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**KERALA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
KARIAVATTOM P.O., TRIVANDRUM**

Established, March, 1989.

*Registered with No. 1492/90 on 7th Nov. 1990*

1. **Name:** The name of the academy shall be 'Kerala Academy of Sciences'. In the following text it may be called shortly as academy. The jurisdiction of the academy is Kerala State.
  
  2. **Aims and objectives:**
    - (i) To promote a free scientific temper among the research workers and the public.
    - (ii) To provide a common forum to exchange views on matters related to Science.
    - (iii) To propagate the essence of the research institutions.
    - (iv) To facilitate the exposure of important achievements in science elsewhere in the country and abroad.
    - (v) To encourage scientists to take up projects in their and related area.
    - (vi) To be a source for initiating inter-disciplinary research.
    - (vii) To make known the facilities available for research in the Universities and elsewhere in the country.
    - (viii) To initiate steps for establishing such facilities in the Universities and Scientific institutions as and when required.
    - (ix) To work for establishing new scientific laboratories for the upliftment of the state in thrust areas and improvement of the Scientific achievements of the country.
    - (x) To organize seminars, symposia, workshops and other suitable programmes to achieve these objectives with the help of scientists in and outside India.
    - (xi) To institute fellowships, award lectures etc. to promote scientists.
    - (xii) To issue bulletins, proceeding etc. of the seminars, lectures etc. periodically.
  
  3. **Address:** The Head Quarters of the Academy shall be in the University of Kerala, Kariavattom Campus, Trivandrum - 696581 till it shall have its own building in the state Capital.
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#### 4. Membership of KAS

There shall be four classes of memberships in the Academy.

- a) **Honorary fellow - FAS (Hon)** Scientists who have made outstanding contribution to science.
- b) **Fellow - FAS** Enrolled as a life member for two or more years and actively engaged in research for at least 10 years. He should have made important contributions in the field of science, technology, medicine etc.
- c) **Member** Any body with master's degree in science / engineering or related subjects / MBBS with a regular institutional affiliation. There shall be a category of life membership paying Rs. 500/- and a category of ordinary membership with annual subscription of Rs. 100/-.
- d) **Student member** Postgraduate students, Research Scholars for M. Phil, Ph.D and post doctoral work. Annual subscription, Rs. 50. Student members will have no voting rights.

All the members should pay Rs. 10 as admission fee for enrollment also.

#### 5. Administration.

Administration of the academy is empowered in a 16 member Executive Council elected by the general body meeting. Conveners of all chapters will be ex-officio members of the executive committee. Council members should be from different fields of science as far as possible. There shall be 1. a President, 2. two Vice Presidents, 3. Gen. Secretary, 4. Joint Secretary and 5. Treasurer.

Their term shall be for two years. Year of account shall be April-March.

The President or in his absence the Vice-President or in the absence of both, a Member elected by the meeting, shall preside at all General body and Executive Committee Meetings and shall have a casting vote.

The Vice President presides over meetings in the absence of the President.

The General Secretary shall summon all Meetings, prepare Agenda and keep the Minutes of the proceedings. He shall run the administrative office of the academy and shall be responsible for all the correspondence of the academy. He shall keep the members of the academy informed of the general activities of the academy either directly or through newsletters.

Joint Secretary shall assist the General Secretary in the summoning of all meetings, the preparations of Agenda and the maintenance of minutes of the meetings.

Treasurer shall receive the subscriptions, pay bills, and present the accounts annually to the Executive committee and to the General Body Meeting. Year of account shall be April-March.

**Executive Committee Members** shall help the General Secretary, advise and supervise all the activities of the academy. They shall be responsible for the financial planning and expenditures of the academy. They will decide to what extent specific duties will be delegated to the individual members of the committee.

#### 6. **Chapters.**

A group of twenty five members out of which at least ten shall be life members are allowed to open a local chapter any where in Kerala. Local chapters may be constituted if the proposal is approved by the executive committee of the Kerala Academy of Sciences (KAS). All chapter members will be members of Kerala Academy of Sciences. The application forms and admission fees should be remitted to KAS. There shall be no separate membership for any chapter. The chapters will be governed by the bylaws of the KAS. There may a Chairman, Vice chairman and a Convener for the chapter elected from among themselves. An executive committee may be nominated by the chapter. The Convener will be Ex-officio member of the executive committee of Kerala Academy of Sciences (KAS).

The annual dues to be collected from the ordinary and student members shall be utilised for the chapters and audited accounts submitted to executive committee of Kerala Academy of Sciences every year. Receipts will be issued by the Treasurer of KAS. The Convener of the chapter should intimate the proposal of activities and reports to the General Secretary every year.

#### 7. **Membership status**

At present we have members from the Universities of Kerala, Kottayam, Cochin and Calicut and from V.S.S.C., C.T.C.R.I., Sree Chitra Thirunal Inst. Medical College Trivandrum, R.R.L Trivandrum and many colleges in Kerala. About 20 life members, 150 members and 30 student members, have enrolled so far. Local Chapters are working at Kariyavattom, V.S.S.C., R.R.L, M.G.University Kottayam, Cochin University and Medical College, Trivandrum.