

Prathibha scholarship list

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As many as 100 students doing degree courses in basic and natural sciences have qualified for the Prathibha scholarship 2013-14 instituted by the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE).

Merin Jose V., Christ College, Irinjalakuda, Aparna S., Union Christian College, Aluva and Aswathi N.S., Government Victoria College, Palakkad, have secured the top ranking with 100 per cent marks in the higher secondary examination. The top 100 ranks have been secured by students who have scored above 95.8 per cent for Science subjects for the higher secondary examination under State category and 94.5 per cent under the CBSE category. All the selected candidates have passed Plus Two from Kerala and are doing the degree courses in affiliated colleges in the State.

The winners are eligible for a scholarship of Rs. 12,000, Rs. 18,000 and Rs. 24,000, respectively, during the first, second and third year of their degree course. The scholarship can be continued for exceptionally meritorious students for their postgraduate course. The scheme offers continuous mentoring through science orientation programmes. The rank list has been published on www.kscste.kerala.gov.in. The students are requested to furnish documents by following the guidelines published on the website for confirmation within 15 days. The council is offering the scholarship to encourage students to pursue higher education in science.

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It is often perceived that Science is not a girl's cup of tea. Girls outshine boys, in science streams in the Class X and Class XII examinations, colleges etc. But what happens to them after that? The number of women receiving degrees in the sciences and engineering translates to an even smaller percentage of women at upper echelons of science administration and management. Science has been considered as a hitherto male-dominated field till a few years ago, but now it is increasingly

becoming apparent that women scientists are finally making their mark in this field.

The Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE) has made sincere efforts to eradicate the source of apprehension that science field is not fit for women. The institution possesses a 'Women scientist division' to promote participation of Women in Science, Engineering, Medicine and allied disciplines in the State of Kerala. The Division is committed to implement programmes and projects to promote women in science and technology in the State of Kerala. An assortment of programmes and funds are set up by Kerala State Council for Science and Technology and Environment for women.

Kerala State Council for Science and Technology and Environment has set up 'Back to lab programme' where fund is constituted for the purpose of giving assistance in the form of fellowship-cum- project grant to qualified women researchers in Kerala, for pursuing research in frontier areas of S&T. Grants will be paid for specific projects to cover expenditure on acquisition of minor equipment, laboratory supplies, cost of books and periodicals, publication of research papers, cost on internal travels including participation in scientific conferences/symposia or for any other specific purpose. The grant also covers the 'Post Doctoral/Research Fellowship' to the selected eligible woman scientist. A fellowship solely for women is a huge impetus and it helps to enhance the confidence of women scientists who are cynical about re-entering the field after a long break.

The Institute is also dealing with a project on database of women in science in Kerala. The objective of the project is to analyze the status of women in the state and to address the concerns of underrepresentation of women in higher levels of science professions and academics. Containing the contributions of women achievers in science and technology, the database aims to inspire young girls to develop a passion for science, to take up science as a

challenging profession and transform Kerala into an innovative, knowledge-based society. WSD is also initiating a website for online registration of women scientists in Kerala.

Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE) is launching a new Programme entitled "STARS" - "Students with talent and aptitude for research in Science". "STARS" is an innovative programme with foresight for attracting student talents with an aptitude for research and innovation, to a career in Basic & Applied sciences. The Programme will be implemented in the following 2 schemes a) Student Programme For Excellence in Experimental Design- (SPEED) where aspiring science students have the chance to attend a 5- day orientation programme in selected R&D centres in the State of Kerala. This programme will enable them to familiarise with the kind of research activities going on in standard research laboratories in the State and thus develop a passion for science research. B) The 'KSCSTE Pratibha Scholarship scheme' offers scholarship for the toppers in science subjects in the higher Secondary Examination to pursue undergraduate course in Basic /Applied Science subjects.

Vocational Skill Oriented Reinstatement Training (VSORT) by KSCSTE is a scheme entitled for socially isolated and under privileged women/ girls to acquire S&T based skills in a career oriented background. VSORT programme is an open door opportunity for women confined under various circumstances, to get trained in selected S&T based skills that help them to equip themselves to be financially independent, either by taking up paid jobs or through self employment. The programme targets women prisoners within state of Kerala. The goal of this programme is to prepare prisoners to be self-reliant when they are released on completion of their term, through S& T Skills. The training prepares them to find jobs applying advanced technology upon their release from prison. This would greatly reduce their recidivism rate.

Women's issues matter to women in science and technology fields, and in society at large. Improving women's prospects in science will benefit both the sciences and the cause of women in general, as it will boost up the women seeking equality in other endeavors. By developing acumen for women in science and implementing programmes and projects to promote women in science and technology and making it possible for women to advance in the science arena, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE) has truly become an exemplary model for other institutions.

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KSCSTE Pratibha merit scholarships for 82 students

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The Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment (KSCSTE) has chosen 82 students from across the state for its inaugural Pratibha merit scholarships which have been instituted to encourage school students to pursue higher education in science and take up scientific research as a career.

Rosmi Abraham, who is currently pursuing BSc (Physics) at Sacred Heart College, Thevara in Kochi, topped the list of scholarship winners after securing 100 percent marks in her higher secondary examination from St. George HSS, Muthalakodam, Thodupuzha in Idukki district.

The full rank-list is available on the official KSCSTE website www.kscste.kerala.gov.in.

KSCSTE will felicitate all 2012-13 awardees at a ceremony to be held here on March 14 where Chief Minister Oommen Chandy will present the Pratibha scholarships to the selected students.

The Pratibha scholarship aims to identify and nurture a core group of students to pursue higher studies in basic and natural sciences (BSc degree/Integrated MSc degree course) at universities or institutions in India.

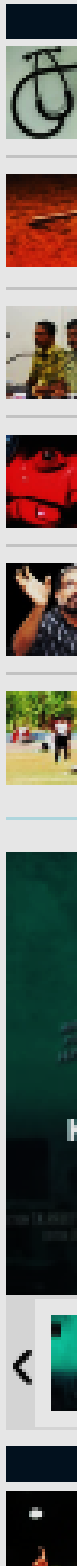
Scholarships are offered for students who have qualified meritoriously in the higher secondary examination in science subjects from any of the boards of education - CBSE, State Board or CISCE - from Kerala.

Students of Indian origin, who have obtained not less than 90 percent marks or equivalent grade in higher secondary examination are eligible for applying for the scholarship.

One hundred scholarships are offered annually as per ranking based on the marks secured in higher secondary examination for all science subjects.

Aspiring science students at Plus II-level can find more information on application forms and other details for the Pratibha scheme on the KSCSTE website www.kscste.kerala.gov.in under programmes of Women Scientist Division.



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Skill training to be extended to two more women's jails

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Buoyed by the success of the vocational skill-oriented reinstate training (VSORT) programme currently under way at women's prison at Attakulangara here, the prison authorities have granted permission to Centre for Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development (C-STED) to extend the scheme to the women's prisons at Viyyur in Thrissur and in Kannur.

Though the scheme has been initiated by the women scientists' division of Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), it is implemented by C-STED with funds approved by KSCSTE. When C-STED had approached KSCSTE seeking permission to extend the scheme to other jails, KSCSTE authorities had directed it to obtain the approval from prison authorities.

Now, KSCSTE officials say that C-STED has obtained the permission but the KSCSTE committee has to now sanction the funds for the initiative. "We got the approval from the prison authorities last week. We are now awaiting the KSCSTE nod," added C-STED project engineer Lathika G.

The Attakulangara prison inmates have successfully completed training in computerized data entry and agriculture related skill training in vegetable nursery, seed production, mushroom cultivation and are now into vermin-composting which will be completed by the month-end. By then, the C-STED will get the KSCSTE nod (with the administrative sanction of funds) to extend the scheme to other women prisons by February, she said.

"The C-STED's proposal will now be put before the KSCSTE committee for approval. Prison inmates are too keen and forthcoming to learn the livelihood skills," said KSCSTE women scientists' division head K R Lekha.

Each skill development programme will be of six months duration and it can be offered by research institutions, colleges, universities, other registered institutions from state or central government departments, agencies and societies.