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Agenda and Minutes

of

39th GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 10-07-2026	**Time : 3.00 pm**
Venue: Board Room	

Agenda

ITEM	POINTS DISCUSSED
39-01	Action Taken Report (ATR) for 38th GC Meeting
39-02	Members of Governing Council for the Academic Year 2025-26
39-03	Institutional Profile
39-04	Institutional Achievements & Initiatives
39-05	Activities Beyond Class Room
39- 06	Practices Adopted for our First Year Students
39-07	Students' Strength (In 2025-26)
39- 08	Academic Performance
39- 09	Faculty Strength & Cadre ratio (2026-27)
39- 10	Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship
39- 11	Academic Council - External Members
39- 12	BoS – External Members
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39- 14	Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
39- 15	Research & Development (R&D)
39- 16	Project -Publication - Patent(PPP)
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MINUTES OF 39th MEETING OF GOVERNING COUNCIL

DATE: 10-07-2026 TIME: 3.00 PM

The 39th Governing Council meeting was virtually convened and presented by the Chair Dr. E. Kamalanaban, Principal, through Google meet platform on 10-07-2026 from 3.00 PM to 5.00 PM to amend and approve the discussion points.

The following members were present

S.No	Name	Present Position/ Occupation
1	Col. Prof. Dr. Vel R.Rangarajan	**Founder President & Chairman**
2	Mrs. Rangarajan Mahalakshmi K	**Chairperson and Managing Trustee**
3	Ms. Eskandhaa Kishore Kumar Vel	**Trust Member**
4	Ms. Karthiha Kishore Kumar Vel	**Trust Member**
5	The Regional Officer SRO-AICTE	**Ex. Officio Member AICTE Nominee**, The Director SRO of AICTE, Chennai
6	Mr. P. Thilagaraj	**DOTE - Nominee**, Special Office, Curriculum Development Centre (CDC), DOTE, Chennai.
7	Prof. Dr. D. Manamalli	**Anna University Nominee** - Professor, Department of Instrumentation Engineering, MIT Campus, Chrompet, Anna University, Chennai
8	Prof. Dr. Rama Krishna Sai Gorthi	**Academic Expert -** Professor and Dean (Academic Affairs), IIT Tirupati.
9	Prof. Dr. S. Jayavel	**Academic Expert -** Dean - Sponsored Research, Industrial Consultancy & Continuing Education & Planning, IIITDM Kanchipuram.
10	Smt. Sucharitha Gangireddygari	Industrial Expert – Executive Director / COO , Studio Infinite, Hyderabad
11	Prof. Dr. V. R. Ravi	Dean Academics, VTHT
12	Prof. Dr. R.Geetha	Dean IQAC , VTHT
13	Prof. Dr.R Senthil Kumar	Controller of Examinations, VTHT

S.No	Name	Present Position/ Occupation
14	Prof. Dr. E. Kamalanaban	Principal & Member Secretary, VTHT

ITEM POINTS REVIEWED / APPROVED

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39.01	**TO WELCOME THE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS** Dr. E. Kamalanaban, Principal welcomed all the members of the Council.
39.02	**TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 38th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HELD ON 03.9.2025** The council confirmed the minutes of the 38th meeting of the Governing Council held on 03.9.2025
39.03	**TO REVIEW THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE MINUTES OF THE 38th MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL HELD ON 03.9.2025** The Council reviewed the action taken on the minutes of the 38th meeting held on 03.9.2025
39.04	**TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 03-07-2026** The Council approved the minutes of the academic council meeting held on 03-07-2026
39.05	**TO PERUSE THE RESULTS OF THE UG & PG DEGREE EXAMINATIONS FOR NOV / DEC 2025 AND APRIL / MAY 2026** The Council perused the UG & PG Degree Examinations for Nov / Dec 2025 Examinations and April / May 2026 Examinations of all programmes
39.06	**TO RATIFY THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS APPROVED BY THE PRINCIPAL AND PUBLISHED SUBSEQUENTLY** The Council ratified the results of the examinations approved by the Principal
39.07	**TO APPROVE THE CURRENT BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE YEAR 2026-2027** The current budget proposal for the year 2026-2027 were considered and approved
39.08	**TO APPROVE THE NEW STAFF APPOINTMENT MADE BY THE STAFF SELECTION COMMITTEE DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027** The new staff appointment made by the staff selection committee during the academic year 2026-2027 were noted and approved
39.9	**TO PERUSE AND APPROVE THE PROCESS AND PROGRESS OF ACTIVITIES BEYOND CLASS ROOM FOR THE STUDENTS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYABLITY SKILLS** The Council perused and appreciated the initiatives taken to improve employability skills and achieve dream jobs in top MNCs. Especially the council appreciated the efforts taken in carrying out 812 Mini Projects (by II, III and IV year students) and 1275 NPTEL certifications by students and faculty with 59 Elite+Silver and 233 Elite+Gold during 2025-2026.

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39.10	**TO REVIEW THE INITIATIVES OF THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES** The Council appreciated the initiatives taken to start various new societies like IEEE,ACM etc. by all departments.
39.11	**TO REVIEW THE PLACEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMMES (FROM I SEM TO VIII SEM) ORGANISED BY TRAINING AND PLACEMENT CELL** The Council reviewed the placement training programmes organised by Training and Placement cell and appreciated the implementation of 1140 hours of various training programmes such as Aptitude, Quantz, Coding skill and Communication development skill starting from I semester to VIII semester
39.12	**TO REVIEW THE ONGOING AND PROPOSED R & D ACTIVITIES** The Council reviewed the ongoing and proposed R & D activities during 2025-2026 and advised to acquire more funds from funding agencies and carry out Industry Sponsored Projects. The council also advised the faculty members to increase SCI and SCOPUS indexed publications.
39.13	**TO REVIEW THE IDEA LAB INITIATIVES** The Council reviewed and appreciated the great efforts taken by the institution in establishing 15 state of the art laboratories at the cost of Rs 2.0 crore equipped with modern tools which help the students and faculty to work on interdisciplinary societal projects from the idea to prototype
39.14	**TO REVIEW THE STAFF STRENGTH AND CADRE RATIO OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027** The Council reviewed the staff strength and cadre ratio of the academic year 2026-2027 and encouraged for maintaining 15:1 Student Faculty Ratio
39.15	**TO REVIEW THE FACULTY CONTRIBUTION IN ORGANISING & ATTENDING EVENTS** The Council reviewed the faculty contribution in organizing & attending various events during the academic year 2025 – 2026 and advised all the departments to organize at least one International Conference.
39.16	**TO REVIEW THE GRADUATION DETAILS FOR THE BATCH 2022-2026** The Council reviewed the Graduation details for the batch 2022-2026 and appreciated the institute for graduating 94.5% of students.
34.17	**TO REVIEW THE PLACEMENT DETAILS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026** The Council reviewed the Placement details for the academic year 2025-2026. The council noted the 85.2% of Placement + Higher studies + Entrepreneur during 2025-2026 and advised to improve the offers with high salary package.
34.18	**TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES OF IQAC, INSTITUTION'S INNOVATION COUNCIL(IIC), INDUSTRY RELATIONS AND PROJECT-PUBLICATION - PATENT(PPP)** The various activities carried out by IQAC, PPP, IR and IIC were reviewed by the Council. The Council also recommended to increase the number of student publications with indexed journals.

ITEM	POINTS REVIEWED / APPROVED
34.19	**TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE INSTITUTION STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FIVE YEARS** The Council reviewed and approved the Institution Strategy Plan for five years which is prepared focused with NEP 2020 and SDG .
34.20	**TO THANK ALL THE MEMBERS** The Principal thanked all the external members for their valuable suggestions and also thanked the management and internal members for their support and cooperation.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ACTION TAKEN REPORT OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Suggested to align Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the requirements of the NBA accreditation process

- Suitable SDGs are identified for possible courses in Curriculum R – 2025
- SDGs are mapped with Course Outcomes.
- Curriculum- R2025 documents updated with SDG–NBA alignment.
- Conducted an FDP on "AI-Integrated Outcome-Based Teaching, Learning and Assessment Practices" to understand and frame SDG-aligned Curriculum by faculty during 15th to 19th June 2026.

2. Suggested to strengthen the implementation of NPTEL courses

- Encouraged students to enroll in discipline-specific and interdisciplinary NPTEL courses each semester.
- Integrated relevant NPTEL courses into the curriculum as Professional Elective, Open Elective, and Honours courses, with provisions for credit transfer
- Established a structured monitoring mechanism to track enrollment, course progress, and certification.
- Recognized and encouraged successful NPTEL learners through institutional appreciation and cash awards.

3. Suggested to strengthen the implementation of NPTEL courses

- Staff and Students successfully completed 1275 NPTEL course with Certificate in 2026

4. Suggested to enhance the quality of mini projects and final year projects by promoting innovation, critical thinking, problem-solving, industry relevance, and real-world applications.

- During the 2025-26 academic year, 812 student projects were reviewed by over 200+ industry experts through multiple review sessions.
- 60 innovative student projects were shortlisted for patent filing, and the filing process is currently ongoing.
- The ₹2 crore AICTE IDEA Lab, comprising 15 state-of-the-art laboratories, provides an advanced ecosystem for innovation, prototyping, product development, and entrepreneurship.
- AICTE IDEA Lab was inaugurated on 02.07.26

5. Recommended to enhancing the quality of mini projects and final year projects by promoting innovation, critical thinking, problem-solving, industry relevance, and real-world applications.

- An MSME-approved Business Incubator has been established during March 2026.
- Industry mentors and faculty members jointly guide students in developing industry-relevant solutions with commercialization potential.
- Innovation, design thinking, rapid prototyping, product validation, and entrepreneurship are integrated into student project activities through the AICTE IDEA Lab ecosystem.

Outcomes

- No of articles published from AY 2025-26 Mini project/Capstone Project
- Scopus Conference (Published) : 79
- Scopus conference (submitted) – 125
- Other Conferences - 117
- Patents Filing – 60

6. Discussed the role of industry mentors in guiding students in the selection and execution of mini projects to ensure industry relevance.

- Industry mentors involved in project selection and periodic project reviews.
- Project topics aligned with industry requirements, societal needs, real-world applications and problems from Smart India Hackathon(SIH), Naan Mudhalvan & MSME hackathon.
- During the last academic year, 812 student projects were reviewed by over 200+ industry experts through multiple review sessions
- Industry mentors recommended 215 best projects for the Innovation Excellence Award event organized on 27.10.25.
- 60 innovative student projects were shortlisted for patent filing, and the filing process is currently ongoing.

7. Recommended increasing the number of patent filings by promoting innovation, research, and intellectual property awareness among faculty and students.

- The inception of MSME incubation and AICTE idea lab will have a strong impact on increasing the number of patent filings
- Currently Students have submitted their project ideas to MSME hackathon 6.0.
- Institution is providing the full financial support to the faculty and students for filing their patents
- Awareness program on filing patents is organized to both students and faculty

8. Advised publishing research papers in reputed indexed journals and following quality publication practices, including publications in Scopus, Web of Science, and other recognized indexing databases, irrespective of whether the journals are subscription-based or open access.

Publication Details (2025 Calendar Year - 337)

- 99 -WoS Publications
- 238 -Scopus Publications

Publication Details (2026 Calendar Year till date - 156*)

- 65 -WoS Publications
- 85 -Scopus Publications

Publication Incentive released in Phase – I (2025) Rs 3,70,000 (11 Faculty Members)

Publication Incentive released in Phase – II (2025) Rs 2,75,000 (28 Faculty Members)

The following key points were discussed during the meeting:

Members Appreciated the efforts taken by the institution and the progress in various aspects

Prof. Dr. D. Manamalli

Query 1

Enquired on what basis the students are categorized into various groups for placement training

Response 1

The principal clarified that only through skills they are grouped through 1 to 1 meeting and those creamy level students are motivated to work in the idea lab to enhance their skills further.

Query2

How industry led courses are implemented and the credits awarded

Response 2

Principal clarified through integrated courses and tie up with industries and 18 industry led courses

Query 3

Enquired whether any professional elective can be dropped by students for doing 2 months of Internship

Response 3

Principal informed that there is a plan

Suggestions:

Member suggested to motivate UG/PG Project students to publish their work in journals instead of conferences

Smt. Sucharitha Gangireddygari

Query 1

How SIMc impact is assessed

Response 1

Through publications and patents (2 programs organized for patent filing)

Query 2

Attendance for internship

Response 2

Every semester there are vacation holidays. Addition On Duty is given to students

Suggestions for improvement

1. **Discussed Industry skill learning by faculty**
   - Collaborative projects and joint proposals with industry urged
   - At least one internship evaluation involving faculty and industry
2. **Discussed Placement strategy improvements**
   - Track company interview performance for targeted training
   - Focus on high-demand employers and tailor training accordingly

Prof. Dr. Rama Krishna Sai Gorthi

Query 1

How many credits are allocated to mini projects

Response 1

R 2021 - 1 credit

R 2025 - 2 credits

Totally 12 credits are alloted for Projects

Suggestions for improvement

1. **Enhance Startup and innovation ecosystem**
   - Engage with Technology Innovation Hubs for large-scale projects

- Encourage prototype development before startup formation
- Link with IITs and premier institutes for funding and mentorship

2. **Curriculum integration of SDGs and social relevance**
   - Recommend Mandatory socially relevant projects to students
   - Encourage interdisciplinary and industry -level participation

Mr. P. Thilagaraj

Query 1

Enquired the availability of trainers In AICTE idea lab

Response 1

6 Domain wise Tech gurus are well trained

Suggestions for improvement

1. **Suggested Open source software adoption**
   - Linux, OpenOffice, GNU Octave recommended over proprietary software
2. **Emphasized Patent commercialization**
   - Need to generate revenue and renew patents
   - Incorporate commercialization metrics in MoU utilization
3. **After review, proposals should be submitted by the faculty who received seed grants .**
4. **Suggested Faculty engagement with industry**
   - Faculty visits to internship sites encouraged
   - Interaction with industry to boost collaboration and proposals

The governing council members are satisfied with the progress of the institution and wished for a progressive improvement in the upcoming year.

Principal Thanked all the members of the Governing Council