

(Abstract)

Biological Diversity Act 2002 and Rules 2008 - Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Cell - Constituted
- Orders issued.

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Kannur, Dated: 27.04.2021

Read:-1. Letter No. 3407/A8/2014/KSBB dtd. 06.03.2021 from the Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board.

2. Copy of Minutes of the meeting of the third state level steering committee on Biodiversity held on 21.05.2020

ORDER

1. The Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board forwarded vide paper read (1) a copy of the minutes of the meeting (read 2) of the third state level steering committee on biodiversity held on 21.05.2020 with a request to create Access and Benefit (ABS) Cell in the institution.

2. As per the minutes of the meeting held on 22.05.2020, at Agenda 7 : Creation of ABS Cell, it is mentioned that ``It was agreed that KSCSTE and Universities shall start an ABS Cell as early as possible, and the mandate of the ABS cell shall be communicated by KSBB to them``. As per the minutes of the second state level Steering committee meeting on Biodiversity held on 28.10.2019 at Agenda 3 : Implementation of Access And Benefit Sharing (ABS), item no. 4 : Creation of ABS Cell it is stated that ``KSCSTE and Universities may start an ABS Cell for facilitating transfer of patented technology to Industry, ensuring validation of traditional knowledge and facilitating further research for the production of bioproducts and for ensuring the benefit sharing mechanism with local community through ABS.

3. The major functions and responsibilities of ABS Cell as per the guidelines communicated are

- To encourage creative and Innovative research leading to the generation of new knowledge, ideas and inventions using Biological resources.
- To create an awareness about Biodiversity Act and Rules including National and International regulations among faculties and students of the Institution / University.
- To impart guidance on obtaining necessary approvals required from National Biodiversity Authority / State Biodiversity Board as the case may be for research, commercial utilization, biosurvey or bio-utilization / transfer of results of research to foreign nationals / Applying for Intellectual Property Rights for inventions based on any research or information on a biological resource obtained from India / Transfer of biological resources / knowledge already accessed, to a third party / Approvals for Collaborative Research Projects etc.
- For facilitating transfer of patented technology to Industry and for ensuring the benefit sharing mechanism with local community.
- Ensuring validation of traditional knowledge and facilitating further research for their commercial utilization and benefit sharing with knowledge providers.
- to conduct workshops, seminars, and training course on Biodiversity Act and Rules.
- Periodical sharing of information to KSBB.

4. Considering the matter in detail, Pro Vice Chancellor holding charge of the Vice Chancellor has accorded sanction to constitute Access and Benefit sharing (ABS) Cell in the University with the members mentioned below.

Nodal Officer

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Members

(i). **Dr. Anup K.**, Professor, Department of Biotechnology & Microbiology, Kannur University, Dr. Janaki Ammal Campus, Palayad.

(ii). **Dr. Anu Augustine**, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology & Microbiology, Kannur University, Dr. Janaki Ammal Campus, Palayad.

(iii). **Dr. Joseph J. Erinjery**, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Kannur University, Mananthavady Campus, Wayanad.

Legal Expert

Smt. Presanna Kumari E.S., Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Kannur University, Dr. Janaki Ammal Campus, Palayad.

5. Orders are issued accordingly.

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To: Members, ABS Cell

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