub-section (7) of section 31A proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (r) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (7) of section 31A proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (r) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (7) of section 31A proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (s) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (5) of section 21A proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act,

1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (h) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (7) of section 33A proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (s) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the powers and functions of Internal Quality Assurance Cell.

17. Sub-section (2) of section 42 proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (u) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 42 proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (u) of clause 3 of the Bill and sub-section (2) of section 45 proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (v) of clause 6 of the Bill empowers the Registrar to issue notification regarding elections and constitution of all authorities or bodies of the University.

18. Sub-section (6) of section 53A proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (y) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 53A proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (y) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (6) of section 55A proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (x) of clause 4 of the Bill and sub-section (6) of section 58A proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (y) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the procedure for nominating Head of the departments by rotation, election of the teachers to the College Council and guidelines for the functioning of the College Council.

19. Sub-section (10) of section 57 proposed to be substituted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (z) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (10) of section 57 proposed to be substituted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (z) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (9) of section 59 proposed to be substituted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by item (ii) of sub-clause (y) of clause 4 of the Bill and sub-section (9) of

section 62 proposed to be substituted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (z) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the manner of disposing appeal by the Vice-Chancellor.

20. Sub-section (4) of section 69T proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (zc) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (4) of section 68U proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (zc) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (4) of section 122 proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (zc) of clause 4 of the Bill and sub-section (4) of section 74T proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (zc) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the procedure for establishment of a constituent college or giving constituent college status.

21. Sub-section (2) of section 80B proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 79B proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 89A proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (zb) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 52A proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (o) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (2) of section 91A proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes the policy and programme of University Resource Planning System.

22. Sub-section (2) of section 80C proposed to be inserted in the Kerala University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 79C proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 89B proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (zb) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section

52B proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (o) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (2) of section 91B proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes Rules of Business .

University Act, 1974 (17 of 1974) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 2 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 79D proposed to be inserted in the Calicut University Act, 1975 (5 of 1975) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 3 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 89C proposed to be inserted in the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 1985 (12 of 1985) by sub-clause (zb) of clause 4 of the Bill, sub-section (2) of section 52C proposed to be inserted in the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Act, 1994 (5 of 1994) by sub-clause (o) of clause 5 of the Bill and sub-section (2) of section 91C proposed to be inserted in the Kannur University Act, 1996 (22 of 1996) by sub-clause (zd) of clause 6 of the Bill, empowers the University concerned to prescribe by Statutes policy and programme of the research park and the constitution of the Governing Body.

24. The matters in respect of which statutes and notifications that may be issued, are matters of procedure and are of routine or administrative in nature. Moreover, the statutes so made and the notifications issued are subject to the scrutiny of the Legislative Assembly. The delegation of legislative power is, therefore, of a normal character.

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11. *The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.*—(1) The Chancellor may, if he considers it necessary, appoint a Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(2) No person who is more than sixty years of age shall be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(5) The salary and other conditions of service of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor.

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18. *Reconstitution of the Senate.*— (1) ** **

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(5) When a person ceases to be a member of the Senate, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the University of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of his membership of the Senate.

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19. *Powers and functions of the Senate.*— (1) ** **

(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Senate shall have the following powers, namely:

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(a) to determine what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

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(d) to institute fellowships, scholarships, studentships, bursaries, medals and prizes and organise exhibitions in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations;

(e) to institute professorships, readerships, lecturerships and such other teaching or research posts as it may deem necessary;

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(j) to cancel any degree, diploma, title or any other distinction granted to any person in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;

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21. *The Syndicate*.—The Syndicate shall be the Chief Executive body of the University and shall consist of the following members, namely:-

Ex-officio Members

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(d) The Director of Public Instruction

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(f) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.

Other Members

(a) Twelve members elected by the Senate from among themselves, of whom—,

(i) six shall be persons who are not teachers, of whom one shall be a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe;

(ii) two Principals of colleges, of whom one shall be from a Government colleges and the other shall be from a private college other than an unaided college;

(iii) four shall be teachers who are not Principals, of whom one shall be a University teacher and one shall be a teacher of a Government College.

(b) One member elected by the Senate from among the members referred to—

- (i) in item (15) under the heading "*Ex-officio Members*";
- (ii) in item (12) under the heading "*Elected Members*"; and
- (iii) in item (3) under the heading "*Other Members*" in Section 17.

(c) the members referred to in item (4) under the heading "Other Members" in Section 17, nominated by Government.

(d) the member nominated by the Executive Council of the Kerala State Higher Education Council from among its members.

(e) the members referred to in item (5) under the heading "Other Members" in Section 17.

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23. *Powers of Syndicate.*—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the executive powers of the University including the general superintendence and control over the institutions of the University shall be vested in the Syndicate and subject likewise the Syndicate shall have the following powers, namely:—

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(xiv) to consider the financial estimates of the University and submit them to the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes made in this behalf;

(xv) to conduct University examinations and approve and publish the results thereof;

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(xvii) to approve panel of examiners and to fix their remuneration;

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(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate salaries to them, and in case of disregard of such instructions to modify the conditions of affiliation or recognition or take such other steps as it deems proper in that behalf;

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(xxiii) to exercise the powers of the University under clause (xxvii) of Section 5;

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24. *The Academic Council.*—(1) ** **

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(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

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(c) the Director of Public Instruction;

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(l) five members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be a principal of a Government professional college, elected by the principals of professional colleges from among themselves;

(m) seven members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be a principal of a Government College, elected by the principals of first grade colleges, other than colleges of oriental languages, from among themselves;

(n) two members (other than Deans of Faculties) elected by the principals of junior colleges from among themselves;

(o) one principal of a college of oriental languages, not being a Dean of Faculty, nominated by the Chancellor by rotation according to seniority;

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(q) one headmaster and one teacher of secondary school in the University area nominated by the Chancellor;

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(s) five external experts to be nominated by the Chancellor.

(4) Members of the Academic Council, other than the members specified in clauses (a) to (g) of sub-section (3), shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their appointment or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a student.

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25. *Powers and duties of Academic Council.*- Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Academic Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:—

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(v) to prescribe the qualifications for admission of students to the various courses of studies and to the examinations and the conditions under which exemptions may be granted;

(vi) to make provision for the admission of students to the various courses of studies on the basis of merit, in order to maintain standards of education;

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(viii) to make proposals for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(ix) to make proposals for the institution of professorships, readerships, lecturerships and other teaching and research posts required by the University;

(x) to make proposals for the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xi) to make proposals for determining what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

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(xiii) to arrange for the co-ordination of studies and teaching in affiliated colleges and recognized institutions;

(xiv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules, or Bye-laws.

26. *Faculties.*—(1) ** **

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(3) Each faculty shall consist of—

(a) the Chairman of the Boards of Studies comprised in the Faculty;

(b) two members elected from each Board of Studies; and

(c) not less than five and not more than ten members nominated by the Syndicate;

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28. *Boards of Studies.*—(1) There shall be a Board of Studies attached to each department of study in the University:—

Provided however that post-graduate studies in each department may have separate Board of Studies.

(2) The constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) Members of Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their entering into office.

29. *Students' Council.*—(1) ** **

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(2) The Students' Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Ex-officio Members

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(b) The Chairman of the University Union.

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30. *Powers and duties of Student's Council.*—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Students' Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:

(a) to make recommendations to the Syndicate and to the Academic Council in matters affecting the academic work of the students, such as the structure of courses and pattern of instruction, the corporate life of the University in so far as it concerns the students, and the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in the University;

(b) to make suggestions to the syndicate and Academic Council in respect of all rules relating to discipline or welfare of the students, sports, working of literary and other societies, management of hostels, student homes and non-resident student centres, extension work, social work, students' health, National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps and such other matters as maybe specified in the Statutes;

(c) to communicate its views, observations and recommendations to any authority of the University in respect of any matter which concerns the students :

Provided that if any question arises as to whether a matter does or does not concern the students, the question shall be decided by the Chairman of the Students' Council and his decision shall be final;

(d) to take such steps as are necessary for the general welfare of students;

(e) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

(2) The Vice Chancellor shall cause to be laid before the Senate and the Students' Council in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes periodical reports detailing the recommendations and suggestions made by the Students' Council and the action taken thereon by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made.

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31. *Finance Committee.*—(1) There shall be a Finance Committee to give advice to the University on any question affecting its finances.

(2) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;

(b) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, if any;

(c) one member elected by the members of the Senate from among themselves;

(d) one member elected by the members of the Syndicate from among themselves;

(e) one member elected by the members of the Academic Council from among themselves;

(f) The Finance Secretary to Government or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(g) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.

(3) The Finance Officer shall be the Secretary of the Finance Committee.

(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

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33. *Disqualifications for membership.*—(1) No person shall be qualified for election or nomination or appointment as a member of any of the authorities of the University or for continuing as such member, if he—

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(b) is of unsound mind or a deaf-mute; or

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(d) has been convicted by a court of law of an offence involving moral delinquency; or

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35. *Procedure for making Statutes.*—(1) ** **

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(5) Where any Statutes has been passed by the Senate, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may refer the Statute back to the Senate for further consideration or assent thereto or withhold his assent.

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(c) a person nominated by the University in accordance with the provisions in that behalf contained in the Statutes;

(d) a person nominated by the Government;

(e) two persons elected in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by the Statutes, by the permanent teachers of all the private colleges; from among themselves;

(f) a person elected by the Chairman of the College Unions of all the private colleges, from among themselves;

(g) one person elected in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by the Statute, by the permanent members of the nonteaching staff of all private colleges from among themselves; and

(h) not more than fifteen persons nominated by the corporate management.

(2) The Manager of the private colleges shall be the Chairman of the Managing Council.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Managing Council to advise the corporate management in all matters relating to the administration of the private colleges, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, by-laws and orders made there under.

(4) The decision of the Managing Council shall be taken at meetings on the basis of simple majority of the members present and voting.

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57. *Appointment of teachers in private colleges.*—(1) Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorized by the Government.

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(10) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.

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60. *Conditions of service of teachers of private colleges.*—(1) ** **

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(3) When a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding fifteen days, the matter, together with the reason for the suspension, shall be reported to the Vice-Chancellor.

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62. *Membership of local authorities, etc.*—(1) ** **

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(2) A teacher elected or nominated as a member of the Legislative Assembly of the State or of Parliament shall be entitled to treat the period of his membership of the Legislative Assembly or of Parliament as on leave without salary and allowances.

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CHAPTER VIII B

AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES

69A. *Autonomy Approval Committee.*—(1) There shall be an Autonomy Approval Committee in Government consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department, who shall be Chairman;

(b) the Vice Chairman of the Kerala State Higher education council;

(c) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department;

(d) The Vice-Chancellors of the University of Kerala, the University of Calicut, the Mahathma Gandhi University and the Kannur University;

(e) one representative of Kerala State Higher Education Council nominated by the Government;

(f) the Law Secretary, Government of Kerala; and

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

(2) The Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Autonomy Approval Committee and shall chair the meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

(3) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department shall be the Member Secretary of the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall comply with the directions issued by the Autonomy Approval Committee, so far as it relate to the grant of Academic Autonomy.

(5) All directions of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be issued in the form of Orders, Circulars or Letters of the Committee.

(6) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, delegate any or all of the powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee to the University to be exercised by the Senate, Syndicate or Academic Council, as the case may be, or the Kerala State Higher Education Council:

Provided that the Government may, at any time, by notification in the Gazette, withdraw such delegation granted.

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69S. *Vacancies in the committees, councils or Boards under this Chapter not to invalidate any action.*—No decision of the Autonomy Approval Committee or of any Academic Council of an Autonomous College, Board of Studies of an Autonomous College or the Governing Council under this Chapter shall be rendered invalid on account of a vacancy in such Committee, Councils or Board not having been filled up.

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CHAPTER IX
MISCELLANEOUS

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80A. *Duty of teachers, etc., in connection with University Examinations.*— (1) It shall be the duty of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college or an officer, teacher or other employee of the University to do any work in connection with an examination conducted by the University which is required by the competent officer or authority of the University to do.

(2) If any teacher or member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college or any officer, teacher or other employee of the University refuses, without sufficient cause to the satisfaction of,—

(a) in the case of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff or an affiliated college an officer not below the rank of Deputy Director of Collegiate Education authorised by the Government in this behalf; and

(b) in the case of an officer, teacher or other employee of the University the Vice-Chancellor, to do any work in connection with an examination conducted by the University, when required to do so by the competent officer or authority of the University, he shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him, forfeit his pay and allowances for a period of two months commencing on the date of commencement of the examination.

Explanation.—Failure to comply with the requisition of the competent officer or authority of the University shall be deemed to be refusal for the purpose of this sub-section.

(3) An order of forfeiture under sub-section (2) shall be made,—

(a) in the case of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college, by the officer authorised under clause (a) of the said sub-section; and

(b) in the case of an officer, teacher or other employee of the University, by the Vice-Chancellor.

(4) No order of forfeiture shall be made under sub-section (3) without giving the person who may be affected thereby an opportunity of being heard.

(5) Any person aggrieved by an order referred to in sub-section (4) may, within sixty days from the date on which a copy of such order is served on him, appeal to the Appellate Tribunal, and the Appellate Tribunal may, after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard and after such further inquiry as may be necessary, pass such order thereon as it deems fit.

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EXTRACT FROM THE CALICUT UNIVERSITY ACT, 1975
(5 OF 1975)

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2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

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(32) “Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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4. *Territorial Limits.*—(1) The jurisdiction of the University shall extend to the revenue Districts of Cannanore, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Palghat and Trichur of the State.

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8. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister for the time being administering the subject of education in the State shall be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Chancellor.

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10. *The Vice-Chancellor.*—(1) ** ** **

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(13) If at any time, except when the Syndicate or the Academic Council is in session, the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that an emergency has arisen requiring him to take immediate action involving the exercise of any power vested in the Syndicate or the Academic Council by or under this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may take such action as he deems fit, and shall, at the next session of the Syndicate or the Academic council, as the case may be, report the action taken by him to that authority for such action as it may consider necessary.

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11. *The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.*—(1)The Chancellor may, if he considers it necessary, appoint a Pro- Vice-Chancellor.

(2) No person who is more than fifty-six years of age shall be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(5) The salary and other conditions of service of the Pro-vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act, and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor.

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18. *Reconstitution of the Senate.*—(1)**

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(5) When a person ceases to be a member of the Senate, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the University of which he may happen to be a member by virtue of his membership of the Senate.

19. *Powers and functions of the Senate.*—(1) **

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(2) Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Senate shall have the following powers, namely:—

(a) to determine what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

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(d) to institute fellowships, scholarships, studentships, bursaries, medals and prizes and organise exhibitions in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations;

(e) to institute professorships, readerships, lecturerships and such other teaching or research posts as it may deem necessary;

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(j) to cancel any degree, diploma, title or any other distinction granted to any person in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes;

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21. *The Syndicate.*—The Syndicate shall be the chief executive body of the University and shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Ex-officio Members

** ** ** **

(d) The Director of Public Instruction.

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(f) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.

Other Members

(a) Thirteen members elected by the Senate from among themselves of whom

(i) seven shall be persons who are not teachers, of whom one shall be a person belonging to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe.

(ii) two shall be principals of first grade colleges, of whom one shall be the principal of a Government college, and

(iii) four shall be teachers who are not principals, of whom one shall be a University teacher and one shall be a teacher of a Government College.

(b) One member elected by the Senate from among the members referred to—

- (i) in item (15) under the heading “Ex-officio Members”;
- (ii) in item (12) under the heading “Elected Members”; and
- (iii) in item (4) under the heading “Other Members” in section 17.

(c) The members referred to in item (5) under the heading “Other Members” in Section 17, nominated by the Government.

(d) The member nominated by the Executive Council of the Kerala State Higher Education Council from among its members.

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23. *Powers of Syndicate.*—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the executive powers of the University including the general superintendence and control over the institutions of the University shall be vested in the Syndicate and subject likewise the Syndicate shall have the following powers, namely:—

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(xiv) to consider the financial estimates of the University and submit them to the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes made in this behalf

(xv) to conduct University examinations and approve and publish the results thereof;

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(xvii) to approve panel of examiners and to fix their remuneration;

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(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate

salaries to them, and in case of disregard of such instructions to modify the conditions of affiliation or recognition or take such other steps as it deems proper in that behalf;

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(xxiii) to exercise the powers of the University under clause (xxvii) of section 5;

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24. *The Academic Council.*—(1) ** **

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(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members namely:—

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(c) The Director of Public Instruction;

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(l) five members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be the principal of a Government professional college, elected by the principals of professional colleges from among themselves;

(m) seven members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be the principal of a Government College, elected by the principals of first grade colleges, other than colleges of oriental languages, from among themselves;

(n) two members (other than Deans of Faculties) elected by the principals of junior colleges from among themselves;

(o) the principal of a college of oriental languages, not being a Dean of Faculty, nominated by the Chancellor by rotation according to seniority;

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(q) one headmaster and one teacher of secondary school in the University area nominated by the Chancellor;

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(s) five external experts to be nominated by the Chancellor.

(4) Members of the Academic Council, other than the members specified in clauses (a) to (g) of sub-section (3), shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their appointment or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a student.

25. *Powers and duties of Academic Council.*—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Academic Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:—

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(v) to prescribe the qualifications for admission of students to the various courses of studies and to the examinations and the conditions under which exemptions may be granted;

(vi) to make provision for the admission of students to the various courses of studies on the basis of merit, in order to maintain standards of education;

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(viii) to make proposals for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(ix) to make proposals for the institution of professorships, readerships, lecturerships and other teaching and research posts required by the University;

(x) to make proposals for the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xi) to make proposals for determining what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

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(xiii) to arrange for the co-ordination of studies and teaching in affiliated colleges and recognised institutions;

(xiv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules, or Bye-laws.

26. *Faculties.*—(1) ** **

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(3) Each faculty shall consist of—

(a) the Chairmen of the Boards of Studies comprised in the faculty;

(b) two members elected from each Board of Studies; and

(c) not less than five and not more than ten members nominated by the Syndicate.

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28. *Boards of Studies.*—(1) There shall be a Board of Studies attached to each subject of study in the University:

Provided however that post-graduate studies in each subject may have separate Board of Studies.

(2) The constitution and powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) Members of Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their entering into office.

29. *Students' Council.*—(1) ** **

(2) The Students' Council shall consist of the following members namely:—

Ex-officio Members

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(b) The Chairman of the University Union.

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30. *Powers and duties of Students' Council.*—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Students' Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:—

(a) to make recommendations to the syndicate and to the Academic Council in matters affecting the academic work of the students, such as the structure of courses and pattern of instructions, the corporate life of the University in so far as it concerns the students and the co-curricular and extracurricular activities in the University;

(b) to make suggestions to the syndicate and the Academic Council in respect of all rules relating to discipline or welfare of the students, sports, working of literary and other societies, management of hostels, student homes and non-resident student centres, extension work, social work, students' health, National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps and such other matters as may be specified in the Statutes;

(c) to communicate its views, observations and recommendations to any authority of the University in respect of any matter which concerns the students:

Provided that if any question arises as to whether a matter does or does not concern the students, the question shall be decided by the Chairman of the Students' Council and his decision shall be final;

(d) to take such steps as are necessary for the general welfare of students;

(e) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall cause to be laid before the Senate and the Students' Council in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes, periodical reports detailing the recommendations and suggestions made by the Students' Council and the action taken thereon by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made.

31. *Finance Committee*.—(1) There shall be a Finance Committee to give advice to the University on any question affecting its finances.

(2) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Pro-vice-Chancellor, if any;

(c) one member elected by the members of the Senate from among themselves;

(d) one member elected by the members of the Syndicate from among themselves;

(e) one member elected by the members of the Academic Council from among themselves;

(f) the Finance Secretary to Government or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(g) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.

(3) The Finance Officer shall be the Secretary of the Finance Committee.

(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

33. *Disqualifications for membership.*—(1) No person shall be qualified for election or nomination or appointment as a member of any of the authorities of the University or for continuing as such member, if he—

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(b) is of unsound mind or a deaf-mute; or

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(d) has been convicted by a court of law of an offence involving moral delinquency; or

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35. *Procedure for making Statutes.*—(1) ** **

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(5) Where any Statute has been passed by the Senate, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may refer the Statute back to the Senate for further consideration or assent thereto or withhold his assent.

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42. *Election of members to the Senate, Syndicate and other bodies of the University.*—The election of members to the Senate, the Syndicate and other bodies of the University shall be held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote and in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Statutes, and the voting at such election shall be by secret ballot.

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45. *University Fund.*—(1) ** **

(2) All moneys in the Calicut University Fund shall be lodged in the Government Treasury or with the approval of the Government in the State Bank of India or its subsidiaries up to such limits as may be fixed by the Government.

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(4) The custody of the Calicut University Fund, the payment of moneys therein, the withdrawal of moneys therefrom and all other ancillary matters, shall be regulated by the statutes, Ordinances, rules, and bye-laws made in that behalf.

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50. *Audit of accounts of the University.*— (1) ** **

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(7) The University shall forthwith remedy any defect or irregularity pointed out by the auditors and report the action taken to the Government.

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53. *Managing council for private colleges under corporate management.*— (1) A corporate management shall constitute a managing council for all the private colleges under its management, consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) one principal by rotation in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(b) the manager of the private colleges;

(c) a person nominated by the University in accordance with the provisions in that behalf contained in the Statutes;

(d) a person nominated by the Government;

(e) two persons elected in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by the Statutes, by the permanent teachers of all the private colleges, from among themselves;

(f) a person elected by the Chairmen of the college unions of all the private colleges, from among themselves;

(g) one person elected in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by the Statutes, by the permanent members of the non-teaching staff of all the private colleges, from among themselves; and

(h) not more than fifteen persons nominated by the corporate management.

(2) The manager of the private colleges shall be the Chairman of the managing council.

(3) It shall be the duty of the managing council to advise the corporate management in all matters relating to the administration of the private colleges, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws and orders made thereunder.

(4) The decisions of the managing council shall be taken at meetings on the basis of simple majority of the members present and voting.

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57. *Appointment of teachers in private colleges.*—(1) Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorized by the Government.

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(10) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.

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60. *Conditions of service of teachers of private colleges.*—(1) ** **

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(3) When a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding fifteen days, the matter, together with the reasons for the suspension, shall be reported to the Vice-Chancellor.

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62. *Membership of local authorities, etc.*—(1) ** **

(2) A teacher elected or nominated as a member of the Legislative Assembly of the State or of Parliament shall be entitled to treat the period of his membership of the Legislative Assembly or of Parliament as on leave without salary and allowances.

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CHAPTER VIII B
AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES

68B. *Autonomy Approval Committee.*—(1) There shall be an Autonomy Approval Committee in Government consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department, who shall be Chairman;

(b) the Vice Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council;

(c) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department;

(d) the Vice-Chancellors of the University of Kerala, the University of Calicut, the Mahatma Gandhi University and the Kannur University;

(e) one representative of Kerala State Higher Education Council nominated by the Government;

(f) the Law Secretary, Government of Kerala; and

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

(2) The Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Autonomy Approval Committee and shall chair the meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

(3) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department shall be the Member Secretary of the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall comply with the directions issued by the Autonomy Approval Committee, in so far as it relates to the grant of Academic Autonomy.

(5) All directions of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be issued in the form of Orders, Circulars or Letters of the Committee.

(6) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, delegate any or all of the powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee to the

University to be exercised by the Senate, Syndicate or Academic Council, as the case may be, or to the Kerala State Higher Education Council:

Provided that the Government may, at any time, by notification in the Gazette, withdraw such delegation granted.

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68T. *Vacancies in the Committees Councils or Boards under this Chapter not to invalidate any action.*—No decision of the Autonomy Approval Committee or any Academic Council of an Autonomous College, Board of Studies of an Autonomous College or the Governing Council under this Chapter shall be rendered invalid on account of an vacancy in such Committee, Councils or Board not having been filled up.

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CHAPTER IX

MISCELLANEOUS

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79A. *Duty of teachers, etc; in connection with the University Examinations.*— (1) It shall be the duty of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college or an officer, teacher or other employee of the University to do any work in connection with an examination conducted by the University, which is required by the competent officer or authority of the University to do.

(2) If any teacher or member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college or any officer, teacher or other employee of the University refuses, without sufficient cause to the satisfaction of;

(a) in the case of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff or an affiliated college an officer not below the rank of Deputy Director of Collegiate Education authorised by the Government in this behalf; and

(b) in the case of an officer, teacher or other employee of the University, the Vice-Chancellor, to do any work in connection with an examination

conducted by the University, when required to do so by the competent officer or authority of University, he shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him, forfeit his pay and allowances for a period of two months commencing on the date of commencement of the examination.

Explanation.—Failure to comply with the requisition of the competent officer or authority of the University shall be deemed to be refusal for the purposes of this sub-section.

(3) An order of forfeiture under sub-section (2) shall be made,—

(a) in the case of a teacher or a member of the non-teaching staff of an affiliated college, by the officer authorised under clause (a) of the said sub-section; and

(b) in the case of an officer, teacher or other employee of the University, by the Vice-Chancellor.

(4) No order of forfeiture shall be made under sub-section (3) without giving the person who may be affected thereby an opportunity of being heard.

(5) Any person aggrieved by an order referred to in subsection (4) may, within sixty days from the date on which a copy of such order is served on him, appeal to the Appellate Tribunal, and the Appellate Tribunal may, after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard and after such further inquiry as may be necessary, pass such order thereon as it deems fit.

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EXTRACT FROM THE MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY ACT, 1985
(12 OF 1985)

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2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires.—

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(34) “Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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8. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister for the time being administering the subject of education in the State shall be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers of and perform all the functions of the Chancellor.

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10. *The Vice-Chancellor.*—(1) ** **

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(17) If at any time, except when the Syndicate or the Academic Council is in session, the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that an emergency has arisen requiring him to take immediate action involving the exercise of any power vested in the Syndicate or the Academic Council by or under this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may take such action as he deems fit and shall, at the next session of the Syndicate or the Academic Council, as the case may be, report the action taken by him to that authority for such action as it may consider necessary and that authority may, after considering the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor is of the view that such action shall not have been taken by him, refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

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11. *The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.*—(1) The Chancellor may, if he considers it necessary, appoint a Pro-Vice-Chancellor from among a panel of names submitted to him by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) No person who is more than sixty years of age shall be appointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(5) The salary and other conditions of service of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

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17. *Senate.*—The Senate shall consist of the following members, namely:—

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Other Members

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(3) Four students nominated by the Chancellor, one having outstanding academic ability in humanities, one having outstanding ability in science, one having outstanding ability in sports and one having outstanding ability in fine arts.

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18. *Reconstitution of the Senate.*—(1) ** **

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(8) The members of Senate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be.

19. *Powers and functions of the Senate.*—Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Senate shall have the following powers, namely:—

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(d) to advise the Chancellor in respect of any matters which may be referred to it for advice.

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21. *The Syndicate.*—The Syndicate shall be the chief executive body of the University and shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Ex- officio Members

(a) The Vice-Chancellor.

(b) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

(c) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.

(d) The Secretary to Government, Finance Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him.

(e) The Director of Collegiate Education.

(f) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department or an officer of the Information Technology Department not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him.

Other Members

(a) Not more than eight members nominated by the Government from the field of Higher Education of whom one shall be a woman.

(b) Three Deans of Faculties nominated by the Chancellor, by rotation.

(c) Two principals of colleges affiliated to the University nominated by the Government.

(d) Three teachers of colleges nominated by the Government, of whom one shall be a member of a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe.

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(f) One member of the Legislative Assembly, representing any of the constituencies within the territorial jurisdiction of the University, nominated by the Government;

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(i) A Research scholar or a postgraduate student of the University nominated by the Government;

(j) The member nominated by the Executive Council of the Kerala State Education Council from among its members.

22. *Term of Office of members of the Syndicate.*—(1) Members of the Syndicate, other than *ex-officio* members, shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their nomination:

Provided that no person nominated in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as the holder of a particular office shall be a member of the Syndicate for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such member or holder of such office unless in the meanwhile he again becomes a member of that body or the holder of that office:

Provided further that a member other than an *ex-officio* members shall, notwithstanding the expiration of his term, continue to hold office until his successor is nominated:

Provided also that no person other than an *ex-officio* member shall be eligible to hold office for more than two terms in succession.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the first proviso to sub-section (1), a member of the Syndicate referred to in item (c) or in item (d) under the heading “Other Members” in section 21 shall not cease to be such member merely on the ground that.—

(a) he has been transferred to an educational institution within the State, situated beyond the territorial limits of the University; or

(b) the college of which he is the principal or in which he is a teacher has been transferred to another University; or

(c) in the case of a teacher, he has been promoted as principal.

(3) The members of the Syndicate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be.

23. *Powers of Syndicate.*—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the executive powers of the University including the general superintendence and control over the institutions of the University shall be vested in the Syndicate and subject likewise the Syndicate shall have the following powers, namely:—

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(ii) to make Statutes and Ordinances and to amend or repeal the same;

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(xii) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, studentships, bursaries, medals and prizes and to organise exhibitions;

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(xiv) to consider the financial estimates of the University and submit them to the Senate in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes made in this behalf;

(xv) to conduct University examinations and approve and publish the results thereof;

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(xvii) to approve panel of examiners and to fix their remuneration;

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(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate

salaries to them and in case of disregard of such instructions, to modify the conditions of affiliation or recognition or take such other steps as it deems proper in that behalf;

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(xxvi) to institute professorships, readerships, lecturerships and such other teaching or research posts as it may deem necessary:

Provided that no professorship, readership, lecturership or other teaching or research post shall be instituted by the Syndicate without the previous approval of the Government if it involves expenditure in excess of the budgetary provision;

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(xxxiv) to co-operate with other Universities and other authorities in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine;

(xxxv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this Act, the Statutes, the Ordinances, the Rules, the By-laws and the Orders.

24. *The Academic Council.*—(1) The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University.—

(2) The Academic Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, control and regulate, and be responsible for the maintenance of standards, of instruction, education and examinations within the University, and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes.

(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) the Director of Public Instruction;

- (d) the Director of Technical Education;
- (e) the Director of Collegiate Education;
- (f) the Director of Research and Studies;
- (g) the Director of Physical Education;
- (h) the Director of Medical Education;
- (i) the Deans of Faculties;
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(k) all the Heads of University Departments of Study and Research who are not Deans of Faculties;

(l) all members of the Syndicate who are not otherwise members of the Academic Council;

(m) five members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be a Principal of a Government professional college, nominated by the Government from the principals of professional colleges, by rotation according to seniority;

(n) seven members other than Deans of Faculties of whom at least one shall be a Principal of a Government college, nominated by the Government from the principals of first grade colleges other than colleges of oriental languages, by rotation according to seniority;

(o) two members (other than Deans of Faculties) nominated by the Government from the principals of junior colleges, by rotation according to seniority;

(p) one Principal of a college of oriental languages, not being a Dean of Faculty, nominated by the Government by rotation according to seniority;

(q) one member each of every subject to study (not being a Dean of Faculty or Head of a University Department or Principal) nominated by the Government by rotation according to seniority;

(r) one headmaster and one teacher of a secondary school in the University area nominated by the Government;

(s) one member representing each faculty, elected by the full-time postgraduate students, of the Faculty from among themselves;

(t) seven external experts to be nominated by the Government of whom two shall be experts in commerce, business management or industrial technology.

(4) Members of the Academic Council, other than the members specified in clauses (a) to (h) of sub-section (3), shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their appointment or nomination, as the case may be:

Provided that a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a student;

Provided further that a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a post-graduate student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a post-graduate student.

25. *Powers and duties of Academic Council.*—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Academic Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:—

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(v) to prescribe the qualifications for admission of students to the various courses of studies and to the examinations and the conditions under which exemptions may be granted;

(vi) to make provision for the admission of students to the various courses of studies on the basis of merit in order to maintain standards of education;

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(viii) to make proposals for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(ix) to make proposals for the institution of professorships, readerships, lecturerships and other teaching and research posts required by the University;

(x) to make proposals for the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xi) to make proposals for determining what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

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(xiii) to arrange for the co-ordination of studies and teaching in affiliated colleges and recognised institutions;

(xiv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules, or Bye-laws.

26. *Faculties*.—(1) ** **

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(3) Each faculty shall consist of-

(a) the Chairman of the Boards of Studies comprised in the faculty;

(b) two members from each Board of Studies nominated by the Syndicate, who are teachers of the University and of the colleges or institutions by rotation;

(c) not less than five and not more than ten members nominated by the Syndicate from among teachers, by rotation;

(d) two members, to be nominated by the Syndicate who are from outside the University on the basis of their expert knowledge.

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28. *Boards of Studies*.—(1) There shall be a Board of Studies attached to each Department of study in the University;

Provided however that post-graduate studies in each department may have separate Board of Studies.

(1A) Each Board of Studies shall consist of —

(a) the Head of the Department as its Chairman;

(b) such number of members as may be prescribed by the Statutes, nominated by the Chancellor from among the teachers of the University and of the Colleges, by rotation;

(c) such number of members as may be prescribed by the Statutes, nominated by the Chancellor from among persons who are experts in the field of education.

(2) The powers of the Boards of Studies shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

(3) Members of the Boards of Studies shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their entering upon office.

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29. *Students' Council.*—(1) ** ** **

(2) The Students' Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Ex-officio Members

** ** ** **

(b) The Chairman of the University Union.

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30. *Powers and duties of Students' Council.*—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Students' Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:—

(a) to make recommendations to the Syndicate and to the Academic Council in matters affecting the academic work of the students, such as the structure of courses and pattern of institution, the corporate life of the University in so far as

it concerns the students and the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in the University;

(b) to make suggestions to the syndicate and Academic Council in respect of all rules relating to discipline or welfare of the students, sports, working of literary and other societies, management of hostels, student homes and non-resident student centres, extension work, social work, students' health, National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps and such other matters as maybe specified in the Statutes;

(c) to communicate its view, observations and recommendations to any authority of the University in respect of any matter which concerns the students:

Provided that if any question arises as to whether a matter does or does not concern the students, the question shall be decided by the Chairman of the Students' Council and his decision shall be final;

(d) to take such steps as are necessary for the general welfare of students;

(e) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

(2) The Chairman of the Students' Council shall cause to be laid before the Syndicate and the Students' Council in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes, periodical reports detailing the recommendations and suggestions made by the Student's Council, the action taken thereon by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made, and if no action was taken by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made, the reason thereof.

31. *Finance Committee*.—(1) There shall be a Finance Committee to give advice to the University on any question affecting its finances.

(2) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, if any;

(c) one member elected by the members of the Senate from among themselves;

(d) three members elected by the members of the Syndicate from among themselves of whom two shall be Deans of Faculties;

(e) one member elected by the members of the Academic Council from among themselves;

(f) the Finance Secretary to Government or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(3) The Finance Officer shall be the Secretary of the Finance Committee.

(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

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34. *Disqualifications for membership.*—(1) No person shall be qualified for election or nomination or appointment as a member of any of the authorities of the University or for continuing as such member, if he—

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(b) is of unsound mind or a deaf-mute; or

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(d) has been convicted by a court of law of an offence involving moral delinquency; or

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36. *Procedure for making Statutes.*—(1) The Syndicate may of its own motion take into consideration the draft of a Statute:

Provided that, in any such case, before a Statute is passed, the Syndicate shall obtain and consider the opinion of the Academic Council, where necessary on academic matters.

(2) The Academic Council may propose to the Syndicate the draft of any Statute for consideration and such draft shall be considered by the Syndicate at its next meeting.

(3) The Syndicate may approve the draft of a Statute proposed by the Academic Council and pass the Statute or may reject it or return it to the Academic Council for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with amendments which the Syndicate may suggest.

(4) After any draft returned by the Syndicate under sub-section (3) has been further considered by the Academic Council together with any amendment suggested by the Syndicate it shall be again presented to the Syndicate with the report of the Academic Council thereon, and the Syndicate may then deal with the draft in any manner it thinks fit.

(5) Where any Statute has been passed by the Syndicate, it shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may refer the Statute back to the Syndicate for further consideration or assent thereto or withhold his assent:

Provided that a Statute or amendment to a Statute passed by the Syndicate which involves expenditure from the University Fund shall be submitted to the Government who shall forward the same to the Chancellor with their views thereon.

(6) No Statute passed by the Syndicate shall be valid or come into force until assented to by the Chancellor.

(7) The Academic Council shall not propose the draft of a Statute or of an amendment to a Statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority

of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal; and any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Syndicate

(8) No Statute providing for the conditions for, or procedure relating to, the affiliation of private colleges shall be passed by the Syndicate without the previous approval of the Government.

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46. *University Fund.*—(1) **

(2) All moneys in the Mahatma Gandhi University fund shall be lodged in the Government Treasury or with the approval of the Government in the State Bank of India or its subsidiaries upto such limits as may be fixed by the Government.

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52. *Audit of accounts of the University.*—(1) ** **

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(8) On consideration of a report of the auditors under this section the Government may, if they consider it necessary so to do, direct the University to comply with the provisions of sub-section (7) within such period as may be specified in the directions and the University shall comply with such direction.

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55. *Managing council for private colleges under corporate management.*—(1) A corporate management shall constitute a Managing Council for all the private colleges under its management, consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Manager of the private colleges;

(b) one Principal by rotation in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes;

(c) a person nominated by the University in accordance with the provisions in that behalf contained in the Statutes;

(d) a person nominated by the Government;

(dd) two person nominated from permanent teachers of all the private colleges from among themselves;

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(h) not more than fifteen persons nominated by the corporate management.

(2) The Manager of the private colleges shall be Chairman of the Managing Council.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Managing Council to advise the corporate management in all matters relating to the administration of the private colleges, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules, Bye-laws and Orders made thereunder.

(4) The decisions of the managing council shall be taken at meetings on the basis of simple majority of the members present and voting.

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59. *Appointment of teachers in private colleges.*—(1) Appointments to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorized by the Government.

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(9) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.

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63. *Disciplinary powers of Educational Agency over teachers of private Colleges.* —(1) ** **

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(3) When a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding fifteen days, the matter together with the reasons for the suspension, shall be reported to the Vice-Chancellor.

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66. *Membership of Local Authorities, etc.*—A teacher of a private college shall not be disqualified for continuing as such teacher merely on the ground that he has been elected or nominated as a member of a local authority or of the Legislative Assembly of the State or of Parliament.

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89. *Punishment for irregularities by teachers at examinations.*—Any teacher of an affiliated college or a teacher of the University who—

(a) connives with, or assists, any candidate at an examination conducted by the University to do any malpractice at such examination: or

(b) delays the valuation and return of answer books of candidates at any such examination which have been given to him for valuation; shall without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him be liable for disciplinary action.

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CHAPTER IX

AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES

103. *Autonomy Approval Committee.*—(1) There shall be an Autonomy Approval Committee in Government consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department, who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher education council;

(c) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department;

(d) The Vice-Chancellors of the University of Kerala, the University of Calicut, the Mahatma Gandhi University and the Kannur University;

(e) one representative of Kerala State Higher Education Council nominated by the Government;

(f) the Law Secretary, Government of Kerala; and

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

(2) The Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Autonomy Approval Committee and shall chair the meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

(3) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department shall be the Member Secretary of the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall comply with the direction issued by the Autonomy Approval Committee in so far as it relates to the grant of academic autonomy.

(5) All direction of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be issued in the form of Orders, Circulars or Letters of the Committee.

(6) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, delegate any or all of the powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee to the University to be exercised by the Senate, Syndicate or Academic Council, as the case may be, or to the Kerala State Higher Education Council:

Provided that the Government may, at any time, by notification in the Gazette, withdraw such delegation granted.

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121. *Vacancies in the Committees, Councils or Boards under this Chapter not to invalidate any action.*—No decision of the Autonomy Approval Committee or any Academic Council of an Autonomous College, Board of Studies of an Autonomous College or the Governing Council under this Chapter shall be rendered invalid on account of a vacancy in such Committee, Councils or Board not having been filled up.

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EXTRACT FROM THE SREE SANKARACHARYA UNIVERSITY
OF SANSKRIT ACT, 1994

(5 OF 1994)

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2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

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(w) “Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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9. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister- in- charge of Higher Education in the State shall, by virtue of his office, be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Chancellor shall also exercise such other powers and perform such other functions of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may by order in writing delegate to the Pro-Chancellor and such delegation may be subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in such order.

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12. *The Syndicate.*—The Syndicate shall be the chief executive body of the University and shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Ex-officio Members

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(iv) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department or an officer of the Finance Department not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to Government, nominated by him.

(y) to delegate any of its powers except the power to make Statutes and Ordinances, to the Vice-Chancellor either temporarily or permanently.

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16. *The Academic Council.*—(1) ** **

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(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

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Elected Members

One teacher, other than a Dean or head of department, representing each faculty elected by the members of the faculty from among themselves for a period of three years.

Nominated Members

(i) One postgraduate student and one research student, both nominated by the Chancellor for a period of one year at a time;

(ii) Five eminent scholars in Sanskrit, Indology, Indian Philosophy and Indian languages nominated by the Chancellor for a period of three years at a time of whom one shall be a woman.

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17. *Powers, duties and functions of the Academic Council.*—(1) ** **

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Academic Council shall have the following powers; duties and functions, namely:—

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(c) to make, amend, modify or repeal Regulations;

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18. *Meetings of the Academic Council.*—(1) The Academic Council shall meet at least once in six months on dates to be fixed by the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) One-fourth of the total number of members of the Academic Council shall constitute the quorum for a meeting.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor or, in his absence, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor or, in the absence of both, a member chosen by the members present from among themselves shall preside over a meeting of the Academic Council.

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21. *Finance Committee*.—(1) There shall be a Finance Committee of the University consisting of the following members, namely:—

(i) The Vice-Chancellor;

(ii) The Secretary to Government, Finance Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(iii) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary nominated by him;

(iv) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(v) the Registrar;

(2) The Finance Committee shall have the following powers, namely:—

(a) to review the financial position of the University, from time to time, and to make recommendations to the Syndicate on all matters relating to the finance of the University;

(b) to examine the annual budget estimates of the University and to advise the Syndicate thereon;

(c) to make recommendations to the Syndicate on all proposals which involve expenditure not contemplated in the budget or in excess of the provision of the budget;

(d) to exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

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26. *Powers and duties of the Vice-Chancellor*.—(1) ** **

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(7) If at any time, except when the Syndicate or the Academic Council is in session, the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that an emergency has arisen which requires immediate action to be taken involving the exercise of any power vested

in the Syndicate or the Academic Council, the Vice-Chancellor may take such action as he deems fit and shall report the same for approval at the next meeting of the concerned authority and if the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor is not approved by such authority he shall refer the matter to the Chancellor whose decision thereon shall be final.

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27. *The Pro-Vice-Chancellor.*—(1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from the panel submitted by the Pro-Chancellor.

(2) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall not have completed sixty-five years of age at the time of his appointment.

(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole time salaried officer of the University.

(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(5) The salary and other conditions of service of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

(6) Subject to the provisions of the Act, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor.

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31. *Appointment of teachers, officers and staff.*—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the teachers, officers and other employees of the University shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the advice of appropriate Selection Committee constituted in the manner prescribed by the Statutes.

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38. *Accounts and Audit.*—(1) ** **

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(10) The audited accounts of the University shall be got printed and copies thereof together with the audit report as well as a statement on the action taken by the University on the audit report shall be presented by the Vice-Chancellor to the

Syndicate, and the Chancellor and shall be submitted to the Government on or before the 1st day of March of the succeeding year and on such receipt, the Government shall immediately, cause the same to be laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly, if it is in session, and if it is not in session, in the next session immediately following such receipt.

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40. *Procedure for making Statutes.*—(1) ** **

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(4) The Chancellor shall give his assent to the Statutes with or without modification.

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47. *Director of Students' Welfare.*—The Registrar shall be the ex-officio Director of Students' Welfare of the University.

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52. *Annual Report.*—(1) The annual report of the University shall be prepared under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor and shall be approved by the Syndicate with or without modifications.

(2) The annual report shall be laid by the Syndicate before the Academic Council at its next meeting and the Academic Council may express its views and record its comments on the annual report.

(3) The annual report, after consideration by the Academic Council, shall be forwarded to the Government on or before the 15th day of September of the succeeding year by the Vice-Chancellor with such comments as may be deemed necessary.

(4) On receipt of the annual report under sub-section(3), the Government shall, immediately, cause the same, with such comments and observations as are considered necessary, to be laid on the table of the Legislative Assembly, if it is in session, and if it is not in session, in the next session immediately following such receipt.

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EXTRACT FROM THE KANNUR UNIVERSITY ACT, 1996
(22 OF 1996)

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2. *Definitions.*—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

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(xxxiii) “Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

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8. *The Pro-Chancellor.*—(1) The Minister for the time being administering the subject of higher education in the State shall be the Pro-Chancellor of the University.

(2) In the absence of the Chancellor or during his inability to act, the Pro-Chancellor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the functions of the Chancellor.

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11. *Powers and duties of the Vice-Chancellor.*—(1) If at any time, except when the Syndicate or the Academic Council is in session, the Vice-Chancellor is satisfied that emergency has arisen requiring him to take immediate action involving the exercise of any power vested in the Syndicate or the Academic Council by or under this Act, the Vice-Chancellor may take such action as he deems fit and shall, at the next session of the Syndicate or the Academic Council, as the case may be, report the action taken by him to that authority for such action as it may consider necessary.

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13. *The Pro-Vice- Chancellor.*—(1) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor.

(2) No person who is more than sixty years of age shall be appointed as Pro- Vice-Chancellor.

(3) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be a whole-time salaried officer of the University.

(4) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of four years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for reappointment.

(5) The salary and other conditions of service of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be such as may be determined by the Chancellor.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the powers and functions of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor.

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19. *Senate*.—The Senate shall consist of the following members, namely:—

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Other members

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(iii) four members from among students nominated by the Chancellor, one having outstanding academic ability in humanities, one having outstanding academic ability in science, one having outstanding ability in sports and one having outstanding ability in fine arts of whom, one shall be a student of a campus or a University department and another shall be a student of an affiliated college.

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20. *Reconstitution of Senate*.—(1) ** **

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(7) When a person ceases to be a member of the Senate, he shall cease to be a member of any of the authorities of the University of which he may be a member by virtue of his membership in the Senate.

21. *Powers and functions of the Senate*.—Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act, the Senate shall have the following powers, namely:—

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(d) to advise the Chancellor in respect of any matter which may be referred to it for advice.

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23. *The Syndicate*.—The Syndicate shall be the Chief Executive body of the University and shall consist of the following members, namely:—

Ex-Officio members

(a) The Vice-Chancellor;

(b) The Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an Officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary in the Higher Education Department, nominated by him;

(d) The Secretary to Government, Finance Department or an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, nominated by him;

(e) The Secretary to Government, Information Technology Department, or an Officer not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, nominated by him

(f) The Director of Collegiate Education;

Other Members

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(b) Three Deans of Faculties nominated by the Chancellor, by rotation;

(c) Two Principals of Colleges affiliated to the University, nominated by the Government;

(d) Three teachers nominated by the Government of whom one shall be from the University Department and two from the affiliated colleges of whom one shall be from Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(e) not more than six experts nominated by the Government, from the field of Higher Education of whom one shall be a woman:

Provided that the members of the Syndicate nominated by the Chancellor or the Government under the heading “Other Members” shall hold their office during the pleasure of the Chancellor or the Government, as the case may be;

(f) the member nominated by the Executive Council of the Kerala State Higher Education Council from among its members.

(g) one member elected by the Senate from among the members in item (xi) under the heading '*Elected members*' in section 19.

24. *Term of office of members of Syndicate.*—(1) Members of the Syndicate other than ex-officio members, shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of their nomination:

Provided that no person nominated in his capacity as a member of a particular body or as the holder of a particular office shall be a member of the Syndicate for a longer period than three months after he has ceased to be such member or holder of such office unless in the meanwhile he again becomes a member of that body or the holder of that office:

Provided further that a member other than an ex-officio member shall, notwithstanding the expiration of his term, continue to hold office until his successor is nominated:

Provided also that no person other than an ex-officio member shall be eligible to hold office for more than two terms in succession.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the first proviso to sub-section (1), a member of the Syndicate referred to in item (c) or in item (d) under the heading “Other members” in section 23 shall not cease to be such member merely on the ground that.—

(a) he has been transferred to an educational institution within the State, situated beyond the territorial limits of the University; or

(b) the college of which he is the Principal or in which he is a teacher has been transferred to another University; or

(c) in the case of a teacher, he has been promoted as Principal.

25. *Powers of Syndicate*.—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the executive powers of the University, including the general superintendence and control over the institutions of the University, shall be vested in the Syndicate and subject likewise the Syndicate shall have the following powers, namely:—

(i) ** ** ** **

(ii) to make Statutes and Ordinances and to amend or repeal the same;

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(xv) to conduct University Examinations and approve and publish the results thereof;

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(xvii) to approve panel of examiners and to fix their remuneration;

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(xx) to arrange for and direct the investigation into the affairs of private colleges, to issue instructions for maintaining their efficiency, for ensuring proper conditions of employment of members of their staff and payment of adequate salaries to them, and, in case of disregard of such instructions, to modify the conditions of affiliation or recognition or take such other steps as it deems proper in that behalf;

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(xxvi) to institute professorships, readerships, lectureships and such other teaching or research posts as it may deem necessary:

Provided that no professorship, readership, lectureship or other teaching or research post shall be instituted by the Syndicate without the previous approval of Government if it involves expenditure in excess of the budgetary provision;

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(xxxiv) to co-operate with other Universities and other authorities in such manner and for such purposes as it may determine; and

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26. *The Academic Council.*—(1) The Academic Council shall be the academic body of the University.

(2) The Academic Council shall, subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, control and regulate, and be responsible for the maintenance of standards of instruction, education and examinations within the University and shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon it by the Statutes.

(3) The Academic Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) the Director of Public Instruction;

(d) the Director of Technical Education;

(e) the Director of Collegiate Education;

(f) the Director of Medical Education;

(g) the Director of Higher Secondary Education;

(h) the Director of Vocational Higher Secondary Education;

(i) the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training;

(j) the Deans of Faculties;

(k) all the heads of University Departments of Study and Research who are not Deans of Faculties;

(l) all members of the Syndicate who are not otherwise members of the Academic Council;

(m) three members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be the principal of a Government professional college, elected by the principals of professional colleges from among themselves;

(n) seven members (other than Deans of Faculties) of whom at least one shall be the principal of a Government college, elected by the principals of first grade colleges, other than colleges of oriental languages, from among themselves;

(o) one member (other than a Dean of Faculty) elected by the principals of colleges of oriental languages, from among themselves;

(p) one member each of every subject of study, not being a Dean of Faculty or head of a University department or principal, elected by the teachers of that subject, from among themselves;

(q) one member from among the headmasters and one member from among the teachers of the secondary schools in the University area, nominated by the Chancellor;

(r) one member representing each faculty, elected by the full-time post-graduate students of the faculty, from among themselves; and

(s) seven members from external experts nominated by the Chancellor of whom two shall be experts in commerce, business management or industrial technology.

(4) Members of the Academic Council, other than the members specified in clauses (a) to (i) of sub-section (3), shall hold office for a term of four years from the date of constitution of the Council:

Provided that a person who has become a member of the Academic Council in the capacity of a post-graduate student shall cease to hold office on his ceasing to be a post-graduate student.

27. *Powers and duties of Academic Council.*—Subject to the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, the Academic Council shall have the following powers, duties and functions, namely:—

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(v) to prescribe the qualifications for admission of students to the various courses of studies and to the examinations and the conditions under which exemptions may be granted;

(vi) to make provision for the admission of students to the various courses of studies on the basis of merit in order to maintain standards of education;

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(viii) to make proposals for research and advancement and dissemination of knowledge;

(ix) to make proposals for the institution of professorships, readerships, lecturerships and other teaching and research posts required by the University;

(x) to make proposals for the institution of fellowships, travelling fellowships, scholarships, studentships, medals and prizes;

(xi) to make proposals for determining what degrees, diplomas and other academic distinctions shall be granted by the University;

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(xiii) to arrange for the co-ordination of studies and teaching in affiliated colleges and recognized institutions; and

(xiv) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and functions as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, Rules and Bye-laws.

28. *Faculties.*—(1)

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(3) Each faculty shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the chairmen of the Boards of Studies comprised in the faculty;

(b) two members elected from each Board of Studies;

(c) not less than five and not more than ten members, nominated by the Syndicate from among teachers; and

(b) to make suggestions to the Syndicate and Academic Council in respect of all rules relating to discipline and welfare of the students, sports, working of literary and other societies, management of hostels, students' homes and non-resident student centres, extension work, social work, students' health, National Service Scheme and National Cadet Corps and such other matters as may be specified in the Statutes;

(c) to communicate its views, observations and recommendations to any authority of the University in respect of any matter which concerns the students:

Provided that if any question arises as to whether a matter does or does not concern the students, the question shall be decided by the Chairman of the Students' Council and his decision shall be final;

(d) to take such steps as are necessary for the general welfare of students; and

(e) to exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed on it by this Act or the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations.

(2) The Chairman of the Students' Council shall cause to be laid before the Syndicate and the Students' Council in such manner as may be prescribed by the Statutes, periodical reports detailing the recommendations and suggestions made by the Student's Council, the action taken thereon by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made, and if no action was taken by the authorities to which such recommendations and suggestions were made, the reason thereof.

33. *Finance Committee.*—(1) There shall be a Finance Committee to give advice to the University on any question affecting its finances.

(2) The Finance Committee shall consist of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman;

(b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellor;

(c) one member elected by the members of the Senate from among themselves;

(d) one member elected by the members of the Syndicate from among themselves;

(e) one member elected by the members of Academic Council from among themselves;

(f) the Finance Secretary to Government or an officer of the Finance Department, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government, nominated by the Government; and

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department or an officer of the Higher Education Department, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to Government, nominated by the Government.

(3) The Finance Officer of the University shall be the Secretary of the Finance Committee.

(4) The powers and functions of the Finance Committee and its procedure in financial matters, including the delegation of its powers, shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

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36. *Disqualifications for membership.*—(1) No person shall be qualified for election or nomination or appointment as a member of any of the authorities of the University or for continuing as such member, if he—

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(b) is of unsound mind or a deaf-mute; or

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(d) has been convicted by a court of law for an offence involving moral delinquency; or

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38. *Procedure for making Statutes.*—(1) The Syndicate may of its own motion take into consideration the draft of a Statute:

Provided that, in any such case, before a Statute is passed the Syndicate shall obtain and consider the opinion of the Academic Council, where necessary, on academic matters.

(2) The Academic Council may propose to the Syndicate the draft of any Statute for consideration and such draft shall be considered by the Syndicate at its next meeting.

(3) The Syndicate may approve the draft of a Statute proposed by the Academic Council and pass the Statute or may reject it or return it to the Academic Council for reconsideration, either in whole or in part, together with amendments which the Syndicate may suggest.

(4) After any draft returned by the Syndicate under sub-section (3), has been further considered by the Academic Council together with any amendment suggested by the Syndicate, it shall be again presented to the Syndicate with the report of the Academic Council thereon, and the Syndicate may then deal with the draft in any manner it thinks fit.

(5) Where any Statute has been passed by the Syndicate it shall be submitted to the Chancellor who may refer the Statute back to the Syndicate for further consideration or assent thereto or withhold his assent.

(6) No Statute passed by the Syndicate shall be valid or come into force until assented to by the Chancellor.

(7) The Academic Council shall not propose the draft of a Statute or of an amendment to a Statute affecting the status, powers or constitution of any authority of the University until such authority has been given an opportunity of expressing an opinion upon the proposal; and any opinion so expressed shall be in writing and shall be considered by the Syndicate .

(8) No Statute providing for the conditions for, or procedure relating to, the affiliation of private colleges shall be passed by the Syndicate without the previous approval of the Government.

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(f) a person elected by the Chairmen of the College Unions of all the private colleges, from among themselves;

(g) one person elected in accordance with such procedure as may be prescribed by the Statutes, by the permanent members of the non-teaching staff of all private colleges from among themselves; and

(h) not more than fifteen persons nominated by the corporate management.

(2) The Manager of the private colleges shall be the Chairman of the Managing Council.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Managing Council to advise the corporate management in all matters relating to the administration of the private colleges, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations, rules, bye-laws and orders made there under.

(4) The decisions of the managing council shall be taken at meetings on the basis of simple majority of the members present and voting.

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62. *Appointment of teachers in private colleges.*—(1) Appointment to the posts eligible to receive salary from the Government shall be made only against posts sanctioned by the Government or by such officers as may be authorized by the Government.

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(9) Any person aggrieved by any appointment under this section may appeal to the Appellate Tribunal.

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66. *Disciplinary powers of educational agency over teachers of private colleges.*—(1) ** ** ** **

(3) When a teacher of a private college is suspended for a period exceeding fifteen days, the matter, together with the reasons for the suspension, shall be reported to the Vice-Chancellor.

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69. *Membership of local authorities etc.*—(1) ** **

(2) A teacher elected or nominated as a member of the Legislative Assembly of the State or of Parliament shall be entitled to treat the period of his membership of the Legislative Assembly or of Parliament as on leave without salary and allowances.

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CHAPTER VIII A

AUTONOMOUS COLLEGES

74A. *Autonomy Approval Committee.*—Autonomy Approval Committee:—(1) There shall be an Autonomy Approval Committee in Government consisting of the following members, namely:—

(a) the Minister-in-charge of the Higher Education Department, who shall be Chairman;

(b) the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher education council;

(c) the Secretary to Government, Finance Department;

(d) The Vice-Chancellors of the University of Kerala, the University of Calicut, the Mahatma Gandhi University and the Kannur University;

(e) one representative of Kerala State Higher Education Council nominated by the Government;

(f) the Law Secretary Government of Kerala; and

(g) the Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department.

(2) The Vice-Chairman of the Kerala State Higher Education Council shall be the Vice-Chairman of the Autonomy Approval Committee and shall chair the meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman.

(3) The Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department shall be the Member Secretary of the Autonomy Approval Committee.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the University shall comply with the directions issued by the Autonomy Approval Committee, so far as it relates to the grant of Academic Autonomy.

(5) All directions of the Autonomy Approval Committee shall be issued in the form of Orders, Circulars or Letters of the Committee.

(6) The Government may, by notification in the Gazette, delegate any or all of the powers and functions of the Autonomy Approval Committee to the University to be exercised by the Senate, Syndicate or Academic Council, as the case may be, or to the Kerala State Higher Education Council:

Provided that the Government may, at any time, by notification in the Gazette, withdraw such delegation granted.

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74S. *Vacancies in the Committees, Councils or Boards under this Chapter not to invalidate any action.*—No decision of the Autonomy Approval Committee or of any Academic Council of an Autonomous College, Board of Studies of an Autonomous College or the Governing Council under this Chapter shall be rendered invalid on account of a vacancy in such Committee, Councils or Board not having been filled up.

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CHAPTER IX

MISCELLANEOUS

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91. *Punishment for irregularities by teachers at examinations.*—(1) Any teacher of an affiliated college or a teacher of the University who—

(a) connives, with or assists any candidate at an examination conducted by the University to do any malpractice at such examination: or

(b) delays the valuation and return of answer books of candidates at any such examination which have been given to him for valuation; shall without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against him be liable for disciplinary action.

(2) The Syndicate shall have the power to suspend the approval of the appointment of the teacher, in all cases where action is contemplated as per subsection (1).

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