



VINAYAKA MISSION'S
RESEARCH FOUNDATION
(Deemed to be University under section 3 of the UGC Act 1956)

28th IQAC MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: October 19, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: VC Board Room, University Campus, Salem

Attendees:

S.No.	Name	Signature
1	Dr. P. K. Sudhir	Not Present
2	Dr. J. Sabarinathan	Offline
3	Dr. A. Nagappan	Offline
4	Dr. B . Sridhar Reddy	Offline
5	Dr. C. L. Prabhavathi	Offline
6	Dr. SAV Satyamurthy	Online
7	Dr. R. S. Shanmugasundaram	Offline
8	Mr. P. Rajasekaran	Online
9	Dr. V. Anbazhagan	Offline
10	Dr. A. Sam Thamburaj	Offline
11	Dr. S. P. Sangeetha	Online
12	Dr. K. C. Shanthi	Offline
13	Dr. G. Murali	Offline
14	Dr. Franc Oumanath	Online
15	Dr. A. Udhayan	Offline
16	Dr. S. Gayathri	Online
17	Dr. K.Velkrishna	Not Present
18	Ms. S. Rithika	Offline
19	Dr. S. Ganesh	Not Present
20	Mr. P. Arulmani	Not Present
21	Mr. Ramesh Jayakumar	Not Present
22	Dr. C. Kavitha	Not Present
23	Chesha P.Chellappan	Online



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The 28th IQAC meeting was held on October 19, 2024, at 11:00 AM in the VC Board Room, University Campus, Salem in Hybrid mode. Dr. J. Sabarinathan (Pro VC and Senior Administrative Officer) chaired the meeting and delivered the welcome address, acknowledging the presence of members attending both offline and online. He noted that the Vice-Chancellor could not attend as he was engaged in a meeting with the Chairman. This meeting marked the first after the appointment of Dr. B. Sridhar Reddy as Director of Accreditation & Ranking, along with the renaming of the IQAC department to the Ranking & Accreditation Department. Dr. Sabarinathan introduced Dr. Reddy and outlined the significant internal changes, including the adoption of a binary system for NAAC, which Dr. Reddy would elaborate on.

After that Dr. Reddy began his presentation by discussing the activities and year plan for 2024-2025, noting that this was the first of four planned quarterly meetings for the year. He emphasized that university-level IQAC meetings would be held on the third Saturday of the last month of each quarter, with institutional-level meetings on the first Saturday. He detailed his recent workshops and campus visits to Salem (100% completed) and Chennai (80% completed), with visits to Pondicherry and Karaikal still pending. Dr. Reddy mentioned that he reviewed the compliance report and the AAA audit compliance report as part of his visits. He highlighted the importance of understanding the binary system and mentioned that workshops were being planned for the Accreditation & Ranking team of VMRF-Du to ensure smooth implementation.

Dr. Reddy also provided insights into the various awards and rankings that VMRF-DU had applied for, including participation in the Times Asia awards for research in STEM and Arts, funded by the Government of India. He presented the annual calendar and discussed the results of the best practices survey, which had received 600-700 faculty responses, suggesting valuable practices. Plans for faculty awards, green audits, AAA audits, data collection software, and an IQAC workshop were also shared.

After the presentation Dr. J. Sabarinathan invited questions and inputs from the participants, starting with online attendees. Dr. SAV Satyamurthy suggested that it would be beneficial to share the ranking parameters for QS and Times Asia rankings to align efforts at the institutional level. Dr. Sabarinathan noted that while this was a new endeavour, efforts were being made to learn from seminars and upcoming events like the India QS Summit in Goa.

Mr. P. Rajasekaran proposed establishing an SDG cell, emphasizing that the university's ongoing SDG activities could be better coordinated through such a cell. Dr. Sabarinathan agreed and mentioned that an international conference on sustainability and SDG workshops were being planned for early 2025. Dr. A. Nagappan recommended focusing on 5-6 specific SDGs for immediate implementation across the university's 25 institutions, to build momentum and create awareness among students and faculty.



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Dr. S. P. Sangeetha pointed out that various SDG-related activities were being conducted, and AVIT had started incorporating SDGs into events, including posters and brochures that communicated these goals to students, faculty, and the public.

Dr. S. Gayathri raised a concern about the scheduling of quarterly meetings on the first Saturday in their institution, as it was a holiday for them. Dr. Sabarinathan and Dr. Reddy agreed to move these meetings to Fridays.

Dr. Franc Oumanath recommended organizing more training sessions, including national-level workshops, to enhance data collection efficiency and overall awareness. He pointed out that while data was available, the main issue was streamlining it. Dr. Sabarinathan acknowledged this and noted the gap in institutional awareness about accreditation. He stressed that embracing the culture of accreditation required more than just data collection; it involved fostering a deeper understanding and commitment to quality practices at the institutional level.

Chesha P. Chellappan shared her perspective from the law school, highlighting that while university-level activities were heavily influenced by medical institutions, the law school needed clear yearly goals to guide faculty and student initiatives. Dr. Sabarinathan advised that, as a newer institution, the law school had an advantage in embedding a strong accreditation culture from the start. He encouraged them to establish an active accreditation cell and emphasized the importance of self-learning about NAAC and NIRF requirements, with the university's support.

Dr. K.C. Shanthi suggested that defining the roles and responsibilities of faculty and students in SDG initiatives would lead to better participation. Dr. Sabarinathan agreed that awareness was key and stated that the university would work on sensitizing institutions about the importance of rankings and quality measures.

Dr. R. S. Shanmugasundaram highlighted the challenges posed by different data format requirements from ranking bodies and suggested customizing software for unified data collection. Dr. Sabarinathan confirmed that steps were being taken to secure appropriate software. Dr. A. Nagappan pointed out that institutions sometimes reported "NIL" data erroneously due to a lack of understanding, which could be resolved with better communication with the university.

Ms. S. Rithika, the student representative, proposed more research workshops to engage students in quality initiatives. Dr. Sabarinathan agreed, noting the importance of introducing students to research at the undergraduate level. Dr. SAV Satyamurthy mentioned that an annual research grant of Rs. 20,000 was available for students. Dr. A. Udhayan reinforced the need for faculty support in research, highlighting current faculty-student collaborations.

Dr. G. Murali raised a question about NIRF submissions, and Dr. Reddy indicated that a core group would be formed to assess and decide on the NIRF categories for 2025. Dr. A. Sam Thamburaj inquired about the format for AQAR submissions, and Dr. Reddy confirmed that



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the old format would be used until 2027 for older colleges, with a single data collection format for all the accreditations future submissions.

The meeting concluded with closing remarks from Dr. J. Sabarinathan, who thanked all participants for their contributions. He announced that the next meeting was tentatively scheduled for the third week of November, with the date to be confirmed later.

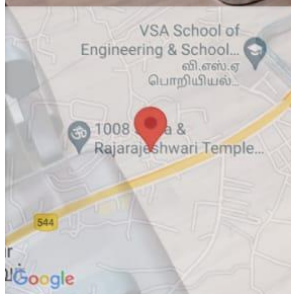
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Prepared by,

Prof. Chesha P. Chellappan, VMLS.



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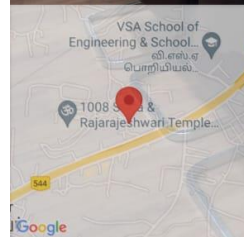
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29th IQAC MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: December 13, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM

Venue: VC Board Room, University Campus, Salem

Attendees:

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6	Dr..R..S. Shanmugasundaram	Not Present
7	Dr. A. Rajan Samuel	Not Present
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17	Mr. P. Rajasekaran	Online
18	Dr. K.Velkrishna	Online
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20	Dr. S. Ganesh	Online
21	Mr. P. Arulmani	Not Present
22	Mr. Ramesh Jayakumar	Not Present
23	Dr. C. Kavitha	Online
24	Ms. Chesha P. Chellappan	Offline



The 29th IQAC meeting of VMRF-DU was held on December 13, 2024, at 11:00 AM in the VC Board Room, University Campus, Salem, in Hybrid mode. Dr. P. K. Sudhir, the Vice Chancellor, chaired the meeting and welcomed all members attending both offline and online. He emphasized that the university was setting up standards and benchmarks in various streams, such as academic excellence, research excellence, and public service excellence, which needed to be thoroughly scrutinized. He mentioned that the IQAC cell should come up with an SOP to improve VMRF's perception across all dimensions and noted that quality could not be achieved overnight, urging for continuous improvement in quality parameters.

Dr. B. Sridhar Reddy, the Director of A&R, presented the activity report for the period from November to December 2024. He shared that he had visited all the different campuses of VMRF, where he interacted with faculty and students and held brainstorming sessions to improve quality. He also conducted open houses across all campuses, except for the Pondicherry campus, where they discussed both academic and non-academic matters. He reported that the university had received two major awards: one for the Chancellor for the exceptional leadership in medical science and research and another for being the best medical deemed university in India. He mentioned that they had also applied for the GU ranking and were in the process of registering for the NIRF rankings across multiple categories, including medical, dental, pharmacy, engineering, sustainability, innovation, and research. He shared that the data collection process for these rankings was ongoing. Dr. B. Sridhar Reddy highlighted the planned green audit for sustainability, as well as the annual awards and the purchase of research valuation software. He also mentioned that workshops for A&R teams in each institution were being planned. Best practice survey done. We are analyzing the best suggestions taken from the stakeholders. And in process of implementing the same.



The Pro VC Dr. J. Sabarinathan raised the need to finalize an institutional calendar. Dr. Reddy confirmed that this would be completed between January and March 2025, after finalizing the NIRF submission. The Pro VC also inquired about the action taken from the last meeting, to which Dr.B.Sridhar Reddy confirmed that they were already working on the SDG cell proposal, which would soon be shared with the university.

The Registrar Dr. A. Nagappan suggested appointing a dedicated point of contact along with HOIs at each institution for data collection and query resolution, with a 24-hour response time. He also recommended training these individuals. Dr.B.Sridhar Reddy acknowledged this as the next agenda and confirmed that work was underway to address it.

Dr. Sathyamurthy Director-Research expressed appreciation for the six areas of excellence established and suggested that further internal debates be held to refine them.

Dr. V. Anbazhagan raised a point about data management, suggesting that A&R Cell and Heads of Institutions (HOIs) should collaborate more effectively to provide data. Dr.B.Sridhar Reddy assured that the existing data management system would be strengthened to improve coordination.

The student representative, Ms. S. Rithika, proposed the creation of an exclusive research portal for students to access national and international opportunities. She also emphasized the need for stronger mentorship in research and career guidance. Additionally, she suggested expanding specialty postings during medical internships.

The Vice Chancellor Dr.P.K. Sudhir acknowledged the suggestion for the research portal and asked Dr. Sathyamurthy to explore the possibility of its development. Dr. Sathyamurthy confirmed that creating such a portal was feasible and emphasized the strengthening of research mentorship. Regarding specialty postings during internships, The Vice Chancellor clarified that such postings were prescribed by the National Medical Commission and could not be altered at the university level.

Dr. K.Velkrishna, an industry representative, discussed a recent Tamil Nadu government initiative that integrates diploma courses with industry experience, suggesting that the university could adopt a similar model. He also recommended forging partnerships with industries near Salem and proposed holding annual hackathons and green summits for practical exposure.



The Vice Chancellor noted that more comprehensive industry experience would be beneficial, stating that short-term internships were insufficient. The Pro VC added that extending internship durations in engineering programs posed challenges, though they would explore other possibilities for internships. Mr. Velkrishnan further emphasized sustainability, to which Dr. Sathyamurthy agreed and suggested initiating a new course with industry collaboration.

Dr. S. Ganesh, the alumni representative, recommended establishing incubation centres where students and faculty could collaborate with industries. He also proposed offering certification programs for working professionals in fields such as AI and ML, which could be provided through online or distance learning. VC expressed support for this suggestion, noting that the university was actively looking for collaborations with industries to benefit both students and professionals.

Mr. P. Rajasekaran, Dy. Registrar, proposed including internships in arts and science streams and establishing dedicated internship cells for each college. VC responded that all colleges, including arts and science, should prioritize internship and placement cells.

Ms. Chesha P. Chellappan, from the law faculty, shared the development of an internship and placement cell within the law school and the importance of creating MOUs to secure internships for students. VC emphasized that the university was focused on increasing collaborations and ensuring that internships were available across various fields, including law.

The meeting concluded with closing remarks from Dr.B.Sridhar Reddy, who thanked all participants for their contributions. He announced that the next meeting will be tentatively scheduled for the third week of February 2025, with the date to be confirmed later.

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30th IQAC Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Date: 28.02.2025---ONLINE mode

Attendees:

S. No.	Name	Signature
1	Dr. P. K. Sudhir	On duty
2	Dr. J. Sabarinathan	On duty
3	Dr. A. Nagappan	On duty
4	Dr. C. L. Prabhavathi	Online
5	Dr. SAV Satyamurthy	Online
6	Dr. R. S. Shanmugasundaram	On duty
7	Dr. A. Rajan Samuel	Online
8	Dr. V. Anbazhagan	On duty
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12	Dr. G. Murali	Online
13	Dr. Franc Oumanath	Online
14	Dr. A. Udhayan	Online
15	Dr. S. Gayathri	Online
16	Ms. Chesha P. Chellappan	Online
17	Mr. P. Rajasekaran	On duty
18	Dr. K.Velkrishna	Permitted
19	Ms. S. Rithika	Online
20	Dr. S. Ganesh	Online
21	Mr. P. Arulmani	----
22	Mr. Ramesh Jayakumar	----
23	Dr. C. Kavitha	Online
24	Dr. B. Sridhar Reddy	Online

The 30th IQAC Meeting of VMRF-DU (third-quarterly) was held on 28th February, 2025 in the Vice Chancellor's Board Room, University Campus, Salem in Online mode.

Dr B Sridhar Reddy, Director (Accreditation) welcomed all attendees. He duly apprised the participants that owing to an urgent Budget meeting - the Vice Chancellor, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Registrar could not attend the meeting online. The meeting commenced with a discussion of agendas provided by the Chairperson **Dr P K Sudhir, Vice Chancellor, VMRF-DU**.

The *Action Taken Report* of the previous meetings was discussed on advice of the **Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr J Sabarinathan**.

Director (Accreditation & Ranking) briefed that the Ranking Parameters has been shared with all Coordinators of the constituent colleges.

Director (Accreditation & Ranking) briefed that for the initiation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's), on advice of **Deputy Registrar (Administration) Dr Rajasekhar**, the existing Environment Clubs in constituent colleges of VMRF-DU will be revamped as SDG Cells to strengthen our SDG initiative and to further improve upon it. In this regard, a University level sub-committee has also been duly constituted under the co-leadership of **Dr. Rajan Samuel, Deputy Director (Academics)**. Dr Rajan Samuel further apprised the audience that out of the identified 17 SDG goals, the University is trying to shortlist 3-4 goals as the focus area for activities. The other goals will be duly expanded on into in the coming times.

Director (Accreditation & Ranking) briefed that the Workshop on Data Collection will be conducted later in the month of April 2025 for all constituent colleges of VMRF-DU. The program schedule is under evaluation and the details will be shared soon with the HOI's of all institutions. On **Director (Research) Dr S Satyamurthy's** raised point on Workshop for Research Initiative, the forthcoming Workshop will focus both on Academics and Research equally.

Director (Research) Dr S Satyamurthy apprised for the Action Taken Report that digital portal for research activities for the benefit of students and faculties is initiated successfully and accessible via the digital library (Research Information Portal). Important information on research initiatives that can be taken, various funding agencies, research assistance and equipment, how to apply for extramural funding and grants, how to write a good publication paper, how to write a good extramural funding report, how to apply for patent etc. is existing now including the names and numbers of faculties who can be contacted by students for help with the same.

Director (Accreditation & Ranking) briefed on the Institutional Calendar and apprised the audience on the existing Accreditation & Ranking Calendar. He explained and updated on activities and achievements that has already been achieved. He also stressed that the Head of Accreditation & Ranking Cell of the constituent colleges of VMRF-DU is the single point of contact with the University for all data collection and quality sustainment.

On a query raised by **Ms. Chesha P. Chellappan** pertaining to data submission for the AAA Audit, **Director (Accreditation & Ranking)** updated the audience on the specially drafted AAA Audit parameters and concluded that the AAA Audit will be conducted with dedicated notification and time allotted to fulfil all parameters.

The meeting concluded with closing remarks and vote of thanks from **Director (Accreditation & Ranking)** who thanked all the participants for their contributions, questions, suggestions and queries.



Dr B Sridhar Reddy

(Director, Accreditation & Ranking (A&R))

S. No	Action Points	Action taken
1	Ranking Parameters to all the concerned	Shared to all the coordinators of constituent colleges
2	Establishment of SDG cells in each college and initiation of SDG	Identification of SDG goals under process and SDG cells will be formed in all colleges ---Director-Academics and A&R
3	Workshop on data collection	completed
4	Workshop about research initiatives of VMRFDU to students	Director Research initiated the same and scheduled in different colleges
5	Institutional calendar	DIRECTOR(A&R)
6	SPOC for each institution	A&R Head is a single point of contact for all data collection.
7	Debates on Six Pillars of Excellence	We will plan and conduct the same
8	Research portal for students	Director Research initiated and it is now open for students
9	Annual Hackathons and Green Summit in association with Industry	DIRECTOR IIE & DIRECTOR (A&R)
10	Internships in curriculum with credits for all streams	Discussed in the Officers' meeting, the director concerned will initiate the same
11	Incubators establishment	Director IIE

