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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DEVASWOM COMMISSIONER

Abstract

Travancore Devaswom Board – Enterprise Digital Transformation Programme – Project Management Unit (PMU) – Appointment of Dr. Santhosh Babu, IAS (Retd.) as Special Officer (PMU Head) – Orders issued.

ROC.No. 1935/26/IT

Thiruvananthapuram, Date:20/05/2026

Read:

1. Order dated 18/02/2026 of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in DBAR No. 2 of 2025 and DBAR No. 2 of 2018.
2. Proceedings No. ROC No. 932/26/Dig dated 11/05/2026 constituting the Project Management Unit (PMU) and approving execution of MoU with Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Ltd. (KITFRA).
3. Recommendation letter dated 12/05/2026 from KITFRA regarding appointment of key personnel for the PMU.

The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, vide order read first above, after considering the implementation roadmap and preliminary technical and functional analysis submitted by Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Ltd. (KITFRA), recorded that the Travancore Devaswom Board is agreeable to the conceptual and architectural framework for the proposed Enterprise Digital Transformation Programme, subject to financial feasibility, phased budgetary allocation, security safeguards and statutory compliances. The Travancore Devaswom Board has initiated the Enterprise Digital Transformation Programme pursuant to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in DBAR No. 2 of 2025 and DBAR No. 2 of 2018.

As per the proceedings read as 2nd paper above, the Board has constituted a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU) as an independent unit under the Travancore Devaswom Board, for planning, coordination, monitoring and implementation of the Enterprise Digital Transformation Programme. The PMU is constituted as follows:

Dr. Santhosh Babu, IAS (Retd)	Special Officer (PMU Head)
Dr. K. P. Noufal	Chief Software Architect
Sri. Rahul A Raj, KAS	Chief Administrative Officer

Terms and Conditions

1. Dr. Santhosh Babu, IAS (Retd.) shall function as the Head of the Project Management Unit (PMU) and shall provide overall strategic guidance and leadership for the implementation of the Enterprise Digital Transformation Programme.

2. The Special Officer (PMU Head) shall oversee the preparation of project documentation, governance structures, technical architecture, implementation roadmap, and monitoring mechanisms.

3. The Special Officer (PMU Head) and the PMU will:

- a. Undertake end-to-end planning, coordination, and execution of the programme
- b. Recruit, engage, and manage all required personnel
- c. Manage day-to-day operations, implementation activities, and coordination among stakeholders
- d. Ensure adherence to approved timelines, technical standards, and quality benchmarks
- e. Maintain proper accounts and comply with applicable audit requirements
- f. Facilitate procurement processes and vendor coordination in accordance with applicable rules

4. The engagement of Dr. Santhosh Babu, IAS (Retd.) in the above capacity shall be co-terminus with the functioning of the PMU or until further orders of the Travancore Devaswom Board.


Devaswom Commissioner



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