

**“Building up Database of the Keralite-Academic Diaspora around the Globe”** Report submitted by Dr Manulal P Ram, Research Officer, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022.

***Abstract***

The Project “Building up Database of the Keralite-Academic Diaspora around the Globe” was evolved as an offshoot development of the initiative of Academic Volunteer Bank (AVB) of the Keralite which is intended to attract experts from different fields across the globe to join Kerala State Higher Education Council for offering their knowledge. The AVB will include scientists and experts’ from different fields such as science, social science, medicine, economics, environment, biochemistry, technology etc. The project is also called ***Brain Gain*** which envisages the intellectual insights and resources of Keralites, who lives elsewhere in the world for the enhancement of the academic and research output of the state. As part of the study, three types of data-bases were created. (i) List of scholars with their institution and area of expertise, registered through the portal specially designed for this purpose. (ii) List of scholars with their institution and area of expertise collected through web combing and other search methods, and (iv) List of diaspora organisations functioning in various countries. The data base created out of the study is not static; expansion of data base i.e. inclusion of more scholars and organizations always possible. This will ultimately help to frame a mechanism that can systematically utilize Indian diaspora living abroad for enhancing the quality of higher education in the state. The results of this study are useful for framing a road map to accomplish the various goals set by the ***Brain Gain*** Project particularly linking up with Erudite-Scheme. The proper and consistent utilisation of this data-base will surely enhance the quality of Higher Education in the state.

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