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KSCSTE – KSCSTE Research Fellowship Programme - selection process – revised -Orders issued.

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**Council (M) Order No116/2022/KSCSTE** Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 17/10/2022

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Read: Minutes of the 59th EC meeting held on 30.09.2022 (Item No.59.17)

**ORDER**

KSCSTE Research Fellowship Programme is one of the prestigious programmes of KSCSTE offering research fellowships to Post Graduate students in Science stream to carryout their Ph.D. Programme. The selection process for the eligible candidates has been revised from time to time since its inception in 2002. Earlier, only first three rank holders in MSc /MTech degree could apply, which was then changed to first 10 positions and now it is applicable to all those who acquire 70% marks or above, with normal relaxation to eligible candidates (SC/ST/PWD). The 52nd EC has decided that the KSCSTE fellowship is to be at par with the CSIR fellowship and the one from KSCSTE will be revised as and when CSIR revises its fellowship.

Presently, the rank list for the fellowship is prepared based on their performance in the screening test and 20% marks from their MSc/MTech degree. CSIR/UGC, DBT and other national funding agencies for research fellowship prepare their rank list purely based only on the written test. This is because the marks from various institutes do not follow a common standard, and the conversion formula from CGPA to percentage marks varies from institutes to institutes. In our State, different Universities and autonomous colleges follow different marking pattern. As normalization on this varying set of marking pattern is complex, the committee constituted for KSCSTE Research Fellowship 2021 recommended to avoid considering the PG mark for finalizing KSCSTE Fellowship Rank list which is at par with the CSIR/UGC/DBT etc. Accordingly, a proposal was placed before the 59th Executive Committee for approval for carrying out the selection process for the KSCSTE

fellowship purely based on performance in the screening test conducted among eligible candidates and Executive Committee agreed the same.

In the circumstances, KSCSTE is pleased to approve the revised selection process for the KSCSTE fellowship which will purely be based on performance in the screening test conducted among eligible candidates.

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