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Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram**

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**Applications are invited to the post of Director for Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical
Botanical Garden and Research Institute (KSCSTE-
JNTBGRI), Palode, Thiruvananthapuram (*Open to Indian Citizens*)**

The Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) was constituted in November 2002 as an autonomous body under Government of Kerala to promote excellence in science, technology and development with the involvement of academia, industry and research organizations. There are several R & D institutions under the ambit of KSCSTE. In order to keep the R&D institutions in the forefront of their respective expertise and innovations, we are looking for dynamic, result- oriented, top-notch scientist with relevant academic/management experience to be appointed as **Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute (KSCSTE- JNTBGRI), Palode**, one of the R&D Centres of KSCSTE. The Director is the Chief Executive of the institute and is responsible for the management, administration and development of prospective plan for the institution by providing effective leadership. He/She is expected to lead the institution at an international level and should be able to visualize the problems in the respective fields in a global scenario and identify local solutions. The tenure of appointment will be for a period of five years. The eligible candidates, currently working in Government oragnazations, will be considered for appointment on deputation basis also.

Qualifications : First Class Master's Degree in Botany/Plant Sciences or related fields with Ph.D in the concerned subject.

Experience: 15 years in a research /academic/R&D institution or organization , of which 10 years should be at a senior level provided that 5 years shall be in the grade of Senior

Principal Scientist (L13A as per 7th CPC) OR shall be presently holding the grade of Chief Scientist (L14 as per 7th CPC). Equivalent positions/ grades in academic institutions/industry will also be considered. Experience should be indicated by high quality publications and demonstrated ability to guide research and manage multidisciplinary teams to create an environment conducive to R&D/education/extension. Interest/competence in Plant Taxonomy/ Tropical Botany/Economic Botany/Conservation will be desirable.

Age: Below 55 years as on the date of notification.

Pay Band : L14 as per 7th CPC

Application Procedure : Applications in the prescribed format along with scanned copies of certificates (in single file) should reach the Member Secretary, KSCSTE on or before 21.03.2026, 5.00 pm. Applications will be received only through email (mskscste@gmail.com) in the prescribed format given in the website www.kscste.kerala.gov.in

NOTE : Applicants currently working in government organisations should submit the application through proper channel. The eligible candidates currently working in Government Organisations will be considered for appointment on deputation basis also. In the cases of exceptionally good candidates with proven track record, search- cum- selection committee may relax the requirement of qualification/experience. The Executive Vice President, KSCSTE reserves the right to fill or not to fill the position without assigning any reason.