

## Setback for Calicut univ, Dweep opts for Pondy varsity

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**Kozhikode:** The status of Calicut University (CU) as the sole higher education provider in Lakshadweep for the past several decades is set to end. In a setback to CU, Lakshadweep administration has given nod to Pondicherry University to start a community college in the islands and establish a regular campus later. The move comes close on the heels of the administration asking CU to discontinue PG courses offered at its centres in the archipelago.

Lakshadweep's administrator has approved a new community college in Lakshadweep under the aegis of Pondicherry University from the academic year 2021-22. The letter written by A Anbarasu, adviser to the administrator, to VC of Pondicherry University says that the varsity has already issued NOC to Lakshadweep administration for starting three vocational courses namely B.Voc (tourism and service industry, software development and catering and hospitality) as part of the community college.

"Pondicherry University may like to add integrated BSc-BEd (4 years), B.Com (3 years) and BBA (3 years) and other courses as may be needed as a part of the Community College. Also the administration has offered facilities at the campus of the education department in Kadmat, including hostel facilities as an interim measure to immediately commence courses in the ongoing academic year.

Also, the administration requested Pondicherry varsity to visit and firm up infrastructure, make required short-term and long-term arrangements, including finding suitable land for establishing the regular campus of community college.

Meanwhile, CU clarified that it had to discontinue PG courses as per the decision taken by Lakshadweep administration. CU registrar EK Sathesh said the varsity was ready to offer any course at the three centres of Kavaratti, Kadmat and Andrott.

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## PU invites applications for MBA

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Pondicherry University has invited applications for MBA (Business Administration) offered by the Department of Management Studies and MBA (International Business) offered by the Department of International Business through a common

entrance examination for the academic year 2021-22.

Admission will be based on both CAT score 2020 and the university entrance score.

The last date for application is August 27. More details are available at [www.pondiuni.edu.in/admissions-2021-22/](http://www.pondiuni.edu.in/admissions-2021-22/)