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EXPERT GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON HIGHER EDUCATION

SUMMARY OF ISSUES UNDER THE THEMES IDENTIFIED

DISCUSSIONS HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2012 IN THE PRESENCE OF THE
HONOURABLE CHIEF MINISTER AND PRESIDED OVER BY THE
HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

THEME I: QUALITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN KERALA

1. AUTONOMY FOR COLLEGES
2. DEEMED UNIVERSITIES
3. PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES
4. SELECTED COLLEGES CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE – DRAWING UP AN ACTION PLAN
5. PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES & INSTITUTIONS IN KERALA
6. PROMOTING THE NEW KERALA TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY AS AN UNIVERSITY OF EXCELLENCE WITH ENTRY CRITERIA BASED ON PERFORMANCE
7. COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO ENCOURAGE ‘LIFE LONG LEARNING’ OF PEOPLE
8. ADOPTING SYLLABI FOLLOWED BY NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN VARIOUS SUBJECTS

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- a. EQUIP TEACHERS TO DELIVER SUCH CONTENT
 - b. AVOID LOWERING STANDARDS THROUGH BOARD OF STUDIES AND ACADEMIC COUNCILS OF UNIVERSITIES
9. EXPAND THE SCOPE OF TEACHER TRAINING FOLLOWED BY THEIR ASSESSMENT AT THE END OF TRAINING
10. ADOPTING AND SIMPLIFYING THE UNIVERSITY ACTS AND ALLOWING ONLY PERSONS OF ACADEMIC EMINENCE TO BE ON ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES IN THE UNIVERSITIES

THEME II: EQUITY AND ACCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

11. INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION
- a. GOVERNMENT
 - b. AIDED
 - c. SELF FINANCING SECTORS
12. TECHNOLOGY IN HIGHER EDUCATION
- a. INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONNECTIVITY (INCLUDING NATION MISSION ON ICT IN EDUCATION)
 - b. USE OF WWW AS MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION
13. ROLE OF INDUSTRY AND CORPORATE INDIA IN FURTHERING HIGHER EDUCATION
14. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACCESS AND EQUITY
- a. GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED MODEL OF SCHOLARSHIPS
 - b. PUBLIC – PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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THEME III: EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND EFFICIENCY

15. USE OF IT IN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE
 - a. TIMELY PUBLICATION OF UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
 - b. UNIFORM CALENDAR FOR ALL UNIVERSITIES
 - c. REDUCTION OF ESTABLISHMENT EXPENDITURE
16. COMMON BOARD OF STUDIES AND ACADEMIC COUNCILS FOR NATIONAL PROGRAMMES
17. INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRES AS A WAY FORWARD TO SAVE RESOURCES AND POOL TALENT
18. TREATING TEACHERS IN AIDED COLLEGES ON PAR WITH TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT COLLEGES IN THE MATTER OF PARTICIPATING IN ELECTIONS TO PUBLIC BODIES
19. CONSENSUS FROM POLITICAL PARTIES ON EXEMPTING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS DURING ALL BANDHS/HARTALS
20. ENSURING MINIMUM STIPULATED WORKING DAYS FOR EACH COURSE/PROGRAMME COMPULSORY – AND COMPENSATING FOR DAYS LOST BY HARTAL AND BANDHS BY WORKING ON HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS
21. PUBLICATION OF TEACHER PERFORMANCE SCORES AND ATTENDANCE OF ALL COLLEGES ON THE WEBSITE (THESE ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS THAT FALL UNDER THE PURVIEW UNDER THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT)