

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

Minutes of the Meeting, Dated: 01/11/2025

A meeting of College Development Committee was held on 1st Nov-2025 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room, Academic Block A, SVP CET, Nagpur.

Fr. James Thomas welcomed all the members of CDC .

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous CDC Meeting

Dr. Ghanshyam Boob presented the minutes of the previous meeting. **Dr. P.B Maheshwari** proposed confirmation of minutes which were seconded by **Mr. Ravi Singh** . The minutes were confirmed unanimously.

2. Discussions on Action Taken Report

Action taken report was presented by Dr. Ghanshyam Boob.

a.) Review of preparations for International Conference AIDCON-2025

Dr. Ashwin Kothari suggested to explore the possibilities of tie-up with professional societies e.g. IEEE/ Springer for conference which will reduce conference expenditure.

b) Regarding improving networking with companies

Mr. Ravi Singh informed that GMR Infrastructure will be floating huge employment opportunities in near future, the institute can explore the possibility of networking with the company.

3. Infrastructure development

Drone lab details were presented by **Mr. Ashutosh Maske**; following suggestions were given to further strengthening of lab:

- a) DGCA certification requirement to be checked (AK).
- b) Extend lab usage by including UG/PG practical's or projects (AK).
- c) Explore the possibility of industry collaborations for drone lab (RBG).
- d) Associate with national association of drone developers (FS).
- e) Visit facilities at national aerospace, Bengaluru and CICR's citrus organization for project topics (NL).

Hitachi lab details were presented by **Prof. Kunal Onkar**.

Following comments were received on proposed Hitachi lab (AK):

- a) Study need and utility for such costly branded facilities in depth. Branded equipments do not allow any modifications or customization. Students cannot get hands on experience on these equipments and list of experiments is fixed.
- b) Ensure effective Utilization of the equipments in the lab.
- c) Purchase application specific accessories.

Information about NABL accreditation of laboratories was shared by **Prof. Akash Kale**, all members appreciated the team for getting NABL accreditation. Following comments were given on NABL (AK):

- a) NABL details to be prominently floated on college website and other media sources.
- b) Branding of “NABL at Pallotti” to increase outreach.
- c) ROI period of NABL expenditure should be calculated
- d) To get consultancy through NABL Laboratories.

Dr. Shabana Pathan has presented the details of Advanced AI Lab.

4.) Status of admission & PhD research center:

Dr. Abrahnil Banerjee presented status of UG/ PG admissions and upcoming EE and ETC, PHD research center. Following suggestions were given by members:

- a) M.Tech. Programs to be made skill based (AK).
- b) More efforts are needed to improve M.Tech. Admission in ME and ETC (RBG).

5.) R&D Initiatives & Individual faculty assessment

R&D initiatives were presented by **Dr. Kapil Gupta**. Dr. Maheshwari informed that individual faculty assessment is scheduled from 17th Nov, 2025.

6.) NBA Status

Dr. Nitin Dhote informed that CSE program is recently NBA accredited for 3 Years . B.Tech Mechanical and ETC programs will fill pre-qualifier up to 31st Jan, 2026 and submit SAR up to 15th March, 2026.

7.) Any other point with permission of chair

Fr. James Thomas asked members to give their suggestions for improving the institute processes.

Prof. R.B.Gowardhan suggested that same annual research target (ART) should not be given to every faculty members. Instead, he suggested to give different target to faculty members as per their strength and interest. For an academic institution, prime objective should be Teaching-Learning process.

Dr. P. B. Maheshwari said that for future growth of faculty members and hence institute, research contribution by all faculty members is must.

Fr. James thanked all members for their valuable inputs during the meeting.

Dr. Vijay Wadhai

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