

**St. Vincent Pallotti College of Engineering & Technology, Nagpur**  
**College Development Committee Meeting**

**Minutes of the Meeting, Dated: 05/07/2025**

A meeting of College Development Committee was held on 05<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room, Academic Block A, SVPCET, Nagpur.

**Members:**

Dr. Fr. Paul Chandrankunnel

Fr. James Thomas

Dr. Vijay Wadhai

Prof. R. B. Gowardhan

Dr. Jyoti Rothe

Dr. Ashwin Kothari

Sr. Philomena

Mr. Ravi Singh

Dr. G. Boob

Dr. Deepak Wajgi

Dr. Harish Rajurkar

Ms. Rucha Sangulale

Fr. Siju Jose, Dr. Shabana Pathan, Dr. Nitin Labhasetwar, Mr. Mohit Gupta & Mrs. Sangita Lawrence were granted a leave of absence.

**Director Fr. Paul** welcomed all the members and thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**Agenda 1: Confirmation of Minutes of Previous CDC Meeting:**

**Dr. Harish Rajurkar** read the minutes of the previous meeting. **Dr. Sushant Satputaley** proposed confirmation of minutes; seconded by **Dr. Ashwin Kothari**. Minutes were confirmed unanimously.

**Agenda 2: Action Taken Report**

Action taken report was read by Dr. Ghanshyam Boob.

House suggested approaching Springer and IEEE for indexing the conference proceedings, ensuring Scopus indexing from the start. Also, the conference dates and tracks shall be standardized every year for consistency.

An international conference shall be organized by December 2025, the brochures, list of reviewers, experts and track must be finalized at the earliest.

Members stressed upon the need for faculty members to undergo specialized certificate programs in areas of their interest and emerging domains and further publish research papers in these domains.

### **Agenda 3: Administrative Matters:**

Faculty Requirement for A.Y. 2025-26 was presented.

### **Agenda 4: Institute Development Plan:**

The Principal presented the Institute Development Plan, some of the main highlights shared were establishment of a Centre of Excellence by Hitachi in the IIoT domain, E-governance through MIS systems and partnership with international universities.

Members appreciated the institute's development plan and suggested that MOUs for internships and student placements with Hitachi shall be clearly set. Academic governance shall ensure compliance with NAAC/NBA/NEP requirements by default.

Adopting to industry aligned academic practices is the best way to achieve institutional growth and improve placement outcomes.

### **Agenda 5: Academic Matters:**

Admission in charge presented details of the new UG & PG programs for A.Y. 2025-26. He also presented the admission planning & strategy for A.Y. 2025-26

Members emphasized that the college website shall clearly showcase the expertise of faculty members appointed in the new programs. Even if their formal degrees are not directly in those specific fields, their professional interests, domain expertise, and research areas shall be prominently highlighted on public platforms to reflect their competence.

### **Agenda 6: Updates on R&D Activities, Industry Connect, Placement Activities:**

Respective coordinators made presentation for their portfolio.

Members were of the opinion that the PR efforts shall be improved to increase placements.

The placement policy be reviewed, particularly addressing the issue where some students deliberately underperform in certain companies offering lower packages, therefore, flexible placement approach be adopted, where students can apply to multiple companies.

The introduction of exclusive question bank, accessible to the students without any compulsions.

**Rucha Sangulale** (student representative) shared that the students from core branches expect training on more branch-specific courses and scenario-based interviews whereas, CDC offers them only coding expertise and exposure.

**Prof. R. B. Gowardhan** and **Fr. James Thomas** identified this as a motivation issue, remarking that a student is expected to stay updated in multidisciplinary domains rather than becoming outdated.

### **Agenda 7: Prominent Activities and Achievements:**

Data on MOOCs and other activities was presented.

**Dr. P. B. Maheshwary** suggested that faculty members shall undertake domain-specific certifications to enhance their qualifications.

**Sr. Philomena** suggested adding legal awareness courses in the curriculum. It was noted that courses like the Constitution of India are already being offered to students for general awareness.

**Fr. Paul** thanked everyone for their valuable suggestions and insights. He reaffirmed the college's commitment to growth and scaling greater heights, with the clear aim of achieving NBA Tier 1 accreditation.

**Fr. Dr. Paul Chandrankunnel**

Director