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Sub:- APJAKTU - Academic - Message of the Hon'ble Chancellor - Obtaining a declaration regarding dowry - Circular issued - Reg.

Ref :- D.O. Letter No GS-65/2021 dated 14/7/2021 of Hon'ble chancellor.

His Excellency the Governor of Kerala and the Chancellor of the University has issued a letter said in Reference to the Vice Chancellor regarding dowry. The colleges and other institutions affiliated to the University have been requested to spearhead campaigns to disseminate the message to eradicate the dowry system and reinforce the commitment of the academic community towards gender justice and social empowerment. His Excellency the Governor has urged to make provision for obtaining a declaration from the students of the University at the time of issue of degree, diploma or certificate by the University. A copy of the letter is enclosed.

A model form of the declaration has also been forwarded which is enclosed herewith.

It is hereby informed that any student applying for a degree certificate, postgraduate degree certificate, diplomas and other certificates from the University shall submit the undertaking enclosed in this circular through the University portal along with application for the same.

This has the approval of the Honorable Vice Chancellor.

Dr. Sadiq A. *
Dean (Academic)

To

All Heads of affiliated colleges and institutions.

* This is a computer system (Digital File) generated letter. Hence there is no need for a physical signature.





D.O. No. GS-65/2021

14 July, 2021

Dear Vice Chancellor,

As you are aware, the youth of our State in general and students in particular are shocked and dismayed at the recent unfortunate dowry and domestic violence driven deaths.

What adds to the trauma is that such unsettling incidents have occurred in the most literate State, which takes pride in its badge of outstanding social parameters.

Here, I would like to quote the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, who said: 'Any young man who makes dowry a condition to marriage, discredits his education and his country and dishonours womanhood'.

Our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has repeatedly emphasized that Dowry is a social evil and it should find no place in our social sphere. And, our Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan recently, while deprecating dowry system, had opined that marriage must not be a pompous show of family's status and wealth and that we must accept the truth that women are not inferior.

As we are aware, giving and taking dowry is a criminal offence and as per Section 3 of Dowry Prohibition Act of 1961, attracts imprisonment up to five years. Additionally, Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code provides that if the husband or relative of the husband of a woman subjecting her to cruelty shall be punished with imprisonment up to 3 years.

We have designated Government institutions to legally tackle the menace of dowry related violence and to punish the offenders. Besides, awareness campaigns have been underway for decades.



Yet, the spectre of dowry continues to raise its ugly head, emphasizing the urgent need for strong social intervention to stamp out the evil practice.

At present, our society feels the pressing need for strong and productive social intervention so as to synergise ongoing government efforts and awareness campaigns to eradicate the dowry system.

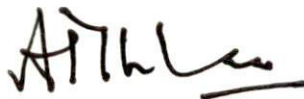
The loss of precious young lives on the altar of dowry and domestic violence entails our universities to lead from the front to sensitize students, office bearers of University and College unions, the units of National Service Scheme and NCC etc. and organize awareness campaigns against the practice of dowry. The colleges and other institutions affiliated to your university may be requested to spearhead campaigns to disseminate the message among every section of our society.

I am enclosing the format of a declaration of not giving or taking dowry or directly or indirectly abetting the giving or taking of dowry. I urge you to make provisions for obtaining this declaration from students at the time of issue of the Degree, Diploma or certificate.

I am sure that such positive measures would reinforce the commitment of the academic community towards gender justice and social empowerment.

With regards

Yours sincerely,



(Arif Mohammed Khan)

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DECLARATION

_____ s/o _____ aged _____
years. Resident of _____
_____, do hereby declare
at:-

1. I shall not give or take or abet the giving or taking of dowry.
2. I shall not demand directly or indirectly, from the parents or guardians of a bride or bridegroom, as the case may be, any dowry.

Signature _____

