

**Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council**

**Date: 25/10/2025 (Friday) 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 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> October, 2025. (Hybrid mode)

The members of Executive Council met on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Chancellor's Board Room, A-Block. Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan, Vice-Chancellor of VFSTR chaired the meeting. The following members 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. BVR Chowdary (virtual mode)  
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, (Virtual Mode)  
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 & Head of Resource Management  
Group-Amdocs  
Former Vice-President & Global RMG Head, TCS, Benguluru : External Member
8. Sri. L. Sri Krishna Devarayulu  
Vice-Chairman, Lavu Educational Society, Guntur : External Member
9. Dr. Meghana Koorapati, Medical Director and Chief Surgeon  
Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, Guntur : External Member
10. Dr. M. Malakondaiah, Former DGP, AP : External Member
11. Dr. M. Rama Krishna  
Dean, IQAC and Dean, SoCE : Member
12. Prof. D. Vijaya Ramu, Dean AAA and FA : Member
13. Dr. K. Venkata Madhuri Professor and HoD, Physics : Member
14. Prof. Y. Ravishekar, Dean, T&D : Special Invitee
15. Dr. D. Venkatesulu, Dean R&D, Additional Dean ACSE : Special Invitee
16. Prof. N. Veeranjanyulu  
HoD, Dept.of Computer Applications & Director CDOE : Special Invitee

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| 17. Mr. Prasad Panda, Director, IR            | : Special Invitee             |
| 18. Sri. NSN Murthy, Finance Officer          | : Special Invitee             |
| 19. Dr. V. Aswini, Asst. Prof. of ECE         | : Special Invitee             |
| 20. Dr. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Asst. Prof. of ECE | : Special Invitee             |
| 21. Prof. P.M.V. Rao, Registrar               | : Ex-Officio Member Secretary |

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

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| 22. Dr. GSR Satyanarayana<br>Asst. Prof. Dept. of ECE                | : Member |
| 23. Dr. Anandarup Goswami<br>Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry | : Member |

## Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council

Date: 25/10/2025 [Saturday] at 10:00 AM

I	
	<p><b>Welcoming the members of Executive Council by the Chair.</b></p> <p>The Chair, Col. Prof. P. Nagabhushan, welcomed all the members of the Executive Council and expressed his appreciation for their presence. He informed the members about the University's attainment of 70<sup>th</sup> position in National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking. He also informed the members about the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) accreditation granted to five departments viz., Biomedical Engineering, Bioinformatics, Chemical Engineering, Information Technology and the Department of Civil Engineering. The Chair reminded the Hon'ble Chancellor's emphasis on maintaining the highest standards of quality, highlighting that consistent adherence to these standards would ensure the sustenance and further expansion of accreditations.</p> <p>The Chancellor congratulated all the departments which were accredited by NBA. He opined that validation by an external agency is essential to become aware of our strengths and weaknesses. He also stated that some departments should upgrade themselves for the accreditation of their labs by National Accreditation Board of Testing and calibration Laboratories (NABL). The Chancellor also desired that the University should evolve as an industry.</p> <p>Prof. Lalit M. Patnaik, Member of the Executive Council rendered his congrats on the NIRF and the NBA accreditation expecting his wish to many more successes in the future.</p> <p>The Chair handed over the meeting to the Member Secretary who welcomed all the members of the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Council. He presented and sought for the confirmation of the minutes of all the apex body meetings which took place earlier.</p> <p><b>1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 12.04.2025.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date were presented before the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p><b>2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 24.05.2025.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date were presented before the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p><b>3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on 26.07.2025.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Academic Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date were presented before the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p><b>4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting held on 29.07.2025.</b></p>

	<p>The minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting held on the above mentioned date were presented before the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p><b>5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on - 01.08.2025.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on the above mentioned date were presented before the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Council for approval. The minutes were approved by the council after deliberation.</p> <p>The Registrar informed the members that with the XIII Convocation, VFSTR had, till then awarded degrees to 20,000 students and expressed his hope that in the coming two years, the number would increase to 30,000 students.</p>
II	<p><b>Action Taken Report on the Decisions of 7<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.</b></p> <p><b>1. The strategic measures presented by the sub-committee (constituted to solve the problem of strength in Postgraduate (PG) education in the core engineering branches) should be more defined, action specific and to be presented in the next Executive Council Meeting - presented by Dean Technology &amp; Development (T&amp;D)</b></p> <p>The Dean, T&amp;D stated that admissions in the core engineering branches had increased in the academic year 2025-26 and presently, the emphasis should be on improving the quality. Also in the branches like CSE and Advanced Computer Science and Engineering, good admissions were recorded.</p> <p>Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy advised the Dean, Core Engineering to adopt the methods followed by the Departments of CSE and ACSE branches to increase the admissions in PG in their respective programmes.</p> <p>The following advice were given to the members concerned with respect to this agenda point.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A student centric model should be evolved which would focus on the actual benefit that accrues to the student through a Master's programme. The programmes should be floated in the areas of Digital Manufacturing and Data Model Creation which reflect the essential course content which is designed to suit the current trends and needs of the industry.</li> <li>M.Tech. in the Department of Mechanical Engineering should float programmes such as M.Tech. Smart Engineering by studying the methods and systems of the premier institutions.</li> <li>Specific and most happening roles in the software industry like Software Quality Experts, Full Stack Developer, Testing should become the core content of M.Tech. in the CSE department.</li> <li>Measures to ensure that the M. Tech. student receives his/her stipend from the University along with the remuneration from the company during the closure stages of the course.</li> <li>The program should be custom designed to suit the aspirations of the students accordingly. The students should be trained accordingly and certified. The scorecard system for the students of M.Tech. should be introduced.</li> </ol>

In the coming months, detail plans on program of M.Tech. in IoT, CSE should be designed. M.Tech. program should be made residential.

Prof. Lalit M Patnaik stated that the problem of admission was also prevalent in IITs as M.Tech. was deemed to be the repetition of B. Tech. concepts. Hence, advanced level of knowledge which is industry relevant should be taught to students. He also lamented on the poor basics of the students and opined that Ph.D. and M.Tech. should be full-time programs and the students and scholars of these respective programs may be made to take up classwork as well.

Prof. BVR Chowdary opined that the students of M.Tech. should be dovetailed to join Ph.D. program. He advised to select promising students and train them on research.

Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy opined that M.Tech. IoT should be upgraded as M.Tech. Industrial IoT (IIoT). Discussing the experience with Efftronics, Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy advised that the selection criteria and expectations from the students of VFSTR by Efftronics should be understood for a better approach. He mooted the proposal to name this batch as "Golden Batch" which was going to carry the face value of VFSTR in the arena of PG studies.

The Chair also opined that M.Tech. and Ph.D. should be a residential program. The Chair advised additional incurrence on R&D. He advised for floating of M.Tech. programme in Smart Transportation from Dept. of Mech. Engg. He advised to initiate M.Tech. by Coursework and M.Tech. by Thesis and all the students should understand the domain. He congratulated the Dept. of CSE for good admissions.

Dr. Y. Sarat expressed his satisfaction over the constitution of a sub-committee and the result of the efforts of the committee in giving practical solutions. He appreciated the efforts of the Dept. of CSE for their efforts. He advised to have a clear direction and set goals for growth.

He stated special curriculum for students aspiring for teaching profession or research and this should be finalised after discussing with people with good knowledge. He stated that there is a good demand for 3D Printing and recycling plastic which is a high end product. He also suggested for a course in handling sewage waste in which there was no standard procedure as of now. The knowledge in developing Bioethanol can also be an attractive course. He advised for a free and frank responses from the students.

To further strengthen the PG programmes the chair advised the Member Secretary to convene a joint session of the Executive Council and Academic Council to deliberate on the new M.Tech. programmes.

**2. A presentation by one of the beneficiaries of FIIP along with one industry personnel. Presented by Director IR, Dr. P. Vijaya Lakshmi and Dr. V. Aswini.**

After the introduction by Director, IR, Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi stated that she along with Dr. V. Aswini attended a five month FIIP from December 2024 at Ananth Technologies, Hyderabad. She presented her FIIP under the following heads:

- a. About Ananth Technologies
- b. Experience of Immersion
- c. Scope of work and support received
- d. Outcomes so far
- e. Action plan.

	<p>She mentioned that Ananth Technologies was - inclined to establish a Center of Excellence in Space Science and Technology at VFSTR; granted a consultancy project worth Rs. 5 Lakhs; registration of three employees of the company for the Ph.D. programs of VFSTR and the organization of Space Summit on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at VFSTR.</p> <p>Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy enquired on the chances of placement for students from CSE and ECE in Ananth Technologies.</p> <p>Prof. BVR Chowdary advised to take care and utilize the CoE as an interface between the company and VFSTR.</p> <p><b>3. The Director CDOE should present to the Chairman, the vision, purpose and strategy of online education – presented by Director, CDOE.</b></p> <p>The Director CDOE presented the agenda point under the following heads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vision of Online education at VFSTR</li> <li>Purpose and objectives of online education</li> <li>Strategies to improve quality in online education</li> <li>Strategic admissions plan for January 2026 and beyond.</li> </ol> <p>Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy advised for a quality policy and also build on vision and mission. He desired that deliberation on CDOE should be a standing agenda in every session of ECM.</p> <p>Prof. Lalit M Patnaik stated that online experimentation and practical work should be made possible through remote access.</p> <p>The Chair advised to build a team for improving the quality of online education.</p> <p><b>4. Preventive measures to overcome the problem of infrastructure in VFSTR – presented by Dean AAA</b></p> <p>The Dean stated that additional infrastructure was created at VFSTR and exclusively in CSE and ACSE, that the students were classified as day scholars and hostellers to suit to double schedule of classwork. (Day scholars – 8.00 A.M. to 3.10. P.M. Hostellers – 10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.)</p> <p>He also stated that the new building which would be available soon would solve the problem.</p> <p>Dr. E.S. Chakravarthy advised for digital infrastructure in the form of Apple based platform for systems. He advised to prepare a document and submit it to the Chair. He also advised to utilise technology in administration.</p>
III	<p><b>Agenda Items for Discussion and Approval</b></p> <p><b>Proposal and Approval for the Position of Chancellor</b></p> <p>The Hon'ble Chancellor, Dr. Lavu Rathiah garu, proposed the name of Dr. Pavuluri Subba Rao, Founder and Chairman of Ananth Technologies Ltd., as the next Chancellor of VFSTR. The proposal was made in recognition of his noteworthy contributions to the Indian space sector and his pioneering role in advancing indigenous satellite and launch vehicle technologies. The Chancellor highlighted that Dr. P. Subba Rao's distinguished career as a scientist, innovator, and entrepreneur, along with his long-standing association with VFSTR in fostering research collaborations and industry engagement, strongly resonates with the University's vision of excellence. His visionary leadership and commitment to innovation were</p>

	<p>seen as being in perfect alignment with VFSTR's mission to transform into a Multidisciplinary Education and Research University (MERU).</p> <p>The members of the Executive Council unanimously approved the nomination of Dr. P. Subba Rao for the position of Chancellor.</p> <p>The Chairman instructed the Member Secretary to formally communicate the decision to Dr. Pavuluri Subba Rao and to seek his consent for assuming the Chancellorship of VFSTR (Deemed to be University).</p>
IV	<p><b>Agenda Items for Information and Ratification</b></p> <p><b>1. Comprehensive report on Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) – presented by Dean AAA&amp;FA</b></p> <p>The Dean presented this agenda under the following points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) – An overview</li> <li>Career advancement selection – Levels of faculty</li> <li>About the procedure</li> <li>Our Interaction committee</li> <li>CAS Outcome</li> <li>Observations from experts</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For advancement of cadre, during CAS, the research work should be progressive. The work done earlier would not be considered.</li> <li>The quality of publication will be monitored.</li> <li>For level 14, the applicant should have one external funded project and must have guided two Ph.D. scholars.</li> <li>For level 13, the applicant should have one external funded project and must have guided one Ph.D. scholar.</li> <li>There shall be point system for international patents that are granted.</li> </ul> <p>In the discussion that ensued on this agenda point, all the External Members were unanimous that the quality must not be compromised during CAS. The members advocated for a balance of consideration when the young generation is considered along with the senior faculty.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman stated that one's contribution to the organization should be understood both in word and spirit. Evaluation of the faculty necessitates the recognition of commitment zeal of faculty and, for the reason of a broader and inclusive evaluation, the services rendered by some faculty as per the best of their knowledge and ability.</p> <p>The Chair directed the Dean AAA to compile the entire discussion into a document and submit to him.</p> <p><b>2. Faculty Immersion Program – presented by Director IR</b></p> <p>The Director IR presented the agenda under the following heads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FIP Objective and Key highlights</li> <li>FIP Phase I – partnered companies</li> <li>Reporting, action plan and tracking framework</li> <li>Highlights from FIP Phase 1 and its outcomes</li> <li>FIP Phase 1 faculty</li> <li>FIP Phase 2 - partnered institutions /companies</li> </ol>



**3. The list of teaching and Non-teaching staff who joined and who were relieved since the last ECM held on 12.04.25 – presented by the Registrar**

The Registrar presented the details of the teaching staff and non-teaching staff who joined VFSTR after 12.04.25. He also presented the details of the same who were relieved from duties after 12.04.25.

The Vice-Chairman directed that Director IR to get into touch with Avantel and identify the avenues of collaboration with them.

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.

The following action point were pronounced during the 9<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting.

Action Point	Action Point addressed to
The Chair advised the Member Secretary to convene a joint session of the Executive Council and Academic Council to deliberate on the new M.Tech. programmes.	<b>REGISTRAR</b>



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