

**Minutes of the**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting**  
**and**  
**44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting**

**Date: 27/12/2025 (Saturday) at 10.00 AM**  
**Venue: Chairman's Board Room, A-Block, VFSTR**

**Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research**  
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**MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>th</sup> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING and 44<sup>th</sup> ACADEMIC  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2025.**

**(Hybrid Mode)**

The members of Executive Council and Academic Council met on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Chairman's Board Room, A-Block. Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTRU chaired the meeting. The following members of Executive Council and members of Academic Council were present:

1. Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan  
Vice-Chancellor, VFSTR, Guntur, A.P. : Chairman
2. Dr. Y. Sarat  
Director, United Health Systems Pvt.Ltd, Hyderabad : External Member
3. Prof. B.V.R. Chowdary  
Senior Executive Director, Office of the Provost  
University of Singapore (Strategic India and Initiatives) : External Member
4. Shri. P. Murali Manohar  
Former Member Secretary,  
Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Hyd : External Member
5. Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasada Reddy Vice-Chancellor,  
Andhra University, Vizag : External Member
6. Prof. Lalit M Patnaik  
Adjunct Professor & NASI Sr. Scientist  
Consciousness Studies Program  
National Institute of Advanced Studies IISC,  
Benguluru (former Vice-Chancellor, DIAT) : External Member
7. Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy  
Vice-President and Global RMG Head, TCS, Benguluru : External Member
8. Prof. M. Malakondaiah, Former DGP, AP : External Member
9. Mr. L. Srikrishnadevarayalu, Vice-Chairman  
Lavu Educational Society, Guntur : External Member
10. Dr. Meghana Koorapati, Medical Director and Chief Surgeon,  
Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital, Guntur : External Member
11. Dr. M. Rama Krishna  
Dean, IQAC and Dean, SoCE : Member
12. Prof. D. Vijaya Ramu, Dean AAA & FA, Dean, SBPS : Member
13. Dr. K. Venkata Madhuri Professor and HoD, Physics : Member
14. Dr. G.S.R. Satyanarayana, Asst. Prof of ECE : Member
15. Dr. P. M. V. Rao, Registrar, VFSTR : Member Secretary

## Members of Academic Council

16. Prof. P. Sreenivasa Kumar (virtual participation) Professor, Dept. of CSE, IIT Madras	: External Member
17. Dr. Shanti Swaroop (virtual participation) Director of Engineering, MathWorks, Hyderabad	: External Member
18. Dr. Subbarangaiah. K (virtual participation) Director & Professor at VEDA IIT VLSI Physical Design, Hyd	: External Member
19. Er. D. Rama Krishna, MD, Effotronics, Vijayawada	: External Member
20. Prof. P. Bangariah, CoE	: Permanent Invitee
21. Prof. K.V. Krishna Kishore, Dean, SOCI, Dean - Admissions	: Member
22. Prof. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean Promotions & Collaborations	: Member
23. Prof. D. Venkatesulu, Dean R&D, Addl. Dean ACSE	: Member
24. Dr. Sk. Jakeer Hussain Dean, Infrastructure, Planning and Monitoring	: Member
25. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean - Student Affairs	: Member
26. Prof. Y. Ravi Shekhar, Dean, T&D, Dean - SEECE	: Member
27. Prof. A. Sharada, Dean, IS	: Member
28. Dr. K. kalpana, Dean - School of Law and Management	: Member
29. Prof. T. Ramesh Babu, Deaan - SAFT	: Member
30. Prof. N. Srinivasu, Dean - SASH	: Member
31. Dr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean - T&P	: Member
32. Prof. T. Pitchaiah, HoD, Dept. of BME	: Member
33. Dr. M. Sarada, HoD, Dept. of ECE	: Member
34. Dr. T.C. Vekateswarlu, HoD, Biotechnology	: Member
35. Dr. S.V. Phani Kumar, HoD, CSE	: Member
36. Dr. D. Radha Ranji, HoD, ACSE	: Member
37. Dr. Ch. Jitendra, HoD, Dept. of Pharmacy	: Member
38. Dr. P. Sundara Kumar, HoD, Civil Engineering	: Member
39. Dr. PVS Shoban, HoD, EEE	: Member
40. Dr. K. Sujatha, HoD, IT	: Member
41. Dr. Sarita Sathpathy, HoD, MBA	: Member
42. Prof. N. Veeranjanyulu, HoD, Dept. of CA, Director, CDOE	: Member
43. Dr. N. Seshagiri Rao, HoD, Mathematics and Statistics	: Member
44. Dr. Koya Prabhakar Rao, HoD, Chemistry	: Member
45. Dr. K.V.Madhuri, HoD, Physics	: Member
46. Dr. G. Mohanacharyulu, HoD, English	: Member
47. Dr. P. Ashok Kumar, HoD, Dept. of Chemical Engg.	: Member
48. Dr. Nandure Narayan Rao, HoD, Mechanical Engg.	: Member
49. Dr. Ch. Govardhan Rao, HoD, Dept. of TT	: Member
50. Dr. A. Ranganadha Reddy, HoD, Dept. of Bioinformatics	: Member
51. Dr. D. Adam Stephen, HoD, SS&H	: Member
52. Dr. Merugu Chandra Surya Rao, HoD, AHS	: Member
53. Dr. Partha Sarathi Rakshit, Director, Law	: Member
54. Dr. Shaik Anwar, Assoc. Prof of Chemistry	: Member
55. Dr. B. Nageswara Rao, Prof of Mech. Engg.	: Member
56. Dr. B. Srinivasa Rao, Professor, MBA	: Member

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| 57. | Dr. D. John Babu, Professor, BT                                  | : Member          |
| 58. | Dr. A. Siva Sankar, Prof, Environmental Sciences                 | : Member          |
| 59. | Dr. K. Mercy Rosalina, Prof, Dept. of EEE                        | : Member          |
| 60. | Dr. P. Siva Prasad, Assoc.Prof of CSE                            | : Member          |
| 61. | Dr. N. Ananda Rao, Officiating Assoc. Prof, Dept of ECE          | : Member          |
| 62. | Dr. G. Nageswarara Rao, Assoc. Prof of English                   | : Member          |
| 63. | Dr. P. Joshua Reginald, Officiating Assoc. Prof of ECE           | : Member          |
| 64. | Dr. Ch. Siva Koteswara Rao, Officiating Assoc. Prof of CA        | : Member          |
| 65. | Dr. K. Maria Das, Asst. Professor of Chemistry                   | : Member          |
| 66. | Dr. N. Satya Sree, Professor, Chemistry                          | : Member          |
| 67. | Dr. S. Deva Kumar, Asst. Prof of CSE                             | : Member          |
| 68. | Dr. M. Nirupama Bhat, Prof, Dept. of ACSE                        | : Member          |
| 69. | Dr. P. Subba Rao, Assoc. Prof, Dept. of IT                       | : Member          |
| 70. | Dr. Y. Venkata Daseswara Rao,<br>Director, Off-Campus, Hyderabad | : Special Invitee |
| 71. | Dr. N. S. Sampath Kumar, Joint Dean-AAA                          | : Special Invitee |

**Leave of Absence: The following members have taken the leave of absence.**

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| 1. | Dr. R. Balasubramanian,<br>Professor, Dept. of CSE, IIT Roorkee      | : External Member |
| 2. | Prof. Debi Prasad Mishra, Director, NITTTR, Kolkata                  | : External Member |
| 3. | Prof. B. Seeta Ramanjaneyulu,<br>Dean, Faculty and Staff Development | : Member          |
| 4. | Dr. Anandarup Goswami<br>Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry     | : Member          |
| 5. | Dr. J. Nitchal Kiran, Prof, Dept. of Physics                         | : Member          |
| 6. | Dr. B.M. Rao, Professor, MBA   | : Member          |
| 7. | Dr. Dr. M. Sreenivasulu, Prof, Dept. of Physics                      | : Member          |

## Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Council and 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council Meeting

Date: 27/12/2025 [Saturday] at 10:00 AM

	<p><b>I. Welcoming the members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Council and 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council by the Chair and the Registrar.</b></p> <p>The Chair commenced the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Council and 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council by welcoming the external and internal members of the councils. He remarked that the meeting was an auspicious and special occasion. He exhorted that everyone should strive for excellence. He thanked the Chancellor Dr. P. Subba Rao for conceding to deliver a special address to both the councils. He requested the members to present their views formally after the address.</p> <p>The Chair stated that the address by the Chancellor should become a white paper for other developments. He requested the Dean AAA, Dean R&amp;D and Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy to draw from the address and employ them for the good of the University. He opined that the staff of VFSTR should be functional employees performing creative roles. He sought for a shift in the mind set of both teachers and the learners.</p> <p><b>Main Points in the Chancellor's Address</b></p> <p>The Chancellor commenced his address stating that his address shall be in the form of a discourse than a lecture.</p> <p><b>1. Vision Statement</b></p> <p>The Chancellor envisaged the vision for VFSTR - To position the University as a nationally respected and innovation driven institution that converts knowledge into enterprises, technologies and social impact. The Chancellor stated that knowledge is meaningless without social impact.</p> <p><b>2. VFSTR as a Launch Pad for Entrepreneurs</b></p> <p>The Chancellor envisaged that VFSTR must upgrade as a source of intellectual property, a partner to the industry, a launch pad for entrepreneurs and a strategic national asset. He opined that this upgradation is not a departure from academic values but a natural evolution.</p> <p>He stated that in the University, the progeny of farmer father has become employees, but henceforth they should become entrepreneurs. This evolution shall make VFSTR as a national asset.</p> <p>Responding to the question of the University located in a rural setting, the Vice-Chairman stated that many nationally acclaimed institutions were functioning actively from the rural areas and he advocated for a change in the mind-set of the people involved.</p> <p><b>3. Shift in the Mind set</b></p> <p>The Chancellor wished that academics in the University should be oriented more towards commercial and industry relevance which leads to knowledge creation that causes societal, economic and national impact.</p> <p>The Chancellor seconded the Vice-Chairman's opinion stating that distance</p>
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and location is not a problem in the digital world.

Er. D. Rama Krishna stated that students should be more sound in basics of Mathematics. The Chair and Prof. B.V.R Chowdary opined that strong foundation in Mathematics has long term gains and academic excellence shall balance application of the same.

Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy stated that students should be exposed more to practical education.

Prof. lalit M Patnaik also supported the stress on basics and inter-disciplinary learning. Individual merits have to be identified.

Dr. Y. Sarat opined that entrepreneurship should be encouraged and new technology must be adopted.

Rear Admiral G. Ram Babu opined that curriculum should be dynamic and change as per needs. It should be application oriented and focus on specific technological aspects which were in currency.

Dr. M. Shanti Swarup suggested to figure out the identity needed for the University and the profile of the VFSTR's students should be value based and industry related.

Dean T&D stated that industry is goal oriented and proper eco-system should be created. Industry persons should be invited to deal with academics in the University.

Dr. M.Malakondaiah stated that University should encourage start up culture.

Dr. E. S. Chakravarthy advised on encouraging local talent and there are a number of problems that can be addressed with industry collaboration. He opined that if fear of failure can be conquered, students can be successful in technology with knowledge and would be ready for transformation.

#### **5. University level "Impact and Translation Policy"**

The Chancellor stated that knowledge that does not translate into value remains is incomplete.

#### **6. Industry is not an outsider - It is a partner**

The Chancellor desired that industry professionals would increasingly teach alongside academics; real world problems would enter classrooms and laboratories and faculty would be encouraged to engage with industry without hesitation. This interaction would strengthen academic rigor. He also opined that the industrialization of the academy would upkeep investment - return balance. VFSTR should encourage this as the technology and infrastructure are readily available. A CoE should be established where there were two disciplines interacting with each other.

#### **7. Separate Council for Execution**

The Chancellor opined that there should be a standing body: "University Council for Innovation, Industry and Impact" composed of three senior

academicians, three industry leaders, One VC and Angel Investor, Chartered Accountants, Company Law Secretary, investors and funding partners.

### **8. Institutionalize Industry Presence**

The University should have Chair Professorship (Industry funded), Professors of Practice, Entrepreneurs in Residence, Schools with at least one industry facing role. The annual report on the function of all the above would be tabled before the Vice-Chancellor

### **9. Civil Services and Armed Forces Preparation: Proposed Initiative**

The Chancellor proposed the following action plan:

- a. Regular workshop and seminars on UPSC, IAS, IPS, IRS and selection to Armed Forces.
- b. Expert sessions by civil servants, defence officers and subject experts.
- c. Exam oriented programs on prelims, mains, interview and SSB.
- d. Guidance of strategy, syllabus, and career pathways.
- e. Mentorship and peer learning groups for sustained preparation.

### **10. Entrepreneurship Cell (E Cell)**

E Cell should

- a. intensify its activities.
- b. organise funding and grant awareness programs.
- c. organise investor community engagement.
- d. create start up mentorship framework.
- e. organise pitching and demo days.
- f. create incubation and industry linkages.

The Chair invited the responses of the members of the councils on the Chancellor's address.

The Hon'ble Chairman stated that 5-10 companies should be established and all the plans discussed in the presentation should be executed. The duration of working hours should to suit the goals.

Dr. Y. Sarath stated that the presentation was holistic.

Er. D. Rama Krishna stated that automation answers many problems and new skills were essential for new future. There should be development of growth mind-set.

Prof. P.V.G.D Prasad Reddy stated that there is huge potential of imparting training to serving armed forces personnel during their pre-release course. MoUs should be signed with Army, Navy and IAF on this aspect.

Prof. B.V.R. Chowdary stated that VFSTR should aim for high pragmatic roles. VFSTR should have international collaborations.

Prof. Lalit M Patnaik opined that the presentation was very impressive. The increase in working hours should be slowly implemented. A Road Map should be created and VFSTR should evolve as a residential campus for the success of the plans discussed.

Dr. M. Malakondaiah opined that the plans should be implemented in slow and steady process. Periodical and in-house meetings for review should be conducted.

CEO, VFSTR thanked the Chancellor for the presentation and opined that Academic Council should understand the inputs of the presentations step by step and understand the possibility in them. She stated that 2026 would be a milestone for VFSTR.

Dr. M. Shanti Swarup stated that one area should be selected to evolve as a Center of Excellence. He enquired on the readiness of the faculty and as and when needed, FDPs to be organised to fill the gaps. The University should look for system level solutions and product level execution. A pilot programs in Chemistry, Agriculture and Mathematics leading to interdisciplinary collaboration should be initiated.

Prof. P. Sreenivasa Kumar also pointed at the creation of a residential campus.

Prof. K. Subbarangaiah appreciated the fusion of academy and industry. He stated that proper learning process improved the students. More practical oriented education should be thought about and teachers should work for a cause. He also mentioned about incentivizing the performing teachers.

Dr. E. S. Chakravarthy opined that the framework to convert vision into operation is needed for which faculty have to be trained. He pointed at the smart manufacturing and also at the increasing admissions in M.Tech. The students of excellence should be nurtured.

Prof. A. Sharada stated that the presentation by the Chancellor was inspiring and students' mind-set when influenced right at the time of pre-semester course itself on towards entrepreneurship would yield desirable results.

Dean T&D stated that multiple time slots of working hours should be created to realise the system discussed.

Dean AAA stated that a proper eco-system should be created and challenges must be anticipated.

Dr. Phani Kumar stated that the capabilities of faculty should be identified and allot them in their area of operation.

Finally, the Chair stated that the amount of workload should not be calculated on weekly basis. The faculty, student ratio should be kept at 1:12



	or 1:14.
	<b>II. VFSTR's MoU with Indian Navy:</b>  With the agenda of collaborating in academy and research, VFSTR signed an MoU with Indian Navy. Rear Admiral G. Rambabu, Principal of Naval Academy, Cochin and Commodore Nirmal Raghu, Registrar INA exchanged the signed MOUs with the Vice-Chancellor.  With this MoU, faculty of VFSTR and that of the Indian Navy shall collaborate in joint projects, guest lectures, joint development and class visits.

<b>II.</b>	<b>Agenda Items for Discussion</b>
	1. Report on PG Admissions - to be presented by Dean SEECE The discussion on this agenda point was deferred to the next Academic Council Meeting
<b>III.</b>	<b>Agenda Items for Discussion and Approval</b>
	1. New University Logo - to be presented by the Registrar  This agenda item was deferred for discussion in the next Executive Council Meeting
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Agenda Items for Information and Ratification</b>
	There are no agenda items for information and ratification.

V. The following action points were pronounced during the 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Council and 44<sup>th</sup> Academic Council meeting.

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1.	The HoDs, In-charges of Centres of Excellence and Research Centres should present on the aspects relevant to them in the DDH meeting as they are mentioned in the Chancellor's presentation.	All HODs

Having discussed all the agenda points, the meeting was adjourned.



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