

**APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University  
Thiruvananthapuram**

**Abstract**

APJAKTU – Admin (Affiliation) - Conferment of Autonomous Status to St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Chengannur – Orders of the Vice Chancellor by invoking Section 14(5) of the APJAKTU Act, 2015 – Subject to Syndicate's approval and reporting to the Academic Council and the Board of Governors - Notified - Orders Issued.

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**ADMINISTRATION**

U.O.No. 2073/2025/KTU

Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 06.10.2025

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- Read:-*1. Letter No F. 2 - 10/2023(AC-Policy) dated 18.07.2025 from the Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi.  
2. Letter No.J2/188/2025/HEdn dated 25.09.2025 from Government of Kerala.  
3. UGC - Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023  
4. Chapter III, Section 14(5) of APJAKTU Act of 2015

**ORDER**

The University Grants Commission constituted under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, (Central Act No.3 of 1956) vide letter read (1) above has informed the University that the competent authority of the UGC has decided to grant Autonomous status to St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Chengannur for a period of 05 years from Academic Year 2025-2026 to Academic Year 2029-2030 as per clause 7.4 of the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023.

The Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala vide paper read (2) above, has requested the University to issue necessary notification/order regarding the grant of Autonomous status to St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Chengannur as per the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023 for Autonomous colleges.

The Clause 4 of the UGC (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) Regulations, 2023, requires the parent University to issue a notification regarding the conferment of Autonomous status to colleges which have been granted Autonomous status by the UGC.

As per Section 25, Sub section 2 (vi) and (vii) of Chapter IV of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University Act, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), empowers the **Board of Governors** to affiliate to itself institutions as constituent colleges or autonomous colleges or regular colleges or colleges with academic autonomy in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations and to withdraw affiliation of colleges and to confer academic autonomy to a college, department of a college or department of University or Centres in accordance with the Statutes.



As per Section 34, sub section (viii) of Chapter IV of the Act, the **Academic Council** is empowered to recommend to the Board of Governors, conferment of Autonomous status on University Institutions, departments, affiliated colleges, and institutions by the provisions of the Ordinances and policies of the State Government in this regard.

As per Section 8 (iv) and (v) of Chapter II of the Act, empowers the University to affiliate to itself institutions as constituent colleges or autonomous colleges or regular colleges or colleges with academic autonomy in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations and also to withdraw affiliation of colleges obtained in violation of Statutes of the University and to confer academic autonomy to affiliated colleges, institutions or a department of the affiliated colleges or institutions or a department maintained by the University.

Having considering the above, sanction is hereby accorded by the Vice Chancellor, to confer Autonomous status to **St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Chengannur, for a period of 05 years from the AY 2025-2026 to AY 2029-2030** by invoking section 14(5) of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University Act, 2015 subject to the approval of the Syndicate and subsequent reporting to the Academic Council and the Board of Governors.

1. The conferment of Autonomous status shall subject to the provisions in the Act, the Statutes, Regulations and Ordinances issued thereunder and the orders, circulars, guidelines, etc., issued by the University from time to time in this regard and further subject to the provisions in the University Grants Commission (Conferment of Autonomous Status Upon Colleges and Measures for Maintenance of Standards in Autonomous Colleges) 2023 as amended from time to time.
2. The Autonomous status to the above college would be from the period/date as announced by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the students who are already admitted to the non-autonomous batches shall continue as per the curriculum and regulations of the University as applicable to them.
3. The Autonomous colleges shall pay the institution portal fee (Student Data Management and Portal Maintenance/Service charges) as prescribed by the University from time to time. An agreement shall be executed by the Autonomous colleges with the University as per the norms approved by the University.

Orders are issued accordingly.

*Sd/-*

Dr. K. Sivaprasad \*  
Vice Chancellor

Copy to:-

1. The Chairman, St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Kozhuvallur P.O Chengannur, Alappuzha.
2. The Principal, St. Thomas College of Engineering and Technology, Chengannur
3. Dr. Manoj kumar, Joint Secretary, UGC, Bahadur Sha Zaffar Marg, New Delhi -110 002
4. Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education (J), Department, Government of Kerala.
5. PS to Vice Chancellor



6. PA to Registrar, Deans (Academic / Research), CoE
7. All Statutory officers
8. All Sections concerned
9. Joint Director, KSAD, APJAKTU Campus
10. JD(e- governance)
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