

**Proceeding of the 3rd Governing Council Meeting held on 25/04/2026
at 10.30am Boardroom, EPCET.**

Members Present:

Sl. No	Name	Affiliation	Designation
1	Smt. B L Ramadevi Venkatapathi	Chairperson, M G Charitable Trust	Chairperson
2	Sri. S V Rajiv Gowda	Trustee, MG. Charitable Trust and CEO, EPGI	Member
3	Sri. Peter Sunder Raj Francis,	Secretary, MG Charitable Trust	Member
4	Dr. Chikkanna Naganna	Prof. Aerospace Engineering, VTU Center for PG Studies, Muddenahalli.	VTU Nominee
5	Sri. Sebikumar Kuruvilla	Associate Vice President, Learning & Academy Head- Engineering and R&D Service, HCL Technologies, Bengaluru.	Member
6	Dr. Yogesh G S	Vice Principal and HOD-ECE, EPCET	Member
7	Maj. Monnappa C U	CAO, EPGI	Member
8	Dr. Pradipkumar Dixit	Principal, EPCET	Member Secretary

Agenda 1	<p>Welcome: Dr. Pradipkumar Dixit-Principal & Member Secretary welcomed all the Governing Council members. Acknowledged the presence of the Chairperson, CEO, VTU nominee, industry member, academic leadership, and other dignitaries. Also, absence of Sri. Pramod Gowda S V, Trustee, MG. Charitable Trust and CEO, EPGI, Prof. Ashok Herur, Director Academics, EPGI and Sri. Radhakrishna Doddamani, Member of Parliament, Govt. of India was recorded.</p>
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<p>Agenda 2</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes of the 2nd Governing Council Meeting</p>	
	<p>The 2nd Governing Council meeting was held on 23rd August 2025 and the minute was shared to all the Hon'ble members on 01st September 2025.</p> <p>Resolution: Governing Council approved the minutes of the 2nd meeting held on 23rd August 2025 as read and confirmed.</p>	
<p>Agenda 3</p>	<p>Action Taken/Plan Based on Previous G C Suggestions</p>	
	<p>Principal presented the following actions taken for the previous suggestions.</p>	
	<p>SL.No</p>	<p>Suggestion</p>
	<p>1</p>	<p>Set Benchmark to improve the results.</p>
	<p>2</p>	<p>Initial benchmark set at 75%. Considerable improvement observed in 2024 batch results and the first semester of the 2025 batch.(Details given in Agenda 7 Pg: 15)</p> <p>Academic Monitoring: Departments have to find route cause and take necessary action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All HODs took necessary actions after CIE -1 and CIE- 2, and identified the students scoring below 40%. ➤ Monitoring structure implemented Deputy Chief Mentors –Department Level and Chief Mentor ➤ Institute Level, to enhance monitoring effectively. ➤ Regular Class Representative (CR) meetings conducted twice in a semester to collect feedback on teaching and facilities.
	<p>3</p>	<p>Placement Improvement</p>
	<p>4</p>	<p>Company/Job-specific training introduced via vendors. (Details in Agenda 8 Pg:18)</p>
	<p>5</p>	<p>Student Clubs</p>
	<p>Faculty Development- by Industry Experts</p>	<p>Guised Club initiated to create safe and supportive space where student-led emotional support platform. "Scars to Stars"</p> <p>Six day on "Next –Gen AI Agent/ FDPs on Cyber security & Autonomous Systems" with Sirena Technology scheduled from 8th June to 13th June 2026.</p>
<p>Agenda 4</p>	<p>Approval of 3rd Academic Council Meeting Minutes held on 28th March 2026.</p>	
	<p>Principal presented the minutes highlighting the key suggestions given during the 3rd Academic Council Meeting.</p>	
	<p>Resolution: Governing Council approved the minutes of the 3rdAcademic Council Meeting.</p>	

<p>Agenda 5</p>	<p>a)Approval of new faculty recruitment</p> <p>The Principal presented the list of 39 faculty members recruitment from 24th August 2025 to April 24th 2026.</p> <p>Hon'ble member Dr.Chikkanna Naganna advised that, as the institute is autonomous, a proper recruitment procedure must be followed, including Constitution of an internal selection committee & Maintenance of complete recruitment records.</p> <p>b)Approval of Exit/Retirement Policy</p> <p>Principal presented the Exit/Retirement Policy which was implemented from March 2026, Hon'ble members of Governing Council approved the policy.</p>
	<p>Resolution:</p> <p>The Principal explained the existing recruitment and interview process, including the role of departmental and institutional committees.</p> <p>The Hon'ble members were satisfied with the process followed and approved the faculty recruited from 24th August 2025 to 24th April 2026.</p>
<p>Agenda 6</p>	<p>Report on UG & PG Admissions for the year 2025-26</p> <p>The Principal presented the admissions report for the academic year 2025–26. It has been observed that 925 admissions in UG including 15% over and above against 870 sanctioned intake also, there is a strong demand for CSE-related branches, whereas in PG, Civil Engineering has witnessed a decline in admissions and Mechanical Engineering has shown moderate improvement compared to the previous year.</p>
	<p>Resolution:</p> <p>The Governing Council members appreciated the admission performance of the intake.</p>
<p>Agenda 7</p>	<p>Results of Autonomous 2024-28 and 2025-29 batch:</p> <p>The Principal presented the programme-wise results percentage of the autonomous batches (2024–28 and 2025–29). A significant improvement in academic performance was observed, with first semester results increasing from 56.17% to 73.22%.</p> <p>The Hon'ble members Sri. Sebi Kumar Kuruvilla suggested that special attention should be given to students from Diploma and Biology backgrounds who may find it difficult to cope with the curriculum. They emphasized the need to identify such students early, provide necessary support, and make consistent efforts to achieve the benchmark of >85% results.</p> <p>Resolution:</p> <p>The Principal responded that to improve academic performance, the following measures have been implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special coaching classes for programming subjects • Recorded lectures shared with students for repeated learning • A structured mentoring system with one mentor assigned to approximately 15 students • Weekly mentoring sessions to monitor student progress

<p>Agenda 8</p>	<p>Report on Campus Placement & Higher Studies</p> <p>Principal presented the three years placement details and also mentioned the following initiatives to further improve the percentage placements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The reports on the ongoing campus placement for 2025-2026, with seven placements in tier-one companies with > 8 LPA. The current overall placement is 44%. ➤ Two vendors, Netcraftz and SMAG J, have been identified for training students towards global certification and placements. ➤ Netcraftz: Training 200 students in cloud computing, AI fundamentals, AWS Cloud Practitioner, and emerging technologies. ➤ SMAG J: Training 226 students with a focus on industry readiness and employability, including programming fundamentals, data structures, and industry tools. <p>Selected students undergo a 90-hours training program with proper track selection, and weekly feedback. The training is planned across four years, starting with strong basics and then moving to specialization.</p> <p>To make sure students are ready for real jobs, the program includes interactions with industry experts. For example, an event called the East Point Industry Leadership Conclave (held on 27 February 2026 at Taj Vivanta) brought together over 60 industry leaders. There are also regular “Coffee with HR” sessions where students can directly learn from hiring professionals.</p> <p>Overall, the focus is on building a strong foundation first, then helping students grow into job-ready professionals.</p> <p>Suggestion: Hon’ble members appreciated the efforts and suggested to ensure strong fundamentals before specialization.</p>
<p>Agenda 9</p>	<p>IQAC External & Internal Academic Audits</p> <p>Principal informed that IQAC external audit was conducted on 19th December 2025 with external 3 peer members nominated by VTU & the report of IQAC submitted to UGC & VTU.</p> <p>The six monthly IQAC internal academic audit of all the departments for the academic year 2025-26 for the odd semester has been conducted on 17th March 2026 and exit meeting on 24th March 2026. The minor deviations have been identified and corrected.</p>
<p>Agenda 10</p>	<p>Research and Development</p> <p>The Principal presented a detailed report on research activities, from August 2025 including publications, Consultancy, Patents, and Research scholars, along with ongoing and submitted projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For the period from August 2025 to date, a total of 10 Q1, 11 Q2, and 17 Q3 publications were recorded. ➤ In terms of Patents, 6 have been granted and 32 have been published. ➤ The institute has ongoing research funding amounting to ₹52 lakhs, with proposals worth ₹7.84 Cr. submitted for consideration to various funding agencies.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An amount of ₹1,92,110 lakhs has been distributed to faculty as incentives. ➤ Regarding NPTEL certifications, 116 faculty members and 1,607 students have successfully completed the courses.
Agenda 11&12	<p>NBA & NAAC Accreditation Updates</p> <p>The Principal informed CSE, ISE, and ECE, NBA accredited for three academic year 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2026. As the new format released and fresh application been initiated.</p> <p>The draft Self Assessment Report (SAR) for the three departments is ready, and the pre-qualifier will be submitted by 15th May 2026.</p> <p>The Annual Quality Assurance Report(AQAR) for the academic year 2024-2025 is ready and will be submitted to the NAAC, Bengaluru office.</p> <p>The new format for the NAAC has caused delays in the AQAR submission process.</p>
Agenda 13 & 14	<p>Report on AISHE/NIRF & VTU LIC visit /AICTE EOA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The data for the AISHE for the year2024-25 has been submitted on 7th August 2025 and received the certificate and the data for NIRF 2026 ranking has been submitted on 26th February 2026. ➤ The VTU LIC visit was conducted on 17th February 2026 and relevant documents were submitted to VTU. ➤ The application to AICTE (EOA) for extension of approval was submitted on 18th December 2025 and the EOA was generated on 16th March 2026 for the AY: 2026-27 without any deficiencies.
Agenda 15	<p>Institutional Events & Students Achievements</p> <p>Report on FDP/SDP/Workshops/Conferences Organized and attended by the Faculty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Principal presented the details of FDPs/SDPs/Workshops/Conferences organized from August 2025 to date by the departments and also details of faculty attended these outside the institute. ➤ The institution has conducted 33 workshops and FDPs, with 235 faculty members attending. ➤ The reports on student achievements, including participation in Hackathons, Ideathons, and cultural and sports activities. ➤ The South Zone University cricket selections and cricket tournament participation are highlighted.
Agenda 16	<p>Department wise Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Budget Utilization: 2025-26 The budget for the financial year 2025-2026 was utilized at 89%, with a total of Rs.1,36,46,345 ➤ Budget Sanctioned: 2026-27 Rs.1,64,54,370 department budget for the financial year 2026-27 has been sanctioned. ➤ The management has approved up to 5 lakhs as a seed fund for young researchers to build their profiles.

Agenda 17	<p>Any other matter</p> <p>Hon'ble members discussed/suggested the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Industry-Aligned Curriculum (NASSCOM Initiative) Opportunity to collaborate on advanced curriculum ➤ Industry Faculty: Increase hiring of professionals from industry. ➤ Emerging Technologies Focus: Robotics ,AI & Automation, Drone Technology ➤ Hands-on Learning: Real-world Hackathons, Practical implementation over theory ➤ AI Impact Awareness: Entry-level jobs declining, Need to train students for advanced roles ➤ Emphasis on: Improving placement, increasing academic benchmark and strengthening industry collaboration. <p>Institution Initiatives Highlighted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The institution has already recruited two industry professionals as visiting faculty ➤ AI & Drone labs initiated ➤ ISRO student satellite project participation ➤ IDEA Lab utilization (3D printing, CNC, etc.)
	<p>Concluding:</p> <p>Principal thanked Hon'ble Governing Council members for their time and valuable suggestions.</p> <p>The meeting concluded with a commitment to implement the suggestions towards institutional growth and excellence.”</p>

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