

KISHKINDA UNIVERSITY BALLARI



4th Academic Council Meeting Proceedings

DT. 11.06.2025

**PROCEEDINGS OF
4TH ACADEMIC COUNCIL
MEETING (ACM)**

11.06.2025

Members who attended the 4th Academic Council Meeting held on 11.06.2025 @11.A.M,
Board Room of Kishkinda University Office (Ballari Business College Campus) Ballari.

Sl.No.	Position	Member	Mode
1	Chairperson	Prof T.N. Nagabhushana M.E.(IISc), Ph.D.(IISc) Vice-Chancellor, Kishkinda University	Offline
2	Member(s)	Dr. V.C Patil B Tech , M.E , Ph.D. Dean- Faculty of Engg. & Tech., Kishkinda University	Offline
		Dr. K. S. R. Sridhar Dean- Faculty of Science Kishkinda University	Offline
		Dr. Arun Chandra Mudhol B.E (CSE), MBA, PGDM, Ph.D. Dean – Faculty of Commerce & Management Kishkinda University	Offline
		Prof. Manjunatha S Ph.D. (Phy), PG Diploma in Material Science M.sc(Phy) Dean Faculty of Research and Innovative Council Kishkinda University	Offline
3	Members from other Universities / R & D	Dr. Mahadeva Swamy Prasanna (IIT), Director Dharwad,	Could not attend
		Dr. Shirish Shevade Ph.D.(IISc),Professor Dept. of Computer Science and Automation Indian Institute of Science	Online

		Dr. Suresh Sundaram Ph.D.(IISc), Associate Professor Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, Indian Institute of Science	Could not attend
		Dr. N.V. Subba Reddy Ph.D. (UoM), Pro-Vice Chancellor CMR University	Online
		Dr. D.S. Guru Ph.D. (UoM), Professor Department of Computer Science University of Mysore	Could not attend
		Dr. Sahana D Gowda Registrar, RV University	Online
4	Member (Director, Library and Information Centre)	Mr. V.B. Bentoor Library Science Assistant Librarian, Kishkinda University,	Offline
5	Member(s)	Dr. Nirmal Kumar Sancheti, Ph. D(IISc) Former Vice President Allgovision	Online
		Dr. T.V. Ravi Ph.D. (UoM) Patent Counsel Versuni India Home Solutions Ltd	Offline
		Mr. Mahesh Kadam Technology Head Tata Consultancy Services	Could not attend
		Mr. Ravi Kumar Head – Human Resources (India) L&T Technology Services,	Could not attend
		Dr. Janet D'Souza MBA, Ph.D. , NET JRF Ballari Institute of Technology and Management,	Offline
		Mrs. Maheshwari. Vikram. Jagirdar B.Com LLM	Offline
6	Member Secretary	Dr. Raju Jadar BE, ME, Ph.D. Registrar (Evaluation), Kishkinda University	Offline
		Dr. U Eranna B.Tech., M.E., Ph.D. Registrar & Pro-Vice Chancellor, Kishkinda University	Offline

Item No.	Details of Agenda
4.00	Welcoming the Chairman and Members to the 4 th Academic Council Meeting. Dr. U Eranna Registrar, Welcomed all the members to the 4 th Academic Council Meeting and requested the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor to proceed with the meeting as per the agenda.
4.01	To read and record the proceedings of the Third Academic Council Meeting held on 19.10.2024
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor stated that proceedings of the 3 rd Academic Council meeting was circulated among the members and no comments were received. The Vice Chancellor requested the council to approve the same.
Resolution	Members Approved
4.02(1)	Action taken report on Proceedings of Third Academic Council Meeting:
	3.02(1) Proceedings of Board of Studies in M.Tech (CSE) : Linking Professional Electives with Specific Streams – Suggested by Dr. T.V. Ravi & Mr. Mahesh Kadam. Mini Project Presentation Before Expert Panel – Suggested by Dr. Guru & Dr. Subba Reddy Preparation of Technical Report for Mini Projects – Suggested by Dr. Guru & Dr. Subba Reddy
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor stated that Linking Professional Electives with Specific Streams – Suggested by Dr. T.V. Ravi & Mr. Mahesh Kadam has been implemented in the streams such as Data Science, AI & ML, Networks, Cyber Security and other emerging technologies. Further Vice Chancellor informed that the mini projects competition was conducted by the EEE department for the 4 th semester students to showcase the working models based on concepts learned in their courses. The Vice Chancellor stated that technical report writing and mini project exhibition shall be introduced across all programs.
Resolution	Members Noted
	3.02(4)(b) To ratify Research Admission Committee 2024 Proceedings: Development of Research Centers with Regular Review Mechanism – Suggested by Dr. Sahana Gowda
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor stated that regular review mechanisms have been implemented to monitor the progress of Research activities by the Doctoral Committee once in every six months.
Resolution	Members Noted
	3.05 (3) : Introduction of Minor degree from 4th Semester with 18 credits: Introduction of Minor Degree Programs in Business Systems, Banking, Commerce & Management – Suggested by Mr. Mahesh
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor stated that minor degree programs have been initiated at our university through SWAYAM courses (a UGC initiative) in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Foundations of Computing. The content for these minor degrees will be delivered through online platforms such as SWAYAM. Students will have the flexibility to choose any one of the online courses for their minor degree. Upon completion, they are required to earn a total of 18 credits. The final examination for these courses will be proctored to ensure academic integrity and to assess students' understanding of the material. During the deliberation, Dr. Sahana Gowda informed that, as per the NEP policy, students are required to earn 24 credits to 32 for a minor degree. She suggested that

	students can attempt the examination directly through the SWAYAM portal for the first time and if student fails to qualify then for the second attempt he/she can write the examination conducted by the university and further suggested to look into these details for the review.
Resolution	Members Noted
4.03	Approvals
(a)	To approve the tentative Academic Calendars of UG/PG 2025-26
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor presented the tentative academic calendars for undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) programs for the academic year 2025–26 before the Academic Council for its consideration and approval. The calendars were prepared in consultation with the respective Deans and Chairpersons, taking into account the required number of instructional days, examination schedules, vacation periods, and other academic and administrative activities.
Resolution	Members Approved.
(b)	Approval of Vision, Mission, PEO's & PSO's of the Departments of CSE, ECE,EEE, BCA & MCA and Respective of departments.
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor informed the Council that, as part of curriculum development and continuous quality enhancement aligned with accreditation requirements (such as NBA/NAAC), the Departments of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), and Master of Computer Applications (MCA) followed the procedure and revised their respective Vision and Mission statements, Programme Educational Objectives (PEOs), and Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs). These revised documents were prepared through department-level consultative processes involving faculty, industry stakeholders, and alumni, and were subsequently approved by their respective Boards of Studies and Faculty Boards. During the deliberations, Dr. Sahana Gowda suggested that a good number of workshops and orientation programs should be conducted through the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) to ensure standardization, uniform understanding, and implementation of the Vision, Mission, PEOs, and PSOs across all departments. The Vice Chancellor sought the approval for the revised Vision, Mission, PEOs, and PSOs of the respective departments from the Academic Council.
Resolution	Members Approved.
(c)	Implementation of SWAYAM Courses, Examination Policies and Frame work for credit transfer towards minor degree.
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor briefed the Council on the necessity of integrating SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active–Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) online courses into the university's curriculum structure, in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The objective is to provide students with the flexibility to pursue interdisciplinary learning and earn credits through approved online platforms. He further stated that a structured Examination Policy and Credit Transfer Framework is essential for seamless implementation, assessment, and recognition of credits earned through SWAYAM courses, especially when applied towards obtaining a Minor Degree. The following key points were highlighted during the deliberation: • SWAYAM courses should be chosen from the list of UGC/AICTE-approved MOOCs.

	• Departments must identify and notify eligible courses every semester. • The university shall adopt a clear policy for the evaluation, proctored examination, and transcript integration of these courses. • Students must complete the required number of credits as specified by the university norms to qualify for a minor degree. • Credit transfer will be subject to performance in the SWAYAM course and successful completion of the final proctored exam.
Resolution	Members Approved.
(d)	To approve the introduction of 2 credits mandatory course on “Research & Publication Ethics” under the amendment clause no:13.1 of Regulation Governing The Doctor of Philosophy 2024 Ph.D RR 2024.
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that, in line with the recommendations of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and best practices followed across leading research institutions, it is proposed to introduce a 2-credit mandatory course titled “Research & Publication Ethics” under the amendment to Clause No. 13.1 of the Regulations Governing the Doctor of Philosophy – 2024 (Ph.D. RR 2024) . He emphasized that the course is aimed at strengthening the academic integrity, ethical conduct, and responsible research practices of Ph.D. scholars.
Resolution	Members Approved.
4.04	Ratifications
(a)	To ratify the proceedings of Board of Studies Meetings of Various departments: Proceedings of Board of studies in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Pharmaceutical Engineering, CSE, ECE, EEE, BCA, MCA, MBA & Commerce.
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor requested the chairpersons to present the proceedings of the respective BoS : • Physics • Chemistry • Mathematics • Pharmaceutical Engineering • Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) • Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) • Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) • Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) • Master of Computer Applications (MCA) • Master of Business Administration (MBA) • Commerce Accordingly, the following presentations were made: • Dr. V.C. Patil, Dean & Chairperson, presented the First Year Physics Cycle and Chemistry Cycle scheme and syllabus, along with the 5th to 8th Semester syllabus of B.Tech in ECE for the 2023–24 batch. • Dr. Rajashree V. Biradar, Chairperson, presented the 5th to 8th Semester scheme and syllabus of B.Tech in CSE for the 2023–24 batch. • Dr. V. Kumara Swamy, Chairperson, presented the 5th to 8th Semester scheme and syllabus of B.Tech in EEE for the 2023–24 batch. • Dr. Vishwanath Hiremath, Chairperson, presented the 3rd and 4th Semester scheme and syllabus of B.Tech in Pharmaceutical Engineering for the 2024–25 batch.

	• Dr. K. Kumara Swamy, Chairperson, presented the 1st to 4th Semester scheme and syllabus of MCA for the 2025–26 batch. • Mr. Sompalli Venkatesulu, Chairperson, presented the 1st Year and 5th & 6th Semester scheme and syllabus of BCA for the 2023–24 batch. • Dr. Arun Mudhol, Dean & Chairperson, Faculty of Commerce & Management, presented the scheme and syllabus for: ○ B.Com (Strategic Finance) ○ B.Com (Investment Banking) ○ MBA (Regular) – with the inclusion of case studies and additional co-curricular activities ○ MBA (Lateral Entry – Trimester System) Following the presentations, the Academic Council appreciated the efforts of all departments in aligning their curricula with current academic and industry standards. Constructive suggestions were provided wherever necessary and the members acknowledged the systematic presentation of schemes and syllabi by the respective chairs.																
Resolution	The Academic Council ratified the proceedings of the Board of Studies meetings of the aforementioned departments and approved the presented schemes and syllabi for the respective programs and batches as listed above.																
(b)	To ratify the proceedings of various committees :																
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Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor informed the members of the Academic Council about the conduct of various statutory and academic committee meetings in recent months. He requested the Registrar to present the proceedings of the following committee meetings for ratification: 1. 3rd Admission Advisory Committee (AAC) Meeting 2. 3rd Anti-Ragging & Disciplinary Committee (ARC) Meeting 3. 4th to 8th Evaluation Standard Committee (ESC) Meetings 4. 3rd Board of Appointment of Examiners (BoAEs) Meeting 5. 2nd Student Welfare Committee (SWC) Meeting 6. 1st Equal Opportunity Cell (EOC) Meeting 7. 2nd Parent-Teacher Interaction Committee (PTIC) Meeting 8. 1st Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) Committee Meeting The Registrar presented a consolidated report outlining the recommendations, actions, and resolutions passed in each of the committee meetings. These covered a range of topics including: • Policy suggestions, eligibility criteria for admissions and seat matrix review by the Admission Advisory Committee • Disciplinary measures and preventive strategies by the Anti-Ragging Committee																

	• Academic integrity, evaluation reforms, and examination process improvements by the Evaluation Standard Committee • Empanelment and approval of examiners by the Board of Appointment of Examiners • Student engagement initiatives and welfare measures by the SWC • Equal access and support services for disadvantaged groups discussed by the EOC • Feedback and collaboration insights from parents and faculty via the PTIC • Framework for inclusive development and outreach discussed in the SEDGs Committee
Resolution	Ratified
4.6	New updates
(a)	New programs and enhancement intake approved by Government of Karnataka for the year 2025-26.
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that the University has received the Government Order for the increase in student intake in select programs and introduction of new academic programs across engineering, commerce, management, and research disciplines for the upcoming academic year 2025-26. Approved Increase in Intake: • B.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE): Increased from 240 to 480 • B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE): Increased from 180 to 240 • B.Tech in Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE): Increased from 120 to 180 • Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA): Increased from 120 to 240 Approval for New Programs: • B.Tech in CSE (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning): 120 • B.Com (Professional): 60 • B.Com (Strategic Finance): 60 • B.Com (Investment Banking): 60 • B.Com (Industry Integrated): 60 • BBA-MBA (Integrated Program): 120 • BBA (Business Analytics): 60 seats • Research Programs (Ph.D.) in the following disciplines: ○ MBA ○ ECE ○ EEE The Council members welcomed the Government's approval and appreciated the efforts of the University in expanding academic offerings in alignment with industry demand, emerging technologies and multidisciplinary learning as envisioned by NEP 2020.
Resolution	Members Noted
(b)	MoU with SHODH CHAKRA
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that Kishkinda University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SHODH CHAKRA, an initiative under the Ministry of Education and UGC, aimed at supporting research progress tracking and academic resource sharing for research scholars and guides.

	He then requested Dr. Manjunatha S, Dean (Research & Innovation), to present the key highlights and objectives of the MoU. Dr. Manjunatha S provided an overview of the SHODH CHAKRA platform, emphasizing its role in: • Facilitating real-time progress monitoring of research scholars • Creating a centralized research repository for project registration and tracking • Enabling guide-scholar collaboration and supervision through a structured digital interface • Enhancing transparency and accountability in Ph.D. programs • Integrating with academic databases for literature and citation tracking He explained how the platform will be implemented at the University level and outlined the roles of research supervisors, scholars, and the Research & Innovation Cell in maintaining the data integrity and timely updates on the portal.
Resolution	Members Noted.
(c)	Dr. Vishwanth Hiremath has been given the additional charge as Chairperson of the Pharmaceutical Engineering Department.
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor informed the members of the Academic Council that, in the interest of ensuring continuity in academic and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Vishwanath Hiremath has been entrusted with the additional charge as Chairperson of the Department of Pharmaceutical Engineering. The decision was taken keeping in view Dr. Hiremath's experience, prior involvement with the department, and demonstrated administrative capabilities.
Resolution	Members Noted.
(d)	Submission of S&T survey to the department of Science & Technology, Govt of India.
Deliberation	The Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that the University has recently completed the compilation and submission of the Science & Technology (S&T) Survey as mandated by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India. He requested Dr. Manjunatha S, Dean (Research & Innovation), to present the details of the submission and its significance. Dr. Manjunatha S apprised the Council that the S&T survey encompasses comprehensive institutional data related to: • Research output and publications • Grants received and funded projects • Patents filed and intellectual property generated • Collaborative research initiatives • Faculty qualifications and research infrastructure • Science and technology outreach and extension activities
Resolution	Members Noted
(e)	Committee for the First Convocation of Kishkinda University
Deliberation	A preliminary meeting under the chairmanship of Chancellor was held to discuss the first convocation of Kishkinda University. The Vice - Chancellor outlined the key decisions and recommendations discussed by the committee, which included the following: • Design and Approval of the Common Seal of the University to be used on all degree certificates and official documents.

	• Finalization of the University Mace, symbolizing the academic authority and tradition of the institution during the convocation procession. • Standardization of the Degree Certificate Format, ensuring alignment with national norms and incorporating secure and verifiable features. • Design of Degree Certificate Folders, to maintain a dignified and uniform presentation during the awarding of degrees. • Institution of Medals and Awards, Gold medals for academic excellence • Policy Framework for Awarding Medals, with clearly defined eligibility criteria and a transparent selection process to ensure merit-based recognition. • Formulation of Policy on Conferring Honorary Degrees (Honoris Causa).
Resolution	Members Noted.
(f)	Corporate Social Responsibilities (CSR) - initiatives
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor briefed the Academic Council on the increasing importance of engaging with industries and corporates to support academic, research, and infrastructural development through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. He then invited Dr. Arun Mudhol, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management, to present the University's current and proposed initiatives related to CSR funding. Dr. Arun Mudhol provided an overview of the following key points: • Strategic engagement with corporates to support university programs in education, research, skilling, and sustainability. • Department wise CSR funding initiatives from Industries in and around Ballari. • A list of key industries with CSR potential (e.g., JSW, NMDC, Vedanta) • CSR Task Force comprising of Registrar, Deans, Chairpersons, Senior Faculty Coordinators, Representatives from the Office of Institutional Development.
Resolution	Members Noted.
(g)	Faculty Recruitment for the Academic Year 2025-26
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor presented a detailed report on the faculty recruitment status for the academic year 2025–26. He shared data on the existing number of faculty members across various departments in the cadres of Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor, mapped against the required number of faculty positions as per the approved intake and academic workload norms. The Vice - Chancellor further informed the Council that faculty recruitment is a continuous and strategic process at the University. As part of the ongoing recruitment drive, 30 new faculty members have been selected across multiple departments, including engineering, sciences, management, and humanities. Letters of Intent (LoIs) have been issued to these candidates, and all have acknowledged their acceptance. They are expected to join on or before August 2025.
Resolution	Members Noted.
(h)	Inclusion of New Members in University Committees Due to Position Changes, New Recruitments (Teaching & Non-teaching) & Resignations
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor informed the Academic Council about the recent structural and staffing changes within the University, which necessitated the reconstitution of several statutory and functional committees. These changes are a result of new recruitments, position upgrades, and faculty resignations. Dr. Rama Rao, who

	previously held key academic and administrative responsibilities, has resigned and has been relieved from the University. Dr. Rama Rao was a member of several important committees, and his departure created multiple vacancies. To ensure continuity in decision-making and functioning of these committees, Dr. Arun Chandra Mudhol, Dean FCM has been included as a member in 15 University-level committees, which were earlier assigned to Dr. Rama Rao. The details of the 15 committees are as follows: 1. Academic Council 2. Anti – Ragging Committee 3. Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) 4. Students Grievances Redressal Cell (SGRC) 5. Library Advisory Committee (LAC) 6. Food Court Committee (FCC) 7. Training & Placement Cell (TPC) 8. Student Welfare Committee (SWC) 9. Parent & Teachers Interaction Committee (PTC) 10. Panel of Composite Board Of Studies (Comp. BoS) 11. SC,ST & OBC Committee (SSO) 12. Central Purchase Committee (CPC) 13. Evaluation Standard Committee (EVC) 14. Research & Innovation Council (R&IC) 15. Socio Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs)
Resolution	Members Noted.
(i)	Appointment of Registrar (Evaluation), Nodal officers & Coordinator.
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor informed the Academic Council about the recent key appointments made to enhance administrative coordination and institutional representation in academic and professional forums. 1. Dr. Raju Jadar has been appointed as the Registrar (Evaluation) of Kishkinda University with effect from 20.05.2025. This appointment is aimed at strengthening the evaluation and examination processes, ensuring academic integrity and implementing reforms in assessment and certification systems. 2. Mrs. Prathibha Shanbogh has been designated as the Nodal Officer for Sri Sathya Sai University of Human Excellence (SSUHE). She will serve as the primary liaison officer between Kishkinda University and SSUHE for all collaborative academic, cultural and research-related activities, facilitating smooth communication and implementation of joint programs. 3. Dr. Ameer Ahamed Z has been appointed as the Coordinator for the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE). He will coordinate all ISTE-related institutional membership activities, faculty development initiatives, student chapters, faculty chapters and professional engagement programs aligned with the objectives of ISTE.
Resolution	Members Noted.
4.7	Presentation by Deans :
(a)	Dean - Faculty of Engineering & Technology.
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor invited the Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology (FET) to present the departmental updates, focusing on recent faculty and student achievements. Accordingly, the Dean (FET) made a detailed presentation covering significant academic and co-curricular contributions under the following categories:

	Faculty Achievements: • Research Publications: 29 papers published across reputed journals and conferences. • Faculty Development Programs (FDPs): ◦ Organized: 08 ◦ Participated: 29 • Workshops: ◦ Organized: 03 ◦ Participated: 09 • Seminars/Training Programs (Organized/Participated): 23 • Conferences (Organized/Participated): 05 • Patents: 01 patent published/granted Student Achievements: • Paper Publications by Students: 54 • Hackathon/Ideathon Participation: 514 students, with several prize winners • Participation in Symposiums, Conferences, Training Programs, Paper Presentations: 650 students • Extra-Curricular Achievements (Sports, Debate, etc.): 128 students, including those who won prizes at various levels
Resolution	Members Noted
(b)	Dean - Faculty of Commerce & Management.
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor requested Dr. Arun Chandru Mudhol, Dean, Faculty of Commerce & Management (FCM), to present a strategic outline of forthcoming academic initiatives aimed at enhancing academic quality, employability, and global engagement. Accordingly, the Dean (FCM) presented the following key academic action points: 1. Enhancement of Curriculum • Industry-relevant certifications such as CFA, CIMA, etc., to be integrated within academic programs to improve graduate employability and industry readiness. 2. Increased Industry Collaboration • Strengthen engagement with industries through structured internships, guest lectures, and live projects to provide hands-on experience to students. 3. Introduction of Specialized Electives • New electives such as 'Data Analytics for Business' and 'AI in Business Strategy' to address evolving market and technological trends. 4. Strengthening Research Opportunities • Focus on collaborative research with international institutions and improving access to research grants and funding. 5. Global Exposure and International Collaborations • Expansion of student exchange programs, dual degrees, and joint research initiatives with global universities. 6. Continuous Faculty Development • Conduct Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) on advanced pedagogy, research methodology, emerging technologies, and leadership in academia. 7. Strengthening Alumni Relations • Establish a structured alumni network to support mentorship programs, guest lectures, placement drives, and career guidance. 8. Sustainability and Green Business Focus

	• Infuse sustainability-oriented modules and green business practices into the curriculum to align with ESG goals and UN SDGs. 9. Improvement in Student Support Services • Enhance career counseling, soft skills training, and placement assistance to support holistic student development. 10. Focus on Entrepreneurial Development • Launch a formal Entrepreneurship Program and establish an Incubation Centre to nurture student startups and innovative ideas.
Resolution	Members Noted
(c)	Dean - Faculty of Science.
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor requested the Dean, Faculty of Science, to present the departmental updates during the Academic Council meeting. In response, Dr. K.S.R. Sridhar made a detailed presentation highlighting the notable achievements of faculty members and first-year students across various departments under the Faculty of Science and Humanities. 1. Department of Physics – Faculty Achievements: • Research Publications: 04 research papers published. • Magazine Contributions: 01 article published. • Book Contributions: 01 chapter published; 02 books edited. • Professional Development: ◦ FDPs attended: 01 ◦ Workshops: 04 • Events: ◦ Seminars Organized: 02 ◦ Conferences/Symposium: 02 conferences participated, 01 symposium organized. • Patent Activity: NIL • Outreach Programs: 01 faculty member actively involved. 2. Department of Chemistry – Faculty Achievements: • Research Publications: 06 research papers published. • Professional Development: ◦ FDPs attended: 01 3. Department of Mathematics – Faculty Achievements: • Research Publications: 03 research papers published. • Professional Development: ◦ FDPs attended: 03 ◦ Workshops: 02 attended ◦ Symposium: 01 participated ◦ Seminars: 01 participated 4. Department of Humanities (SFH and English) – Faculty Achievements: • Research Publications: 02 research papers published. • Professional Development: ◦ FDPs attended: 02 ◦ Workshops: 02 attended ◦ Symposium: 01 participated ◦ Seminars: 02 participated ◦ Conferences: 03 participated 5. First-Year Students – Achievements: • Research Output: 04 students published papers. • Technical Competitions:

	○ Hackathon/Ideathon: No participation reported. ○ Symposiums: 35 students participated. • Extra-Curricular Activities: 04 students actively participated in sports, debates, and other activities.
Resolution	Members Noted
(d)	Dean – Research & Innovation.
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor requested the Dean (Research & Innovation) to present a detailed overview of the research activities and progress within the University. In response, Dr. Manjunatha S, Dean (Research & Innovation), presented the following updates to the Academic Council: 1. Faculty Publications: Dr. Manjunatha S highlighted the research contributions of the faculty members by categorizing their publications based on the journal quality metrics (quartile rankings): • Q1 Journals: Faculty members have published several high-quality research articles in Q1 journals, reflecting the university's growing academic impact. • Q2 Journals: A significant number of papers have also been published in Q2 journals, demonstrating consistent research output. • Q3 and Q4 Journals: Additional publications in Q3 and Q4 journals were also presented, indicating broader engagement in diverse research domains. 2. Ph.D. Supervisors and Research Scholars: • The Council was presented with an updated list of recognized Ph.D. supervisors from various departments across the university. • The list of registered Ph.D. research scholars under these supervisors was also shared, along with their research domains and progress status. 3. Coursework Examinations: • Dr. Manjunatha S reported the successful conduct of Ph.D. coursework examinations as per the academic calendar. • The examination details, including course titles, enrolled scholars, and results, were presented to the Council for record and transparency.
Resolution	Members Noted

(e)	Library
Deliberation	The Vice-Chancellor invited Mr. V.B. Bentoor, Librarian, to present a comprehensive update on the university library's status and developments. Accordingly, Mr. Bentoor made a detailed presentation covering the following key aspects: 1. Library Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives: • The goals and objectives were aligned with the university's academic and research priorities, focusing on providing timely access to quality information resources and fostering information literacy among students and faculty. 2. Organizational Structure: • An overview of the library's organizational structure was shared, detailing the hierarchical framework, responsibilities, and functional roles of the library staff to ensure effective service delivery. 3. Library Resources and Facilities: The librarian provided data on the current state of library collections and resources: • Number of Books: 8,078 • Number of Titles: 330 • Journals (Print Media): 68 • E-Resources: Subscribed and accessible • Anti-Plagiarism Software (DrillBit): Available for faculty and research scholars • Membership: Subscribed to leading academic consortiums and databases • Integrated Library Management System (ILMS): Fully automated, supporting cataloging, circulation, and user management functions 4. Digital Services and Innovations: • The library has adopted modern technologies, including the DrillBit plagiarism checker, to uphold academic integrity and assist researchers. • Mr. Bentoor highlighted the ease of access to e-resources, including e-books, e-journals, and databases, supporting both teaching and research.
Resolution	Members Noted.
4.8	Progress on infrastructure development in the new campus
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor presented an update on the ongoing infrastructure development at the new university campus, highlighting key progress across various academic, administrative, and student facilities. The Council was briefed on the following developments: 1. Academic Infrastructure: • Classrooms: A significant number of classrooms have been constructed, designed with modern teaching aids, digital boards, ergonomic seating, and adequate ventilation to create a conducive learning environment. • Laboratories: State-of-the-art laboratories for various departments have been developed with advanced equipment, supporting practical learning and research activities. The labs are equipped to meet both undergraduate and postgraduate academic requirements. 2. Administrative Infrastructure: • The University Administrative Office is nearing completion and will serve as the central hub for all official and academic administrative functions. It includes dedicated spaces for the Vice - Chancellor's office, Registrar, Finance, Examination, and other functional units.

	3. Student and Campus Amenities: • Cafeteria: A fully functional and hygienic cafeteria has been established to cater to students and staff, offering a variety of nutritious and affordable meals. • Commercial Complex: A commercial complex is under development within the campus to host essential services such as stationery, printing, ATM facilities, convenience stores, and other utility services for the campus community. • Hostels: Residential facilities for both boys and girls have been constructed. The hostels include spacious rooms, dining halls, study areas, and recreational facilities, ensuring a comfortable and safe living environment for students. The Vice - Chancellor informed the members University will start all its academic, admission activities from the month of Aug 2025 in its permanent campus. Further emphasized that the infrastructure projects are aligned with the university's vision to provide a modern, inclusive and student-friendly academic ecosystem.
Resolution	Members Noted.
4.9	Any other matter with the permission of the Chair
Deliberation	The Vice - Chancellor opened the floor for further discussions beyond the listed agenda. After concluding the structured deliberations, the Vice - Chancellor highlighted the importance of faculty empowerment and integration with various academic and technological resources, emphasizing that this is critical for fostering a progressive academic ecosystem. In response to the Vice - Chancellor's call for suggestions and insights, the following points were raised by the esteemed members of the Academic Council: • Dr. Nirmal Sancheti emphasized the need for faculty development programs, particularly in the domains of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies. He highlighted that equipping faculty with these skills would not only enhance teaching outcomes but also align the institution with global educational trends. • Dr. N.V. Subba Reddy appreciated well-structured presentation of the Academic Council meeting. He proposed the establishment of a Student Research Forum to inculcate a research culture among students. This initiative, he noted, would strengthen student-faculty engagement and promote a spirit of inquiry and innovation. He further emphasized the importance of fostering an interdisciplinary approach, recommending that collaborative efforts between students and faculty across different departments could significantly improve problem-solving abilities and lead to increased research publications. He also stressed that such an approach would benefit students in technical report writing, research article publication, poster presentations, and paper presentations at both national and international levels. • Dr. Sahana Gowda highlighted the potential of AI platforms such as ChatGPT for enhancing the academic process. She suggested that students be encouraged to use such platforms for assignment submission and that this mechanism be integrated into the Continuous Internal Evaluation (CIE) framework. She also proposed that faculty members leverage AI tools to generate assignment questions that challenge students and prevent plagiarism or misuse of AI tools.

	Moreover, she recommended the organization of AI upskilling workshops specifically for administrative staff, thereby empowering them to use technology effectively in their daily tasks. • Dr. T.V. Ravi expressed his appreciation for the structured curriculum and the quality of presentations made during the meeting. He proposed the inclusion of an “Open Innovation Day” in the university’s academic calendar, especially for undergraduate students. On this day, students could present projects, models, and posters, thereby showcasing their innovative ideas and research capabilities. He also acknowledged and supported the university’s initiatives in securing CSR funding, noting that such efforts could be extended to facilitate student internships, thereby bridging the gap between academia and industry. In conclusion, the Vice - Chancellor expressed gratitude to all members for their valuable suggestions and reaffirmed the university's commitment to adopting progressive strategies that foster academic excellence, research, innovation, and effective integration of emerging technologies.
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