ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI – 25

269th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE

DATE : 03.01.2024
TIME : 10.30 a.m.
VENUE : SYNDICATE HALL
ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI-25

DIRECTOR
SYNDICATE AFFAIRS
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CHENNAI 600 025

R.V.
VICE-CHANCELLOR
ANNA UNIVERSITY
CHENNAI - 600 025
269th MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE
03.01.2024 :: 10.30 AM
MINUTES

(I) Members Present

1. Prof. R. Velraj
   Vice - Chancellor
   Anna University, Chennai.

2. Thiru. A. Karthik, I.A.S.
   Principal Secretary to Govt.
   Dept. of Higher Education,
   Govt. of TN, Chennai.

3. Thiru. K. Veera Raghava Rao, I.A.S.
   Commissioner
   Directorate of Technical Education,
   Govt. of Tamil Nadu

4. Thiru. Shasti Suban Babu
   (Deputed by Thiru.S.George Alexander, Secretary – Law Dept.)
   Dy. Secretary to Government
   Department of Law,
   Govt. of TN, Chennai

5. Thiru. I. Paranatham
   Member of Legislative Assembly
   Egmore Constituency, Chennai

6. Dr. S. Usa
   Professor & Chairperson,
   Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engg,
   CEG Campus, Anna University.

7. Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar
   Professor in Civil Engineering
   Government College of Engineering,
   Salem.
8. **Thiru. Maha Ajay Prasath**  
Managing Director  
Maha Ajay Spinners India Pvt. Ltd., Salem

9. **Thiru. V. Chockalingam**  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
M/s.Vee Technologies Pvt. Ltd.,  
Mamangam, Salem 636 302.  
(On-line participation through MS Teams)

10. **Dr. Sudha Mohanram**  
Principal  
Sri Eshwar College of Engineering  
Coimbatore 641 202.

11. **Dr. G. Balakrishnan**  
Principal  
IndraGanesan College of Engineering  
Tiruchirapalli

12. **Tmt. S. Malarvizhi**  
Chairperson & Managing Trustee  
Sri Krishna Institutions  
Coimbatore 641 042.

13. **Thiru. R. M. Kishore**  
Vice-Chairman  
RMK Engineering College  
Chennai.

**(II) Leave of absence**

14. **Thiru. V. Arun Roy, I.A.S**  
Secretary to Government  
Department of Industries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

15. **Thiru. Dheeraj Kumar, I.A.S**  
Principal Secretary to Government  
Department of Information Technology,  
Govt. of Tamil Nadu

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Vice - Chancellor and Chairman of the Syndicate greeted the members present and initiated the meeting.

Following new members were welcomed:

Thiru. V. Arun Roy, I.A.S
*(in place of Th. S. Krishnan, I.A.S.)*
Secretary to Government
Department of Industries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. Dheeraj Kumar, I.A.S
*(in place of Th. J. Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S.)*
Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Information Technology,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. K. Veera Raghava Rao, I.A.S.
*(in place of Dr. T. G. Vinay, I.A.S.)*
Commissioner,
Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

*Below listed members were acknowledged for their valuable services, as members of the Syndicate.*

Thiru. S. Krishnan, I.A.S. (Transferred)
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Department of Industries
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

Thiru. J. Kumaragurubaran I.A.S. (Transferred)
Secretary to Government
Department of Information Technology
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

Dr. T. G. Vinay, I.A.S (Transferred)
Director of Technical Education
Directorate of Technical Education, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
I CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

269.1 Confirmation of Minutes of 268th Syndicate Meeting held on 02.09.2023

Confirmed.

II ACTION TAKEN REPORT

269.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of previous Syndicate Meetings

Noted.

Suggested the following:

(i) Pending MoUs to be expedited at the earliest (vide Resolution # 267.20)
(ii) Syndicate Sub-Committee to be convened immediately (as decided vide Resolution # 268.26) for rendering suggestions on the Regulations framed for Autonomous Colleges/Institutions in the 30th meeting of the Academic Council.

The Director, Academic Courses, Anna University to co-ordinate the meeting and to place the suggestions of Syndicate Sub-Committee in the ensuing syndicate.

III INFORMATION ON CIRCULATED AGENDA ITEMS

269.3 Agenda pertains to an Individual /Sub Judice

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IV PERMANENT AGENDA NOTE – FURNISHING OF INFORMATION ABOUT ANNA UNIVERSITY

269.4 Presenting detailed information about University, as mandated by the Government vide D.O.Lr.No.8166/K2/2022-3 dated 13.06.2022

Principal Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education sought details on the count of colleges accorded with autonomous status.

Taking stock of the situation, suggested the following:

(i) Adopt stringent norms facilitating award of autonomous status only to genuine institutions
(ii) Collect appropriate academic administrative fee from autonomous institutions
(iii) Reduce sanctioned intake to a minimum permissible level for branches in constituent colleges where admissions are poor and not to close any branch citing poor admission

V FINANCE MATTER
(a) APPROVAL

269.5 To consider and approve the Minutes of 144th Finance Committee Meeting held on 06.11.2023

Approved.

VI ESTABLISHMENT MATTER
(a) INFORMATION

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(b) APPROVAL

269.7 To consider and approve the adoption of the Government Order regarding the list of Public Holidays for the year 2024.
Approved.

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(c) RATIFICATION

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(d) DELIBERATION

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VII ACADEMIC RESEARCH

(a) INFORMATION

269.27 To inform about the conduct of Oral Examination Board in respect of 239 Research Scholars and subsequent award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the 43rd Annual Convocation of Anna University held on 05.09.2023.

Noted.

(b) APPROVAL

269.28 To consider and approve the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 106 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties

Approved.

VIII ACADEMIC MATTER- APPROVAL

269.29 To consider and approve the grant of Fresh/Extension autonomous status to certain colleges affiliated to Anna University

Approved.

Principal Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education sought data on the colleges securing autonomous status - in the recent past - by approaching Judiciary but without meeting the standards framed by Anna University for granting autonomous status.

Syndicate also took note of the recent amendments in Statutes of Anna University.

With the above background, Syndicate suggested the following:

(i) To communicate to all the colleges that secured autonomous status through Judiciary about the amendments made in the Statutes of Anna University

(ii) To inform the above colleges for compliance on the standards stipulated as per the recent statutes of Anna University, for retaining the autonomous status
(iii) A time period of 1 year shall be provided to these colleges for meeting the compliance standards

(iv) To depute an inspection team – after the above period - to these institutions to check their compliance

(v) To continue with autonomous status for those institutions satisfying compliance, else not to award degree for the erring institutions

IX CoE MATTER – APPROVAL

269.30 To consider and approve conduct of special arrear examinations for the students of affiliated colleges of Anna University who have exhausted maximum period of study as per the regulations, by providing two additional chances

Approved.

Syndicate advised not to extend this provision, any further.

X AFFILIATION MATTER
APPROVAL/RATIFICATION

269.31 To consider and

(i) Approve the recommendations of 113th Standing Committee on affiliation meeting held on 26.10.2023 and

(ii) Ratify the action taken based on the recommendations made by the 113th standing committee on affiliation meeting

Approved the recommendations of 113th Standing Committee on affiliation meeting held on 26.10.2023.

Ratified the action taken based on the recommendations made by the 113th standing committee on affiliation meeting.

XI MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
APPROVAL/RATIFICATION

269.32 To consider and approve the draft MoU to be signed between Anna University and certain organizations/Institutes
Approved/Ratified the draft MoU/MoU to be signed/signed between Anna University and following organizations/Institutes

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XII ESTATE OFFICE MATTERS – APPROVAL

269.33 To inform about the “Conservation, Renovation and Restoration” of dome in the Main Building, CEG campus, Anna University by the Conservation Division, Tamil Nadu Public Works Department
Noted.

269.34 To consider and approve the engagement of professional Architects for preparation of detailed designs and drawings for University construction works estimated above ₹ 5 crore
Approved.

269.35 To consider and approve exemption of Building Committee approval for execution of minor civil & electrical works valued less than ₹ 50 lakh
Not Approved.
XIII OTHER MATTERS

(a) INFORMATION

269.36  To inform about the conduct of certificate courses by Centre for Distance Education in lieu of Centre for Blended Learning and Human Empowerment  
Noted.

(b) APPROVAL

269.37  To consider and approve the revision proposed in the Head of Account under Clause 6 of Terms and Conditions in the MoU with Consortium of Industries  
Referred to Finance Committee.

269.38  To consider and approve the proposal towards establishment of Anna University e-Resource Consortium (AUERC)  
Approved.

269.39  To consider and approve rechristening the names of Regional Campuses functioning at Madurai, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli as University College of Engineering.  
Deferred.  
To appraise - in detail - on the agenda to the Principal Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education and place in the ensuing Syndicate.

269.40  To consider and approve the renaming of the Centre for Distance Education (CDE) as Centre for Distance and Online Education (CDOE).  
Approved.

269.41  To consider and approve to start a Section 8 company under Entrepreneurship Development Innovation Council of Anna University.  
Deferred.  
Syndicate suggested to submit the draft MoA to the Principal Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education for perusal and to place in the ensuing Syndicate, upon approval.

269.42  To consider and approve the policy guidelines of AUSTRIP (Anna University Strategic Technology Research And Innovation Park)  
Approved.

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(b) DELIBERATION

269.43 To consider and approve constitution of a Planning and Management Committee (PMC) For financial management and timely execution of projects from the funds received through Centre for Alumni Relations And Corporate Affairs (CARCA)

Referred to Finance Committee.

269.44 To consider and approve the draft 43rd Annual Report of Anna University for the year 2021-22

Approved.

269.45 To consider and approve the implementation of revision of Examination Fee and Academics Administration Fee for the Affiliated Colleges from the year 2024-25 instead of from Academic Year 2023-24.

Approved.

269.46 To consider and approve the revision of tuition fee

(i) for the students admitted under Least Developed Countries (LDC) / Small Island Developing States (SIDS) from 1500 USD per year to 3750 USD per year

(ii) As 3750 USD for the Foreign National students admitted under scholarship schemes offered by the Government Of India.

Approved.

269.47 To consider and accord in-principle approval for offering new batch of B.E./B.Tech. (Twin Degree/Joint Degree/Dual Degree Programme) jointly with Institutions abroad / Indian Universities.

Approved.

269.48 To consider and approve the revision of tuition fee for students admitted under NRI / CIWGC / FN category in certain branches of B.E / B.Tech degree courses.

Approved.
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Vice-Chancellor thanked all the members for their active participation!