



Minutes of 27th Meeting of the Governing Body

The 27th Meeting of the Governing Body was held on **July 4, 2026**, at **11:00 a.m.** The Member Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman and the esteemed members of the Governing Body. He briefly outlined the agenda items for discussion and requested the Hon'ble Chairman to commence the proceedings.

Agenda No 27.1 : To confirm the Minutes of the 26th Governing Body Meeting held on 08 September 2025.

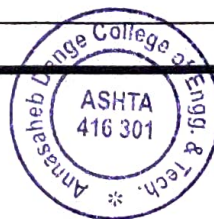
With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman, the Member Secretary presented the minutes of the 26th Governing Body Meeting held on 08 September 2025 for confirmation. During the confirmation of the minutes, the members deliberated on the implementation of the Minor Degree in Quantum Technology. It was suggested to leverage in-house expertise, strengthen the Centre of Excellence, and promote multidisciplinary minor programmes through interdepartmental collaboration.

Resolved that the Governing Body reviewed and confirmed the minutes of the 26th Governing Body Meeting held on 08 September 2025.

Agenda No 27.2 : To review the Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed in the previous Governing Body Meeting.

The Member Secretary presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions passed during the 26th Governing Body Meeting. The details of the action taken are presented in Table below.

Sr. No.	Resolution / Agenda Item	Action Taken
1	Faculty Recruitment for the Academic Year 2025-26	The faculty recruitment process was successfully completed, and the appointed faculty members have joined their respective departments. Teaching workload has been allocated as per institutional requirements.
2	Approval of Overall Budget Allocation for AY 2025-26	The approved budget has been communicated to all departments. Budget utilization is being monitored in accordance with the approved financial plan.
3	Institutional Achievements during AY 2024-25	The Institute's achievements have been documented and disseminated through the Annual Report, Institute website, newsletters, and other official publications.
4	Establishment of Centre of Excellence in Robotics	The Centre of Excellence in Robotics has been established and is functioning to promote research, innovation, and industry collaboration.
5	NBA Accreditation of the UG Aeronautical Engineering Programme	The NBA accreditation process is in progress. The NBA Committee has been constituted, and the Expert Team Visit is scheduled from 24-26 July 2026 .
6	Approval of Examination Fee Structure for AY 2025-26	The approved examination fee structure has been notified and implemented for all applicable programmes.





7	Introduction of the UG Minor Degree Programme in Quantum Technology (AY 2026-27)	The Academic Council has approved the proposal. The curriculum has been finalized, and the programme will be introduced from AY 2026-27, subject to statutory approval.
8	Skill Development and Placement Enhancement Initiatives	The Training and Placement Cell have conducted aptitude training, technical workshops, certification programmes, mock interviews, soft skills training, and industry interaction activities to enhance students' employability.

Resolved that the Governing Body reviewed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed during the 26th Governing Body Meeting held on 08 September 2025, expressed satisfaction with the progress made in implementing the decisions, and noted the Action Taken Report.

Agenda No 27.3: To consider and approve the overall budget for the Academic Year 2026-27.

The Member Secretary presented the Overall Budget for the Academic Year 2026-27, as recommended by the Finance Committee. He briefed the Governing Body on the estimated receipts and expenditure amounting to ₹44.06 Crore, the major budget allocations, and the principal sources of revenue. The members sought clarification on the break-up of the budget under various expenditure heads, and the Member Secretary provided the necessary clarifications. The Governing Body expressed satisfaction with the proposed budget and emphasized the need to make adequate financial provisions for seed funding, strengthening research and development facilities, faculty research incentive schemes, Faculty Development Programmes (FDPs), and other research and innovation initiatives, while ensuring continued support for academic activities, infrastructure development, student development, and other institutional priorities.

Resolved that the Governing Body approved the Overall Budget for the Academic Year 2026-27 and authorized the Director to implement the approved budget, with due emphasis on supporting research, innovation, and institutional development initiatives.

Agenda No 27.4: To consider and approve faculty recruitment for the Academic Year 2026-27.

The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body that 32 faculty members had been appointed on an ad hoc basis for the Academic Year 2026-27 to meet AICTE and UGC norms, support the increased student intake and new academic programmes, strengthen teaching, research, innovation, and student mentoring, and improve the student-faculty ratio. The members reviewed the department-wise appointments and emphasized the need to recruit and retain competent faculty with strong academic and research credentials in accordance with the applicable AICTE, UGC, Government of Maharashtra, and Shivaji University, Kolhapur norms.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the recruitment of 34 faculty members on an ad hoc basis for the Academic Year 2026-27, made in accordance with the applicable AICTE, UGC, Government of Maharashtra, and Shivaji University, Kolhapur norms.





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The Governing Body further directed the Institute to ensure that at least 60% of the faculty members are approved by Shivaji University, Kolhapur, by filling the vacant approved positions.

Agenda No 27.5: To place before the Governing Body the approval received from AICTE for increase in intake and introduction of new academic programmes for the Academic Year 2026-27.

The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body that AICTE had granted Extension of Approval (EoA) for the Academic Year 2026-27 vide its letter dated 08 May 2026, and that the Government Resolution was issued on 03 July 2026. He further apprised the members that AICTE had approved an increase in intake from 60 to 120 seats each for the B.Tech. Artificial Intelligence & Data Science and B.Tech. Civil Engineering programmes, along with the commencement of the new B.Tech. Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering programme with an approved intake of 60 seats.

The members enquired about the total sanctioned intake of the B.Tech. programmes. The Director informed the Governing Body that, with the AICTE approval for the increased intake and commencement of the new programme, the total sanctioned intake of the B.Tech. programmes has increased from 750 to 930 seats for the Academic Year 2026-27, subject to the grant of **Primary Affiliation by Shivaji University, Kolhapur.**

He further informed that the Institute is taking necessary steps to obtain the Primary Affiliation and complete all statutory formalities for the implementation of the approved programmes. The members noted the information, expressed satisfaction, and appreciated the initiatives taken by the Institute.

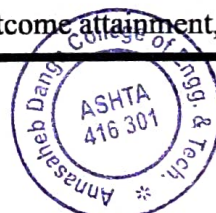
Resolved that the Governing Body took note of the AICTE approval for the increase in intake and commencement of the new programme for the Academic Year 2026-27, subject to Primary Affiliation by Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

Agenda No 27.6: To review the NBA accreditation status of the Undergraduate Programme in Aeronautical Engineering.

The Member Secretary presented the NBA accreditation status of the Institute. The members noted that the B.Tech. Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Electrical Engineering programmes are accredited under Tier-I up to 30 June 2027. The members were informed that the **NBA Expert Team Visit for the B.Tech. Aeronautical Engineering** programme is scheduled from **24-26 July 2026.**

The members were informed that the B.Tech. Artificial Intelligence & Data Science and B.Tech. Computer Science & Engineering (IoT and Cyber Security including Blockchain Technology) programmes have become eligible to apply for Tier-I NBA accreditation, and the accreditation process has been initiated.

The members enquired about the expected Self-Assessment Report (SAR) score of these programmes. The Director informed that the departments are working towards achieving the required benchmark by strengthening academic processes, outcome attainment, and documentation.





The Governing Body appreciated the initiatives and advised the departments to ensure timely submission of the SAR and strive for successful Tier-I NBA accreditation.

Resolved that the Governing Body reviewed and noted the NBA accreditation status of the Institute and appreciated the initiatives taken towards obtaining Tier-I NBA accreditation for all eligible programmes.

Agenda No 27.7: To consider and approve the examination fee structure for the Academic Year 2026–27.

The Member Secretary presented the proposed Examination Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2026–27. The members noted that the existing examination fee of ₹3,500 per year would continue for students admitted in AY 2025–26 (Second Year, Third Year, and Final Year).

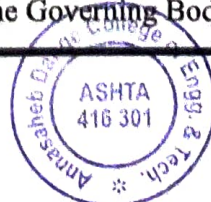
The proposal to revise the examination fee to ₹4,000 per year for students taking admission in AY 2026–27 (First Year and Direct Second Year) was presented in view of the increased expenditure towards examination conduct, evaluation, result processing, and related academic services.

The members enquired about the basis for the proposed revision and were informed that the increase of ₹500 per year was proposed after considering the rising operational costs associated with the autonomous examination system. The members found the proposal reasonable and agreed to the revision.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the Examination Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2026–27, with the existing fee of ₹3,500 per year continuing for students admitted in AY 2025–26, and a revised examination fee of ₹4,000 per year applicable to students admitted from AY 2026–27 onwards. The Governing Body further authorized the Director to notify and implement the approved fee structure.

Agenda No 27.8: To consider and approve the Institutional Strategic Plan for the period 2026–27 to 2029–30.

The Member Secretary presented the Institutional Strategic Plan for the period 2026–27 to 2029–30, outlining the strategic priorities, short-term goals, and long-term goals. The members appreciated the comprehensive roadmap covering academic excellence, quality and accreditation, research and innovation, digital transformation, and institutional development. The members emphasized the need to focus on NBA accreditation for all eligible programmes, NAAC Cycle-III, NIRF ranking improvement, research output, faculty development, industry collaboration, and financial sustainability. The members suggested that the implementation of the Strategic Plan be monitored through annual action plans, measurable Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and periodic review by the IQAC, with progress reported to the Governing Body at regular intervals.





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The Governing Body discussed the importance of adopting digital governance practices and suggested referring to the e-Samarth ERP Portal of the Government of Maharashtra as a framework for transparent fee management, academic monitoring, and institutional efficiency. The Body also noted the Government of Maharashtra's initiative of sanctioning ₹60 crore for supporting patent applications through designated registration offices to promote innovation and intellectual property creation.

The Governing Body discussed the importance of strengthening Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) activities, particularly patent generation, as a key requirement for NBA accreditation and institutional growth. The members highlighted that patents contribute towards innovation, technology transfer, wealth generation, commercialization potential, industry collaboration, and enhanced institutional reputation.

The Governing Body discussed the four key pillars of academic excellence, namely Teaching, Research, Industry Interaction, and Societal Engagement. The members suggested strengthening quality teaching practices, promoting research for the generation of new knowledge, enhancing industry interactions beyond the campus, and encouraging innovation activities including patent filing and commercialization.

The Governing Body discussed the need for strengthening teaching quality through effective pedagogical initiatives and continuous faculty development. The members suggested conducting a one-week orientation programme for newly recruited faculty every year and adopting reputed faculty training and certification programmes such as Wipro Mission 10X, Maharashtra State Faculty Development programmes, and AICTE Industry Fellowship Programme to enhance teaching effectiveness and industry readiness.

The Governing Body suggested conducting an annual assessment of the Institute's performance with respect to NIRF ranking parameters to identify strengths, improvement areas, and strategic actions.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the Institutional Strategic Plan for 2026–27 to 2029–30 and recommended its effective implementation through annual action plans, measurable KPIs, and periodic reviews. The Body emphasized focused efforts towards NBA/NAAC accreditation, NIRF improvement, research and innovation, digital governance, IPR development, faculty excellence, industry collaboration, and sustainable institutional growth, with the progress of implementation to be updated periodically.

Agenda No 27.9: To apprise the Governing Body of the establishment of the AICTE IDEA Lab and the CSR funding.

The Member Secretary presented the progress update on the establishment of the AICTE IDEA Lab at ADCET, Ashta, including the financial contributions received from the Institute, AICTE, Alumni,





and industry partners. The Governing Body noted the development of the IDEA Lab infrastructure with dedicated spaces for laboratory activities, workstations, meeting/conference facilities, and advanced equipment such as 3D Printers, CNC Router, Laser Cutter, PCB Milling Machine, and other prototyping facilities.

The members appreciated the initiatives undertaken for developing innovative products, prototypes, and customized solutions through the IDEA Lab. The Governing Body emphasized the effective utilization of the facility for innovation, product development, hands-on learning, interdisciplinary research, entrepreneurship development, and industry collaboration as per AICTE guidelines.

The Governing Body suggested exploring CSR funding opportunities for further strengthening the AICTE IDEA Lab and innovation ecosystem. The members recommended referring to platforms such as CSRBOX and maintaining regular follow-up with potential corporate partners for mobilizing CSR support.

Resolved that the Governing Body noted and appreciated the establishment of the AICTE IDEA Lab and advised its effective utilization for innovation, prototyping, research, and industry collaboration. The Governing Body further recommended pursuing CSR funding opportunities through platforms such as CSRBOX and corporate partnerships for strengthening the innovation ecosystem.

Agenda No 27.10: To consider and approve the policy for appointment of Professors of Practice in accordance with AICTE guidelines.

The Governing Body was presented with the proposal to approve the "Policy for Appointment of Professors of Practice (PoP)". The key aspects discussed includes:

- **Rationale:** Strengthening the industry-academia connect, bridging the gap between academic learning and industry practices, and enhancing student employability, innovation, entrepreneurship, internships, and project-based learning.
- **Salient Features:**
 - Appointment across three levels: **Professor of Practice, Associate Professor of Practice, and Assistant Professor of Practice**, based on prescribed industry experience and AICTE norms.
 - Engagement limit set up to **20% of the sanctioned faculty strength**, including a **5% reservation for Women PoP**, per AICTE guidelines.
 - Defined responsibilities focused on practice-oriented teaching, curriculum enrichment, mentoring, research & innovation, incubation, and industry collaborations.
- **Expected Outcomes:** Improved industry-oriented teaching-learning processes, enhanced employability skills, stronger industry partnerships, consultancy projects, and promotion of outcome-based education.





Resolved that the Governing Body hereby considers and approves the 'Policy for Appointment of Professors of Practice (PoP)' with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27. The Director is authorized to implement the policy in accordance with AICTE guidelines and institutional requirements.

Agenda No 27.11: To consider the proposal for commencing diploma programmes from the Academic Year 2027–28.

The Member Secretary presented the proposal for introducing new Diploma Programmes starting from AY 2027–28. The Member Secretary highlighted the key rationale and benefits, including expanding academic access; vertical integration, industry alignment to meet market demand in emerging technologies, strengthening enrollment, and resource and ecosystem optimization.

The Member Secretary submitted the following proposed courses and intake capacity for consideration:

Proposed Programme	Proposed Intake
1. Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	60
2. Computer Science and Engineering	60
3. Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering	60
4. Mechanical Engineering	60
5. Civil Engineering	60
6. Electrical Engineering	60

The proposal is expected to bring significant strategic benefits to the institute, including increased institutional outreach and student enrolment, better utilization of existing institutional resources, the creation of a strong direct pipeline for lateral entry into B.Tech. programmes, and improved collaboration with local industries to enhance student internships and placement opportunities.

During the deliberations, members discussed the strategic importance and feasibility of initiating these programmes in alignment with the changing educational landscape and societal requirements. The Member Secretary highlighted the challenges faced by rural students in accessing technical education due to competitive entrance examinations such as CET and JEE. It was emphasized that Diploma programmes after SSC can provide an alternative pathway for students to acquire technical skills and pursue higher education through lateral entry opportunities

The Governing Body approved the proposal for initiating the necessary planning, infrastructure readiness, resource mobilization, and regulatory approval processes for starting the six Diploma Programmes from AY 2027–28.





Agenda No 27.12: To note the academic, research, co-curricular, extracurricular, extension and institutional achievements during the Academic Year 2025–26.

The Member Secretary presented the comprehensive report on the academic, research, innovation, faculty development, intellectual property, sponsored research, student development, industry collaboration, and institutional achievements of the College during the Academic Year 2025–26.

The Governing Body noted the significant progress made in strengthening the research ecosystem with 57 Ph.D. qualified faculty members, 20 recognized Ph.D. supervisors, and 73 faculty members pursuing doctoral studies. The members appreciated the initiatives taken for faculty development, including the nomination of 10 faculty members for AICTE QIP-PG Certification Courses at premier institutes.

The Governing Body appreciated the enhanced research output comprising 189 publications, including 68 Scopus-indexed and 30 Web of Science Core Collection publications, along with efforts in intellectual property generation through 16 patent filings and 14 patent publications. The members also noted the submission of 48 research proposals to national funding agencies, sanction of externally funded projects, and implementation of 21 institutional seed money projects.

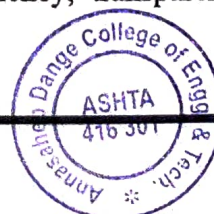
The members appreciated the strengthening of the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem through 41 IIC activities, the successful organization of the ADCET Hackathon-Season 3 with participation from 746 teams representing 300 institutions, support extended to student innovations and mini-projects, identification of patentable ideas, participation in Smart India Hackathon, YUKTI Innovation Repository registrations, and establishment of incubation companies.

The Governing Body acknowledged the contribution of various departments in generating ₹30.94 lakh consultancy and technical service revenue and appreciated the initiatives undertaken for student skill enhancement through seminars, workshops, guest lectures, value-added courses, technical competitions, and online learning platforms.

The members appreciated the recognition received by the Institute through the NPTEL PROSPECT Award and ACTIVE SPOC Award from IIT Bombay and congratulated students for their achievements in national-level hackathons, ISRO and NPTEL recognitions, and successful completion of industry-sponsored projects. The Governing Body also noted the achievement of 95% placement for eligible students.

The Governing Body further noted the initiatives of the Career Development Cell, Alumni Cell, and Dean–International Collaborations in organizing international virtual sessions and academic interactions, including the keynote address and virtual laboratory demonstration by Dr. Atul Sagade, Professor, University of Tarapacá, Chile, facilitating global exposure and academic collaboration opportunities.

The Member Secretary also presented the progress of the ERP-enabled Digital Campus Management System aimed at improving administrative efficiency, transparency, and digital transformation of institutional processes.





The members suggested including the number of participating faculty members along with the total publication output in future reports to facilitate better assessment of research participation. The members enquired about the provision for grade improvement for students. The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body that, as per the existing regulations, grade improvement is currently permitted only after the completion of the programme, i.e., at the end of the VIII Semester. The members suggested exploring the feasibility of introducing a grade improvement opportunity at the end of each semester, subject to regulatory provisions and academic feasibility.

Resolved that the Governing Body noted and appreciated the academic, research, innovation, student development, industry collaboration, international engagement, and institutional achievements of the College during AY 2025–26 and placed on record its appreciation for the collective efforts of faculty members, students, and staff towards enhancing institutional excellence.

Agenda No 27.13: To consider and approve the Research and Development Policy with effect from the Academic Year 2026–27.

The Member Secretary presented the proposed R & D Policy recommended by the Office of the Dean – Research, Innovation & Start-ups to foster a robust research culture, incentivize faculty and students, and support incubation and start-up initiatives across the institute.

The Governing Body members deliberated upon the key verticals of the policy aimed at fostering an ecosystem of quality research, innovation, and entrepreneurship across the institute:

- Financial Support for Faculty: Incentivizing high-impact journal publications (Q1–Q4, Scopus / WoS), book chapter publications, patent filing and grants, and participation in premier FDPs and AICTE QIP programs.
- Financial Support for Students: Providing financial assistance for publishing research in peer-reviewed international conferences and participating in national/global technical competitions (such as Smart India Hackathon and Start-up India).
- Monetary Incentives for Sponsored Research Grants: Financial rewards for Principal Investigators (PIs) and Co-PIs upon successfully securing external research grants from government agencies, statutory bodies, and industry partners.
- Incubation and Start-up Support: Financial assistance provided through the Annasaheb Dange Research & Innovation Foundation (ADRIF) to support promising incubation and start-up proposals based on novelty, technical feasibility, and commercial potential.

During the deliberations, members suggested that to better support initial-stage research and prototype development, the seed money cap should be increased from ₹25,000 to ₹50,000. A dedicated ledger account should be created under the R & D head to pool and retain unutilized budget allocations at the end of the financial year, ensuring that reserved research funds remain available for future R & D initiatives. Incubation support and recognition for start-ups under ADRIF





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should be structured according to Technology Readiness Levels (TRL), with financial assistance disbursed progressively based on the stage/level of technology development achieved.

The members suggested introducing a structured monetary incentive scheme for externally funded research projects as follows: (i) for projects with a sanctioned amount up to ₹1.50 lakh, a fixed incentive of ₹3,000, to be shared equally among the Principal Investigator (PI) and Co-Principal Investigator(s) (Co-PI(s)), wherever applicable; and (ii) for projects with a sanctioned amount of ₹1.50 lakh and above, an incentive equivalent to 2% of the total sanctioned project amount, to be shared equally among the PI and Co-PI(s). The members further suggested that the maximum direct cash incentive be limited to ₹50,000, with any remaining eligible incentive amount being utilized for the academic upgradation of the investigator(s), subject to the approval of the competent authority

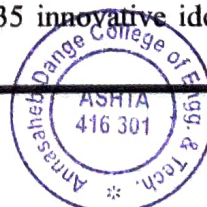
Resolved that the Governing Body, after due consideration, approved the Research & Development (R&D) Policy as presented by the Member Secretary. The Governing Body further authorized the Dean – Research, Innovation & Start-ups to incorporate the suggestions and modifications made during the deliberations into the policy framework and oversee its effective implementation.

Agenda No 27.14: To apprise the Governing Body of the start-up and incubation activities undertaken by the institution.

The Member Secretary briefed the Governing Body on the start-up, innovation, incubation, and entrepreneurship initiatives carried out by the institute during the Academic Year 2025–26.

The key accomplishments and ecosystem highlights presented include:

- **ADCET National Hackathon – Season 3 (2K26):**
 - **Participation & Scale:** Reached 47,500 total digital impressions across 300 institutes nationwide, with 2,823 total students and 746 teams registered (including 563 software teams, 183 hardware teams, 500 teams from Maharashtra, 80 out-of-state teams, and 166 ADCET teams).
 - **Finale & Outcomes:** 55 finalist teams were shortlisted for the Grand Finale. Evaluated by a panel of 20 industry and academic experts serving as Jury Members, 8 teams received special recognition and 6 teams emerged as prize winners.
- **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC):** Successfully organized and conducted 41 innovation and entrepreneurship activities.
- **IPR & Prototype Creation:**
 - **Innovation Exhibition:** Developed 258 prototypes, with 214 prototypes shortlisted by industry experts for IPR support.
 - **Design Thinking Exhibition:** Identified 135 innovative ideas suitable for patent filing.





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- **National Level Platforms:**
 - **Internal Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025:** Shortlisted 45 teams and 5 waiting-list teams for institutional nomination.
 - **Yukti National Innovation Repository:** Captured 199 total submissions (125 product ideas and 74 innovation/prototype repositories).
- **Project Funding & Incubation Ecosystem:**
 - **Sponsored Mini Projects:** Supported 133 student groups (comprising 476 students) with ₹13.10 lakh in project funding.
 - **Research & Innovation Foundation (RIF):** Established with 8 incubation support companies to foster start-ups, technology transfer, and entrepreneurial development.

The Governing Body reviewed the achievements with great satisfaction and commended the widespread impact on student engagement, industry-academia interaction, and national visibility. Members emphasized the importance of continuing to convert shortlisted prototypes into commercial start-ups and registered patents.

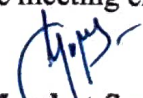
Resolved that the Governing Body took note of the start-up, innovation, incubation, and entrepreneurship activities undertaken during the Academic Year 2025–26, placed on record its appreciation for the efforts of the Institutional Innovation Council (IIC), Research & Innovation Foundation (RIF), faculty members, students, industry partners, and sponsors, and encouraged the Institution to further strengthen innovation, start-up incubation, intellectual property creation, entrepreneurship, and industry collaboration in the coming years.

Agenda No 27.15: Any other Points with Permission of Chairman

- The members suggested exploring the feasibility of establishing an off-campus centre at Sangli in accordance with the applicable regulatory provisions and preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) covering academic, financial, infrastructural, and operational aspects before initiating the proposal.
- The members suggested establishing Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in the emerging areas of Electric Vehicles (EV) and Cyber Security. They further suggested collaborating with leading industries and technology partners to develop industry-supported CoEs that would promote research, innovation, skill development, internships, and employability in these high-growth domains.
- The members suggested that the matter may be discussed in detail in the next Governing Body meeting after preparing the necessary proposal and Detailed Project Report (DPR).

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Member Secretary, who expressed sincere gratitude to the **Chairman and all the esteemed members of the Governing Body** for their valuable guidance, constructive suggestions, and active participation. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.




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