

COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(Abstract)

Interdisciplinary Research Groups- Virtual Centres to promote interdisciplinary research-
Formed- Coordinators for each centres- Nominated-Overall coordination with IQAC-
Sanctioned-Orders issued

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No.IQAC/I.D.Research groups/2018

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ORDER

- Read: (1) Minutes of meeting of IQAC held on 14/02/2018.
(2) Minutes of combined meeting of IQAC Core Committee and newly recruited
faculty members held on 10/04/18.

An academic plan for the next twenty years has been prepared in connection with the submission of detailed project report to MHRD for the status of Institution of Eminence. As per paper read (1) above, it was decided to use this academic plan for the future development of academic activities of the University. In the academic plan, it was proposed to start five virtual centres and identified research groups under these virtual centres to promote interdisciplinary research in the following areas:

1. Basic Science Research
2. Engineering Science and Technology Research
3. Scientific Computing Research
4. Marine Science Research
5. Humanities and Social Science Research

Further, a combined meeting of IQAC Core Committee and newly recruited faculty members held on 10/04/18 recommended vide per paper read (2) above to start these five virtual centres and to nominate faculty members of the University who have at least 5 years of service remaining in the University as coordinators of the virtual centres.

Considering these, sanction is accorded by the Vice- Chancellor for the following:

- i. To start five Virtual Centres in the University for promoting interdisciplinary research as detailed below:
 1. Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Basic Science
 2. Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Engineering Science and Technology
 3. Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Scientific Computing
 4. Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Marine Science
 5. Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Humanities and Social Science
- ii. To nominate the following faculty members as coordinators of these Virtual Centres

Sl.No.	Name of the Virtual Centre	Coordinator
1.	Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Basic Science	Dr.N.Balakrishna Professor, Dept. of Statistics
2.	Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Engineering Science and Technology	Dr.Deepa G.Nair Associate Professor Civil Engineering Division, School of Engineering

3.	Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Scientific Computing	Shri.Baby Chakrapani Associate Professor Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences
4.	Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Marine Science	Dr.A.A.Mohamed Hatha Professor Dept. of Marine Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry
5.	Virtual Centre for Advanced Research in Humanities and Social Science	Dr.Ancesh V.Pillai Assistant Professor School of Legal Studies

- iii. The Director, IQAC is entrusted with the overall coordination of the Virtual Centres and Research Groups
- iv. A monitoring committee is constituted with the following members to review/monitor the activities of the Virtual Centres periodically.
- Vice Chancellor- Chairperson
 - Pro Vice Chancellor
 - Director ,IQAC- Convener
 - Coordinators of Virtual Centres
 - Dr.Sunil K Narayanankutty (Member of IQAC core committee)
 - Dr.S.Harikumar (Member of IQAC core committee)

The research groups which are already identified shall be under the respective virtual centres as detailed in the academic plan prepared in connection with the submission of proposal for Institution of Eminence.

The Coordinators shall coordinate and intensify the research activities of the Virtual Centres and shall identify new interdisciplinary research groups in addition to the already identified groups.

Orders are issued accordingly.


REGISTRAR

To,

- Dr.N.Balakrishna, Professor, Dept. of Statistics.
- Dr.Deepa.G.Nair, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering Division, School of Engineering
- Shri.Baby Chakrapani, Associate Professor & Head, Dept. of Atmospheric Sciences
- Dr.A.A.Mohamed Hatha, Professor, Dept. of Marine Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry
- Dr.Ancesh.V.Pillai, Assistant Professor, School of Legal Studies.
- Dr.Sunil K Narayanankutty, Professor, Controller of Examination, Dept. of Polymer Science & Rubber Technology
- Dr.S.Harikumar, Professor, Dept. of Applied Economics
- Heads of all Departments/Directors of Schools/Centres/Principal, SOE/CUCEK.
- Joint Director, Kerala State Audit Department/PDO/JR (Academic)/JR(Finance).
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