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# Kerala Begins Process To Select Best University In The State For Chancellor Award

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**T**he process of selecting the winner of the Chancellor award has started. Soon, the best university in Kerala will be declared. This award is first of its kind in the history of the higher education sector in Kerala. The winner will get an amount of Rs. 5 crores, said P Sathasivam, the Governor. Last year, the award was won by Kerala University. The prize money that the university may win would be utilized for any of the projects that the university wishes to take up.



*P. Sathasivam, Governor of Kerala.*


P. Sathasivam, governor of the state was present at the inauguration of the foundation day fete of National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science and Technology ([NIIST](http://www.niist.res.in/english/)). He said, "In the last four decades since its inception in 1975 as a CSIR complex, NIIST has made rapid strides in developing scientific innovations for the benefit of society." He also laid a lot of importance on the grass-root innovation and value addition.

The state government will be posting the whole process of the selection of the best university by the end of the month of October. A team made up of the leading academicians will help in selecting the winner of this best university award. The team comprises of people who have headed top most universities and are also the part of the Rajbhavan. The whole process will be completed in the next two months time and the result will also be declared before Christmas.


He said, "The parameters for selecting the best university will include infrastructure, faculty staff, research work and students' performance and their employability among others." He has been urging all the young scientists to remain active throughout the research and also strictly told them that they should not shy away from publishing the negative results as well. He also wants them to increase

interaction with people and not just sit and conduct research. He also recently released the annual report for the year 2015- 16 of CSIR- NIIST. After the release of the report, he congratulated the researchers of NIIST for conducting such a brilliant work. He also said that the institute should focus on the use of more and more of technology so that it makes the life of the farmer easier.

Dr. A Ajayghosh, director of CSIR- NIIST, also reminded its researchers on the need for the timely delivery of the products.

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