

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Executive Council

Date: 26/02/2026 (Thursday) at 10.00 AM.

Venue: Chancellor's Board Room, VFSTR

**Vignan's Foundation for Science, Technology and Research
Vadlamudi, Guntur
Andhra Pradesh- 522213**

**MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON
26TH February, 2026. (Hybrid mode)**

The members of 11th Executive Council met on 26th February, 2026 at 10:00 AM in the Chancellor's Board Room, A-Block. Prof. K.V. Krishna Kishore, In Charge Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR chaired the meeting. The following members were present:

1. Prof. K.V. Krishna Kishore
In Charge Vice-Chancellor, VFSTR, Guntur, A.P. : Chairman
2. Shri P. Murali Manohar
Former Member Secretary,
Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education, Hyd : External Member
3. Prof. BVR Chowdari (Virtual mode)
Senior Executive Director Office of the Provost,
University of Singapore (Strategic India and Initiatives) : External Member
4. Shri M. Malakondaiah, Former DGP, AP : External Member
5. Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy (Virtual mode)
Former Vice Chancellor, Andhra University, Vizag : External Member
6. Dr. Y. Sarat
Director, United Health Systems Pvt. Ltd. Hyd : External Member
7. Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy
Vice-President & Head of Resource Management
Group-Amdocs
Former Vice-President & Global RMG Head, TCS, Bengaluru : External Member
8. Sri. L. Sri Krishna Devarayulu
Vice-Chairman, Lavu Educational Society, Guntur : External Member
9. Dr. D. Vijayaramu, Dean AAA & FA : Member
10. Dr. M. Ramakrishna, Dean IQAC : Member
11. Dr. K.V.Madhuri, HoD, Physics : Member
12. Dr. GSR Satyanarayana, Asst. Prof of ECE : Member
13. Dr. Meghana Koorapati, Medical Director and Chief Surgeon
Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, Guntur : Special Invitee
14. Prof. D. Venkatesulu, Dean, R&D and Additional dean, ACSE : Special Invitee
15. Prof. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean, Promotions & Collaborations : Special Invitee
16. Dr. M.S.S. Rukmini, Dean, Student Affairs : Special Invitee
17. Dr. D. Vijay Krishna, Dean, Training & Placements : Special Invitee
18. Dr. Susanta Kumar Satpathy, Director of Polytechnic Education : Special Invitee
19. Prof. P. Bangaraiah, Controller of Examinations : Special Invitee
20. Mr.Prasad Panda, Director, Industry Relations : Special Invitee
21. Dr. Y.V. Daseswara Rao, Director-Off Campus (Virtual mode) : Special Invitee
22. Mr. N.S.N. Murthy, Finance Officer : Special Invitee
23. Mr. M. Narasimha Rao, Additional Finance Officer : Special Invitee
24. Dr. PMV Rao, Registrar, VFSTR : Ex-Officio Member
Secretary

The following have taken the leave of absence:

25. 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
26. Dr. Anandarup Goswami, Assoc. Professor of Chemistry : member

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Item	
	<p>Welcoming the members of Executive Council by the Chair.</p> <p>The Registrar welcomed all the members and informed them about Prof. K.V. Krishna Kishore taking the charge as In charge Vice-Chancellor on 12th January 2026. He said that Prof. K. V. Krishna Kishore was an experienced and committed executive of the university. Prof. BVR Chowdari greeted the In charge Vice-Chancellor on his appointment. Prof. K. V. Krishna Kishore responded that he was thankful to the members of the Executive Council and he would conduct his responsibilities with all integrity.</p> <p>The In Charge VC informed the members of the council about the AP Space Tech. Summit 2026 and South India Rocketry Challenge 2K26 on 22nd, 23rd and 24th of Jan 2025 which was hosted by VFSTR under the support and aegis of the Hon. Chancellor Dr. P. Subba Rao. He mentioned that eminent experts delivered lectures during the event. He also informed the members about Bala Mahotsav, hosted by VFSTR from 31 Jan 2026 to 2 February 2026, a cultural and sports event for children between 10 and 17 years. The VC also informed that Vignan Mahotsav, a cultural, sports and literary festival in which 8000 students participated was held between 5th and 7th February 2026. The Chair also informed about the visits of inspecting and accrediting teams like PCI and NTCE and also the workshops conducted on Quantum AI and Generative AI. The In Charge VC stated that in line with the spirit of NEP, VFSTR is heading towards becoming a multi-faceted entity and on this path, the Vignan Group of Institutions is all set to seek approval for the establishment of a Medical College.</p> <p>Responding to the words of the VC, Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy stated that 60% of the efforts should be dedicated towards routine business and 40% of the efforts should be meant for upgrading the university. He spoke on the filling of seats in the PG program, the meetings conducted with HoDs and Deans and identification of new programs. The thanked the earlier VC for his efforts in launching NEP in VFSTR and MERU system.</p> <p>The Chair handed over the meeting to the Member Secretary for the confirmation of the minutes of various apex body meetings which took place earlier.</p> <p>I. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 9th Executive Council Meeting held on 25.10.2025.</p> <p>The minutes of the 9th Executive Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date was presented before the 11th Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p>II. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 43rd Academic Council Meeting held on 15.11.2025.</p> <p>The minutes of the 43rd Academic Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date was presented before the 11th Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p>III. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 30th and 31st Finance Committee Meetings held on 22.11.2025 and 26.12.26 respectively.</p>

	<p>The minutes of the 30th and 31st Finance Committee Meeting held on the above mentioned dates was presented before the 11th Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p>IV. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 10th Executive Council Meeting held on 27.12.2025.</p> <p>The minutes of the 10th Executive Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date was presented before the 11th Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p>V. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 44th Academic Council Meeting held on - 27.12.2025.</p> <p>The minutes of the 44th Academic Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date was presented before the 11th Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p>
VI	<p>Action Taken Report on the Decisions of 10th Executive Council Meeting held on 27.12 2025.</p>
	<p>1. The HoDs and 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 - presented by Dean R&D</p> <p>The Dean R&D presented on the various CoEs established in the Department of ECE like Raman Sensor Center, UAV/UAS Co, Space Technology CoE and Anechoic Chamber.</p> <p>The Dean also presented on the outcomes of the CoEs and the finalization of Roadmap after discussing with the Directors of the CoEs. He also mentioned the number of faculty and scholars associated with the CoEs, the research publications, consultancy services, conferences held, patents awarded, collaboration with industry and projects submitted for funding.</p>
VII	<p>Agenda Items for Discussion and Approval</p>
	<p>1. Commencement of Medical College under VFSTR – presented by Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy.</p> <p>Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy stated that as Vignan Group is heading towards 50 years of its inception, a decision to commence a Medical College under the canopy of Vignan would be a commemoration of this landmark. He informed the members that after 180 hrs of brainstorming and travelling to various places, the decision to propose for establishing a Medical College was taken. After this brief introduction, he further presented his agenda under the following heads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Medical College in the light of popular need b. Deficit of super speciality medical services c. Demographic and geographic prime location d. Existing health care scenario – identification of gaps e. Investment provided in future f. Strategic advantage g. Our vision h. Our mission <p>After this presentation, the approval was sought from the members of the council. Prof. BVR Chowdari gave his approval calling it as a wonderful decision and advised that planning was very important. He also advised to be connected with the existing developments in AI.</p>

Prof. BVR Chowdari was seconded by Prof. P. Murali Manohar who congratulated the decision. Dr. Y. Sarat also approved the decision by calling the decision taken on the right time. The other members also gave their approval to the decision. Commenting on the decision, the CEO stated that the college would serve to be patient centric and ethics oriented.

Hon. Chairman sought for the strategies for growth of the Medical college. He also stated that all the HoDs should give projects which are related to medical and health care with relevance to engineering technology. He also directed to establish an AI CoE with the help of industry. This centre should generate a good number of products per year.

The Vice-Chairman seconded the opinion of the Hon. Chairman and stated that there should be AI lab in every department.

The agenda point was approved by the council after deliberation.

2. Approval of the minutes of 32nd Financial Committee Meeting held on 23.02.2026 – presented by Addl. Finance Officer.

The AFO presented the approval and sanction to purchase the plot meant for the establishment of the proposed Medical College.

- a. Cost of the land to be purchased including the registration fee and all other charges – Rs. 45 Crores
- b. Offer price of the land is 7000 per Sq yards (govt. valuation) and total cost is Rs. 41.33 Cr
- c. Area of the land – 59051.20 Sq. yards
- d. Location of the land – Opposite side of VFSTR
- e. Ownership of the land – Dr. Lavu Rattaiah, Managing Trustee, VFSTR
- f. VFSTR is acquiring this land at less than one fifth of the market value which is around Rs. 236 Cr.

In this concern the generosity of the Managing Trustee was highly lauded.

The AFO also presented on the financial position of VFSTR.

The following major details of the financial position of VFSTR was presented by the CA.

- a. Current fixed deposits of the trust is Rs. 91 Cr
- b. Fee due for receipt is 94 Cr approximately
- c. Proposed investment is about 45 Cr.
- d. No borrowing proposed for this acquisition
- e. Purchase cost of 45 Cr can be utilized as a margin for loan to be obtained for the construction of proposed Medical College.
- f. Unplanned budget availed (as approved in the budget of 2025-26)

The agenda point was approved by the council after deliberation.

2. Students Intake for VFSTR and Off-campus for the AY 2026-2027 – presented by Dean, Admissions.

The Dean, Admissions proposed the increment of 300 seats (AIML 240 and Cyber Security – 60). He also proposed to commence new programs in B.Sc. (Maths, Statistics and Computer Science); B.Sc. (Electronics and Computer Science), B.Sc. (Digital Manufacturing) and B.Sc. (Computer Science)

After the presentation on the admissions, Dr. Chakravarthi stated that the programs like CS, DS, Mechanical Engineering and RA were faring well in admissions while there was scope for improvement in IoT. He also suggested that target of admissions should also reflect in the score cards of the employees.

Prof. BVR Chowdari stated that most of the top universities were offering Double Majors in the UG level and advised to float programs like Management with Economics and Management with Health Care.

	<p>He also mentioned that the renamed courses like Smart Manufacturing, Sustainable Smart Construction and Autonomous Electrical Vehicles should be popularised through press which leads to branding of these courses. He requested the HoDs, Dean IQAC, Dean T&P and Dean Admissions to concur on this matter.</p> <p>Prof. BVR Chowdari appreciated the move on M.Tech. admissions.</p> <p>Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy appreciated the decision but, with reservations about the absorption of the graduates from the courses with the above-said nomenclature quoting case of students of M.Tech. Computer Networking, the course pioneered by Andhra University for the AYs 2022-2014, who were denied jobs for their course were not identified by AICTE. He also mentioned the case of NIT Bhopal and NIT Suratkal whose Environment Management students were denied government jobs. He advised that the nomenclature should be compliant with AICTE rules.</p> <p>Responding to this Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy stated that this aspect would be thought about.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman stated that 90% of the students of these courses would be aiming at industry jobs and 10% only look for government jobs. He stated that there would be a discussion with Dean IQAC and a nomenclature which would be a via media for both Vignan's and AICTE would be finalized.</p> <p>Dr. M. Malakondaiah stated that there more demand for Textile Technology as there is lot of demand for spinning and weaving. The Chair responded that the current 14 students in Textile Technology were the ones who were sponsored by industry.</p> <p>No increment of seats was proposed for the Hyderabad Off-Campus.</p> <p>The agenda point was approved by the council after deliberation.</p>
IV	<p>Agenda Items for Information</p>
	<p>1. Information about accreditations, rankings and approvals by statutory bodies – presented by Dean IQAC</p> <p>The Dean IQAC stated that three statutory bodies like NCTE – ITEP and PCI visited VFSTR to approve B.SC. B.Ed, B.A. B.Ed, and Pharmacy programs respectively while compliance report was submitted for BCI. Currently AICTE approval for Engineering, Management and MCA was awaited post scrutiny.</p> <p>Accreditation bodies like NBA, NAAC, QS I Gauge accreditation are due in the coming days of 2026. Rankings like NIRF ranking, Green mentors ranking, UI Green Metric ranking, Career 360 ranking and THE Impact ranking and other major rankings were due in the coming days of 2026.</p> <p>2. AP Space Tech Summit 2026 and South India Rocketry Challenge – 2K26 – presented by Dr. G. Srinivasa Rao, Dean P&C</p> <p>The Dean P&C presented the agenda point under the following heads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inauguration of the Summit b. AP Space Tech Summit -2026 and Rocketry Challenge – 2K26 c. Leveraging space technology for Vikasit Bharat – 2047 d. Activities: AP SpaceTech Summit 2026 e. Technical talks: Eminent Scientists/ Academicians f. Project Expo by students g. Visitors h. MoUs Exchanged i. Proposed CoEs j. Road Map for the next one year

Prof. Rukhmini presented on the conduct of Vignan Bala Mahotsav and Vignan Mahotsav

3. Research Progression in VFSTR – presented by Prof. D. Venkatesulu, Dean R&D

The Dean R&D presented the agenda point under the following heads:

- a. Ph.D. program Enrolment – 2025
- b. Ph.D. program enrolment in December cycle – 2025
- c. Ph.D.s awarded
- d. Research publications
- e. Citations
- f. H-Index 21-25
- g. Patents 2025
- h. Government funded projects -2025
- i. CoEs established
- j. Assessment of outcomes of CoEs

4. Placement Report 2026 Engineering branches

The Dean T&P presented the agenda under the following heads:

- a. Department wise total no. of students in the program to be passed out in 2026 (total 1709)
- b. Department wise interested and yet to be placed (total 511).
- c. Department wise student choice for higher education (273)
- d. No of students placed (925)

5. Update on Faculty Industry Immersion Program – presented by Director, Industry Relations

The Director, IR presented the agenda under the following heads:

- a. FIIP Objective and Key Highlights
- b. FIIP Phase III: Partnered institutions / companies

6. Status of recruitment of Vice-Chancellor – presented by the Registrar, VFSTR

The Registrar stated that advertisement inviting the applications for the positions of Chancellor and Pro VC was released on 28.01.26 and the last date for the review of applications was 18.02.26. Total 68 applications were received for the position of VC and 38 applications were received for the position of Pro VC and 18 aspirants applied for both the positions. The Registrar also presented the panel members who comprise the Search cum Selection Committee. Executive Council member has approved the names in the panel.

7. Assessment results: Academic year 2025-26 I semester – presented by the Controller of Examinations

The Controller of Examinations presented the following details on the agenda point:

- a. Assessment Result: B.Tech. I Year I semester (R25C25) Reg. Jan 2026
- b. Assessment Result: B.Tech. II Year I semester (R22C24) Reg. Nov. 2025
- c. Assessment Result: B.Tech. III Year I semester (R22C22) Reg. Nov 2025
- d. Assessment Result: B.Tech. IV Year I semester (R25C24) Reg. Jan 2025
- e. Assessment Result: Other regular programs (From AY 2024-24 to 2025-26)
- f. 32 Supplementary Assessment results

	<p>8. Joining and Relieving Staff Data presented by the Registrar, VFSTR</p> <p>The Registrar stated that between 25th October 2025 and 24th February 2026, 106 teaching staff joined the VFSTR Main Campus while 94 were relieved. Thirty faculty joined the Off Campus and 18 were relieved during the above-said period. The Registrar also presented the reasons for relieving of teaching staff and also the appointment of Professor of Practice.</p>
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The following action points are pronounced during the 11th Executive Council.

Sl.No	Action Point	Action Point Addressed to
01.	In the forthcoming ECM, the actions taken on the advice of the expert from Narsee Monjee University should be present by the Department of Pharmacy.	HoD, Pharmacy
02.	The professors of Management along with HoD and Dean should meet on Monday and discuss the point of Double Majors in BBA and MBA. They should present the same in the next ECM.	HoD MBA

The Chair invited the responses of the student observers who opined that the experience was rewarding and highly praised the executives of the university in their efforts to benefit the students.

The Chair thanked the external and internal members of the Executive Council Meeting and the external members present were felicitated. Having discussed all the points, the meeting was adjourned.



Registrar

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