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NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Applications are invited from interested Agencies/Institutions/Academic Centres for submitting Expression of Interest (EOI) for conducting **6- Month Certificate programme in Scuba Diving with international recognition**, to be offered under the academic and administrative control of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies, in accordance with the norms and regulations in force.

In order to address the growing demand for internationally trained diving professionals, Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies proposes to launch the certificate programme intended to impart scientific knowledge related to scuba diving and marine ecosystems, practical underwater diving skills, exposure to internationally recognized diving certification standards and professional competency aligned with global scuba diving practices.

Interested agencies/institutions shall submit detailed proposals including organizational profile, experience in scuba diving training, international certification affiliations, faculty details, safety standards, and financial terms.

The percentage/share of revenue offered to Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) shall be clearly mentioned in the proposal.

Name of the programme

Certificate Programme in Scuba Diving

Duration of the programme

Total Duration: 6 Months

Mode: Full-time Residential/Hybrid Programme

Theory Classes: Conducted through different campuses of KUFOS

Practical Training: Arabian Sea, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Objectives of the course

The programme aims to:

1. Provide professional level scuba diving training aligned with international standards
2. Develop underwater survival, navigation and rescue skills
3. Train students in marine ecology and underwater environmental conservation
4. Equip participants for careers in marine tourism, fisheries, underwater research and adventure sports
5. Create a skilled workforce supporting India's Blue Economy initiatives
6. Introduce students to underwater photography, videography and marine documentation.
7. Promotes safe and responsible diving practices

Eligibility criteria

Applicants should possess 10th pass/equivalent with basic swimming ability and Medical fitness certificate for underwater diving activities. Passport copy is mandatory for foreign and NRI students.

Intake capacity: 30 students per batch

Fee structure

Category	Course Fee
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For Indian Students: Rs. 1,85,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Eighty Five Thousand only)

For NRI students : \$ 3,000 (Three Thousand US Dollars)

For Foreign students: \$ 5,000 (Five Thousand US Dollars)

Boarding & Lodging Charges

Rs.6000/- (Rupees Six Thousand only) per month

Course Structure

Module 1: Introduction to Scuba Diving (Theory and Practical)

- History and evolution of scuba diving
- Diving terminology
- Diving equipment and maintenance
- Diving physics and physiology

Module 2: Marine Environment and Ocean Awareness (Theory)

- Marine ecosystems
- Corel reef ecology
- Marine biodiversity
- Environmental conservation ethics

Module 3: Diving Safety and Emergency Procedures (Theory and Practical)

- Safety protocols

- Dive planning
- Underwater communication
- First aid and CPR
- Emergency response systems

Module 4: Open water Diving Skills (Practical)

- Buoyancy control
- Underwater Navigation
- Controlled descents and ascents
- Mask clearing and regulator recovery

Module 5: Advanced Diving Techniques (Practical)

- Deep diving
- Night Diving
- Boat Diving
- Drift Diving
- Search & recovery techniques

Module 6: Rescue and Professional Diving Orientation (Practical)

- Rescue diver Skills
- Stress management underwater
- Introduction to professional diving careers
- Dive leadership orientation

Module 7: Underwater Photography and Documentation (Practical)

- Basics of underwater photography
- Videography techniques
- Scientific underwater documentation

Module 8: Internship and Field Exposure (Practical)

- Practical sea dives
- Live diving assignments
- Exposure to marine tourism and research operations

Training Methodology (Theory and Practical)

The programme will adopt a combination of classroom lectures, digital learning modules, pool/confined water sessions, open sea practical training, field demonstrations, simulation exercises, rescue drills, continuous skill assessment.

The practical session will include open water training dives, rescue exercises, underwater navigation practice, night diving exposure, boat diving sessions and marine observation exercises.

Practical training location will be at Arabian Sea Diving Training Centre, Kovalam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Infrastructure and Facilities

The programme will utilize smart classrooms at KUFOS campuses, diving equipment compliant with international standards, training boats and sea support systems, air filling and equipment maintenance facilities, student accommodation support, safety and emergency response systems

Certification

Successful candidates will receive certificate from Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS).

Career opportunities

Graduates may pursue opportunities in Scuba diving instruction, marine tourism and adventure tourism, underwater photography and videography, marine research assistance, fisheries and oceanographic surveys, dive resort operations, underwater inspection support services and conservation and reef monitoring programmes.

Proposed Outcome

The course is expected to establish Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS) as a pioneering academic institution in professional scuba diving education and marine adventure training in India, while simultaneously strengthening skilled human resources for the expanding Blue Economy sector.

The EOI shall be submitted in the prescribed format along with supporting documents to the undersigned on or before **26.05.2026**. The University reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal without assigning any reason thereof.

For further details, please visit KUFOS Official Website




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