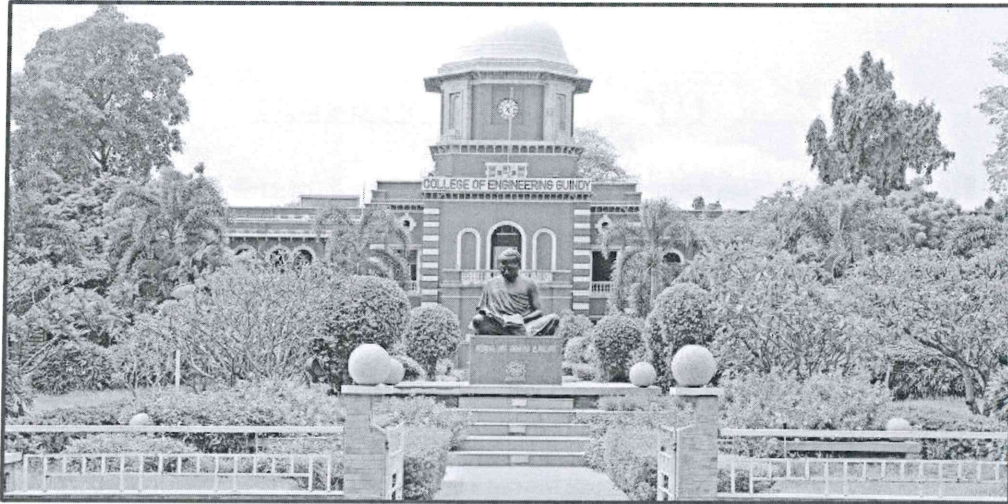
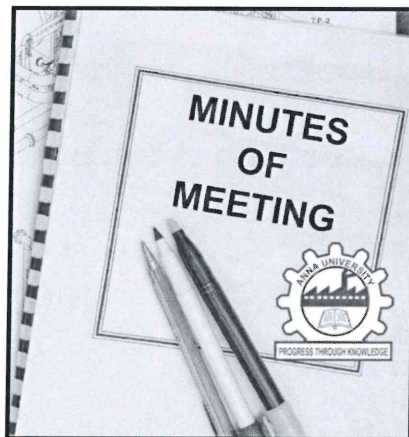


# ANNA UNIVERSITY

## CHENNAI – 25



### 274<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE



**DATE : 10.03.2025**  
**TIME : 11.00 a.m.**  
**VENUE : SYNDICATE HALL**  
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**CHENNAI-25**

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**DIRECTOR**  
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**REGISTRAR**  
**ANNA UNIVERSITY**  
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# 274<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SYNDICATE


10.03.2025 :: 11.00 AM

## MINUTES

### (I) Members Present

1. **Thiru.C.Samayamoorthy, I.A.S (Chairman – Convener Committee)**  
Secretary to Government  
Dept. of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu
2. **Tmt. J. Innocent Divya, I.A.S (Member – Convener Committee)**  
Commissioner  
Directorate of Technical Education, Government of Tamil Nadu
3. **Dr. S. Usa (Member – Convener Committee)**  
Professor & Chairperson - Faculty of Electrical and Electronics Engg.  
CEG Campus, Anna University
4. **Thiru. I. Paranthamen**  
Member of Legislative Assembly  
Egmore Constituency, Chennai
5. **Tmt. R. Karthiyayini**  
(Deputed by **Thiru.S.George Alexander, Secretary – Law Dept. )**  
Dy. Secretary to Government, Department of Law,  
Government of TN, Chennai
6. **Thiru. C.B. Anandan**  
(Deputed by **Thiru.T.Udhayachandran, I.A.S**  
Principal Secretary to Govt. Department of Finance, Govt. of TN)  
Spl.Director, LF Audit, Department of Finance,  
Government of TN, Chennai  
(On-line participation through  MS Teams)
7. **Tmt. S. Malarvizhi**  
Chairperson & Managing Trustee  
Sri Krishna Institutions, Coimbatore

  
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8. **Thiru. R. M. Kishore**  
Vice-Chairman  
RMK Engineering College, Chennai.
9. **Dr. Sudha Mohanram**  
Principal,  
Sri Eshwar College of Engineering, Coimbatore
10. **Dr. G. Balakrishnan**  
Principal,  
Indra Ganesan College of Engineering, Tiruchirapalli
11. **Dr. D. Shoba Rajkumar**  
Professor in Civil Engineering  
Government College of Engineering, Salem.
12. **Thiru. V. Chockalingam**  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer  
M/s.Vee Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Mamangam, Salem.  
(On-line participation through  MS Teams)
13. **Thiru. Maha Ajay Prasath**  
Managing Director  
Maha Ajay Spinners India Pvt. Ltd., Salem

**(II) Leave of absence**

1. **Thiru. Brajendra Navnit, I.A.S.**  
Principal Secretary to Government  
Department of Information Technology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
2. **Thiru. V. Arun Roy, I.A.S**  
Secretary to Government  
Department of Industries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu and Chairman of the Convener Committee, Anna University greeted the members present and initiated the meeting.

Informed the Registrar-Anna University and Secretary-Syndicate to present the Agendas for the meeting.

Registrar started the proceedings by welcoming the following new members:

1. **Th.C.Samayamoorthy, I.A.S (Chairman – Convener Committee)**  
Secretary to Government  
Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu
2. **Th. Brajendra Navnit, I.A.S.**  
Principal Secretary to Government  
Department of Information Technology, Government of Tamil Nadu
3. **Tmt.J.Innocent Divya, I.A.S**  
Commissioner,  
Directorate of Technical Education, Government of Tamil Nadu

Subsequently, the below listed members were acknowledged for their valuable services, as members of the Syndicate.

1. **Dr.K.Gopal, I.A.S**  
Former Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu
2. **Thiru. Kumar Jayant I.A.S**  
Former Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Department of Information Technology, Government of Tamil Nadu
3. **Thiru. T. Abraham, I.A.S (Member – Convener Committee)**  
Former Commissioner,  
Directorate of Technical Education, Government of Tamil Nadu



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As per the directions of Chairman-Convener Committee, Registrar had briefed about the major activities and accomplishment of Anna University since the previous Syndicate viz., 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

## **I CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

**274.1** Confirmation of Minutes of 273<sup>rd</sup> Syndicate Meeting held on 08.01.2025

**Confirmed.**

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- *Members from the affiliated colleges drew attention of Syndicate towards conferment of autonomous status to the colleges that were disregarded in the 273<sup>rd</sup> Syndicate. It was elucidated that colleges that satisfy all the seven criteria as per the "Statutes on Academic Matters 2023" were granted with autonomy.*
- *Members from the affiliated colleges apprised the fact that in previous Syndicate meetings, some colleges were granted with autonomy by the Syndicate that were actually "Recommended" by UGC and "Not Recommended" by Anna University.*
- *Director-Academic Courses was called upon for further deliberations.*
- *The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education opined the following:*
  - (i) *The prevailing norms fixed by UGC for grant of autonomy to Arts & Science Colleges and Engineering Institutions are "identical"*

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- (ii) Anna University had framed the "Statutes on Academic Matters 2023" considering the above with an aim to fix better standards for grant of autonomy to Engineering institutions in the state.
- (iii) The present "Anna University Statutes on Academic Matters 2023" had also been assented by The Chancellor (Hon'ble Governor of TN)
- (iv) Rendering approval towards grant of autonomy to institutions that doesn't comply with 'Statutes on Academic Matters 2023' amounts to "violation of one's own statutes"
- (v) Suggested Director-Academic Courses to convene a meeting with all the stakeholders concerned for providing suitable recommendations in the existing "Statutes on Academic Matters 2023".
- (vi) These recommendations for "strengthening of engineering education system" and "betterment of engineering institutions" are to be placed in the Syndicate for further directions.
- Upon inferring the status of NBA accreditation in AC Tech campus., The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education suggested to expedite the process
- Members from the affiliated colleges also contemplated on the following:
  - (i) Approval towards collection of subscription amount from the Students for Anna University E Resource Consortium (AUERC) and
  - (ii) Refund of AUERC subscription amount collected from the self-financing engineering colleges, if approval for the above is not accorded
- Registrar presented to the Syndicate that 68 self-financing colleges have remitted ₹ 8.5 Crore for AUERC.
- The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education suggested to present a separate Agenda on AUERC in the forthcoming syndicate.



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## II ACTION TAKEN REPORT

274.2 Action Taken Report on the Minutes of previous Syndicate Meetings

*Syndicate - upon perusal of Action Taken Reports - suggested the following:*

Agenda #		Directions
267.20	:	<i>To cancel/drop all the MoUs that have been approved by Syndicate but not penned/engaged for more than 6 months, henceforth</i>
268.32		<b>Agenda pertains to an Individual/Sub Judice</b>
268.42		<b>Agenda pertains to an Individual/Sub Judice</b>
269.41	:	<i>Approval is to be sought from the Government towards starting a Section 8 company under Entrepreneurship Development Innovation Council of Anna University</i>
269.47	:	<p><i>Director, Centre for International Relations was asked to brief on the progress in offering Twinning / Dual / Student exchange programs</i></p> <p><i>Syndicate – upon detailed discussions - suggested to evolve a rapid mechanism for implementing the above programmes</i></p> <p><i>The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education remarked that undue delay in mapping of courses will result in “missing the bus” by the University</i></p> <p><i>Centre for International Relations was suggested to device a policy note on Implementation of Twinning / Dual / Student exchange programs and to present in the ensuing Syndicate</i></p>

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270.33	:	<i>To take appropriate measures for appointment of Controller of Examinations, Anna University, Chennai. Syndicate expressed displeasure over the functioning of an “in-charge” officer for a critical post for almost 3 years. Asked to expedite the process immediately.</i>
271.1		<b>Agenda pertains to an Individual/Sub Judice</b>
271.45	:	<i>The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education sought detailed report on the activities carried out by Anna University with the MoU signed Organizations/Institutions</i>
271.47	:	<i>The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education (i) Informed that universities are functioning with the limited grant sanctioned by the Government. (ii) advised to convene the meeting of Syndicate Sub-Committee in the fourth week of March 2025 towards collection of academic administrative fee of ₹ 2,000 per student per academic year admitted in autonomous institutes (iii) Recommendations of the above committee is to be placed in the ensuing Syndicate</i>
271.58	:	<i>The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education suggested to explore the avenues towards utilizing the services of Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation Limited (MMTC) under Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Govt. of India for condemnation of vehicles and other machineries in Anna University</i>
272.3	:	<i>Syndicate suggested to abide by the prevailing norms of AICTE for appointment of faculty under Professor of Practice.</i>



272.8	:	<p><i>The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education suggested to offer a new course on "History of Tamil Culture" to all the UG students.</i></p> <p><i>Following 2 Tamil oriented courses, each of 1 credit, is being offered to all the UG students.</i></p> <p><i>(i) தமிழர்மரபு / Heritage of Tamils and</i></p> <p><i>(ii) தமிழரும் தொழில்நுட்பமும் / Tamils and Technology</i></p> <p><i>Syndicate advocated that the students may be given with the option of selecting any 2 among the 3 Tamil oriented courses for their study.</i></p>
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*Syndicate also suggested the following:*

- (i) Communication to the affiliated colleges is to be addressed by email, apart from speed-post/courier*
- (ii) Critical/Confidential communications are to be addressed by Speed-Post in lieu of the present practice of using courier service.*
- (iii) To place an outcome report in the forthcoming Syndicate on all the MoUs penned between Anna University and various organizations/institutions*
- (iv) To place a Status report in the forthcoming Syndicate on all the pending enquiry against staff members*

### III PERMANENT AGENDA NOTE – FURNISHING OF INFORMATION ABOUT ANNA UNIVERSITY

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

**Noted.**

  
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#### IV FINANCE MATTER – APPROVAL

- 274.4 To consider and approve the Minutes of 152<sup>nd</sup> Finance Committee Meeting (By Circulation)

*Approved, with the following directions.*

<b>FC Agenda #</b>		<b>Directions</b>
<b>152.05</b>	<b>:</b>	<i>To purchase suitable machineries - adopting appropriate SOP - for cost effective campus maintenance. Centralised facility to be created to house equipments to democratize usage and to update the working condition of such equipment in the next Syndicate</i>
<b>152.07</b>	<b>:</b>	<i>Noted the additional expenditure towards customization requirements of Tamil Nadu Centre for Advanced Manufacturing (TANCAM) and Tamil Nadu Smart and Advanced Manufacturing Centre on excellence (TANSAM) in the new Mechanical Engineering Building at Anna University, Chennai may be limited to creation of lift and essential electrical requirements. Suggested to (i) seeking nominal rent from these Centres and (ii) explore additional academic benefits from these Centres to the Students/Faculties of University.</i>

#### V AFFILIATION MATTERS

- 274.5 To consider and approve the recommendations of 119<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee on Affiliation meeting held on 26.2.2025.

- *Director, Centre for Affiliation Institutions was called upon to deliberate on recommendations of 119<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee on Affiliation meeting held on 26.2.2025.*

  
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- *Resolved to Approve the recommendations of 119<sup>th</sup> SCA with the following amendment pertaining to SCA Agenda # 119.2 (Norms for granting provisional and conditional affiliation to the affiliated colleges for the AY 2024-25)*

**Recommendations of 119<sup>th</sup> SCA on allocation of 40 marks to faculty**

- **Professors** – 10 marks
- **Associate Professors** – 10 marks
- **Assistant Professors** – 20 marks

**Syndicate recommended to revise the allocation of 40 marks for faculty – considering the AICTE prescribed cadre ratio of 1:2:6 for Professors, Associate Professors, and Assistant Professors - as**

- **Professors** – 05 marks
- **Associate Professors** – 10 marks
- **Assistant Professors** – 25 marks

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**VI ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS  
(a) RATIFICATION**

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274.8	<b>Agenda pertains to an Individual/Sub Judice</b>
274.9	<b>Agenda pertains to an Individual/Sub Judice</b>

## **VI ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS**

### **(b) DELIBERATION**

274.10	<b>Agenda pertains to an Individual/Sub Judice</b>
274.11	<b>Agenda pertains to an Individual/Sub Judice</b>

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**VII ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

**(a) RATIFICATION**

- 274.17** To consider and ratify the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 402 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties

***Syndicate resolved to***

- (i) Ratify the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 402 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties***
- (ii) Seek explanation from The Director, Centre for Research for non-submission of Agenda (pertaining to the PhD scholars who had successfully defended their Oral Examination between 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024) in the previous Syndicate meeting that was held on 08/01/2025***

**VII ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

**(b) APPROVAL**

- 274.18** To consider and approve the conduct of Oral Examination Board - in respect of 84 Research Scholars - for awarding Doctor of Philosophy in respective faculties

**Approved.**



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## VIII OTHER MATTERS

- 274.19** To consider and approve the policy guidelines for UG Admission for addressing vacancies arising due to National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) during Tamil Nadu Engineering Admission (TNEA) counselling Timing.

***Approved.***

- 274.20** To consider and approve the process of engagement of Project Staff under Sponsored Research, Consultancy and Testing Projects.

***Approved.***

***The Secretary to Government, Dept. of Higher Education advocated the following***

- (i) To motivate faculty members for carrying out consultancy works***
- (ii) Facilitate self-sustenance of University through revenue accrued from Consultancy and sponsored Research Projects***
- (iii) To hire manpower on contractual basis on need basis in a centralized manner and execute the projects and***
- (iv) To deliberate on the above in the intra-departmental meetings***

- 274.21** To consider and approve the Guidelines for Construction of New Buildings and Renovation of existing Infrastructure utilizing Donations, Sponsorships and CSR grants received through Centre for Alumni Relations and Corporate Affairs (CARCA)

***Resolved to***

- (i) 'APPROVE' for construction of New Buildings and***
- (ii) 'NOT TO APPROVE' for any renovation works.***



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**274.22** To consider and direct on the extension of existing Standing Counsel for a period one year from March, 2025 to February, 2026 (or) to appoint new Standing Counsels for Anna University in Madras High Court (1 SC) and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court (2 SC) in place of existing standing counsels.

***Syndicate suggested***

***(i) to seek a panel of proficient Advocates from The Advocate General, Hon'ble High Court of Madras***

***(ii) Choose the required among them, for appointment as Standing Counsels***

**274.23** To apprise the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the year 2022-23 prepared by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Anna University.

***Apprised.***

***Soft copy of the "Annual Quality Assurance Report of Anna University for the year 2022-23" is to be sent to all the members of Syndicate for perusal.***

**274.24** To apprise the Syndicate on various academic matters in vogue at Anna University for information and direction.

***Noted.***

## **TABLE AGENDA**

**274.25**

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**Chairman and Members of the Convener Committee thanked the members  
who have participated and rendered their expertise & co-operation!**

  
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