



**VINAYAKA MISSION'S
RESEARCH FOUNDATION**
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This is to inform you that the **33rd IQAC Meeting** will be held on **24.03.2026 at 11:00 AM** in the **VC's Board Room, VMRFDU**, in hybrid mode.

All members from Salem are requested to attend the meeting in **offline mode**, and the outstation members to join in **online mode** as per the schedule.

Agenda:

1. Welcome Address by the Chairperson
2. Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Updates on National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2026
4. Discussion on Times Higher Education Ranking 2027
5. Implementation of Green Audit
6. Conduct of Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)
7. Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chairperson


Dr. Sabitha Gokal Raj,
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33rd IQAC MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 24.03.2026

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: VC Board room, University Campus, Salem

Attendee List

S.No.	Name	Signature
1	Dr. P. K. Sudhir	Offline
2	Dr. J. Sabarinathan	Offline
3	Dr. A. Nagappan	Offline
4	Dr. SAV Satyamurthy	Online
5	Dr. A. Rajan Samuel	Offline
6	Mr. P. Rajasekaran	Online
7	Mr. J. Senthil	Online
8	Dr. K. C. Shanthi	Online
9	Dr. V. Sasi	Permitted
10	Mrs. R. Sindhuja	Online
11	Dr. P. Santi Dheepan	Offline
12	Dr. K. Velkrishna	Permitted
13	Ms. Keerthana Rajmohan Prabavathini	Online
14	Ms. B. Jennifa	Offline
15	Mr. Sivamani	Offline
16	Dr. M. Keerthana Rao	Permitted
17	Mr. Shankar Sengottuvelan	Online
18	Mr. Sasikumar Thangamuthu	Online
19	Dr. N. Meikandan	Offline
20	Dr. Sabitha Gokul Raj	Offline



Actions Taken Report on the minutes of previous meeting held on 26.08.2025

S. No	Action Points	Action Taken
1	Communication of SDG activities and the targets	<p>The identified five SDG goals, the activities the institution has to carry out with their targets to be achieved had been circulated to all the Head of the institutions on January 2nd 2026. Deputing of a coordinating for the same has also been communicated.</p> <p>The adopted goals are as follows:</p> <p>3.Good Health and Well-being</p> <p>4.Quality Education</p> <p>7.Affordable and Clean Energy</p> <p>13.Climate Action</p> <p>17. Partnerships for the Goals,</p>
2	NIRF Ranking 2026	<p>Sensitization on the various NIRF Parameters and the importance on the NIRF ranking was discussed with the medical Dean of faculty and the HOI of the three medical colleges by Pro Vice Chancellor.</p> <p>Sensitization on the various parameter with the engineering, medical, dental and pharmacy accreditation coordinators was also done</p>



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Minutes of the meeting held on 24.03.26

1. Welcome Address and Opening Remarks

The meeting commenced with a formal welcome by the Registrar, VMRF(DU), Dr. A. Nagappan, who greeted all the committee members.

This was followed by a warm welcome from Prof. Dr. P. K. Sudhir, Chairperson, who, on behalf of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), extended his greetings to all members. He briefly apprised the committee of the university's submission to the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) under various categories, expressing optimism for improved rankings this year.

He further informed the members about the forthcoming Academic and Administrative Audit scheduled for 31st March. He highlighted that, in addition to the audit process, a review of the action taken on the compliance of observations from the previous audit will also be undertaken.

Prof. Sudhir emphasized the importance of critically understanding the institution's strengths and weaknesses as a key step toward continuous quality enhancement and institutional growth.

2. Action Taken on the Previous Meeting

Dr. Sabitha Gokul Raj, IQAC Coordinator, VMRF(DU), presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions passed in the previous meeting. The report outlined the progress achieved on various Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) initiatives, which had been communicated to the constituent institutions along with clearly defined goals and targets to be accomplished by 2nd January 2026.

Dr. Rajan Samuel, Director – Academics, further emphasized the communication circulated to the institutions and highlighted the sensitization efforts undertaken in this regard.

The committee was apprised of the sensitization sessions by Pro Vice Chancellor, conducted on various NIRF parameters and the significance of NIRF rankings. These sessions involved the Medical Dean of Faculty and the Heads of Institutions (HOIs) of the three medical colleges

Additionally, sensitization programmes on various accreditation and ranking parameters were conducted for the accreditation coordinators of Engineering, Medical, Dental, and Pharmacy institutions.

The committee carefully reviewed the Action Taken Report and formally approved the same.

Further, the achievements and activities carried out by the Accreditation and Ranking Cell were also presented and noted by the committee.



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3. Discussion on NIRF Ranking 2026

Dr. Sabitha Gokul Raj informed the committee that Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) had successfully submitted the data for the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2026 under the following categories:

1. Overall
2. Innovation
3. Research
4. Medical
5. Dental
6. Pharmacy
7. Engineering
8. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

She further stated that the overall data submission was completed on 9th March 2026.

In addition, the key NIRF parameters and their respective weightages were presented and discussed in detail for the benefit of the committee members, enabling a better understanding of the evaluation framework.

4. Discussion on Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings 2027

The members were informed that the University would be applying for the Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings 2026 under the following categories:

University (Overall)

Clinical and Health

Arts and Humanities

Engineering

A detailed discussion was held on the University's performance in the previous year's rankings. The Pro Vice Chancellor highlighted that securing a position within the top 1000 in THE rankings would provide significant advantages, particularly in enhancing opportunities for collaboration with reputed international universities.



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5. Implementation of Green Audit and Energy Audit

As part of the University's sustainability initiatives, it was resolved that Green Audit and Energy Audit shall be conducted mandatorily across all constituent institutions. These audits hold significant importance in various national and international assessment frameworks such as the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) reporting, and NAAC accreditation processes. Proper documentation and effective implementation of these audits contribute positively to institutional performance in rankings, accreditation, and sustainability reporting.

In this regard, the services of Nature Science Foundation (NSF), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India was identified for conducting the required audits. NSF is an ISO/IEC 17020:2012, ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, and ISO/IEC 17021-3:2017 accredited Type 'A' Inspection and Certification Body (Reg. No.: IB 121 & QM 097), accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), Quality Council of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

6. Conduct of Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)

The committee was informed that the Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) would be conducted across all four campuses, covering all constituent institutions. The audit will be carried out by an internal audit team comprising University officials and is scheduled from 31st March 2026 to 30th April 2026.

It was further informed that detailed communication regarding the audit had already been circulated to all institutions. This included the audit schedule, checklist, and the prescribed Head of Institution (HOI) presentation template. The same was also shared with all members of the audit team by the Director (In-charge), Accreditation and Ranking.

During the audit visit, compliance with the observations from the previous audit will be reviewed. In addition, a sample audit of one department will be conducted, which will include interactions with students, faculty, and non-teaching staff.

The Vice Chancellor emphasized that the audit is a quality enhancement initiative and not a fault-finding exercise. He stressed that the process should be facilitated in a constructive manner. He also highlighted that the audit would assess the implementation of various University initiatives, as included in the audit checklist.



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7. Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chairperson

Dr. N. Meikandan, Parent Member, appreciated the initiatives and progress made by the University. He shared his insights on further enhancing quality, emphasizing the importance of a University newsletter. The Pro Vice Chancellor noted that a University newsletter is already in place and further suggested that all constituent institutions may also publish their own institutional newsletters.

The Vice Chancellor interacted with the student members regarding the student-centric activities being carried out in their respective institutions. During the discussion, Dr. Rajsekar emphasized the need to increase the number of internship opportunities for students. Dr. Senthil further highlighted that, as per AICTE norms, it is mandatory for all engineering students to undertake internships.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sabitha Gokul Raj, IQAC Coordinator. She expressed her sincere appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, and Registrar for their continuous guidance and support. She also thanked all the committee members for their active participation, valuable insights, and constructive suggestions, which contributed to the success of the meeting.



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Photos of 33rd IQAC Meeting

