Press Release

It has been decided in the Vice Chancellors Conference held on 27th October, 2014 at Cochin University of Science and Technology to institute Chancellor’s Award for the best University. The State Government provided Rs. 5 crores for instituting the Award for 2014-15.

2. Accordingly a selection committee comprising of the following members was constituted on 2nd June, 2015 for the selection of the best University for the Chancellor’s Award for the year 2014-15:

   i) Dr. K.M. Abraham, Addl. Chief Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department as Chairman

   ii) Dr. Suresh Das, Executive Director, Kerala State Council of Science, Technology and Environment – member

   iii) Prof. Kulbhushan Balooni, Director (i/c), Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode – member

   iv) Prof. V. Ramakrishnan, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Kerala – member

   v) Prof. (Dr.) Rose Varghese, Vice Chancellor, National University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi – member

Shri A. Ajit Kumar, Secretary to Governor/Chancellor as the convener of the committee.

3. The Committee met on 6th July, 2015 & 1st August, 2015 at Kerala Raj Bhavan and discussed in detail the components, methodology for evaluation, the relative weights to each component etc., and also took into account the suggestions received from all the Vice Chancellors and finally firmed up the application form for the Award, with the approval of Hon’ble Chancellor.

4. The application calls for detailed data in respect of various components having critical role in the quality of Higher Education. The components are broadly classified into five, as follows:

   i) Academics (200 marks):

Grade Awarded by NAAC, Percentage of Departments recognised by Agencies or Councils of National importance, number of Books published by Faculty through
reputed publishers (ISBN), number of Research papers in peer reviewed journals Impact
factor, number of papers presented in State, National & International Conferences, total
number of funded projects active above Rs. 5 lakhs, total amount of funded projects,
Research Awards received from prestigious professional/scholarly societies,
National/International Academies, Chair/Endowments established per Department,
number of PhDs produced, Patents filed/granted or Technology transferred, Journals
published by University

ii) Teaching & Pedagogy Methods (75 marks):

Innovations in Teaching - University has to list maximum of 3 innovative
teaching methods with brief description and video presentation not exceeding 5 minutes,
Use of ICT & Multi disciplinary approach – List 3 innovations with brief description,
and brief video presentation not exceeding 5 minutes

iii) Students Profiles & Achievements (75 marks):

Number of applications for Masters Degree per seat, number of Applications for
MPhil/MTech/PhD, Percentage of Foreign Students, number of Students who obtained
NET/JRF/GATE, Percentage of Students placed through the University Placement Cell,
Contribution from Alumni to University, Percentage of post doctorals / doctoral
students and Recognition of Research Students (Young Scientist Award and all awards
received by Students),

iv) Academic Governance (75 marks):

Average time for recognition of Degrees of other Universities – three cases of the
oldest pending and three cases of the latest applications, Average time for declaration of
examination results based on the time taken for the completion of the last theory
examination and the date of publication of results, percentage of progress/completion o:
e-governance (brief note not exceeding 2 pages), and Demand Supply ratio of University
hostels.

v) Other Achievements (75 marks):

Number of Outreach programmes conducted by the University(Exhibition:
Camps etc.), number of Seminars & Conferences conducted by the University for not
less than three days, number of Consultancy assignment, number of MoUs signed with
external organisations and effectively implemented, Printed University Brochure, Rating
of University Website, and Faculty recharging strategies (FDP-FIP, Administrative Staff Colleges etc, brief write-up)

The maximum marks for each of the sub-components has also been assigned by the Committee

5. The National Informatic Centre, Thiruvananthapuram hoisted the Chancellor’s Award Website www.chancellorsaward.kerala.gov.in on 7/09/2015, wherein the application can be accessed by the Universities. All the 13 Universities have been given individual user name / login name and the password. Key for filling up the application has also provided in the website in the help desk.

6. The Vice Chancellors of all the Universities have been informed on 7.09.2015 on the website of Chancellors Award and directed them to fill up the online application with all supporting documents, and arrange to deliver the hard copies of the filled up application along with the accompanying documents in triplicate to Kerala Raj Bhavan within the time limit of 20th September, 2015.

7. On receipt of the application from the Universities, the selection committee for the Chancellor’s Award will consider the applications, evaluate and submit its recommendations to the Hon’ble Chancellor for selecting the best university.

8. This effort will definitely lead to a process of self evaluation of quality of higher education by the Universities themselves as well as persuade them to move up in the quality chain, in search of excellence.

Sd/-
Shri Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam
Governor of Kerala / Chancellor

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