



**UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT**

**Abstract**

Administration - Establishment - Appointment of Sri. K. Sasikumar, Advocate, High Court of Kerala to represent the University of Calicut in the High Court petitions W.P.(C) No. 20115/2023 and W. P. ( C) No. 23829/2023 - subject to reporting to the Syndicate under Section 10 (13), Chapter 3, CU Act 1975 - Sanctioned - Orders issued

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**Ad.-F**

U.O.No. 8324/2025/Admn

Dated, Calicut University.P.O, 03.06.2025

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- Read:-*1. Lr. No. KHEF/07/2024 dated 24.07.2024, from Sri. Babu K. P., President, Higher Education Forum, Manjeri, Malappuram  
2. U. O. No. 14515/2021/Admn dated 06.11.2021  
3. Orders of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor in the file of even No. dated 28.03.2025

**ORDER**

As per the paper read as first above, Sri. Babu K. P, President, Higher Education Forum, has submitted a letter inviting attention of the University regarding the representation of the University of Calicut in the ongoing High Court petitions (WPC 20115/2023 and WPC 23829/2023) concerning the enactment of the Sree Narayanaguru Open University Act and its implications on distance education programs.

2. It is stated that in the letter that the University's Standing Counsel has failed to inform the High Court of our readiness to resume distance education programs, provided the government permits it. The Counsel did not present the fact that the University of Calicut possesses the necessary facilities and that the UGC has granted its permission for these programs. This oversight has resulted in a grave misrepresentation of our position.

3. It has also stated that the Standing Counsel of the University of Calicut and the Standing Counsel of the Sree Narayanaguru Open University (respondent) are the same individual. This dual representation constitutes a clear conflict of interest and has likely contributed to the failure to adequately represent the interest of this University. Hence it is requested to appoint a new Counsel to represent the University of Calicut in the High Court for these and other similar petitions.

4. As per the paper read as second above, orders were issued by the University entrusting Sri. K Sasikumar, Advocate, High Court of Kerala, M. M. Cherian Law Chambers, St. Vincent Road, Ernakulam North, Kochi to appear before the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in the place of Adv. Asok M. Cherian, in the cases in which Adv. P. C. Sasdiharan, the Standing Counsel of the University is incapacitated to appear on behalf of the University of Calicut.

5. Considering the matter in detail, sanction has been accorded by the Vice Chancellor to appoint Sri K. Sasikumar, Advocate, High Court of Kerala to represent the University of Calicut in

the High Court Petitions W.P.(C)No. 20115/2023 and WP.(C)No. 23829/2023 subject to reporting to the Syndicate under Section 10 (13), Chapter 3, CU Act 1975.

6. Sri K. Sasikumar, Advocate, High Court of Kerala, is eligible for legal charges as detailed in the UO. No. 4685/2022/Admn dated 17.02.2022.

Orders are issued accordingly

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Assistant Registrar

To

- 1, Sri. Sasikumar , Advocate, High Court of Kerala, M. M. Cherian Law Chambers, St. Vincent Road, Ernakulam North, Kochi-682018
2. Sri. Sasidharan P.C., Standing Counsel of the University, High Court of Kerala.

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Section Officer