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PROCEEDINGS

Higher Education - Technical- Plan Budget 2026-27 - Research Initiatives - IGNITE (Innovation Grant for Nurturing Ideas, Technology & Entrepreneurship) Scheme at various Government Engineering Colleges – Comprehensive Administrative Sanction Accorded – Orders Issued – Reg.

PLANNING SECTION

No. L5/9383/2026 **Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 13-11-2026**

Read:- 1. State Plan Budget 2026-27
2. Note received from SJD ECS ,Dated - 30/10/2026

ORDER

Keralam Government, as per the State Plan Budget 2026-27 read as (1) above, have provided an outlay of ₹ 613.00 Lakh under the umbrella scheme "Research Initiatives" (Head of Account: 2203-00-004-93) for the overall development of research activities, technical innovation, and infrastructural enhancement across technical education institutions in the State. Under this umbrella head, IGNITE (Innovation Grant for Nurturing Ideas, Technology & Entrepreneurship) is one of the established key programs for Students.

Accordingly IGNITE (Innovation Grant for Nurturing Ideas, Technology & Entrepreneurship) is formulated to nurture creative thinking, technical design, and problem-solving skills among undergraduate engineering students. The scheme provides a maximum financial assistance of ₹50,000/- per B.Tech student batch across Government Engineering Colleges, enabling young innovators to convert creative concepts into working prototypes and impactful technological solutions..

In accordance with reference (1) cited above, Comprehensive Administrative Sanction is hereby accorded for an amount of ₹ 33,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Only) to support 66 B.Tech student batches across 9 Government Engineering Colleges, as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Project and Institution	No. of B.Tech. Batches	Administrative Sanction Amount (₹)
1	College of Engineering, Thiruvananthapuram (CET)	13	6,50,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
2	Government Engineering College, Thrissur (GEC TCR)	10	5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only)
3	Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology, Kottayam (RIT)	7	3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
4	Government Engineering College, Kozhikkode	7	3,50,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
5	Government Engineering College, Idukki	6	3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only)
6	Government Engineering College, Sreekrishnapuram, Palakkad	6	3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only)
7	Government Engineering College, Wayanad	6	3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only)
8	Government College of Engineering, Kannur	6	3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Only)
9	Government Engineering College, Barton Hill (GECBH)	5	2,50,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
	Grand Total	**66**	**33,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Only)**

In the aforesaid circumstances, Comprehensive Administrative Sanction is hereby accorded to the Principals of Engineering Colleges as detailed above for meeting requirements of IGNITE scheme for a total admissible amount of ₹ 33,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Only) and per batch ceiling of Rs.50,000/-(Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) with total number of batches as per stated above subject to the following conditions:

1. Colleges may conduct a hackathon to find projects which could be funded which has the potential to be a good project, preferably useful to the society.

2. The scheme shall be implemented in compliance with all Government rules and administrative orders in force by observing all procedural formalities. Store Purchase Rules (SPR) shall be followed per the delegation of powers of the Head of the Institution while according Purchase and Payment sanction at the Institution level.

3. Utilization Certificate (UC) along with audited statement of expenditure has to be produced to this office within 3 months on completion of the programme.

The expenditure on this account will be met from the Head of Account 2203-00-004-93-PLAN (Research Initiatives)

Dr JAYAPRAKASH P

DIRECTOR

To,

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