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PROCEEDINGS FOR 39th ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 31/10/2026 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE GOLDEN JUBILEE SEMINAR HALL

AC-2026-39.01: To confirm the proceedings of the 38th Academic Council Meeting held on 23/07/2026 at 3:30 PM in the Golden Jubilee Seminar hall (**Annexxure-A1**).

Resolution: *The Academic Council approved the proceedings of the 38th meeting.*

AC-2026-39.02: Action Taken Report (ATR) regarding the minutes of the 38th Academic Council meeting. **(Annexure-A2)**

Resolution: *Noted.*

AC-2026-39.03: To consider and approve the list of successful students of B.Tech / B.Arch /5-year Integrated B.Tech & M.Tech Dual Degree/ M.Tech/MCA/M.Sc./5-year Integrated M.Sc. and Ph.D Programmes for the Academic Year 2025-26 degrees to be awarded during the 18th Annual Convocation 2026 **(Annexure-A3).**

Resolution: *The Academic Council approved and recommended to the Board of Management for approval.*

AC-2026-39.04: To inform the approval of the Board of Management (52nd Meeting, Item No. BOM: 52-23 held on 10.09.2026) regarding the restructured medal / award distribution scheme, and to consider and approve the list of eligible student awardees for the 18th Annual Convocation 2026 **(Annexure-A4):**

1. **Restriction of University Gold Medals to three (03) Nos.:**
   - Best Graduate in Engineering and Architecture
   - Best Postgraduate in Engineering
   - Best Postgraduate in Sciences and Humanities (including MCA and MBA)

2. **Conversion of Donor Gold Medals into Cash Prizes:** Awarded to eligible students funded from the annual interest accrued on donor corpus funds after adjusting administrative expenses.

3. **Issuance of Rank Certificates:** Awarded to programme-wise toppers in lieu of the earlier twenty-seven (27) University Gold Medals, based on approved criteria.

Resolution: *The Academic Council recommended the students list certificates for Board of Management for approval.*

AC-2026-39.05: To consider and approve the revised criteria and scheme of marks formulated by the committee for the selection of the 'Dr. Nityananda Patnaik Award for Best All-Rounder Graduate', and the recommendation of the committee to confer the said award upon Mr. Devi Prasad Khamari, B.Tech (Electrical Engineering), during the 18th Convocation 2026. **(Annexure-A5).**

Resolution: *The Academic Council approved and recommended to the Board of Management for approval.*

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AC-2026-39.06 (1): To consider and approve the proceedings of the Board of Studies (BOS) meeting of the Department of Electrical Engineering held on 02.09.2026 (Letter No. VSSUT/ELECT/677/2026), including the panels of Paper Setters and Examiners, and ratification of the revised eleven (11) Program Outcomes (POs) as mandated by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) **(Annexure-A6)**.

Resolution: *The Academic Council approved the proceedings of the Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Electrical Engineering held on 02.09.2026, including the panels of Paper Setters and Examiners, and ratified the revised eleven (11) Program Outcomes (POs) as mandated by the NBA.*

To consider and approve the curriculum track, elective course buckets, and credit requirements for B.Tech. (Honours & Minors) programmes submitted by the following Departments:

AC-2026-39.06 (2): Department of Electrical Engineering (vide Letter No. VSSUT/ELECT/757/2026, dated 30.09.2026 (**Annexure-A7**)

AC-2026-39.07: Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (**Annexure-A8**)

AC-2026-39.08: Department of Computer Science and Engineering (vide Letter No. VSSUT/CSE/574/2026, dated 14.10.2026 (**Annexure-A9**)

AC-2026-39.09: Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (vide Letter No. VSSUT/EEE/192/2026, dated 30.10.2026 (**Annexure-A10**)

AC-2026-39.10: Department of Production Engineering (vide Letter No. VSSUT/PE/662/2026, dated 24.09.2026 (**Annexure-A11**)

Resolution: Item No. AC-2026-39.06 (2) to AC-2026-39.10, *are discussed in the Academic Council regarding the proposals submitted by the Heads of Departments for the B.Tech. (Honours & Minors) programmes.*

After due deliberation, the Council resolved as follows:

1. *To refer the matter to the Undergraduate Programme Evaluation Committee (UGPEC) for detailed scrutiny and evaluation.*
2. *The above mentioned Heads of Departments and other Heads of Departments giving B.Tech Degree shall review the curriculum structure for Honours and Minor programmes.*
3. *All the departments are advised to frame and submit their curriculum for B.Tech. (Honours & Minors) programmes adhering to the structure of 6 classroom-based (offline/regular) courses and 6 NPTEL / SWAYAM online courses.*
4. *The consolidated curriculum structures report of all departments finalized by UGPEC shall be placed before the Chairman, Academic Council for approval.*

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AC-2026-39.11: To consider and approve the proceedings of the 278th and 279th meetings of the Examination Committees regarding the results of supplementary examination 2025-26 and correction cases.

Resolution: *The Academic Council approved and recommended to the Board of Management for approval.*

AC-2026-39.12: To consider and approve the proposals submitted by the Department of Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering and Mechanical Engineering for **Special Backlog Examination Provision for Final-Year (4th-Year) Students:** Approval of a special discretionary provision exclusively for all 4th-Year (Final-Year) B.Tech. students to appear for pending backlog courses alongside the regular schedule of Odd Semester End-Semester Examinations (as per the academic calendar), prior to the commencement of campus placement drives for that academic year cycle.

Resolution: *The Academic Council deliberated upon the joint proposal submitted by the Departments of Electrical Engineering, Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering regarding the grant of a special provision for 4th-Year (Final-Year) B.Tech. students to appear for pending backlog examinations alongside the regular Odd Semester End-Semester Examinations prior to placement drives.*

After detailed discussion, the Council resolved to constitute a committee comprising of the following members to examine the matter in detail and take an appropriate decision:

1. ***Dean, Academic Affairs***
2. ***Dean, PGS & R***
3. ***Dean, Student Welfare***
4. ***Controller of Examinations (COE)***
5. ***Director, IQAC***
6. ***Professor-in-Charge (PIC), Examination***

The committee shall deliberate on the feasibility, regulatory implications, and examination modalities, and submit its recommendations/decision to the Chairman, Academic Council for final consideration and approval of the Academic Council in the next meeting.

AC-2026-39.13: To consider and approve the proposals submitted by the Head, Department of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering.

Amendment of Ph.D. Regulations on Journal Eligibility (INFLIBNET ONOS Initiative):

1. To consider information communicated by the Senior Librarian, VSSUT, regarding the list of scholarly journals eligible for central Article Processing Charge (APC) support under the Government of India's One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) initiative managed by INFLIBNET Centre.

2. To approve the proposed amendment in the university Ph.D. regulations to formally recognize publications in open-access journals indexed under the ONOS

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APC-supported list **https://www.onos.gov.in/APCTitles** as eligible publication criteria for Ph.D. thesis submission.

Resolution: *After discussion, the Council resolved to* ***refer the proposal to Research & Programme Evaluation Committee (RPEC)*** *for detailed examination and review. The RPEC shall evaluate the proposal in light of existing university Ph.D. regulations, indexing standards, and quality benchmarks, and submit its recommendations to the Chairman, Academic Council for consideration and approval in the next meeting.*

AC-2026-39.14: To consider and approve the restoration of morning shift on working Saturdays (1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays) from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. for the smooth functioning of academic activities and university administration.

1. Prior to 2024, morning shift timings were in practice across the university from its inception. Subsequently, day timings were introduced without specific government guidelines.

2. As per the current university timetable, academic activities on working Saturdays are primarily undertaken during the morning hours, with no scheduled classes in the afternoon session (1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.).

3. To ensure optimal utilization of working hours and facilitate the smooth functioning of departments and offices without curtailing total working duration, it is proposed to formalize the working hours as **8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** on the **1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays**.

Resolution: *The Academic Council approved and recommended to the Board of Management for approval.*

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