

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 118TH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON
13-03-2025, 10.30 AM AT BOARD ROOM, KVAFSU, BIDAR**

I. MEMBERS PRESENT

(A) Ex –Officio Members

- | | | |
|----|--|----------|
| 1. | The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor
KVAFSU, Bidar | Chairman |
| 2. | The Principal Secretary to Government
Law Department, Bangalore
(Attenddy by Dy Secretary) | Member |
| 3. | Director
Dept. of AH & VS, Bangalore
(Attended online) | Member |
| 4. | Director,
Fisheries Department
Bangalore
(Online) | Member |
| 5. | The Registrar,
Member Secretary
KVAFSU, Bidar | Member |

(B) Other Members

- | | | |
|----|---|--------|
| 1. | Smt.Latha.D.H
Women Social Worker
Challekere | Member |
| 2. | Dr.Venkatachala.V.S
Rural Educationist
Doddaballapur | Member |
| 3. | Dr.H.M.Jayaprakash
Scientist
Heddur Thirthhalli | Member |
| 4. | Sri.Sangappa Walikar
Progressive Livestock Farmer
Kavadimatti, Muddebihal | Member |
| 5. | Sri. Baswaraj.P.Bhatmurge
Progressive Fisherman
Channabasavanagar, Bidar | Member |
| 6. | Dr.R.Anil kumar
Director of Clinics
TANVAS, Chennai | Member |

Members Absent

- | | | |
|----|---|--------|
| 1. | The Principal Secretary to Government
Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department
Bangalore | Member |
|----|---|--------|

- | | | |
|----|--|--------|
| 2. | The Principal Secretary to Government
Finance Department
Bangalore | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Shirish Upadhaya
Dean, MAFSU
Nagpur (online) | Member |

The Registrar & Member Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Members of the Board of Management to the 118th Meeting of the Board of Management. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Chairman welcomed all the Members of the Board and informed the Registrar & Member Secretary to proceed with the presentation of the agenda for the meeting.

Item No.1 Action Taken on the proceedings of 117th Meeting of Board of Management of KVAFSU, Bidar held on 04-01-2025 at Veterinary College, Bangalore

Resolution

The Board of Management perused the action taken on the proceedings of 116th Meeting of Board of Management held on 04-01-2025 and confirmed the same with the following suggestions/comments on some of the following items.

(A:R)

MAIN ITEMS OF 117TH MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KVAFSU, BIDAR

Item No.2 Regarding the additional charge of Mr. Ahmed, Accounts Officer, Zilla Panchayat Bidar, being assigned as the Comptroller of the University by the Finance Department

Resolution

The Board of Management of Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University under took a comprehensive deliberation regarding the issuance of Order No.: KUVAFSU(B):FAC:Report:2024-25:796, dated 12th December 2024. This order pertained to the assignment of the additional charge of the Comptroller of the University to Mr. Ahmed, the incumbent Accounts Officer of Zilla Panchayat Bidar, an action taken in accordance with the provisions outlined under Rule 68 of the Karnataka Civil Services Rules by the State Government. Following a thorough examination of the implications and the immediate operational needs of the University, the Board resolved to grant its formal approval for the aforementioned assignment of additional charge to Mr. Ahmed, Moreover, acknowledging the sustained and critical importance of maintaining robust financial management and ensuring the long-term efficiency of the University's administrative framework, the Board unanimously reiterated its considered directive to the University administration. This directive mandates the immediate formulation and submission of a detailed and comprehensive proposal to the Government of Karnataka, advocating for the appointment of a dedicated, full-time Comptroller for Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar.

(A:R)

Item No.3 Regarding the issuance of a notification to fill the backlog direct recruitment positions (ST-Non Teaching Posts) at the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Hebbal-Bengaluru

Resolution

The Board of Management, having received the Director's briefing on the direct recruitment of Scheduled Tribe non-teaching backlog positions at the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Hebbal-Bengaluru, resolved to direct the concerned administrative authorities to promptly initiate and conclude this recruitment process in strict adherence to all relevant government and university regulations, including the issuance of notification, transparent selection, and subsequent appointments. (A:R)

Item No.1 Action taken on the proceedings of Special Meeting of Board of Management of KVAFSU, Bidar held on 06-02-2025 at Veterinary College, Hebbal, Bangalore

Item No.08 Proposal for Cloud-Based SAAS Module for Admission and Examination ERP at KVAFSU, Bidar

Resolution

Regarding the proposal for a Cloud-Based SAAS Module for Admission and Examination, the Board of Management, following thorough deliberation, acknowledged its urgent necessity for the efficient conduct of the university's expanding academic activities, including admissions, examinations, PDC, Degree Certificates, and related administrative functions necessitated by the increasing student population, and therefore resolved to instruct the Controller of Examinations to proceed with the tendering process for the aforementioned module in strict accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) regulations. (A:R)

BEFORE DISCUSSING THE AGENDA ITEMS OF THE 118TH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING, THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT DISCUSSED THE DECISIONS MADE DURING THE PREVIOUS BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The following encapsulates key deliberations and directives emanating from the recent meeting of the Board of Management, addressing various administrative and developmental matters of the University and its constituent units:

1. Scheduling of Board of Management Meetings: The Board took cognizance of the concerns raised by the Board Member Director (Fisheries) Mr. Dinesh regarding the inappropriateness of scheduling Board of Management meetings concurrently with sessions of the Legislative Assembly. The Honorable Vice-Chancellor assured the Board that proactive measures will be instituted to ensure future Board meetings are scheduled to avoid such overlaps, thereby facilitating the full participation of all members and respecting the legislative calendar.

2. Progress of Infrastructure Development – Kannada Auditorium, Hebbal Campus: Board Member Mr. Venkatachala V.S. articulated the Board's

concern regarding the lack of tangible progress in the installation of seating within the Kannada auditorium at the Hebbal campus, notwithstanding the allocation of a substantial grant of Rupees Eighteen Lakhs (₹ 18,00,000/-) a year prior. In response, the Executive Engineer (In-charge), Mr. Damodar, reported prior discussions with the Honorable Vice-Chancellor on this matter. The Vice-Chancellor thereupon directed that the concerned engineering division shall initiate and finalize the procurement and installation of the chairs in strict adherence to the stipulations of the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act and Rules, with a definitive timeline for completion not exceeding April 2025.

3. Settlement of Goods and Services Tax (GST) for Service Providers:

Board Member Mr. Venkatachala V.S. revisited the ongoing matter concerning the settlement of Goods and Services Tax (GST) payments to the agencies providing Security and Janitorial services to the University. He recalled the prior directive to obtain the requisite documentation from the service providers. In this context, the Board directed the Comptroller to undertake a thorough review of the submitted documents and to initiate further necessary action for the timely and appropriate settlement of these dues, ensuring compliance with all applicable tax regulations.

4. Infrastructure Development – Veterinary College, Athani:

Board Member Mr. Venkatachala V.S. inquired about the status of the outstanding payment of Rupees Eighty-Four Lakhs (₹ 84,00,000/-) for completed works related to the establishment of the Veterinary College, Athani. The Comptroller apprised the Board that the said payment has already been processed and disbursed. Furthermore, regarding the infrastructural requirements for the second academic year of the Veterinary College, Athani, encompassing the provision of a water tank, borewell, vehicle shed, and other essential works, the Vice-Chancellor directed that the University Engineer shall initiate the process of calling for tenders for these works in the ensuing fiscal year, subsequent to the receipt of formal administrative approval from the Government.

5. Procurement of Assets – Fisheries College, Mangalore:

Board Member Mr. Venkatachala V.S. expressed the Board's concern regarding the lack of progress in the procurement of a boat and a bus for the Fisheries College, Mangalore, despite the approval accorded in a previous Board of Management meeting. The Estate Officer informed the Board that one of the buses intended for the University's general fleet will be allocated and transferred to the Fisheries College, Mangalore regarding the procurement of the boat, it was noted that the Dean (Fisheries), College of Fisheries Sciences, Mangalore, has yet to submit the requisite proposal. The Board directed the concerned administrative channels to expedite the submission of this proposal for onward transmission to the Government for necessary approvals and financial sanctions.

6. Progress of Repair and Maintenance Works – University and Affiliated Institutions:

Board Member Dr. H.M. Jayaprakash voiced the Board's dissatisfaction with the delayed commencement of essential repair and maintenance works for the University and its affiliated institutions, despite approvals granted by the Project and Works Committee, Finance Committee,

and the Board of Management in January 2025. The Estate Officer clarified that tenders have already been invited, scrutiny of documents completed for a segment of the approved works, and tenders for the remaining works will be floated in April 2025, adhering to the KTPP Act and Rules, ensuring that the execution of these works commences without further delay.

7. Recruitment of Non-Teaching Backlog Positions – Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Hebbal-Bengaluru: Board Member Mr. Venkatachala V.S. raised the issue of the delay in the issuance of a recruitment notification for filling the non-teaching backlog positions at the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Hebbal-Bengaluru, despite prior approval from the Board. The Registrar explained that the delay was attributable to certain technical complexities and pending clarifications regarding internal reservation policies mandated by the Government. The Board Members thereupon directed that the University administration shall urgently seek clarification from the Social Welfare Department and the Government on these matters to facilitate the immediate issuance of the recruitment notification and expedite the filling of these crucial vacancies.

8. Infrastructure Development – Veterinary College, Koila: Board Member Mr. Venkatachala V.S. expressed the Board's concern over the lack of progress in infrastructure development at Veterinary College, Koila. The Assistant Executive Engineer, Mr. Rahul Doddi, reported that tenders have been called for several works, with qualified bidders participating in some, assuring that work commencement would be immediate, adhering to regulations. He also noted delays in other works due to a lack of qualified bidders. Board Member Dr. H.M. Jayaprakash informed that immediate and concerted action be taken to expedite all necessary infrastructure works for the said college, including buildings, electrical installations, and road construction.

9. Infrastructure Development – Veterinary College, Hassan (Basketball Court): Board Member Mr. Venkatachala V.S. inquired about the delayed construction of a basketball court for the students of the Veterinary College, Hassan, approved by the Board approximately six months prior. The Executive Engineer, Mr. Damodar, informed the Board that the tender for the construction of the basketball court will be initiated concurrently with the tendering process for the works at the Veterinary College, Koila, ensuring a coordinated approach to infrastructure development across campuses.

10. Infrastructure Development – Medical Store Shed, Bidar Campus: Board Member Mr. Basavaraj P. Bhatmurge raised the lack of progress in the construction of a shed for a medical store at the Bidar campus, despite approvals from relevant committees and the Board. The Executive Engineer, Mr. Damodar, attributed the delay to pending financial approval and assured the Board that tenders for the said work will be called immediately to facilitate further action and expedite the construction.

11. Utilization of Engineering Services – Main Campus, Bidar: In response to the delays encountered in various development works at the University's main campus in Bidar, the Board of Management directed the Estate Officer, KVAFSU, Bidar, to make appropriate administrative arrangements for the utilization of the expertise of Mrs. Nandana, Mrs. Vidyashree, and Mrs.

Bhagyashree, Engineers currently serving at the University's Hebbal campus, on a deputation basis for a period of one week to fifteen days per month at the main campus. This measure is intended to augment the engineering capacity at the Bidar campus

12. Nomination of Dr.Sanganagowda patil, Asst.Prof as Supervisor for establishment of ADDL&IC, Vijaypaur: The construction of the Animal Disease Diagnosis Laboratory and Information Center, established in Vijayapura under the Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar, was completed two years ago and has been handed over to the Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Bengaluru. The Board of Management has decided to appoint Dr. Sangangouda Patil, Assistant Professor, Institute of Animal Health and Veterinary Biologicals, Hebbal-Bengaluru, as the supervisor, in addition to his existing duties, to oversee the establishment, ensure necessary repairs, equip the laboratory with diagnostic tools, and fully operationalize it.

(A:R)

MAIN ITEMS OF 18TH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF KVAFSU, BIDAR

Item No.03 Approval of promotion of teachers working at KVAFSU Under CAS-2016

Resolution

The Board of Management, upon deliberation of the agenda concerning the granting of promotions to teaching staff under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)-2016, observed a lacuna in the agenda documents, specifically the absence of the requisite CAS-2016 guidelines as an integral part of the agenda documentation. In order to ensure a comprehensive and informed decision-making process, the Board resolved to defer the consideration and finalization of this agenda item to the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Management. The Board further directed the concerned administrative authorities to ensure that the complete and relevant CAS-2016 guidelines are appended to the proposal when it is presented for discussion and approval in the subsequent Board meeting.

(A:R)

Item No.04 Compliance with High court order in M.F.A No. 1176/2023 – Deposit of Award amount in L.A.C. No. 10/2009

Resolution

Following a comprehensive and thorough discussion and deliberation on the presented proposal, the Board of Management resolved to accord its approval for the deposit of a sum amounting to Rupees One Crore Sixty-Three Lakhs Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-Eight Only (₹ 1,63,50,668.00) with the esteemed Court of the Principal Senior Civil Judge & Chief Judicial Magistrate, Shivamogga in compliance to the Orders of the Honorable High Court of Karnataka in MFA no **1176/2023**

This approved deposit constitutes fifty percent (50%) of the total awarded amount, which includes all statutory benefits and accrued interest, pertaining to the matter under adjudication in M.F.A. No. 1176/2023. The Board further resolved that the implementation of this financial deposit shall proceed forthwith and without awaiting the formal confirmation of the minutes of this Board meeting, recognizing the urgency and procedural requirements associated with the ongoing legal proceedings.

The Finance Controller and other relevant administrative units are hereby directed to take immediate and necessary steps to effect this deposit in a timely and compliant manner.

(A:R)

Item No.05 Administrative Authorization for utilization of ICAR Grants financial year 2024-25

Resolution

Following a comprehensive and extensive discussion, the Board of Management resolved to grant full administrative authority for the utilization of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) funds allocated for the financial year 2024-25.

Furthermore, recognizing the critical timelines stipulated by ICAR and the imperative to prevent the forfeiture of these vital funds, the Board directed that immediate and concerted action be initiated to ensure the complete utilization of the ICAR grant within the stipulated deadline of March 31,2025.

Specifically addressing the proposed construction of girls' hostels at Veterinary College, Bidar, with an estimated project cost of Rupees Four Hundred Lakhs (₹ 4,00,00,000.00), and at Veterinary College, Shivamogga, with an estimated project cost of Rupees Four Hundred and Fifty Lakhs (₹ 4,50,00,000.00), wherein ICAR funding of Rupees Three Hundred Lakhs (₹ 3,00,00,000.00) per hostel is anticipated, the Board of Management accorded its approval to meet the differential project costs from the University's internal resources. This decision underscores the University's commitment to providing essential infrastructure for its students.

Considering the stringent deadline for the utilization of the ICAR grant for the financial year 2024-25, the Board of Management further resolved to entrust the execution of the aforementioned girls' hostel construction projects at Veterinary College, Bidar, and Veterinary College, Shivamogga, to the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL). The Board also approved the immediate transfer of the allocated ICAR funds to KRIDL to facilitate the timely commencement and completion of these projects, thereby adhering to the ICAR guidelines and ensuring the effective utilization of the granted resources.

(A:R)

Item No 06: Regarding the discussion on the Cadre and Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Positions at Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar

Resolution

The Board of Management, recognizing the specialized expertise required for the comprehensive formulation of Cadre and Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching Positions at Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar, resolved to entrust this task to an external expert possessing demonstrable expertise in this domain.

Furthermore, to ensure a well-informed and comparative framework, the Board decided that the existing Cadre and Recruitment Rules of other agricultural universities within the State of Karnataka, along with the detailed report submitted by

the engaged external expert shall be presented for thorough review and consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board of Management. Following this review and deliberation, the Board resolved that a consolidated proposal, incorporating the Expert's recommendations and drawing insights from the rules of other similar institutions, shall be formulated and submitted to the Government for its final approval and notification. The Registrar and other relevant administrative bodies are directed to initiate the process of engaging a suitable external expert and to coordinate the preparation and presentation of the aforementioned documents to the Board in a timely manner.

(A:R)

Item No. 07: Regarding the purchase of Equipment/Furniture for the Veterinary College, Gadag

Resolution

The Board of Management conveyed its approval for the procurement of essential office equipment and furniture (Budget Head: 1220/801) required for the efficient administrative and educational functioning of the office and various departments of the Veterinary College, Gadag.

Furthermore, the Board has also approved the procurement of necessary hostel equipment (Budget Head: 1220/805) to adequately furnish the student hostels of the aforementioned college, ensuring a conducive living environment for the students.

Both procurements, for office equipment/furniture and hostel equipment, shall be undertaken through a transparent and competitive tender process, strictly adhering to the established procurement procedures and guidelines of the University and the relevant government regulations. The concerned administrative authorities and the Dean, Veterinary College, Gadag, are directed to initiate the tendering process without delay and to ensure that the procurement is completed in a timely and cost-effective manner, maintaining the requisite quality standards.

(A:R)

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS OF THE 118TH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

Item No. 1 Arrangements for Honorable Board of Management Members at Bidar Campus : It was resolved that the Estate Officer, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University (KUVAFSU), Bidar, is hereby tasked with the responsibility of assessing the requirements and making all necessary and appropriate arrangements for providing suitable room and other facilities for the Members of the Board of Management during their visits and meetings held at the University's Bidar campus.

(A:R/EO)

Item NO.2 Action Regarding Seizure of University Funds Related to EPF/ESI Payments for Contract Employees

Resolution

Board Member, Mr. Basavaraj P. Bhatmurge, brought to the attention of the Board the critical matter concerning the seizure of a substantial sum of Rupees Ninety-Eight Lakhs (₹ 98,00,000.00) held in the University's bank account. It was clarified that these funds are specifically earmarked for the payment of Employees'

Provident Fund (EPF) and Employees' State Insurance (ESI) contributions for contract employees working under the purview of the University.

In response to this serious development, the Board of Management has resolved to issue a directive to the Comptroller to take immediate and all necessary administrative and legal actions to secure the expeditious release of the seized funds. This includes, but is not limited to, engaging with the relevant authorities, providing all required documentation and clarifications, and pursuing all available legal avenues to ensure the uninterrupted fulfillment of the University's statutory obligations towards its contract employees concerning EPF and ESI contributions. The Comptroller is further instructed to keep the Board apprised of the progress made in this matter on a regular basis.

(A:R/C)

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by Registrar

Sd/-
Vice Chancellor
KVAFSU, Bidar

Sd/-
Registrar
KVAFSU, Bidar

Date: 11-4-2025

Place: Bidar