

KERALA STATE COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Executive Committee of KSCSTE, held on 04.01.2017 at Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram

The 46th meeting of the Executive committee of KSCSTE commenced at 10.30 am on 04.01.2017 under the chairmanship of Dr. Suresh Das, Executive Vice President, KSCSTE. The following members were present.

- 1. Dr. Suresh Das, Executive Vice President
- 2. Dr. M. Chandra Dathan, Former Director, VSSC
- 3. Prof. V. K. Damodaran, Former Director, Energy Management Centre
- 4. Dr. A. Sabu, Dept. of Biotechnology & Microbiology, Kannur University
- 5. Director, KFRI
- 6. Director (i/c), CWRDM
- 7. Dr. S. Pradeep Kumar, Member Secretary

The Chairman welcomed the members to the 46th meeting of the Executive Committee of KSCSTE. He also highlighted the programmes operated at the Council Head Quarters and R&D centres.

Following decisions were taken against the agenda items placed before the committee.

Agenda Item No.46.01

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 45th meeting of the Executive Committee

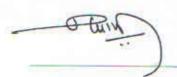
Decision: The Executive Committee approved the minutes of the 45th Executive Committee.

Agenda Item No.46.02

Action taken report on the decisions of 45th meeting of the Executive Committee

Decision: The Executive Committee noted the action taken on 45th meeting of the Executive Committee held on 26.09.2016.

The Executive Committee expressed its displeasure for not implementing the decision of the last Executive Committee to vacate the Centre for Mathematical and Statistical Sciences (CMSS), from the KFRI campus, Peechi. It is further decided to give direction to the Director KFRI to implement the decision of Executive Committee on or before 31.01.2017 and report to Council.



Report on the review of decision of 44th EC regarding appointment of Dr.Vinod Kumar T.G Nair as Scientist E-1 in TBGRI

Decision: Since serious irregularities and misappropriation with regard to the dilution of essential qualification, relaxation of upper age limit and fixing of desirable qualifications, the Executive Committee decided to cancel the appointment of Dr. Vinod Kumar T.G Nair and re-notify the post immediately and then refer the matter to vigilance and anti-corruption bureau for detailed enquiry and further proceedings.

Agenda Item No. 46.04

Promotion of JSA/SSA/Scientist A to Scientist-B wef. 19.06.2003 - Report

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to ratify the action of KSCSTE in having granted promotion to the following JSA/SSA/Scientist-A (who were in service prior to formation of KSCSTE) as Scientist-B notionally w.e.f. 19.06.2003. Mr.S.Shiburaj, Mr.B.Rajkumar, Mr.P.S.Jyothish, Mrs.R.K. Radha, Mr. K.B.Ramesh Kumar, Mr.Dhruvan Tandyekkal, Mr.C. K.Biju, Mrs.Geetha B.S. and Mr.E.S.Anil Kumar.

The Executive Committee further decided to thoroughly scrutinise the service records of the seven incumbents (C. K. Pradeep, S. R. Suja, A. Nazaruden, T. Shaju, M. Raveendran, A. Raziya Beegom, Dr. S. Sreekumar) since there are ambiguities regarding granting service benefits with retrospective effect w.e.f. 26-8-2000 and also in the date of commencement of regular and continuous service of the incumbents in JNTBGRI.

Agenda Item No. 46.05

KSCSTE - Reporting of Major Events since Last Meeting

Decision: The Executive Committee noted the major events since last meeting by the Executive Vice President and Member Secretary. The committee directed to maintain an Equipment Register in all R&D centres of KSCSTE.

Agenda Item No. 46.06

Review of activities of R & D Centre of KSCSTE - National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC)

Decision : Director NATPAC presented the activities of the centre and the Committee noted the same.

Agenda Item No. 46.07

Review of activities of Scientific Division of KSCSTE – Technology Development & Project Management Division (TDPMD)

Decision: Dr. Ajith Prabhu, Head TDPMD presented the activities of the centre and the Committee noted the same.



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Annual Administration Report in respect of KSCSTE for the year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the Annual Administration Reports for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Agenda Item No. 46.09

Newly formed Institutes-Srinivasa Ramanujan Institute for Basic Sciences (SRIBS) & Kerala School of Mathematics (KSoM) & State-Centre Resource Institute for Partnership in Technology (SCRIPT)

Decision: The Executive Committee noted the decision taken in the 11th Annual General Meeting of KSCSTE.

Agenda Item No. 46.10

Implementation of Uniform Accounting System

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to explore possibilities to entrust KELTRON or KSEB (for 'ORUMA' Software) for implementing Uniform Accounting System in KSCSTE. If not possible, it is decided to invite quotations on TALLY based uniform accounting system.

Agenda Item No. 46.11

Appointment of Internal Auditors of KSCSTE Headquarters for the financial years 2015-16 & 2016-17 - Ratification

Decision: The Executive Committee ratified the action of KSCSTE in having reappointment of M/s. Cyriac & Associates, Chartered Accountants as the internal auditors of KSCSTE Head Quarters for the financial years 2015-16 & 2016-17.

Agenda Item No. 46.12

Regularization of the service of the employees who were appointed after 09.10.2006 without Government approval/Court direction

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to maintain the status-quo in r/o the cases reported and refer the matter to the Government for a favourable decision to get approval for their appointment.

Agenda Item No. 46.13

Payment of Gratuity without ceiling - Implementation of High Court Order

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to refer the matter to the Government.

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Implementation of Self Sustainable and Self Financing Pension Scheme – Extension of tenure of working arrangement in respect of Sri. Krishnanunni V. S., Section Officer

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to extend the tenure of working arrangement in respect of Sri. Krishnanunni V. S., Section Officer for a period of one year with effect from 06.01.2017.

Agenda Item No. 46.15

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Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 46.16

Establishment of a Tribal Bio-resource Hub

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal for establishing a Tribal Bio-resource Hub and further directed to submit a detailed proposal for the same.

Agenda Item No. 46.17

Publication of a Popular Science Journal

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal for publication of a popular science journal in English and Malayalam as a Quarterly Journal and it is further decided to utilize the service of fellows proposed to engage for the media related activities.

Agenda Item No. 46.18

Recruitment of fellows exclusively for the works related to Sasthra magazine and media related activities

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

Agenda Item No. 46.19

Science Education Centre & KSCSTE - CRYSTAL programme

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to approve the proposal for the establishment of science education centre in University Campuses in consultation with the Education Department.

The CRYSTAL programme proposed by the KSCSTE will be considered later.

Agenda Item No. 46.20

Kerala State Young Scientist Awards - Presentation of Chief Minister's Gold Medal

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

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Approval of panel of experts for the Assessment Promotion of Technical and Administrative Staff of KSCSTE Headquarters

Decision : The Executive Committee approved the panel of experts for the Assessment Promotion of Technical and Administrative Staff of KSCSTE Headquarters.

Agenda Item No. 46.22

Procurement of new vehicle to KSCSTE

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal

Agenda Item No. 46.23

Delegation of financial powers to the Finance Officer - Ratification

Decision: The Executive Committee ratified the action of KSCSTE in delegating the financial powers to the Finance Officer.

Agenda Item No. 46.24

Disbursement of Adhoc Bonus and Special Festival Allowances to Apprentice Trainees of KSCSTE and its R&D Centres for the year 2011-12 to 2015-16 - Ratification

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to address the matter Government.

Agenda Item No. 46.25

KSCSTE Emeritus Scientist Scheme 2016 - Change of Host Institute

Decision: The Executive Committee decided to cancel the award of Emeritus Scientist ship awarded to Dr. A. V. George as the applicant submitted contradictory declarations and mislead the KSCSTE regarding the availability of the infrastructure and other facilities in the host institute chosen. Executive Committee further decided to direct the concerned officials to be more vigilant while awarding such prestigious fellowships.

Agenda Item No. 46.26

Assessment Promotion of Scientists from category F to category G in CWRDM

Decision: The Executive Committee noted the action taken in this regard.

Agenda Item No. 46.27

CWRDM - Partnership in the JV/Consortium for taking part in an Expression of Interest and giving a Power of Attorney to the lead member of Kerala Industrial and Technical Consultancy Organisation (KITCO) - Permission

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

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Construction of a new Bachelors' Hostel block in CWRDM

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

Agenda Item No. 46.29

CWRDM - Employment Assistance to dependants under dying-in-harness scheme in CWRDM - Ratification

Decision: The Executive Committee ratified the action of KSCSTE in granting permission to CWRDM to offer appointments to dependants to deceased employees of CWRDM.

Agenda Item No. 46.30

Foreign journey in respect of Dr. U. Surendran, Scientist, CWRDM International Institute of Applied System Analysis (IIASA), Austria during 06.11.2016 to 19.11.2016 - Ratification

Decision: The Executive Committee ratified the foreign journey performed by Dr. U. Surendran, Scientist, CWRDM

Agenda Item No. 46.31

CWRDM - Foreign journey in respect of Dr.Sushanth C. M., Senior Principal Scientist, Centre for Water Resource Development and Management, CWRDM to participate in the exposure visit to Japan on Dam Safety and Rehabilitation issues during 03.10.2016 to 07.10.2016 - Ratification

Decision: The Executive Committee ratified the foreign journey performed by Sushanth C. M., Senior Principal Scientist, CWRDM

Agenda Item No. 46.32

MBGIPS - Proposal for implementation of the project on setting up of Biological Repository jointly with Zoological Survey of India

Decision: The Executive Committee approved the proposal.

Agenda Item No. 46.33

Permission for foreign Symposium participation by Dr. K. B. Rameshkumar, Scientist B, JNTBGRI at International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on December 13th 2014 - Ratification

Decision: The Executive Committee ratified the foreign journey performed by Dr. K. B. Ramesh Kumar, Scientist B, JNTBGRI

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