Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Governing Body

The **26th Meeting of the Governing Body (12th Meeting after Conferment of Autonomous Status)** of **Annasaheb Dange College of Engineering & Technology, Ashta**, was held on **08 September 2025 at 11:00 a.m.** under the Chairmanship of the **Hon'ble Chairman**.

The Member Secretary extended a cordial welcome to the Hon'ble Chairman and the esteemed members of the Governing Body. He confirmed that the requisite quorum was present and declared the meeting duly constituted. The Member Secretary briefly presented the agenda items placed before the Governing Body for consideration and deliberation. With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman, the proceedings of the meeting commenced.

Agenda No. 26.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 25th Governing Body Meeting held on 24 August 2024.

With the permission of the Hon'ble Chairman, the Member Secretary presented the Minutes of the 25th Governing Body Meeting held on 24 August 2024 for confirmation. The members carefully reviewed the minutes and expressed satisfaction with the decisions taken during the previous meeting. The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body that the resolutions passed during the meeting had been communicated to the concerned departments and appropriate action had been initiated for their implementation.

The members appreciated the systematic implementation of the decisions and confirmed that the minutes accurately reflected the deliberations and resolutions of the previous meeting.

Resolved that the Governing Body reviewed and confirmed the Minutes of the 25th Governing Body Meeting held on 24 August 2024.

Agenda No. 26.2: 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 25th Governing Body Meeting. The details of the action taken on the various agenda items were placed before the Governing Body for review.

Sr. No.	Resolution / Agenda Item	Action Taken
1	Budgetary Position for Academic Year 2024–25	The budget approved by the Governing Body has been implemented and expenditure is being monitored in accordance with the approved financial plan.
2	Faculty Recruitment	The recruitment process was completed during May 2025 and the selected faculty members joined their respective departments.

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3	NBA Accreditation of Eligible Programmes	Preparatory work for NBA accreditation of the B.Tech. Aeronautical Engineering programme has been initiated and necessary documentation is in progress.
4	Procurement of Smart Classroom Panels and Computers	Twenty-five Smart Classroom Panels and one hundred desktop computers (60 i3 and 40 i5 systems) have been procured and installed for strengthening ICT-enabled teaching and learning.
5	Examination Fee Structure under Autonomous Status	The approved examination fee of ₹1,750 per semester for the B.Tech. programme has been implemented.
6	Introduction of New Academic Programmes	One Undergraduate programme and four Postgraduate programmes have been introduced during the Academic Year 2025–26 after obtaining the necessary statutory approvals.
7	Appointment of Director	The process for appointment of the Director has been initiated in accordance with institutional norms.
8	Faculty Performance Analysis based on NBA/NAAC/NIRF Parameters	A comprehensive faculty performance evaluation framework has been prepared and implemented for all faculty members.

The Governing Body reviewed the progress made in implementing the various resolutions and expressed satisfaction with the actions taken by the Institute. The members appreciated the timely implementation of the decisions and advised the Institute to continue monitoring the pending activities to ensure their early completion.

Resolved that the Governing Body reviewed the Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed during the 25th Governing Body Meeting, expressed satisfaction with the progress made in implementing the decisions, and noted the Action Taken Report.

Agenda No. 26.3: To consider and approve the faculty recruitment for the Academic Year 2025–26.

The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body about the faculty recruitment carried out for the Academic Year 2025–26. He stated that the recruitment process was undertaken to meet the AICTE, UGC, Government of Maharashtra, and Shivaji University, Kolhapur norms, while ensuring adequate faculty strength for existing programmes and supporting the academic requirements of the Institute.

The Member Secretary presented the department-wise details of the faculty recruited through the duly constituted Local Selection Committee. The members noted that the recruitment process was conducted in a transparent manner following the prescribed institutional procedures. It was further

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informed that nearly **70% of the faculty members** were approved by Shivaji University, Kolhapur, thereby strengthening the academic profile of the Institute.

The members appreciated the efforts taken by the Institute to recruit competent faculty members and emphasized the need to continuously enhance faculty quality through recruitment of experienced academicians, faculty development programmes, research initiatives, and timely approval of eligible faculty members by Shivaji University, Kolhapur.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the faculty recruitment carried out for the Academic Year 2025–26 and appreciated the Institute's efforts in maintaining qualified faculty strength in accordance with the applicable AICTE, UGC, Government of Maharashtra, and Shivaji University, Kolhapur norms.

Agenda No. 26.4: To consider and approve the Overall Budget for the Academic Year 2025–26.

The Member Secretary presented the Overall Budget for the Academic Year 2025–26, as recommended by the Finance Committee. He briefed the Governing Body regarding the estimated receipts and expenditure under various budget heads and explained the major allocations proposed towards academic activities, infrastructure development, laboratory modernization, research and development, student development initiatives, and administrative expenditure.

The members reviewed the proposed budget in detail and sought clarification on various expenditure heads. The Member Secretary provided the necessary explanations regarding the planned allocation of resources and the financial priorities of the Institute.

The Governing Body expressed satisfaction with the proposed budget and suggested that expenditure should be incurred judiciously and efficiently while maintaining financial discipline. The members further advised the Institute to strengthen revenue generation through consultancy services, testing facilities, externally funded research projects, continuing education programmes, and various funding opportunities available through Government agencies and industries.

The members also emphasized the need to allocate adequate financial resources for research and innovation activities, faculty development programmes, laboratory modernization, digital infrastructure, and quality enhancement initiatives in line with the Institute's long-term strategic objectives.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the Overall Budget for the Academic Year 2025–26 and authorized the Director to implement the approved budget while ensuring judicious utilization of financial resources and continued support for academic excellence, research, innovation, and institutional development.

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Agenda No. 26.5: To note the Academic, Research, Student and Institutional Achievements during the Academic Year 2024–25.

The Member Secretary presented a comprehensive report highlighting the major academic, research, student, and institutional achievements of the Institute during the Academic Year 2024–25.

The Governing Body noted with appreciation that the Institute had achieved several significant milestones during the year, including:

- Extension of Autonomous Status by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, up to the Academic Year **2032–33**.
- Conferment of **Empowered Autonomous Status** by Shivaji University, Kolhapur.
- Recognition among **India's Best Engineering Institutes** with **AAA Rating** by Careers360.
- Outstanding placement performance with **71 companies** participating in campus recruitment, resulting in **316 students placed out of 345 eligible students (92%)**, with **402 employment offers**.
- Strengthening of industry collaboration through the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with reputed industries and organizations.
- Approval and establishment of the **AICTE IDEA Lab**, providing advanced facilities for innovation, prototyping, product development, and interdisciplinary research.

The members appreciated the consistent efforts of the faculty members, students, alumni, management, and administrative staff in enhancing the academic reputation and overall growth of the Institute. The Governing Body congratulated the Institute for these remarkable achievements and encouraged continued efforts towards improving research output, innovation, accreditation, industry collaboration, internationalization, student employability, and institutional ranking.

Resolved that the Governing Body noted and appreciated the academic, research, student, and institutional achievements of the Institute during the Academic Year 2024–25 and placed on record its appreciation for the dedicated efforts of the management, faculty members, students, alumni, and staff in contributing towards the overall excellence of the Institution.

Agenda No. 26.6: To consider the proposal for establishing Centres of Excellence in Robotics and Electric Vehicles.

The Member Secretary presented the proposal for establishing **Centres of Excellence (CoEs)** in the emerging domains of **Robotics** and **Electric Vehicles (EV)**. He informed the Governing Body that the establishment of these Centres of Excellence would strengthen the Institute's academic and research ecosystem by promoting interdisciplinary learning, industry collaboration, innovation, product development, consultancy, and skill enhancement in cutting-edge technologies.

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The members were informed that the proposed **Centre of Excellence in Robotics** would facilitate advanced learning in automation, industrial robotics, embedded systems, artificial intelligence, and smart manufacturing. Similarly, the **Centre of Excellence in Electric Vehicles** would focus on electric mobility, battery technology, charging infrastructure, motor drives, power electronics, energy management systems, and sustainable transportation technologies.

The Governing Body discussed the growing demand for skilled professionals in these emerging sectors and appreciated the Institute's initiative in establishing specialized Centres of Excellence. The members emphasized that the Centres should actively promote industry-sponsored projects, internships, consultancy, faculty development, student innovation, research publications, patent generation, and collaborative activities with leading industries and research organizations.

The members further suggested that the Centres should effectively utilize the available laboratory facilities and integrate their activities with the AICTE IDEA Lab, research centres, and innovation ecosystem of the Institute to maximize academic and research outcomes.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the establishment of the Centre of Excellence in Robotics and the Centre of Excellence in Electric Vehicles, and authorized the Director to take necessary steps for their establishment, infrastructure development, industry collaboration, and effective implementation in accordance with the institutional objectives.

Agenda No. 26.7: To review the NBA Accreditation Status of the Undergraduate Programme in Aeronautical Engineering.

The Member Secretary presented the status of the NBA Accreditation process for the **B.Tech. Aeronautical Engineering** programme. The members were informed that the programme had been accredited under **Tier-II** and that the validity of accreditation was due to expire in **June 2025**. Accordingly, the Institute had initiated the process for applying for **Tier-I NBA Accreditation** in accordance with the revised NBA Accreditation Manual and Self-Assessment Report (SAR) framework.

The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body that the department had constituted the necessary committees and initiated comprehensive preparations for the accreditation process, including curriculum review, outcome assessment, documentation, laboratory strengthening, faculty development, stakeholder feedback, and continuous quality improvement initiatives.

The members appreciated the efforts taken by the department and emphasized the importance of securing **Tier-I NBA Accreditation**, considering the Institute's autonomous status and commitment to quality assurance. They advised the department to strengthen Outcome-Based Education (OBE) practices, improve documentation, enhance industry interaction, and ensure continuous monitoring of Programme Outcomes (POs) and Course Outcomes (COs).

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The Governing Body also suggested that adequate institutional support be provided for successful completion of the accreditation process and encouraged all departments to adopt best practices in quality assurance and accreditation.

Resolved that the Governing Body reviewed and noted the progress of the NBA Accreditation process for the B.Tech. Aeronautical Engineering Programme and appreciated the initiatives taken by the department towards obtaining Tier-I NBA Accreditation. The Governing Body further advised the Institute to provide all necessary academic and administrative support for successful accreditation.

Agenda No. 26.8: To consider and approve the Examination Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2025–26.

The Member Secretary presented the proposed Examination Fee Structure for the Academic Year **2025–26** for all programmes conducted under the autonomous system of the Institute. The proposal included an examination fee of **₹1,750 per semester** for students of the Undergraduate, Postgraduate, BBA, and BCA programmes.

The members reviewed the proposal and discussed the expenditure involved in conducting autonomous examinations, including question paper setting, printing, examination management, evaluation, moderation, result processing, academic records, software maintenance, and other examination-related activities.

The Member Secretary explained that the proposed fee structure had been formulated after considering the operational expenditure associated with the autonomous examination system while ensuring that the fee remained reasonable and affordable for students.

The Governing Body expressed satisfaction with the proposal and observed that the examination fee was appropriate considering the quality of academic and examination services being provided by the Institute.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the Examination Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2025–26, with an examination fee of ₹1,750 per semester for the Undergraduate, Postgraduate, BBA, and BCA programmes. The Governing Body further authorized the Director to notify and implement the approved examination fee structure for the Academic Year 2025–26.

Agenda No. 26.9: To consider and approve the introduction of the Undergraduate Minor Degree Programme in Quantum Technology from the Academic Year 2026–27.

The Member Secretary presented the proposal for introducing an **Undergraduate Minor Degree Programme in Quantum Technology** from the Academic Year **2026–27** under the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. He informed the Governing Body that the proposed programme had been designed to provide students with interdisciplinary knowledge and emerging

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technological competencies in the field of Quantum Technology through an additional **18-credit curriculum**.

The members were informed that the programme would integrate fundamental concepts from **Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Electronics, Artificial Intelligence, and Quantum Computing**, thereby preparing students for higher studies, research, innovation, and employment opportunities in futuristic technologies.

The Governing Body deliberated on the significance of Quantum Technology as one of the emerging areas identified under the National Quantum Mission and appreciated the Institute's proactive initiative in introducing such a multidisciplinary programme. The members emphasized that the programme would strengthen students' analytical skills, promote interdisciplinary research, and create opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry collaboration.

The members further suggested leveraging the expertise available within the Institute and encouraging interdepartmental collaboration for the effective implementation of the programme. They also recommended establishing advanced laboratory facilities and promoting faculty development in Quantum Technologies to ensure successful delivery of the curriculum.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the proposal for introducing the Undergraduate Minor Degree Programme in Quantum Technology from the Academic Year 2026–27, subject to the approval of the Academic Council and compliance with the applicable AICTE, UGC, and Shivaji University, Kolhapur regulations.

Agenda No. 26.10: To review the initiatives undertaken for Skill Development and Placement Enhancement.

The Member Secretary invited the Dean – Training and Placement to present the initiatives undertaken for enhancing student employability during the Academic Year **2024–25**.

The Dean – Training and Placement presented a comprehensive report on the various activities conducted for strengthening students' technical competencies, professional skills, and placement readiness. The presentation covered aptitude training programmes, technical skill development workshops, soft skills training, communication skill enhancement programmes, coding practice sessions, mock interviews, group discussions, resume building sessions, industry interaction programmes, internships, certification courses, career guidance programmes, and campus recruitment activities.

The members appreciated the systematic efforts taken by the Training and Placement Cell in improving the employability of students and strengthening collaborations with industries and corporate organizations. The Governing Body noted the encouraging placement performance achieved during the Academic Year and commended the continuous efforts of the faculty members, trainers, alumni, and industry experts associated with placement activities.

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The members emphasized the need to further strengthen industry partnerships by increasing internship opportunities, promoting industry-sponsored projects, enhancing certification programmes in emerging technologies, encouraging participation in national-level technical competitions, and expanding campus recruitment opportunities through collaborations with leading industries.

The Governing Body also suggested continuously monitoring placement outcomes and introducing specialized training programmes aligned with evolving industry requirements to further improve graduate employability.

Resolved that the Governing Body reviewed and appreciated the various initiatives undertaken by the Training and Placement Cell for skill development and placement enhancement. The Governing Body congratulated the Training and Placement Team for its commendable efforts and encouraged the Institute to further strengthen industry collaboration, employability initiatives, internships, certification programmes, and placement opportunities in the coming years.

Agenda No. 26.11: To apprise the Governing Body of the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System.

The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body that, as part of the Institute's digital transformation initiative, an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System has been procured and its phased implementation has been initiated to strengthen academic and administrative processes. The ERP has been introduced to integrate the various functional domains of the Institute into a unified digital platform, thereby improving operational efficiency, transparency, accountability, and data-driven decision-making.

The members were informed that the ERP system includes modules for Admissions, Student Information Management, Academic Administration, Timetable, Attendance Monitoring, Examination and Evaluation, Finance and Accounts, Human Resource Management, Payroll, Library Management, Hostel Administration, Purchase and Inventory Management, Alumni Management, and Training & Placement.

The Member Secretary further informed the Governing Body that the implementation is being carried out in a phased manner involving data migration, module configuration, user training, pilot implementation, and institution-wide deployment. The ERP system is expected to streamline institutional processes, minimize manual interventions, improve service delivery, facilitate real-time monitoring, and support statutory reporting and accreditation requirements.

The members appreciated the initiative and emphasized the importance of effective implementation through continuous user training, adequate technical support, periodic monitoring, and data security. They also suggested integrating the ERP system with academic quality assurance, Outcome-Based

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Education (OBE), examination management, finance, and institutional governance to maximize its benefits.

Resolved that the Governing Body noted and appreciated the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System and advised the Institute to ensure its effective utilization for academic administration, institutional governance, financial management, student services, quality assurance, and digital transformation.

Agenda No. 26.12: To consider and approve the Institutional Strategic Plan (Revision 2, 2025–2030).

The Member Secretary presented the Institutional Strategic Plan (Revision 2, 2025–2030) for the consideration of the Governing Body. The Strategic Plan provides a comprehensive roadmap for the sustainable growth and holistic development of the Institute by defining its vision, strategic priorities, short-term and long-term goals, and implementation framework.

The Member Secretary highlighted the short-term goals, which include:

- Strengthening academic quality through Outcome-Based Education and continuous curriculum improvement.
- Achieving accreditation of all eligible academic programmes.
- Effective implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System for academic and administrative governance.
- Enhancing research publications, patents, sponsored research projects, consultancy, and innovation activities.
- Establishing Centres of Excellence in emerging technologies.
- Strengthening industry collaboration, internships, skill development, and placement opportunities.
- Promoting faculty development, international collaborations, and digital transformation across the Institute.
- Encouraging student participation in research, innovation, entrepreneurship, and multidisciplinary learning.

The long-term goals include:

- Establishing the Institute as a nationally recognized centre for quality technical education, research, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- Enhancing institutional reputation through continuous improvement in accreditation, rankings, and quality benchmarks.

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- Expanding multidisciplinary academic programmes aligned with the National Education Policy.
- Strengthening international academic partnerships, collaborative research, and student exchange initiatives.
- Promoting technology transfer, intellectual property creation, commercialization, and start-up development.
- Developing advanced research laboratories and innovation facilities in emerging areas of engineering and technology.
- Achieving sustainable institutional growth through effective governance, financial sustainability, digital transformation, environmental responsibility, and societal engagement.

The Governing Body appreciated the comprehensive Strategic Plan and observed that it provides a clear direction for the future growth and development of the Institute. The members suggested that the Strategic Plan should be implemented through annual action plans with clearly defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and that its progress should be periodically reviewed by the IQAC and reported to the Governing Body.

Resolved that the Governing Body considered and approved the Institutional Strategic Plan (Revision 2, 2025–2030) and authorized the Director to ensure its effective implementation through annual action plans, measurable Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), periodic monitoring, and continuous review for achieving the strategic objectives of the Institute.

Agenda No. 26.13: Any Other Item with the Permission of the Chair

No additional agenda item was taken up for discussion.

The Hon'ble Chairman appreciated the valuable suggestions and constructive deliberations made by the members for the continuous growth and development of the Institute. He emphasized the importance of maintaining academic excellence, strengthening research and innovation, promoting industry collaboration, and ensuring effective implementation of the decisions taken by the Governing Body.

There being no other business to transact, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Member Secretary, who expressed sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chairman and all the esteemed members of the Governing Body for their valuable guidance, constructive suggestions, and active participation in the deliberations.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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