

**APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University
Thiruvananthapuram**

Abstract

APJAKTU - Academic- Request for B.Tech(Honours) Degree , submitted by 19 B.Tech students of 2016-20 batch Civil Engineering of Government Engineering College, Kannur - Sanctioned Credits earned - Orders issued.

ACADEMIC SECTION

U.O.No. 632/2021/KTU

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 15.04.2021

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- Read:-*1. Request dated 25/11/2020, received from the Principal, GEC Kannur.
2. Request dated 30/12/2020, submitted by the 19 students of Civil 2016-20 batch.
3. Request dated 03/01/2020, of the students forwarded from the Office of the Minister for Higher Education.
4. Minutes of the 20th meeting of the Syndicate held on 18/03/2021, item no. S-020-012.

ORDER

Vide paper read as (1) above, request was received from the Principal of GEC, Kannur informing that 19 students of 2016-20 batch Civil Engineering of the College had done MOOC courses, instead of M.Tech electives, for the awarding of the B.Tech (Honours) degree. The students earned 12 credits from 2 electives of B.Tech, one M.Tech elective and one MOOC course.

It was explained that the MOOC courses were selected for Honours degree based on U.O.No.724/2019/KTU dated 06/12/2019. The above order stated that **the student has to earn minimum 12 credits, taking at least 4 additional courses, of which 2 should be from the list of B.Tech electives offered by the respective stream, and the remaining 2 courses must be MOOC courses approved by the University.** It was not apparent in the order, that the above order is applicable only for 2017 admission onwards. A clarification order, in this regard,(U.O.No. 108/2020/KTU dated 20/01/2020) was issued only after the students had almost been into half of their 8th semester. Hence the students were advised to take one MOOC course instead of M.Tech elective.

It was requested that the hard work and effort put in by the students be considered and as a special case, help the students to earn the B.Tech Honours degree.

Vide references cited(2) and (3) above, students made request to the Registrar of this university and at the office of the Minister for Higher Education. In the requests, it was mentioned that

- (a) after completing the MOOC course, the students had uploaded the certificates in the university portal, and the student portal showed that they had gained 12 credits.
- (b) it was informed from the college that the college were unaware of the university order dated 20/01/2020, and hence **were unable** to intimate the students that the amendment made to the B.Tech honours regulations **were not applicable to the students (2016 admission).**

It was requested that considering the case on humanitarian grounds and, treating the omission occurred as **not intentional** and, in view of the fact that as per the revised B.Tech (Honours) regulations, the requirement for B.Tech(Honours) is completing 2 B.Tech electives and 2 MOOC courses, the students **may be granted** Honors Degree, by



considering the request positively.

The student representative of the Syndicate presented the issue of students of GEC, Kannur before the Syndicate meeting held on 31/12/2020. Syndicate while considering the matter, requested the student representative to present the details to the Dean(Academics), as a request/resolution, and accordingly the issue will be taken up in the next meeting of the Syndicate.

The Board of Studies, of Civil Engineering held on 06/03/2021, considered the matter and recommended that the concern raised by the students of GEC-Kannur **are genuine**, and is to be considered positively, on humanitarian grounds, considering the fact that they worked hard, and gained the required credits, though the course requirement was slightly deviated. The BoS recommended to consider the 12 credits (Two B.Tech electives, one M.Tech elective and one MOOC), earned by the above students , for the awarding of B.Tech(Honours) degree to them.

The matter was presented before the Syndicate vide reference cited (4) above, along with the recommendations of the BoS of Civil Engineering. The Syndicate "resolved to approve the recommendations of the concerned Board of Studies on the matter, at the best academic interest of the students, **subject to** ratification by the Board of Governors, and on the condition that "such actions should not set a **precedent**".

Sanction, has therefore, been accorded by the Vice Chancellor, to consider the 12 credits earned by registering for two B.Tech electives, one M.Tech Elective and one MOOC for the purpose of B.Tech(Honours) by the students of 2016-20 batch admitted to B.Tech (Civil Engineering) in Government Engineering College Kannur and to award B.Tech (Honours) Degree to these students, if they have complied with other eligibility criteria for awarding Honours Degree. This order is issued on humanitarian grounds and should not be set as a precedent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-

Dr. Sadiq A. *
Dean (Academic)

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1. Principal, GEC, Kannur.
2. Controller of Examinations(for further necessary action).
3. AD(IT), to publish in the website and for necessary s/w updation.
4. PS to VC/PVC, Dean(Acad), JR(Acad), JD(Acad).
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Section Officer

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