Kasturirangan to continue as knowledge panel chief

Bengaluru:

The government has decided to extend the tenure of Karnataka Knowledge Commission (KKC) head K Kasturirangan. "Kasturirangan had written to the government, seeking to step down from KKC, but we have decided to avail his service until the commission submits a comprehensive recommendation report, which is due for completion shortly," CMHDKumaraswamy said on Thursday.

The letter had triggered speculation that he was upset with the government for not implementing some of panel's recommendations made in the past. KKC was reconstituted by the Congress government in 2013 to focus on institution building, policy innovation and achieving excellence in education, health, science and technology, industry, entrepreneurship, research and innovation, agriculture, e-governance and rural development. Infosys Foundation chairperson Sudha Murty, cricketer Rahul Dravid, surgeon Dr Devi Shetty, founder-director of IIT Bangalore S Sadagopan are among 28 members of the commission.

Kumaraswamy said the government is keen on implementing KKC's recommendations and will ensure adequate funds for the same. TNN