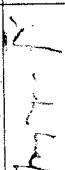


VIDYA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (VAST), THALAKOTTUKARA, THRISSUR

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors(BoG) held at 2.30 pm on 15.01.2026

Venu: College Board Room

Members Present

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Capacity	Attendance
1.	Mr. Gireesh Kumar Malattiri	Chairman, Vidya International Charitable Trust	Chairman	
2.	Sri. Suresh Ial	Executive Director- VICT	Member	
3.	Sri P N Unnirajan IPS (Retd)	Administrative Director- VICT	Member	
4.	Dr. Shalij P R	Academic Director -VICT	Member	
5.	Dr Meera V.	Professor- Govt. Engineering College , Thrissur	Member, University nominee	
6.	Er. Lakshminarayanan K	Former General Manager, SIPL, Athani, Thrissur	Member, Industry Rep.	
7.	Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair	Former Principal, and Professor Emeritus, VAST	Member	
8.	Dr. Sunitha C.	Principal, Vidya Academy of Science and Technology	Member Secretary	
9.	Dr. S. Swapnakumar	Professor & Head, ECE Department VAST.	Member	
10.	Ms. Divya Unni	Asst. Professor, ECE Department VAST	Member	

Agenda:

1. Review of previous minutes and discussions.
2. Progress on Strategic frame work

3. Academic and research enhancement measures
4. Autonomy
5. NBA
6. Industry Ready Programs
7. New Mission Vision of Institution
8. Budget
- 9 Any other items as approved by the body

The meeting commenced at **2.30 p.m.** in the College Board Room with a silent prayer.

The Principal, **Dr. Sunitha C.**, welcomed the Chairman and all the members to the meeting. The Chairman thanked the members for their presence and emphasized the importance of collective efforts in strengthening the institution's academic excellence, research culture, industry collaboration, and strategic growth.

The year 2025 has been a period of significant progress and achievements for Vidya Academy. With the collective efforts of our management, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and industry partners, we have made notable strides in academics, research, industry collaboration, and institutional development.

1. The Principal gave an overview on the various activities that are going on.

The following points are also to be discussed:

a. General

1. The Principal informed the Board that, as part of the institution's strategic planning process and in alignment with the evolving requirements of higher education, industry expectations, the National Education Policy (NEP 2020), and the institution's long-term development goals, the Vision and Mission statements of the institution have been comprehensively reviewed. The revised statements were formulated through a consultative process involving key stakeholders, including the Management, faculty, students, alumni, employers, and other stakeholders.

The revised Vision and Mission are proposed to reflect the institution's commitment to academic excellence, innovation, research, sustainability, ethical values, industry relevance, and societal impact. It was further proposed that the revised Vision and Mission be adopted with effect from

the Academic Year 2026–27 and be incorporated into all institutional documents, statutory records, websites, publications, and quality assurance processes.

2. Vidya is proud to have been recognized as a “Green Institution” (A Grade) by Velur Grama Panchayat, as part of *Haritha Keralam Mission*. With initiatives like rainwater harvesting, *Nakshathra Vanam*, biogas plants and Solar Power Systems, Vidya’s campus embodies sustainability. This commitment to nurturing environmental awareness in the broader community earned it the “Green Institution

b. Academics

1. Continued to get 100% pass in all MCA results.
2. B.Tech results are continuously monitored for further improvement. Principal conveyed that remedial measures have been taken to ensure improvement.
3. In the area of research, the institution is committed to strengthening its research ecosystem by increasing the enrolment of Ph.D. scholars, promoting interdisciplinary and industry-sponsored research, enhancing publications in high-impact journals, and encouraging faculty to undertake externally funded research projects and consultancy assignments. Expanding our research scholar base will significantly contribute to improving the institution’s research output, innovation culture, and national rankings while supporting our long-term vision of attaining academic excellence and institutional autonomy.

c. Non Academics

- i. Vidya has been recognized as a top performer in the Young Innovators Programme (YIP) 7.0. The institution was ranked first in Thrissur district and second across Kerala based on the number of projects that received funding. 31 ideators from the institution were chosen as YIP 7.0 District Level Winners, with a total of Rs 2,25,000 in funding.
- ii. Many multidisciplinary and socially relevant projects developed by students received media attention.
- iii. Got remarkable achievements in NSS, NSS volunteers Mr.Mrithyunjay R, Ms.Devika Mothilal and Mr.Naveena were honoured with prestigious state-level individual awards by the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (APJAKTU) NSS Blood Cell – Rudhirasena
- iv. In sports the institution Vidya Kho Kho teams the champions of the E Zone & Interzone.
- v. Best Institution Award This award was conferred in recognition to Vidya of the institution’s outstanding participation in the STRIDE Inclusive Innovation Summit-2025, marked by the highest level of engagement across summit events and the submission of 75 innovative and socially impactful ideas.

3. Previous minutes were read and approved .In addition the following discussions as per the agenda were carried out and decisions are taken accordingly

Item No	Agenda	Description	Points for Discussion	Responsibility	ATR
1.	Approval of minutes of the previous meeting	The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the committee The Principal presented the progress achieved under the Institutional Strategic Framework. The Board reviewed developments in the following areas: • Academic quality enhancement. • Research and innovation. • Student skill development. • Industry collaborations. • Green campus initiatives. • Governance reforms. The members appreciated the systematic implementation of the strategic initiatives and advised that measurable Key	The committee unanimously approved the minutes The Board approved the progress under the Strategic Framework and directed all departments to prepare annual action plans aligned with the institutional strategic objectives.	BoG	CLOSED
2.	Progress on the Strategic Framework			VICT, Principal, Enablers	Key Performance Indicators covering academics, research, placements, innovation, consultancy, extension activities and governance have been identified and are periodically reviewed through IQAC and HoD meetings.

		Performance Indicators (KPIs) be established for monitoring institutional progress.			
3.	Academic and Research Enhancement Measures	The Principal presented the academic performance of the institution, faculty development programmes conducted, student achievements, research publications, consultancy initiatives, funded projects, patents, and innovation activities. The Board observed that	The Board resolved to strengthen institutional research through a comprehensive Research Promotion Policy and periodic monitoring of departmental research performance.	Principal, Academic Director, Research supervisors	Research Promotion initiatives have been strengthened through periodic departmental reviews. Faculty members have been encouraged to publish in Scopus/SCI-indexed journals, submit funded project proposals, undertake consultancy assignments and pursue patents. Department-

		while academic performance remained satisfactory, greater emphasis should be given to: • Publishing quality research papers in Scopus and SCI-indexed journals. • Increasing externally funded research projects. • Encouraging interdisciplinary research. • Strengthening consultancy and industry-sponsored projects. • Enhancing the number of Ph.D. supervisors and research scholars. The Academic Director proposed a structured faculty mentoring mechanism to improve research productivity.			wise research performance is reviewed periodically by the Principal and Academic Council/IQAC.
4.	Institutional Autonomy	The Principal briefed the Board regarding the institution's preparedness for	The Board unanimously resolved to continue all	Principal	Functional committees have been constituted for

		applying for autonomous status. The Board discussed the benefits of autonomy in curriculum design, assessment reforms, academic flexibility, industry integration, and research promotion. Members suggested strengthening governance systems, documentation practices, examination management, and academic regulations before submission of the proposal.	preparatory activities for obtaining autonomous status and to constitute dedicated committees for various functional areas.		autonomy preparation. Documentation, governance practices, examination systems, academic regulations and statutory compliance are being strengthened in accordance with UGC and AICTE guidelines. Institutional quality processes are being aligned with autonomy requirements.
5.	NBA Accreditation	The Principal presented the current status of NBA accreditation activities. The Board reviewed the compliance with NBA criteria, outcome-based education practices, attainment calculations, faculty qualifications, laboratory infrastructure, industry interaction, placements, and research outcomes. Members advised departments to strengthen	The Board resolved to extend all necessary administrative and financial support for successful NBA accreditation and directed periodic review meetings to monitor progress.	Principal	The institution increased all NBA accreditation preparedness activities in accordance with the Board's resolution. Regular review meetings were conducted to monitor compliance with NBA criteria, Outcome-Based Education (OBE) implementation, attainment analysis,

		quantitative parameters, particularly research publications, funded projects, placement quality, and industry engagement.			documentation, laboratory infrastructure, industry interaction, placements, research output, and stakeholder participation. Necessary administrative and financial support was provided to the concerned departments throughout the preparation process.
					. Regular review meetings are being conducted to monitor preparedness.
6.	Industry Ready Programmes	The Board reviewed the implementation of Industry Ready Programmes aimed at improving students' employability through certification courses, internships, industrial training, coding platforms, aptitude training, communication skills, and	The Board approved the strengthening of Industry Ready Programmes and encouraged every department to establish long-term partnerships with leading industries.	Principal	Industry Ready Programmes have been expanded through certification courses, coding platforms, aptitude training, communication skill development, internships, industrial training and industry

		industry mentoring. Members recommended expanding collaborations with reputed industries and integrating industry-certified courses into the curriculum			mentoring. Additional collaborations and MoUs with industries are being pursued.
7.	New Mission Vision of Institution	The revised Vision and Mission Statements of the institution, formulated after obtaining feedback from stakeholders including faculty, students, alumni, employers, and management, were presented before the Board. The members appreciated the revised statements for reflecting the institution's commitment towards academic excellence, innovation, sustainability, ethical values, and societal development	The Board unanimously approved the revised Vision and Mission Statements of the institution with immediate effect	VICT, Principal , Academic Director	The revised Vision and Mission have been adopted with effect from the Academic Year 2026-27. They have been incorporated into institutional policies, strategic plans, quality assurance documents, departmental activities, official publications and the college website. Awareness programmes have also been conducted among faculty, students and other stakeholders.
8	Approval of Institution Budget 2025-26	The budget approved by the Executive Committee, VICT was presented.	A detailed analysis of the Budget was done. The proposed budget for the forthcoming financial year was presented for consideration. Major	Principal	The approved budget has been implemented. Budget allocations have been communicated to departments and

			allocations included: • Laboratory modernization. • Research and innovation activities. • Faculty development programmes. • Student development initiatives. • Digital learning infrastructure. • Library resources. • Campus maintenance. • Accreditation and quality assurance activities. • Green campus initiatives. Further, it was decided to approve and implement the Budget.	expenditure is being monitored periodically in accordance with institutional financial procedures.
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The meeting concluded at 4.00 pm .

Dr.Sunitha C
Principal