ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date- 09/03/2026

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26 (MEETING NO- 2)

The second meeting of the Academic Council for the Academic Year 2025–26 of Shri Balasaheb Mane Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Ashokrao Mane Group of Institutions, Vathar Tarf Vadgaon, was held on 07th March 2026 at 10:30 am in the Board Room of the Institute. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Mrs. Sangeeta R. Chougule, Director and Chairperson of the Academic Council.

The following members were present during the meeting:

Sr.	Names of the Members	Committee Specifics	Signature
1	Dr. Mrs. Sangeeta R. Chougule	Chairman	Present
2	Dr. Neeraj Agrawal	Member	Present (online)
3	Dr. S. L. Nalbalwar	Member	Absent
4	Dr. S. R. Bhagat	Member	Present (online)
5	Prof. Dr. Manesh B. Kokare	Member	Present
6	Prof. Dr. Annasaheb M. Gurav	Member	Present (online)
7	Mr. Ravi Dolli	Member	Present
8	Mr. Kailash P. Medhe	Member	Absent
9	Prof. Pravin B. Ghewari	Member	Present
10	Dr. Jaydeep M. Shinde	Member	Present
11	Dr. Vinaya K. Thombare	Member	Present
12	Dr. Amit S. Shelake	Member	Present
13	Dr. Amol A. Suryawanshi	Member	Present
14	Dr. Shrenik S. Sarade	Member	Present
15	Prof. Suraj S. Redekar	Member	Present
16	Dr. Vishal S. Wadkar	Member	Present
17	Dr. Chetan R. Dongarsane	Member	Present
18	Dr. Digvijay J. Pawar	Member	Present
19	Prof. Maheshkumar A. Sutar	Member	Present
20	Mr. Rahul B. Bodake	Member	Present
21	Prof. Rohit P. Patil	Member	Present
22	Dr. Seema S. Patil	Member Secretary	Present

Minutes of the meeting

1. Welcome to all Academic Council Expert members

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome address by the Chairperson, Dr. Mrs. Sangeeta R. Chougule (Director). She welcomed all the esteemed members of the Academic Council, including university nominees, external academicians, industry experts, and internal members. The Chairperson emphasized the importance of their guidance in strengthening academic governance, enhancing institutional quality, and supporting the institute's autonomous functioning.

2. Review of the previous meeting held on 25/07/2025, and Action Taken Report

Dr. A. S. Shelake, Dean, IQAC, presented the minutes of the previous Academic Council meeting held on 25th July 2025. The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the resolutions passed during the previous meeting was also presented before the council. The members reviewed the progress made on various academic and administrative initiatives undertaken by the institute in accordance with the earlier recommendations. The council acknowledged the effective implementation of the action points.

3. Overview of various activities conducted & its outcomes, including MOUs

A detailed presentation was made by Dr. Mrs. Sangeeta R. Chougule (Director), highlighting various academic, research, extension, and institutional activities conducted during the academic year. Information regarding the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) signed with industries, academic institutions, and research organizations was also presented. The outcomes of these collaborations in terms of internships, training programs, expert lectures, joint research initiatives, and skill development opportunities for students were discussed.

During the discussion, Dr. Neeraj Agrawal suggested establishing program-wise dedicated computational facilities accessible for students, enabling them to utilize advanced computational tools and specialized software required for academic learning, research, and project work. The suggestion was noted by the council for further consideration and implementation.

Dr. Manesh B. Kokare further suggested increasing the use of open-source software tools. He emphasized that open-source platforms can enhance accessibility, reduce dependency on licensed software, and promote innovation and practical learning among students.

4. Overview of various competitions organized for students at the internal and external levels

Dr. Mrs. Sangeeta R. Chougule (Director), in her presentation, further informed about the various technical and co-curricular competitions organized within the institute and those in which students participated at external platforms. These competitions aimed to enhance students' creativity, innovation, technical knowledge, and leadership skills. Students' achievements in inter-collegiate, state-level, and national-level competitions were also highlighted.

Dr. Neeraj Agrawal suggested establishing a separate club for coding and programming activities. Prof. P. B. Ghewari, Campus Director, informed the Council that the institute already has a Programming Club in place. Also 15 different clubs are established including Technical, Social & Cultural Clubs.

5. Overview of faculty performance (publications, patents, proposals)

The performance of faculty members in research and innovation activities was presented by Dr. Mrs. V. K. Thombare, Dean, R & D. The presentation included details of research publications in reputed journals, conference papers, patents filed and published, and research proposals submitted to funding agencies. The total no. of publications 189 & patents 25. The council appreciated the efforts taken by the faculty members to enhance research culture within the institute.

6. Presentation of Student and Staff Achievements

A summary of the significant achievements of students and staff members was presented by Prof. P. B. Ghewari, Campus Director. The achievements included academic excellence, research accomplishments, awards received at various competitions, participation in national and international events, and contributions to institutional development. He further informed about the enrollment of 07 faculties for Lean Manufacturing Program by IIM, Bangalore under the MOUs with

IIM, Bangalore and over 3000+ certifications earned by the students including Infosys Springboard, NPTEL, Spoken Tutorial IIT Bombay, Eduskill, Cisco Netcard, ACKVK & Edunet.
The council acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of both students and faculty in bringing recognition to the institution.

7. Formal approval to the nomination of International experts on the Academic Council 1. Prof. Kunio Hara and 2. Ms. Sayaka Miura

The council was informed about the proposal to include international experts, Prof. Kunio Hara and Ms. Sayaka Miura, as members of the Academic Council to strengthen global academic perspectives and collaborations.
The council approved their nominations to the Academic Council, highlighting the significance of international academic participation in strengthening curriculum development, research collaboration, and global exposure for students and faculty.

8. Execution overview of FY under autonomy, including internal and external evaluations

The overview of the execution of academic and administrative activities during the academic year 2025-26 under the autonomous framework was presented by Dr. Mrs. S. S. Patil, Dean, Academics. Details regarding adherence to the academic calendar, internal audits, and departmental reviews were discussed. The progress achieved in implementing autonomy-related reforms in curriculum design, assessment methods, and academic governance was highlighted.
Dr. Manesh B. Kokare recommended revising the format of the Academic Calendar so that all key academic activities can be viewed at a glance in a single consolidated format, making it easier for students and faculty to understand the schedule.

9. Presentation of End Semester Exam (ESE) results

Prof. R. P. Patil, Controller of Examinations, presented the End Semester Examination results for the first semester. The analysis included pass percentages, department-wise performance, and subject-wise results. It was observed that the results of few courses were not satisfactory, and the members discussed possible measures for improvement.
Dr. Neeraj Agrawal and Dr. S. R. Bhagat reviewed the remedial measures taken after the declaration of examination results. In response, the Controller of Examinations (CoE) clarified that the institute is conducting remedial lectures for students who require additional academic support, particularly for those who have performed below expectations in the examinations.
Dr. Manesh B. Kokare advised the institute to take necessary corrective measures and focus on improving student performance in the forthcoming examinations.
The examination system and assessment practices were discussed during the meeting. Dr. S. R. Bhagat suggested adopting a 40:60 assessment pattern for Internal and External examinations, respectively. He emphasized that the institute should avoid conducting excessive examinations, as too many tests may increase the academic burden on students.
During the discussion, Dr. Manesh B. Kokare highlighted the importance of maintaining progressive assessment mechanisms, such as assignments, quizzes, tutorials, and other continuous evaluation methods. He emphasized that progressive assessment is essential to effectively monitor student learning outcomes and to align with the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) framework and the requirements of NBA accreditation.
The council appreciated the suggestions made by the members and noted them for consideration while refining the institute's examination and assessment practices.

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10. Formal approval of the redressal report of the exam cell grievances

Prof. R. P. Patil, Controller of Examinations, presented the report regarding grievances raised by students during the examination process. The report included details of grievances related to mark sheets, along with the actions taken to resolve them. The council noted the transparency and efficiency maintained in the grievance redressal mechanism.

11. Formal approval to the Equivalence Committee for handling student transitions

The proposal regarding the constitution and functioning of the Equivalence Committee was presented by Prof. R. P. Patil, Controller of Examinations, before the council. The committee is responsible for examining and approving the equivalence of courses for students transferring from DBATU admission to Autonomy, and students participating in academic mobility programs. The importance of maintaining fairness and academic integrity while granting equivalence was emphasized.

12. Formal approval of the SY curriculum structure and detailed syllabus of all UG programs

The curriculum structure and detailed syllabus for Second Year (SY) Undergraduate Programs, as recommended by the respective Boards of Studies (BOS), were presented before the council by Dr. Mrs. S. S. Patil, Dean, Academics. The curriculum was aimed at aligning the programs with NEP guidelines, industry requirements, emerging technologies, and outcome-based education principles. The council reviewed the proposed structure and detailed syllabus and appreciated the efforts taken by the departments to strengthen academic quality.

During the discussion, Dr. S. R. Bhagat and Dr. Neeraj Agrawal reviewed some of the courses in detail and suggested minor modifications in the titles of certain courses to better reflect their scope and content. They also recommended that foundational or basic content relevant to the discipline should be appropriately incorporated at the First Year (FY) level, so that students develop a strong academic base before progressing to advanced subjects in higher semesters.

The council appreciated the efforts taken by the departments in designing the curriculum.

13. Formal approval to the bridge courses as proposed by the BOS of various departments

Dr. Mrs. S. S. Patil, Dean, Academics, presented the proposal regarding bridge courses designed to support students in overcoming academic gaps and strengthening foundational knowledge. These courses were recommended by the Boards of Studies of various departments and were intended primarily for the students transferring his/her admission from DBATU to Autonomy. All council members approved the same.

During the discussion, Dr. S. R. Bhagat and Dr. Neeraj Agrawal suggested that such bridge courses should be considered as Audit Courses. They further recommended that the status of the bridge course should be reflected in the mark sheet as "Audit Pass" or "Audit Fail", rather than carrying regular credits.

Regarding the transcript format, it was specified that the name of the audit course must be printed as the name of the subject, followed by the suffix (Audit Course) immediately after the subject name on the grade card.

It was also decided that if a student fails in the audit (bridge) course, he or she will not be promoted to the next semester. The student must successfully pass the audit course before being considered eligible for promotion to the next semester.

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14. Formal approval to the constitution of the IAIP (Institute Academic Integrity Panel) and DAIP (Department Academic Integrity Panel), established for the evaluation of PG seminars and Dissertations

Dr. Mrs. V. K. Thombare, Dean, R & D, informed the Council about the formation of the Institute Academic Integrity Panel (IAIP) and Department Academic Integrity Panels (DAIP). These panels will ensure adherence to academic ethics and integrity in the evaluation of postgraduate seminars, dissertations, and research work only. The structure, roles, and responsibilities of these panels were presented before the council. The council approved the same.

During the discussion, Dr. Neeraj Agrawal suggested that the institute should frame strong norms and policies for the functioning of these panels, considering the autonomous status of the institute.

15. Progress review of NBA accreditation work

A progress report regarding the NBA accreditation process was presented by Dr. A. S. Shelake, Dean, IQAC. The council noticed that the NBA work progress is as per the action plan decided in the previous Academic Council meeting. The council emphasized the importance of collective efforts by faculty and administrative staff to ensure successful accreditation.

16. Any other points, with the permission of the chair

Dr. Mrs. Sangeeta R. Chougule, Director and Chairperson of the Academic Council, invited the members to raise any additional points for discussion with the permission of the chair. No additional agenda items were proposed by the members. However, the external members appreciated the significant progress made by the Institute under autonomous status. They expressed satisfaction with the academic initiatives, governance practices, and overall development of the institution. The members also conveyed their best wishes for the continued growth and success of the Institute in achieving higher academic standards and institutional excellence.

17. Vote of thanks

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs Dr. S. S. Patil, Member Secretary, expressing sincere gratitude to the Chairperson and all the members of the Academic Council for their valuable presence, suggestions, and continuous support in guiding the institute toward academic excellence.

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