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സർവകലാശാലകളിലെ സാമ്പത്തിക പ്രതിസന്ധി

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മറുപടി നൽകിയ മന്ത്രി

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(ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ വകുപ്പ് മന്ത്രി)

(എ) സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ സർവകലാശാലകളിൽ സാമ്പത്തിക പ്രതിസന്ധി നേരിടുന്ന സർവകലാശാലകൾ ഏതെല്ലാമെന്ന് വിശദമാക്കാമോ;

മറുപടി: മഹാത്മാഗാന്ധി, കൊച്ചി ശാസ്ത്ര സാങ്കേതിക, കേരള, കാലിക്കറ്റ്, ശ്രീ ശങ്കരാചാര്യ സംസ്കൃതം സർവ്വകലാശാലകൾ പ്രതിസന്ധി നേരിടുന്നുണ്ട്.

(ബി) സർവകലാശാലകൾക്ക് സാമ്പത്തിക പ്രതിസന്ധിയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആയത് പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിന് ഈ സർക്കാർ എന്തെല്ലാം സഹായമാണ് നൽകിയിട്ടുള്ളതെന്ന് വിശദമാക്കാമോ?

മറുപടി: സർവകലാശാലകളുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കും ശമ്പളം മറ്റ് അനുബന്ധ ചെലവുകൾ എന്നിവയ്ക്കുമായി വർഷാവർഷം പ്ലാൻ നോൺ പ്ലാൻ ഇനങ്ങളിൽ നിശ്ചിത തുക സർക്കാർ മാറ്റിവയ്ക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. സർവകലാശാലകളുടെ നിലവിലെ സാമ്പത്തിക സ്ഥിതി വിലയിരുത്തുന്നതിനും ദീർഘകാല സാമ്പത്തിക സുസ്ഥിരത ഉറപ്പാക്കുന്നതിനാവശ്യമായ നടപടികൾ നിർദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതിനുമായി 07-10-2026 തീയതിയിലെ G.O.(Rt) No.1274/2026/HEDN നമ്പർ ഉത്തരവ് പ്രകാരം യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി ഫിനാൻസ് കമ്മീഷൻ രൂപീകരിച്ചു കൊണ്ട് സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവ് പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. പകർപ്പ് അനുബന്ധമായി ഉള്ളടക്കം ചെയ്യുന്നു.

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GOVERNMENT OF KERALAM

Abstract

Higher Education Department - Analyzing and reporting the status of University Finances in the State and measures required for sustainability - University Finance Commission - Constituted -Orders issued

HIGHER EDUCATION (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.1274/2026/HEDN Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 07-10-2026

Read 1 D.O Letter No. KSHEC-A6/301/VC- Drct/2026 from Vice Chairman, Kerala State Higher Education Council

ORDER

The Kerala Public Expenditure Review Committee (2011-12) recommended the appointment of a University Finance Commission to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the financial and institutional position of higher education institutions in the State. The Committee stressed the urgent need for concrete suggestions to prevent a financial crisis, and specifically highlighted the problem of the unplanned establishment and continuation of specialised universities with low student intake. The Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), vide the letter read above, brought this issue to the notice of the Government and requested urgent action.

2. The Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to appoint a University Finance Commission to gain a deeper understanding of university finances in the State, with a view to ensuring their adequacy,

consistency and sustainability, as detailed below. The financial requirements of the proposed Kerala Knowledge Valley, the Research Park and other projects shall also be addressed, in the context of the changing role of the UGC (with the proposed formation of VBSA, HEFA, ANRF, etc. at the Union level).

Sl. No.	Name and Designation of the Member	Remarks
1	Prof. B. A. Prakash, former Chairman, State Finance Commission, and former Professor and Head, Department of Economics, University of Kerala	Chairperson
2	Prof. K. P. Mani, former Professor and Head, Department of Economics, University of Calicut. Email: drmanikp@yahoo.com	Member
3	Dr. Baby Kurien IAS (Retd.), former Special Secretary, Finance Resources, Government of Kerala. Email: kurianbaby@gmail.com; Mob: 8129876383	Member
4	Shri Sameer Kishan IAS, Director of Collegiate Education, Deputy Secretary and OSD, Higher Education Department	Member Secretary

3. The terms of reference are as follows:

- a. Collect, through suitable means, a database of all public and private/non-government funding available to public and private higher education institutions in the State, and identify gaps and future requirements.
- b. Assess the adequacy of public finance in the Higher Education Department, and identify the additional investment and the thrust areas for fiscal investment required for satisfactory performance and growth.
- c. Survey a sufficient cross-section of higher education institutions and identify new funding prospects, including PPPs, private investment and hybrid financing models.
- d. Examine the possibilities and problems of the newly emerging VBSA/ANRF mode of funding at the Union level.
- e. Determine the investment and maintenance requirements of public higher education institutions as well as the aided sector.

f. Forecast the future requirements of aided higher education institutions, especially since many of them now wish to become private universities.

g. Recommend measures to improve quality and reduce outbound student migration by making academic programmes more relevant, with the aim of diversifying student enrolment in Kerala.

h. Examine any other relevant or connected matters that the Commission may wish to explore and report on, subject to informing the Government.

4. The Commission shall submit its report within six months of the date of this order. The Chairperson and members may be paid Rs. 5,000/- per day for days of official work, and hired vehicles shall be provided for their official duties. The Member Secretary, KSHEC, may depute a suitably qualified officer to support the Commission.

5. The expenses of the Commission shall be borne proportionately by all State Universities receiving grants from the Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala, from available plan funds or their own funds. Each State University shall advance a sum of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh only) to the Member Secretary, KSHEC, in a designated bank account. KSHEC shall defray the expenses with the approval of the Chairperson of the Commission for the period of its working, and shall furnish audited accounts to all the Universities and the Higher Education Department within six months.

(By order of the Governor)

DR B ASHOK I A S

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

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Prof. B. A. Prakash (through Member Secretary, KSHEC)

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KSHEC)

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Registrars of all State Universities

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council

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Section Officer.

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