

**APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University
Thiruvananthapuram**

Abstract

APJAKTU-Estt-Appointment of Ombudsperson in the University-Sanctioned-Orders issued.

ADMINISTRATION

U.O.No. 2682/2023/KTU

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 15.10.2023

*Read:-*1.The University Grants Commission (Redressal and Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2023.

2.Resolution of the 49th meeting of the Syndicate of the University held on 25.09.2023 (item No S-049-020)

ORDER

Clause 6(i) of the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations 2023 provides that each University shall appoint an Ombudsperson for redressal of grievances of students of the University and Colleges/ institutions affiliated with the University.

Clause 6 (iii) provides that "The Ombudsperson shall be a retired Vice-Chancellor or a retired Professor (who has worked as Dean/HOD) and has 10 years experience as a Professor at State/Central Universities/Institutions of National importance/Deemed to be Universities or a former District Judge "

Clause 6 (iv) provides that "the Ombudsperson shall not, at the time of appointment, during one year before appointment, or in the course of his/ her tenure as Ombudsperson, be in conflict of interest with the Institution where his/ her personal relationship, professional affiliations or financial interest may compromise or reasonably appear to compromise, the independence of judgment towards the Institution".

The matter of appointment of Ombudsperson for the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University was placed before the 49th meeting held on 25.09.2023 Syndicate for consideration. The Syndicate vide agenda item No S-049-020 resolved to appoint Dr Dharmaraj Adat, "Samskrithi", Kalady PO, Ernakulam-683574 as the Ombudsperson of the APJ Abdul kalam Technological University.

Dr Dharmaraj Adat is the former Vice-Chancellor of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala. It is seen that during one year before from now, Dr Dharmaraj Adat has had no interest which is in conflict with the interests of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University. Therefore, it is seen that Dr.Dharmaraj Adat fulfills the criteria prescribed in Clause 6 (iii) and (iv) of the reference (1) above cited and therefore eligible to be appointed as Ombudsperson of the University.

The resolution of the Syndicate referred (2) above, to appoint Dr Dharmaraj Adat has been accorded sanction by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to be implemented

Accordingly Dr Dharmaraj Adat is hereby appointed as the Ombudsperson of the APJ Abdul kalam Technological University.

The appointment shall take effect from the date Dr Dharmaraj Adat takes over charge of the office of the Ombudsperson of the APJ Abdul kalam Technological University. Dr Dharmaraj Adat shall take over charge before the Hon'ble. Vice Chancellor of the University.

The appointment, tenure and removal of the Dr Dharmaraj Adat as Ombudsperson of the University shall be governed by Clause 6(i), (v), (vii) and (viii) of UGC Regulations 2023.



Dr Dharmaraj Adat as Ombudsperson of the University shall be paid sitting fees, per diem, as fixed by the University for conducting hearings. Sitting fees per diem payable shall be fixed by the University and communicated in due course which shall be payable by the University on self certification.

Dr.Dharmaraj Adat as Ombudsperson of the University shall be eligible for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred for conveyance for the purpose of conducting hearings from the University on self-certification.

The place/places, for conducting hearings shall be as determined by the University and communicated in due course.

In respect of matters other than those referred above, Dr.Dharmaraj Adat as the Ombudsperson of the University, would be governed by the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Redressal of Grievances of Students) Regulations 2023 and shall also ensure compliance of the provisions contained therein.

Sd/-

Dr.A. Praveen *
Registrar

Copy to:-

- 1.Dr Dharmaraj Adat
- 2.Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department(withC/L)
- 3.PS to VC/Registrar
- 4.CoE/Dean(Acd/Research)
- 5.Director(Acd)/JRs/DRs/ARs
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