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INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ADVANCED STUDIES (VISTAS)
(Deemed to be University Estd. u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)
PALLAVARAM - CHENNAI

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Mode: Hybrid Mode **Date and Time: 11-09-2024 at 2.30 p.m.**

Minutes

Members present:

1.	Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan	-	Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS (Chairperson)
2.	Dr. M. Bhaskaran,	-	Pro Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS
3.	Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan	-	Member.
4.	Dr. Prof. M. Ghanshyam Krishna	-	Member
5.	Dr. M. Chandrasekaran	-	Member
6.	Dr. R.A. Kalaivani,	-	Member
7.	Dr. Sivaganesan	-	Member
8.	Dr. Monisha	-	Member
9.	Dr. S. Saravanan,	-	Registrar (Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 2.30 pm.

Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor and Chairperson welcomed all the distinguished members for the meeting.

The Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Management and himself, expressed deep sorrow over sudden demise of Dr. H. Devaraj, former Vice-Chairman, UGC and a member of the Executive Council on 09-08-2024 due to a massive cardiac arrest. The members observed one-minute silence to honor the memory of Dr. H. Devaraj.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan records his deep sense of sorrow and recollected his acquaintance with him from University of Madras to UGC. He also stated that Dr. H. Devaraj was a good teacher and a great researcher.

Dr. Prof. M. Ghanshyam Krishna records that it is very sad to hear the sudden demise of Dr. H. Devaraj, who was a genuine well-wisher of VISTAS.

The Vice-Chancellor then placed on record the services of Dr. R. Srinivasan, as a member of the Executive Council for his fullest cooperation and valuable suggestions offered in the meetings of the Board of Management / Executive Council for betterment of the Institution during his tenure.

After introduction, the Vice-Chancellor has briefed the members about the following happenings in VISTAS:

- The Pharmacy Council of India, accorded approval for offering B.Pharmacy Programme with an intake of 100 in Vel Pharmacy College, Periyapalayam Campus for the academic year 2024-25.

- The Pharmacy Council of India, accorded approval for offering the following programmes in School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS for the academic year 2024-25.

		Intake
1. B.Pharmacy	-	100
2. B.Pharm.(Practice	-	40
3. M.Pharmacy(Pharmaceutics)	-	15
4. M.Pharmacy(Pharmaceutical Analysis)	-	15
5. M.Pharmacy (Pharmacy Practice)	-	15
6. Pharm.D	-	30
7. Pharm.D (Post Baccalaureate)	-	10

He also presented that the following are the various activities carried out by faculty members of VISTAS since from the last meeting i.e. from May 2024 to September 2024 and he took this opportunity to congratulate the faculty members for their sincere efforts in carrying out the academic activities, successfully for the past 4 months:

- VISTAS has organized International Yoga Day Celebrations 2024 titled “YOGA FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLNESS”, on 21.06.2024.

- VISTAS, Human Resource Development Cell & Internal Quality Assurance Cell has organized the FACULTY ORIENTATION PROGRAM & FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM from 24.06.2024 to 01.07.2024.

- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organized World Hepatitis Day 2024 Awareness event on 27.07.2024.

- VISTAS has organised “Fresher’s Inauguration-2024” for all UG and PG programmes on 07.08.2024.

The Department of Commerce, School of Management Studies has organised a Health Awareness program on 29.07.2024.

- The Department of Computer Science, School of Computing Sciences has organised a National Seminar on "Empowering Career Growth: Leveraging Full-Stack Development and Cloud Expertise" on 2-8-2024,

- The Department of Commerce, School of Management Studies has organised an Entrepreneurial Development program on "CHANGING DYNAMICS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE AI ERA" on 05.08.2024.

- The Department of Commerce, School of Management Studies has organised a Seven Days Faculty Development Programme entitled "Enhancing Research Excellence: Skills, Ethics, and Advanced Analytical Techniques" from 5th August 2024 to 13th August 2024.

- VISTAS celebrated 78th Independence Day on 14.08.2024.

- The Department of EEE, School of Engineering has organised Workshop on AI & Virtual Reality Using Unity 3D on 21.08.2024.

- The Department of Computer Science, School of Computing Sciences has organised an Alumni Knowledge Sharing Seminar on "Recent Trend in Career Opportunities and Competitive Exams" on 29.08.2024.

- IQAC & Centre for Human Resource Development has organized a Special lecture on 29.08.2024 titled "Mental Wellness as an important Mantra for Educational Institutions"

- The Department of MCA, School of Computing Sciences has organised an Skill Enhancement Program on 30.8.2024 titled " SPM-Automation and Testing suites for Java Applications"

- VISTAS has organised the Vel Teachers Excellence Award on 24.08.2024. Thiru.Ma.Subramanian, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest.

- School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organized One Day International Workshop on 4th September 2024 on ''Palliative Care and Survivorship in Patients with Cancer".

He has also presented before the members about the seminars/webinars/workshops conducted by the faculty members, publishing of research articles participation in seminars etc. as detailed below since the last meeting: (May 2024 to September 2024).

- 23 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by the various departments of VISTAS.
- 273 research articles were published in international and national journals and 73 books were published.
- Attended totally 398 Seminars/webinars and conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 72 papers were presented in workshop and conferences.
- 27 Faculty members of VISTAS have received various awards.
- Submitted 9 nos. of projects to the various funding agencies.
- 24 Patents were published and filed by VISTAS
- 1 Design Patents granted.
- Since last meeting 06 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) were signed by the following Departments:

S.No.	Department / School	Collaborative Organisation	Nature of Collaboration
1	School of Engineering (Mechanical)	Boston IT Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., Unit 64, Ground Floor Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru. Karnataka-560029	To provide students with a comprehensive, Industry oriented curriculum covers both theory and practical training for final year CSE students.
2		JK Physio and Rehab Clinics, 233 & 235, 3rd Floor, end Avenue, Thirumangalam, Anna Nagar, Chennai-600040.	To Organising and participating joint symposium/Conferences/workshops/ Guest lecture/short term training and Research work carried out which excludes (ROBOTICS) such as EXO SKELETON, LUNA EMG
3	School of Physiotherapy	Physkraft Subspecialty Physiotherapy Clinic and Physkraft Sole Clinic (A Unit of Physkraft) No.11,7th Main Road, Dhandeeswaram, Velachery, Chennai-600042.	To organize and participating joint symposium/Conference/Workshop/ Guest lecture/short term training and mutual extension of lab facilities and permitting the research scholars to use the facilities etc.
4	School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Noob Tron Pvt. Ltd. No.3/4 Satrapathi Sivaji Shanmuga Nagar,	This bring practical training to B.Pharmacy, M.Pharmacy and Pharm.D. students for skill

		Kanchipuram, Chilapakkam, Chennai-600064	development,R&D Services, Industrial trainings, Internship program, Patent fillings, Placement and related services
	School of Management Stdudies and Commerce B.Com. (Corporate Secretaryship)	WITTY Technologies (Software Training Institute) No.8, Valliammai Street, Urapakkam-603210	Conducting joint research and development project, arranging free Internship and Industrial visits, Organisation of Guest Lectures, symposia, conferences and workshops.
6	VISTAS (VMCH)	Vellore Institute of Technology, VIT, Katpadi – Thiruvalam Road, Vellore-632014.	Conducting join research and development project, arranging free Internship and Industrial visits, Organisation of Guest Lectures, symposia, conferences and workshops. To exchange technical data and information relating to medical instruments, conformity assessment, and standardization, ongoing research in the field of Medical /Engineering/Nursing and Laboratory Medicine

The Vice-Chancellor after concluding his introductory remarks has invited the members to offer their views on the activities of VISTAS.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan emphasized that while increasing the student intake it is important that equal focus must be placed on improving quality. He pointed out that measurable indicators of quality such as the NIRF and NAAC rankings should be prioritized. He suggested conducting an analysis of the NIRF 2024 results to identify areas of weakness and formulate a plan for improvement including enhancing the institutions visibility in international rankings. In response, the Vice-Chancellor replied that several initiatives aimed at improving quality are already in place, including efforts to enhance placements, introduce Value Added Courses and secure funding from Government agencies.

Dr. Prof. M. Ghanshyam Krishna, the UGC Nominee endorsed Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan's suggestions and advised that they be followed.

After the remarks of the members, the agenda items were taken for discussion and resolutions were passed on each items as detailed below:

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MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 28-05-2024.

RESOLVED that action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 28-05-2024 **is noted.**

Item No. II

Considered the report of the Registrar on the follow-up action taken on the items approved by the Executive Council sent in circulation on 23-07-2024 (Consent of Affiliation).

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar on the follow-up action taken on the items approved by the Executive Council sent in circulation on 23-07-2024 **is noted**

Item No. III

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 26-07-2024, for approval.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 26-07-2024 **is approved**.

Item No. IV

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19-08-2024 for approval

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 19-08-2024 **is approved.**

Item No. V

Considered the minutes of the Board of Research Studies held on 08-08-2024 at 3.00 .p.m. in the IQAC Room, for approval.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board of Research Studies held on 08-08-2024 **is approved**

Item No. VI

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), held on 08-08-2024 at 10.30 am in IQAC room.

> **RESOLVED that** the minutes of the meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), held on 08-08-2024 **is approved**.

Item No. VII

Considered the report of the Registrar to the Executive Council about the extension of tenure of appointment in respect of the present Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan for a further period of six months from 01-09-2024 to 28-02-2025

> **RESOLVED** that the report of the Registrar to the Executive Council about the extension of tenure of appointment in respect of the present Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan for a further period of six months from 01-09-2024 to 28-02-2025 **is noted and approved.**

Item No. VIII

Considered the approval and ratification for having conducted the second spell of interview for the left out Departments for filling up of vacant Teaching post in various departments for the academic year 2024-2025.

> **RESOLVED** that the conduct of second spell of interview for the left out Departments for filling up of vacant Teaching post in various departments for the academic year 2024-2025, **is approved and ratified**.

Item No. IX

Considered the uploading of First Annual report of CIQA and CDOE-VISTAS for ODL Programmes for the year 2023-3034, as per UGC-DEB (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020, for approval and ratification.

> **RESOLVED** that the uploading of First Annual report of CIQA and CDOE-VISTAS for ODL Programmes for the year 2023-3034, as per UGC-DEB (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations 2020, is **approved and ratified**.

Item No. X

Considered the report of the Registrar to the Executive Council regarding the sanction of new projects to the following faculty members by the Government Funding Agencies, for information:

1. Prof. S. Jerritta, Dept. of ECE, VISTAS for a total grant of Rs. 36, 01,120/-
2. Dr. Gopalakrishnan Abirami, Dept. of Biotechnology, VISTAS, for a total grant of Rs. 16, 67,404/-
3. Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi, Associate Professor, Dept. of ECE, VISTAS, for Rs.29,71,120/-

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar to the Executive Council regarding the sanction of new projects to the following faculty members by the Government Funding Agencies**, is noted**:

1. Prof. S. Jerritta, Dept. of ECE, VISTAS for a total grant of Rs. 36, 01,120/-
2. Dr. Gopalakrishnan Abirami, Dept. of Biotechnology, VISTAS, for a total grant of Rs. 16, 67,404/-
3. Dr. P. Vijayalakshmi, Associate Professor, Dept. of ECE, VISTAS, for Rs.29,71,120/-

Item No. XI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the Rank Certificate issued by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) to the Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) based on the parameters and the position at which our Institution stands on the different categories for 2024.

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar with regard to the Rank Certificate issued by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) to the Vels Institute of Science, Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) based on the parameters and the position at which our Institution stands on the different categories for 2024, **is noted.**

Item No. XII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the grant of approval for 2024-2025 academic session for the conduct of B.Pharm course First Year with 100 admission at Vel Pharmacy College at Manjankaranai Village, Uthukottai Taluk Tiruvallur District, affiliated to the VISTAS, functioning at Manjankaranai Village, Tiruvallur.

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar with regard to the grant of approval for 2024-2025 academic session for the conduct of B.Pharm course First Year with 100

admission at Vel Pharmacy College at Manjankaranai Village, Uthukottai Taluk Tiruvallur District, affiliated to the VISTAS, functioning at Manjankaranai Village, Tiruvallur, **is noted**

Item No. XIII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the series of action taken by VISTAS for grant of 2nd cycle of accreditation to the VISTAS

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar with regard to the series of action taken by VISTAS for grant of 2nd cycle of accreditation to the VISTAS, **is noted**

Item No. XIV

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the grant of renewal of 150 seats by the National Medical Commission, New Delhi for the undergraduate (MBBS) for the year 2024-2025.

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar with regard to the grant of renewal of 150 seats by the National Medical Commission, New Delhi for the undergraduate (MBBS) for the year 2024-2025, **is noted.**

Item No. XV

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to conduct of End Semester Examinations during May-June 2024 for all the courses of UG/PG Programmes and consequent action taken thereon as mentioned below:

a. Publication of results of all UG / PG Programmes
b. Punishment awarded to the students indulged in malpractice in the May/June 2024 Examinations
c. Supplementary Examination conducted in August 2024 and Publication of results after valuation.
d. Ph.D. Course work papers Examination – May 2024

Deferred for the next meeting.

Item No. XVI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the conduct of Examinations and consequent action taken thereon for the following programmes as mentioned below:

1. Publication of results for the Second Professional MBBS Degree supplementary Examinations conducted from 06-05-2024 to 10-05-2024.

2. Publication of results for the First Professional MBBS Degree Examinations for all the courses was conducted from 01-08-2024 to 19-08-2024.
3. Publication of results for the First and Third Semester Examinations of April 2024, of the Allied Health Science Courses.
4. Publication of Results for the II Year Examinations of B.Sc. Nursing (2021-2022) batch students, held between 12-03-2024 to 22-03-2024.
5. Publication of Results for the III Semester Examinations of B.Sc. Nursing (2022-2023) batch students, held between 15-04-2024 to 27-04-2024.
6. Publication of results after revaluation of answer scripts for the B.Sc. Nursing 201-2022 and 2022-2023 batch students.

RESOLVED the report of the Registrar with regard to the conduct of Examinations and consequent action taken thereon for the above programmes has been **approved and ratified.**

Item No. XVII

Considered the names of Indian and Foreign Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners submitted by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. theses for the 120 candidates in various disciplines as on 27-08-2024, for approval.

RESOLVED the names of Indian and Foreign Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners submitted by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. theses for the 120 candidates in various disciplines as on 27-08-2024 **is approved**

Item No. XVIII

Considered the list of names of 78 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of Viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 24-05-2024 to 27-08-2024 for approval

RESOLVED that the list of names of 78 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of Viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 24-05-2024 to 27-08-2024 **is approved**

Item No. XIX

Considered the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting a Local Inquiry Committee in anticipation of approval by the Executive Council of VISTAS with regard to the issue of continuation of affiliation for the 4^{th} renewal (5^{th} batch) of 150 MBBS seats for the Academic year 2025 – 2026 at Vels Medical College and Hospital at No.12/123, Periapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjakaranai Village, Uthukottai, Taluk, Tiruvallur District, under the VISTAS, a Deemed to be University.

RESOLVED that the action taken by the Vice-Chancellor in constituting a Local Inquiry Committee in anticipation of approval by the Executive Council of VISTAS with regard to the issue of continuation of affiliation for the 4th renewal (5th batch) of 150 MBBS seats for the Academic year 2025 – 2026 at Vels Medical College and Hospital at No.12/123, Periapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjakaranai Village, Uthukottai, Taluk, Tiruvallur District, under the VISTAS, a Deemed to be University **is approved and ratified.**

Item No. XX

Considered the recommendation of the Local Inquiry Committee constituted by VISTAS with regard to continuation of affiliation for the 4th renewal (5th batch) of 150 MBBS seats for the Academic year 2025 – 2026 at Vels Medical College and Hospital at No.12/123, Periapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjakaranai Village, Uthukottai, Taluk, Tiruvallur District, PIN-601102, under the VISTAS, a Deemed to be University.

RESOLVED that the recommendation of the Local Inquiry Committee constituted by VISTAS with regard to continuation of affiliation for the 4th renewal (5th batch) of 150 MBBS seats for the Academic year 2025 – 2026 at Vels Medical College and Hospital at No.12/123, Periapalayam Road, Velan Nagar, Manjakaranai Village, Uthukottai, Taluk, Tiruvallur District, PIN-601102, under the VISTAS, a Deemed to be University is approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED that a letter for continuation of affiliation for the 4th renewal (5th batch) of 150 MBBS seats for the Academic year 2025 – 2026 be issued to Vels Medical College and Hospital under the VISTAS, a Deemed to be University.

Item No: XXI

Considered the proposal to change the name for the following course being offered by the VISTAS from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard.

Existing name	Change of Name Proposed
MBA (30)	MBA – Fin Tech (30)

RESOLVED to change the name for the following course from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard **is APPROVED.**

Existing name	Change of Name Proposed
MBA (30)	MBA – Fin Tech (30)

Item No: XXII

Considered the proposal of starting following additional Courses under the School of Engineering, VISTAS with intake of students noted against each, from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval:

S.No.	Name of the additional Courses proposed	Intake
1	B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering)	30
2	B.Tech. Robotics & Artificial Intelligence	30
3	M.Tech. Structural Engineering	18

RESOLVED that the starting following additional Courses under the School of Engineering, Considered VISTAS with intake of students noted against each, from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval **is APPROVED:**

S.No.	Name of the additional Courses proposed	Intake
1	B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering)	30
2	B.Tech. Robotics & Artificial Intelligence	30
3	M.Tech. Structural Engineering	18

Item No: XXIII

Considered the proposal of closure the following UG and PG programmes from the academic year 2025-2026 being offered by the VISTAS with intake of students as noted against each, due to poor response and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard:

S.No.	Name of the Course proposed for closure	Intake
1	B.Tech. Civil Engineering	30
2	B.Tech. Automobile Engineering	30
3	M.Tech. Automobile Engineering	18
4	MBA (one section)	60

RESOLVED to close the following UG and PG programmes from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard **is APPROVED.**

S.No.	Name of the Course proposed for closure	Intake
1	B.Tech. Civil Engineering	30
2	B.Tech. Automobile Engineering	30
3	M.Tech. Automobile Engineering	18
4	MBA (one section)	60

Item No: XXIV

Considered the proposal to reduce the intake of students as noted against each in respect of the following courses being offered by the VISTAS from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard for getting its approval.

S.No	Name of the Course	Existing intake	Proposed reduction of intake
1	B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile based Application Development)	120	60
2	MCA	240	180
3	BCA	660	510
4	BBA	480	360
5	M.Tech. Construction Engineering and Management	30	18

RESOLVED that reduction of intake of students as noted against each in respect of the following courses from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard, is **APPROVED:**

S.No.	Name of the Course	Existing intake	Proposed reduction of intake
1	B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile based Application Development	120	60
2	MCA	240	180
3	BCA	660	510
4	BBA	480	360
5	M.Tech. Construction Engineering and Management	30	18

[**Item No: XXV**

Considered the proposal of introduction of seats for NRI for Engineering and Management Programmes in VISTAS from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard.

RESOLVED to introduce the seats for NRI for Engineering and Management Programmes in VISTAS from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard **is APPROVED.**

Item No: XXVI

Considered the Introduction of supernumerary seats for OCI / Foreign Nationals / Children of Indian Workers in Gulf countries for Engineering and Management Programmes from the academic year 2025-2026.

> **RESOLVED** to introduce the supernumerary seats for OCI / Foreign Nationals / Children of Indian Workers in Gulf countries for Engineering and Management Programmes from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard **is APPROVED.**

Item No: XXVII

Considered the proposal of Introduction of Twinning Programme of MBA with INTI International University, Malaysia to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard.

> **RESOLVED** that the Introduction of Twinning Programme of MBA with INTI International University, Malaysia to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard, **IS APPROVED.**

Item No: XXVIII

Considered the proposal of Introduction of B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering) in Collaboration with Kalvi Career Education (P) Ltd., Bangalore to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard:

> **RESOLVED** to introduce the B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering) in Collaboration with Kalvi Career Education (P) Ltd., Bangalore to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit an application to the AICTE in this regard, is **APPROVED**

Item No: XXIX

Considered for the issue of No Objection Certificate to the AICTE for the following to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026:

1. Change of name from MBA to that of MBA Fintech.
2. Starting of additional courses of B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering), B.Tech. Robotics & Artificial Intelligence and M.Tech. Structural Engineering.
3. Closure of B.Tech. Civil Engineering, B.Tech. Automobile Engineering and M.Tech. Automobile Engineering and MBA Course.
4. Reduction of intake for B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile based Application Development), MCA, BCA, BBA and M.Tech. Construction Engineering and Management.
5. Introduction of seats for NRI for Engineering and Management courses

6. Introduction of supernumerary seats for OCI / Foreign Nationals / Children of Indian Workers in Gulf countries for Engineering and Management courses
7. Introduction of Twinning Programme of MBA with INTI International University, Malaysia
8. Introduction of B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering) in Collaboration with Kalvi Career Education (P) Ltd., Bangalore.

RESOLVED that No Objection Certificate to the AICTE for the following to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026, **be issued**:

1. Change of name from MBA to that of MBA Fintech.
2. Starting of additional courses of B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering), B.Tech. Robotics & Artificial Intelligence and M.Tech. Structural Engineering.
3. Closure of B.Tech. Civil Engineering, B.Tech. Automobile Engineering and M.Tech. Automobile Engineering and MBA Course.
4. Reduction of intake for B.Tech. IT (Cloud and Mobile based Application Development), MCA, BCA, BBA and M.Tech. Construction Engineering and Management.
5. Introduction of seats for NRI for Engineering and Management courses
6. Introduction of supernumerary seats for OCI / Foreign Nationals / Children of Indian Workers in Gulf countries for Engineering and Management courses
7. Introduction of Twinning Programme of MBA with INTI International University, Malaysia
8. Introduction of B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering) in Collaboration with Kalvi Career Education (P) Ltd., Bangalore.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed gratitude to all members for their active participation and valuable suggestions. He assured the members that their recommendations would be carefully implemented wherever applicable.

With these remarks, the Vice-Chancellor concluded the meeting.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 18-12-2024 at 2.30 p.m. Through Hybrid mode

Meeting was called to order at 2.30 p.m.

Members present:

4. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS (Chairperson)
5. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Pro Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS
6. Thiru Vijay Karunakaran, Founder & CEO, InGage Group of Companies, Chennai.
4. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran, Dean, Academic Courses, VISTAS.
7. Dr. R.A. Kalaivani, Dean – School of Basic Sciences, VISTAS,
8. Dr. Prince Johnson Samuel, Professor and Head, Department of Physiology, Vels Medical College and Hospital, Periyapalayam.
9. Dr. B. Illango, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, VISTAS, Chennai-600 117.
10. Dr. Jeniffer Stella, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, VISTAS,
11. Dr. S. Saravanan, Registrar (Secretary)

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members to the meeting of the Executive Council.

He has introduced the following newly nominated members to the Executive Council:

1. Dr. V. Ravichandiran, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, Mehrauh Badarpur Road, New Delhi. Former Director, NIPER, Kolkata

2. Thiru Vijay Karunakaran, Founder & CEO, InGage Group of Companies, Chennai.

3. Dr. Prince Johnson Samuel, Professor and Head, Department of Physiology, Vels Medical College and Hospital (Affiliated to VISTAS), Periyapalayam, Thiruvallur District

4. Dr. T. Ilango, Associate Professor and Head i/c, Department of Civil Engineering, VISTAS, Chennai

5. Dr. S. Jenifer Stella, Assistant Professor and Head i/c, School of Law, VISTAS, Chennai.

The Management of VISTAS records its appreciation and convey its thanks to the following faculty members of VISTAS for their fullest cooperation and their valuable suggestions in the meetings of Executive Council, for enhancing the reputation of this institute in all spheres.

1. Dr. S. Arun, Professor, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering and Dean-IQAC, VISTAS, Chennai.
2. Dr. S. Sivaganesan, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VISTAS, Chennai.
3. Dr. M. Monisha, Assistant Professor, Department of ECE, VISTAS.

He has also briefed the members about various activities carried out by faculty members of VISTAS since last meeting i.e. from October 2024 to December 2024 and he has congratulated faculty members of VISTAS for their sincere efforts in carrying out the academic activities, successfully for the past 3 months:

- Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Analysis, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organized SDG ORIENTED ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON "COGNITIVE SKILLS" on 8th October 2024.

- White Coat Ceremony & Inauguration of the First Year (4th Batch) MBBS Programme were organized at College Auditorium of VMCH Campus on 18th October 2024.

- Department of Mechanical Engineering has organized FDP on Drones and Development: Building Faculty Capacity for Sustainable Solutions, sponsored by AICTE from 21st to 26th October 2024.

- The Department of Commerce - B.Com. General, School of Management Studies and Commerce has organized two days National Level workshop entitled "Financial Education for Young Citizens" on 28.10.2024 and 29.10.2024.

- The Department of CSE and ECE have jointly organized Workshop on MATLAB titled “Practical Engineering and Scientific Problem Solving with MATLAB: A Project-Based Approach” on 13th November 2024.
- The Department of Computer Science, School of Computing Sciences has organized one Workshop and one Alumni Seminar as detailed below:

    1. Magic of Computing using Python on 18.11.2024.
    2. The Metaverse: The Next Big Digital Frontier on 20.11.2024.

- The Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Vels Institute of Science Technology and Advanced Studies (VISTAS) was held on 1st December 2024.

- Shri Om Birla, Honourable Speaker, Lok Shaba, Government of India was the Chief Guest and has delivered the Convocation address, distributed the Medals and Certificates to the Rank holders at the University level.

- In this Convocation a total of 4464 Graduands received their degrees which includes 3230 UG, 1043 PG students and 185 Ph.D. scholars.

Also, the following eminent Personalities were honoured with Honoris Causa (D.Litt) Degrees:

1. Padma Bhushan Thiru. Pullela Gopichand,
   Chief National Coach-Indian Badminton Team.
2. Thiru. S.J.Suryah, Indian Actor, Director & Film Producer and
3. Thiru.CK Kumaravel, CEO & Co-Founder, Naturals Salon & Spa,

- VISTAS has celebrated Vels Success Day on 2nd December 2024. Merit Scholarship of Rs. 1.5 Crores have been awarded to the students who have secured the first three Ranks in their programmes of study and also to the students who have emerged as Toppers in the SWAYAM/NPTEL Courses during the Academic Year 2023-24.

- The Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences VISTAS has organized TNSCST-sponsored one-day awareness program on "Consequences of Cardiovascular Diseases and Preventive Measures" under the Popularization of Science Scheme on 04.12.2024

- IKS Cell, VISTAS has organized Two days online workshop on Indian Knowledge System on 09.12.2024 & 10.12.2024.

- VISTAS has got third position in the South Zone Inter University Table Tennis Tournament for men for the year 2024-25 organized by VIT, Vellore from 10.12.2024 to 14.12.2024

He has further presented before the members about the seminars/webinars/workshops conducted by the faculty members, publication of research articles, participation in seminars etc. as detailed below since the last meeting: (October 2024 to December 2024).

- 12 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by the various departments of VISTAS.

- 33 research articles were published in international and national journals and 13 books were published.

- Our faculty members have attended totally 135 Seminars/webinars and conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 41 papers were presented in workshop and conferences.

- 11 Faculty members of VISTAS have received various awards.

- Dr. N.K. Udaya Prakash, Professor, Department of Biotechnology has presented a paper titled "Combating Airborne Microbes using Nanotechnology" in an international conference held at Inti International University, Malaysia. His paper has been selected for Best Presentation Award and he has received a cash award of RM200.

- 19 projects have been submitted to the various funding agencies.

- 8 Patents were published and filed by VISTAS

- 1 Design and 2 Utility Patents were granted.

Since the last Executive Committee meeting 10 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) were signed by the following Departments:

S.No.	Department / School	No. of MOU signed
1	VISTAS	4
2	BCom (General)	1
3.	Department of Management Studies and Commerce	1
4	Computer Science – School of Computing Science (Computer Science and Department of MCA)	1
5	Department of Biomedical Engineering	1
6	Department of English – School of Languages	1
7	Placement and Training	1
	Total	**10**

With this, the Vice-Chancellor has concluded his introductory remarks and requested the members to offer their remarks.

Dr. Vijay Karunakaran-Member has appreciated the tremendous amount of positive energy from students and staff members and has also added the following remarks:

- Infrastructure, Course Curriculum are very good.
- Improvement is required in Innovation and Incubation and depth of knowledge for the students may be looked into and hands on learning may be provided to them.
- To bring in regular FDP programme with latest technology advancement.
- To bring the industry engagement to improve quality of students and staff.
- Interdisciplinary activities / engagements need to be brought in.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that target was given to each department to conduct at least one FDP per Semester. With regard to the Industry interactions, he has informed that the VISTAS is sending students to industries for the said purpose and recently the VISTAS has signed a MoU with TVS.

With regard to attending Conferences organized at the National and International level, he has mentioned that the VISTAS is providing financial assistance for students and staff for presenting their research papers.

Then the agenda items were taken for discussion.

MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 11-09-2024.

> **Resolved** that the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of Executive Council held on 11-09-2024, is **noted and approved.**

Item No. II

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the circulated item with regard to the approval of names for the conferment of Honoris Causa (DLitt) during the l5th Annual Convocation of VISTAS held on 01-12-2024.

> **Resolved** that the award of Honoris Causa (DLitt) to the eminent personalities in the l5th Annual Convocation of VISTAS held on 01-12-2024 **is noted**:

Item No. III

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 26-11-2024, for approval

> **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 26-11-2024 is **approved.**

Item No. IV

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03-12-2024 for approval.

> **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 03-12-2024 is **approved.**

Item No. V

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to conduct of End Semester Examinations during May-June 2024 for all the courses of UG/PG Programmes and consequent action taken thereon as mentioned below:

a. Publication of results of all UG / PG Programmes
b. Punishment awarded to the students indulged in malpractice in the May/June 2024 Examinations
c. Supplementary Examination conducted in August 2024 and Publication of results after valuation.
d. Ph.D. Course work papers Examination – May 2024.

Resolved that the conduct of End Semester Examinations in May-June 2024 for all the courses of UG/PG Programmes and consequent action taken thereon as mentioned below **is approved:**

a. Publication of results of all UG / PG Programmes
b. Punishment awarded to the students indulged in malpractice in the May/June 2024 Examinations
c. Supplementary Examination conducted in August 2024 and Publication of results after valuation.
d. Ph.D. Course work papers Examination – May 2024.

Item No. VI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the accreditation of A++ Grade granted by the NAAC and the scores gained in each criteria.

Resolved that the accreditation of A++ Grade granted by the NAAC to the VISTAS and the scores gained in each criteria is **noted and appreciated.**

The Pro Vice-Chancellor thanked the Management and the members of the Executive Council for their guidance and support to secure the highest Grade of NAAC.

Item No. VII

Considered the proposal of closure of 2 years B.Pharm (Practice) Non-Semester programme being offered under the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS from the academic year 2025-2026, due to decrease in admission in previous academic years and NIL admission in this academic year of 2024-2025 and to submit an application to the PCI in this regard.

Resolved that the closure of 2 years B.Pharm (Practice) Non-Semester programme being offered under the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS from the academic year 2025-2026 and to submit application to the PCI in this regard **is approved.**

Item No. VIII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the Essentiality Certificate issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu to Vels Medical College and Hospital, Unit of VISTAS (Deemed to be University) to start the following new PG Courses of MD. and M.S. Degree with the number of seats as noted against each in an established medical Institution:

Doctor of Medicine	Master of Surgery
1. M.D. (General Medicine) (04)	1. M.S. (General Surgery) (04)
2. M.D. (Pediatrics) (04)	2. M.S.(Orthopedics) (04)
1. M.D.(Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy) (04)	3. M.S.(Obstetrics & Gynecology) (04)
4. M.D. (Respiratory Medicine) (03)	4. M.S.(Otorhinolaryngology) (04)
5. M.D. (Psychiatry) (02)	5 M.S.(Ophthalmology) (02)
6. M.D. (Anesthesiology) (04)	*****
7. M.D. (Radio-diagnosis) (04)	*****
8. M.D. (Community Medicine) (03)	*****
9. M.D. (Pathology) (03)	

Resolved that the Essentiality Certificate issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu to Vels Medical College and Hospital, Unit of VISTAS (Deemed to be University) to start the following new PG Courses of MD and MS Degree with the number of seats as noted against each is **noted:**

Doctor of Medicine	Master of Surgery
1. M.D. (General Medicine) (04)	1. M.S. (General Surgery) (04)
2. M.D. (Pediatrics) (04)	2. M.S.(Orthopedics) (04)
2. M.D.(Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy) (04)	3. M.S.(Obstetrics & Gynecology) (04)
4. M.D. (Respiratory Medicine) (03)	4. M.S.(Otorhinolaryngology) (04)
5. M.D. (Psychiatry) (02)	5 M.S.(Ophthalmology) (02)
6. M.D. (Anesthesiology) (04)	*****
7. M.D. (Radio-diagnosis) (04)	*****
8. M.D. (Community Medicine) (03)	*****
9. M.D. (Pathology) (03)	

Item No. IX

Considered the report of the Registrar that an application was submitted to AICTE for granting Extension of approval for the following Programmes for the Academic year 2025-2026:

1. Engineering
2. MBA
3. MCA
4. Marine Engineering
5. ODL and OL

Resolved that the application submitted to AICTE for granting Extension of approval for the following Programmes for the Academic year 2025-2026 **is approved and ratified:**

1. Engineering
2. MBA
3. MCA
4. Marine Engineering
5. ODL and OL

Item No. X

Considered the increase in seats to 250 from the existing 150 seats of Undergraduate programme in Medicine (MBBS), being offered in Vels Medical College and Hospital (VMCH), Unit of VISTAS, from the academic year 2025-2026 and issue of Consent of Affiliation to VMCH to proceed further.

RESOLVED that the increase in seats to 250 from the existing 150 seats of Undergraduate programme in Medicine (MBBS), being offered in Vels Medical College and Hospital (VMCH), Unit of VISTAS, from the academic year 2025-2026 **is approved.**

Further Resolved that Consent of Affiliation for increasing the seats of Undergraduate programme in Medicine (MBBS) **be issued to VMCH.** The Vice-Chancellor is authorized to take up follow up action.

Item No. XI

Considered the approval and ratification for the submission of application to the AICTE for the following proposal to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026:

1. Starting of additional courses
2. Closure of Programmes
3. Reduction of intake
4. Change of Name for certain Programmes

5. Introduction of Twinning / Collaboration with Foreign University.
6. Introduction of seats for NRI for Engineering and Management Programmes
7. Introduction of supernumerary seats for OCI/Foreign Nationals/Children of Indian workers in Gulf countries for Engineering and Management Programmes

RESOLVED that the action taken for submitting the application to the AICTE for the following proposal to take effect from the academic year 2025-2026 **is approved and ratified:**

1. Starting of additional courses
2. Closure of Programmes
3. Reduction of intake
4. Change of Name for certain Programmes
5. Introduction of Twinning / Collaboration with Foreign University.
   A. Twinning - MBA General – INTI International University, Malaysia
   B. Collaboration - B.Tech. CSE (Software Product Engineering) Kalvi Career Education Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.
6. Introduction of seats for NRI for Engineering and Management Programmes
7. Introduction of supernumerary seats for OCI/Foreign Nationals/Children of Indian workers in Gulf countries for Engineering and Management Programmes

With regard to the Closure of Civil Engineering Programme, Mr. Vijay Karunakaran has opined that in view of upcoming Digital Civil Engineering, there is a big hope and demand for the Civil Engineering in coming years. He has also added that Digital Construction / Digitalised Civil Engineering will become a sought after course in future.

The Dean, Academic Courses has informed that the Programme, Civil Engineering for Working Professionals is still there.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the suggestion offered by Mr. Vijay Karunakaran will be considered on discussion with the Management of VISTAS.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor has stated that well defined R&D system is existence in VISTAS. He has added that Research Faculty has been recruited and rendering their services in VISTAS. The VISTAS is supporting for publication and Research.

With this, the Vice-Chancellor thanked the members and concluded the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 14-03-2025 at 12.00 Noon through Hybrid mode

Meeting was called to order at 12.00 noon.

Members present:

12. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS (Chairperson)
13. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Pro Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS
14. Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan, Advisor to Chancellor, VIT, Chennai
15. Dr M Ghanashyam Krishna, University of Hyderabad (UGC Nominee)
16. Thiru Vijay Karunakaran, Founder & CEO, InGage Group of Companies, Chennai.
17. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran, Dean, Academic Courses, VISTAS.
18. Dr. R.A. Kalaivani, Dean – Basic Sciences, VISTAS,
19. Dr. T. Illango, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Civil Engineering, VISTAS, Chennai-600 117.
20. Dr. S. Jeniffer Stella, Assistant Professor and Head, School of Law, VISTAS,
21. Dr. P. Saravanan, Registrar (Secretary)

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members and also thanked them for having given their consent for preponing the meeting of the Executive Council.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the members that Dr. Arthi Ganesh, Pro-Chancellor of VISTAS, was honored with a citation at Raj Bhavan's Women's Day celebration held on 07.03.2025, recognizing her contributions to education and leadership. The event was graced by Hon'ble Governor Thiru RN Ravi and he has highlighted the transformational shift from women's development to women-led development, empowering women as leaders, innovators, and key drivers of nation-building.

He also presented the following various activities carried out by faculty members of VISTAS from January 2025 to March 2025 and he congratulated the faculty members of VISTAS for their sincere efforts in carrying out the academic activities, successfully for the past 3 months:

2. School of Pharmaceutical Sciences has organized five days Webinar series in Artificial Intelligence entitled "PIONEERING A NEW ERA OF TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATIONS DRIVING WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE" from 6th January -10th January 2025.
3. The VISTAS has performed Thirukalyana Utsavam and Pooja of Thirumala Thirupathi Lord Srinivasa with Sridevi and Bhoodevi on 6th January 2025.
4. VISTAS has celebrated on the eve of Pongal Festival , the “Vels Thiruvizha 2025” function on 10.01.2025.
5. Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), VISTAS has organised a Workshop on “Challenging Injustice: Strategies to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence ” on 24.01.2025
6. The Department of CSE and International Affairs, VISTAS have jointly organized International Seminar on “AI in Industrial Revolution 4.0” on 27.1.2025.
7. School of Nursing, Vels Nursing College, Periyapalayam, has organized Symposium on “Curriculum and Planning” on 23.01.2025.
8. School of Computing Sciences, VISTAS has organized Seminar on “ Harnessing Data Science in Heterogeneous Environments: Challenges and Opportunities" on 29.01.2025
9. The Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Analysis, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS has organized Three Days e-international Conference on “Advanced Pharmacists: Designing the Future Workforce through Industry-Academia Integration” from 29.01.2025 to 31.01.2025.
10. The Department of Bioengineering, School of Engineering and Technology has organized the Workshop on " MATLAB for Life sciences: Unlocking Bioengineering Potential" in association with ARK INFOSOLUTIONS PVT. LTD., (MATHWORKS) on 30th and 31st January 2025.
11. School of Nursing Vels Nursing College, Periyapalayam has organized International Conference on “Interdisciplinary Insights: Transforming Research and Innovation into Practice” on 30.01.2025 – 01.02.2025.
12. VISTAS has organized the Vels Salute 2025, the alumni meet, on 01.02.2025

13. Department of Biotechnology, School of Sciences, has organized One- Day National Level Workshop on “Fungal Genes and Metagenomics” on 5th February, 2025

14. The School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS has organized Indo-Bangladesh International Conference on “Global Scenario of Drug Design, Discovery and Pharmaceutical Technology Development” on 08.02.2025.

15. The Department of Applied Computing and Emerging Technologies, School of Computing Sciences, VISTAS has organised Seminar on “Blockchain in Action: Real-World Applications & Case studies” on 21.02.2025.

16. The Department of Chemistry, School of Sciences, VISTAS has organised Six Days National Level Virtual Faculty Development Programme on “Interdisciplinary Approaches in Green Chemistry, Biotechnology and Environmental Engineering (GCBE 2025)” from 10.02.2025 to 15.02.2025.

17. School of Nursing, Vels Nursing College, Periyapalayam has organized Seminar on “Comprehensive care for pediatric Epilepsy: A Multidisciplinary approach” on 12.02.2025.

18. The Department of Physics, School of Sciences, VISTAS has organized Five days National Level Virtual Faculty Development Program on “Exploring Hyper-Performance Quantum Computing System with Electrochemical- Nonlinear Optical Materials through DFT approach” from 19.02.2025 to 23.02.2025

19. School of Nursing, Vels Nursing College, Periyapalayam, has organized International Seminar on “Unlocking opportunities for Nursing students World wise” on 22.02.2025.

20. School of Nursing Vels Nursing College, Periyapalayam, has organized International Workshop on “Postoperative Management for the Patient with heart and lung transplantation” on 26.02.2025.

21. The School of Education, VISTAS has organised an International Seminar on “AI for Sustainable Development Goals” on 25.02.2025.

22. The Department of Commerce (A&F), School of Arts & Humanities, VISTAS has organised Seminar on “Sustainable Development Goals – SDG 10 Reducing Inequality through Financial Inclusion and Financial Literacy” on 25th February, 2025.

23. The School of Allied Health Sciences - VISTAS, has organized SDG3 based Seminar on "PROMOTING HYGIENE FOR A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY on 25.02.2025

24. VISTAS has organized the National level Mega Cultural Event “VELS NAKSHATRA 2025, from 26th to 28th February 2025.

25. School of Nursing Vels Nursing College, Periyapalayam, has organized National Workshop on "Essentials statistics for Nursing under-graduate – A practical approach" on 26.02.2025.
26. School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, VISTAS has organized the event under the SDG Convention to achieve the SDG Goal 17 entitled "Partnerships for the Goals: Partner with Regulatory bodies and Research Institutions and Industry for Pharmaceutical Advancements "on 5th March 2025.
27. The International Women's Day was celebrated in VISTAS campus on 10th March 2025. The following personalities have been conferred with "**Vels Women Achiever Award"** on that occasion:
    1. Ms. Nigar Shaji, Project Director- Adithya L1 Mission, ISRO
    2. Ms. Khushboo Sundar, Indian Film Actress & Producer
    3. Ms. S. Rajeshwari I.P.S., Inspector General of Police, Tamilnadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board
    4. Ms. Maalica Ravikumar, Founder- Evergrowth Academy
    5. Ms. M. Khazima, World Carrom Champion
28. The Department of Advanced Computing and Analytics, School of Computing Sciences, VISTAS has organized Technical Symposium on "Tech Arena 2K25" on 12.03.2025.
29. The Department of Hindi, School of Languages, VISTAS has organized Seminar on "Effective Communication Skills in Hindi" on 12-03-2025.
30. The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, School of Engineering & Technology, VISTAS has organized Workshop on "Powering Innovation: MATLAB for Electrical Engineers" on 12.03.2025.
31. The Department of Chemistry, School of Sciences, VISTAS has organized DST - SERB, TNSCST sponsored 2nd International conference on "Emerging Nano materials in Biological, Chemical and Engineering applications (INBCEA 2025)" on 13th and 14th March 2025.

He further informed the members about the seminars/webinars/workshops conducted by the faculty members, publication of research articles, participation in seminars etc. as detailed below since the last meeting: (January 2025 to March 2025).

- 116 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by the various departments of VISTAS.
- 35 research articles were published in international and national journals and 41 books were published.

- Our faculty members have attended totally 218 Seminars/webinars and conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 66 papers were presented in workshop and conferences.
- 29 Faculty members of VISTAS have received various awards.
- 9 projects have been submitted to the various funding agencies.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan and Dr M Ghanashyam Krishna, UGC Nominee have congratulated the faculty members of VISTAS for their sincere efforts in carrying out all the academic activities.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has suggested that Administrative and Academic Audit (AAA) can be implemented to derive SWOT analysis for the entire system to assess the expansion, equity and excellence and it is important to look how much quality is achieved. He opined that this will help to add up the value and strengthen the report presented to NAAC.

The Vice-Chancellor mentioned that the AAA Committee will be constituted and reported to Executive Council.

MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 18-12-2024.

Resolved that the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of Executive Council held on 18-12-2024, is **noted and approved.**

Item No. II

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 07-02-2025, for approval.

During the deliberation, Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has sought clarification for the following:

- How students choose the programme? Whether any methodology is being followed for introducing new programmes?
- Is there any system of choosing and validating the programmes based on the employability demand ratio? How it has been arrived?

For the above queries, the Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS provides the list of Elective Subjects to the students and based on their choice, the subjects are allotted.

He has also informed that the Value Added Courses (VAC) are being conducted to enhance the employability and these courses are offered based on the demand.

For another query raised by the member, the Vice Chancellor has informed that skill based programmes are implemented

After this clarification, Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has sought a report on the students awareness on the multiple entry and exit system of the NEP to derive how many students are interested in this system.

Mr. Vijay Karunakaran, another member has given the following suggestions:

1. The VISTAS should integrate AI in to the Syllabus and to establish AI Laboratories to provide hands on experience for students across all disciplines, particularly in Non-Computer fields like Commerce, VISCOM, MBA, etc.

   The Vice-Chancellor has informed the member that the VISTAS has already taken necessary steps to introduce AI and ML for the computer related departments.

   For Non-Computer departments, the suggestions of the member will be considered wherever feasible.

2. In the VISTAS Academic Calendar, the FDP be included as a compulsory monthly activity. He also added that many industries/companies are readily available to provide hands on training to the faculty members across all disciplines and VISTAS shall make use of this opportunity.

   The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS consider the member's suggestion appropriately.

Dr M Ghanashyam Krishna, the UGC Member has sought clarification as to whether the students of Aviation and Aeronautical Science are going for internship, as per NEP.

The Vice Chancellor has informed that the VISTAS has Simulation Lab and the students use to go to airport for internship.

With regard to the introduction of AI and ML as mentioned by Mr. Vijay Karunakaran, Dr M Ghanashyam Krishna has suggested to train the faculty and send them for up-skilling in AI & ML and IIT Madras may be approached in this regard.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS has instructed the faculty members to take NPTEL / SWAYAM courses and encouraged them to attend FDPs with financial support provided by the VISTAS.

Dr M Ghanashyam Krishna has opined that sometime the quality of NPTEL / SWAYAM courses Examinations are not up to the standard. He has also mentioned that the University of Hyderabad follows the system where the examinations and valuations are conducted by the University itself, instead of relying on NPTEL / SWAYAM and suggested that VISTAS may also consider implementing a similar approach.

The Vice-Chancellor has responded that the VISTAS has the Faculty Coordinators for NPTEL / SWAYAM but not yet considered for conducting separate examinations. However the VISTAS will consider the said suggestion in future.

After this, the following resolution was passed on the Item No. II:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 07-02-2025 is **approved.**

Item No. III

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25-02-2025 for approval.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan appreciated the award of Seed grant.

He has sought clarification with regard to the outcome of the Seed grant, its Success ratio of Proposals submitted to the funding agencies and granted for the University.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the seed grant has been recently awarded and the progress of the projects will be monitored and brought to the meeting in appropriate time.

The following resolution is passed on Item No. III.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25-02-2025 is **approved.**

Item No. IV

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 29-01-2025 at 11.00 a.m. in the CARD room, Conference Hall, VISTAS for approval.

Dr M Ghanashyam Krishna has sought clarification as to whether the VISTAS is conducting any examination for Ph.D. admission.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS is conducting examination.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 29-01-2025 **is approved**.

Item No. V

Considered the report of the Registrar regarding the sanction of new projects to the following faculty members by the Government Funding Agencies, for information:

S.No.	Name with Designation and Dept.	Amount Sanctioned	Funding Agency
1	Dr.P.Shanmugasundaram, Dean, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Rs.94,89,824/-	DST, New Delhi
2	Dr.R.A.Kalaivani, Dean - Basic Sciences	Rs.1.00 Crore	DST, New Delhi

All the members congratulated the above faculty members.

Mr. Vijay Karunakaran has asked about the outcome of the project sanctioned to Dr. R.A. Kalaivani and for that the Vice-Chancellor has explained about the Hydrogen storage. Mr. Vijay Karunakaran has assured that he will facilitate any kind of support for the said project.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has asked about the details of project proposals submitted to the various funding agencies and how many were granted among them?

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that usually the data would be informed in the introductory speech itself. But since the sanction of these projects by the DST has been brought as separate agenda items the details were not mentioned.

RESOLVED that the sanction of new projects to the above faculty members by the Government Funding Agencies **is Noted and appreciated.**

Item No. VI

Considered the report of the Registrar about the 15 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) signed by various Departments of VISTAS with collaborative organizations.

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar about the 15 new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) signed by various Departments of VISTAS with collaborative organizations is **noted and appreciated.**

Item No. VII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the number of patents filed and granted since from the previous meeting i.e. on 18-12-2024.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has informed that the Patent outcome should be in terms of Transfer of Technology and the Products are to be introduced in the market.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS will consider it.

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar with regard to the number of patents filed and granted since from the previous meeting i.e. on 18-12-2024 is **noted and appreciated.**

Item No. VIII

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the letter sent to the UGC requesting to categorize the VISTAS under Category – I, as per the UGC (*Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018,* consequent to the attainment of A++ Grade by the NAAC.

RESOLVED that the report of the Registrar with regard to the letter sent to the UGC requesting to categorize the VISTAS under Category – I, as per the UGC (*Categorization of Universities (only) for Grant of Graded Autonomy) Regulations, 2018,* consequent to the attainment of A++ Grade by the NAAC is **noted.**

All the members have congratulated.

Item No. IX

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to admission related fees which includes the application, Migration, Transcript, Genuineness and Eligibility Certificates from the academic year 2025-2026.

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan has asked how the Issue of Genuineness certificate and online Verification of Genuineness Certificate are differentiated.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that if the verification requests are received through the University portal, it is treated as online verification and the one received through email / post is known as Offline Verification.

After the above deliberations, the resolution was passed on Item No. IX.

RESOLVED that the fees prescribed for the admission related matters which includes the issue of application, Migration, Transcript, Genuineness and Eligibility Certificates from the academic year 2025-2026, **is approved**.

Item No. X

Considered the approval and ratification of filling up of vacant Teaching posts arose due to increased work load and resignation of some of the faculty members in various departments, for the academic year 2025-2026.

RESOLVED that the action taken in filling up of vacant Teaching posts arose due to increased work load and resignation of some of the faculty members in various departments, for the academic year 2025-2026 **is approved and ratified**

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vice-Chancellor is authorized to conduct the interview for the remaining vacancies in Departments and the details be reported in the meeting of the Executive Council.

Item No. XI

Considered the report of the Registrar to the Executive Council about the extension of tenure of appointment in respect of the present Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan for a further period of six months from 01-03-2025 to 31-08-2025.

RESOLVED that the extension of tenure of appointment in respect of the present Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan for a further period of six months from 01-03-2025 to 31-08-2025 **is noted**.

All the members have congratulated the Vice-Chancellor.

The following members have also made the innovative suggestions for the upliftment of the Institution, as detailed below:

Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan:

As a grown up University, the VISTAS has to enhance the Industry collaborations by fostering closer partnerships. Have a technology driven incubator. Implement the principles of NEP in practice. Develop a Research park to drive innovation.

Mr.Vijay Karunakaran:

Introduce Semi-Conductor as a discipline with a separate task force to look after the Research, Course Development and Laboratory establishment in this field. Government is giving lot of incentives for the semiconductor Industry. Technology transfer should be taken as one of the important metrics. Special focus should be placed on Transfer of Technology and its commercialization.

Dr M Ghanashyam Krishna, UGC member:

For the suggestions given by the member Mr. Vijay Karunakaran related to semiconductors, Dr. M. Ghanashyam Krishnan has declared that he will assist academically.

Diversity plays a crucial role in rankings and accreditations. Hence the profile of the students admitted in the Institution need to be analyzed region-wise to ensure a balanced representation.

The VISTAS must establish standardized regulations for Ph.D Programmes. The IQAC should develop metrics to assess the quality of journals. While the latest UGC requirements do not mandate research papers for Ph.Ds, VISTAS should develop its own standards accordingly.

For the above suggestions of the members, the Vice-Chancellor replied that the VISTAS has a strong and vibrant incubation. One of our student has got about 10.00 crores for the start-up. Regarding Research Park, Ten Senior Scientists have been identified who are designated as Research Faculty and they concentrate on the research related activities. The Vice-Chancellor has further informed the members that for the paper publications the VISTAS is having a Committee to ensure the quality of the paper publications.

The Vice-Chancellor has made a request to Dr. M Ghanashyam Krishna, the UGC member to come over to the VISTAS for the Executive Council meeting and during that time, the members will have a detailed discussion on the semiconductors.

With this the Vice-Chancellor has thanked the members and concluded the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 12-06-2025 at 3.00 P.M. through Hybrid mode

Meeting was called to order at 3.00 P.M.

Members present:

1. Dr. S. Sriman Narayanan, Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS (Chairperson)
2. Dr. M. Bhaskaran, Pro Vice-Chancellor, VISTAS
3. Dr. S.P. Thiyagarajan, Advisor to Chancellor, VIT, Chennai
4. Dr. V. Ravichandiran, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University, New Delhi.
5. Thiru Vijay Karunakaran, Founder & CEO, InGage Group of Companies, Chennai.
6. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran, Dean, Academic Courses, VISTAS.
7. Dr. R.A. Kalaivani, Dean – Basic Sciences, VISTAS,
8. Dr. T. Illango, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Civil Engineering, VISTAS.
9. Dr. S. Jeniffer Stella, Assistant Professor and Head, School of Law, VISTAS,
10. Dr. P. Saravanan, Registrar (Secretary)

The Vice-Chancellor welcomed all the members.

He also presented the following various activities carried out by faculty members of VISTAS from March 2025 to May 2025 and he congratulated the faculty members of VISTAS for their sincere efforts in carrying out the academic activities, successfully for the past 3 months:

1. The Department of Chemistry, School of Basic Sciences, VISTAS has organized DST - SERB, TNSCST sponsored 2nd International conference on Emerging Nanomaterials in Biological, Chemical and Engineering applications (INBCEA 2025) on 13th and 14th March 2025.

2. VISTAS has organized Annual Sports Day 2025 on 14.03.2025.

3. Department of Advanced Computing and Analytics, School of Computing Sciences, has organized National Level Technical symposium "TECH ARENA 25" on 12.03.2025

4. Department of Commerce (Corporate Secretaryship), School of Commerce & Economics has organized the Seminar "Union Budget of India 2025 - An Overview" on 20-03-2025.

5. Department of Mechanical Engineering and Automobile Engineering, School of Engineering has organized 14th National Level symposium "COM-BUSTED 2k25 on 21.03.2025.

6. School of Law organized the 7TH Thiru. Isari Velan Memorial Moot Court Competition from 20th to 22nd March, 2025.

7. One Week International e-Faculty Development Programme organized by School of Pharmaceutical sciences, VISTAS based on theme "Integration of Sustainable Practices in Pharmaceuticals: Academia, Industry, Research and Public Health" online mode from 24th March 2025 to 28th March 2025.

8. Department of CSE, School of Engineering has organized a National level Technical Symposium "PRAVESHA 2K25" on 27.03.2025.

9. School of Management Studies, VISTAS, in collaboration with MSME-TDC, Chennai, has organized Management Development Program (MDP) on "Research Excellence for Sustainable Business" from 24th to 26th March 2025.

10. School of Agriculture has organized National Seminar on "Role of Nanotechnology in Agriculture" on 29.03.2025.

11. Department of Computer Applications (UG), School of Computing Sciences has organized Seminar on "Applications of IOT in Real Time" on 02/04/2025.

12. Department of Physics, School of Basic Sciences has organised International Webinar on "Into the quantum realm with diamonds" on 04.04.2025.

13. Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Engineering has organized International Webinar on "Research into Robotized Disassembly for Smart Remanufacturing on 04.04.2025.

14. VISTAS has organized Intra University Technical Project Expo "AVISHKAR 4.O" on 07-04-2025.

15. Department of Pharmacognosy, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, has organized two day's Workshop on "STEM CELL RESEARCH and CELL CULTURE PRACTICES" on 07.04.25.

16. Department of Management Studies, School of Management Studies, VISTAS has organised Self Help Group (SHG) - 2025 - University Bazaar on 09-04-2025 in association with Institution's Innovation Council (IIC).

17. Department of Chemistry, School of Basic Sciences, VISTAS has organized an International invited talk on "Advanced Energy Innovations: Integrating Science and Technologies for a sustainable future" on 11.04.2025.

18. The Department of Computer Applications-PG, School of Computing Sciences has organised Seminar on "The Architecture and Cloud Computing Foundations of Business Applications" on 11/04/2025.

19. Department of Chemistry, School of Basic Sciences, VISTAS has organized the International Webinar on "Electro catalytic CO_2 Reduction: Advances in Catalytic Design" on 11.04.2025.

20. Department of Tamil, School of Languages has organized "Muthamizh Vizha" on 11.04.2025.

21. Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, School of Engineering has organized seminar on "Career Opportunities after B.Tech /B.E" on 21.04.2025.

22. School of Commerce & Economics has organized the Two Days National Seminar in collaboration with THE INDIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION on INDIAN ECONOMIC PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE SDG**s** on 25th & 26th April 2025.

23. School of Life Science, Department of Bioinformatics has organized "International Conference" on MICROBIOME ANALYSIS USING AI/ NGS TOOLS & DRUG DISCOVERY REIMAGINED: THE AI PARADIGM SHIFT on 29th April 2025.

24. VISTAS Music club has organized an event of **Vels Vibes –** A stress free Music jamming session on 30th April 2025.

25. School of Physiotherapy has oraganised Five day National Level Virtual Faculty Development Program entitled "Advancing Academic Excellence through Research, IP, Mental Health & Commercialization from 05.05.2025 to 09.05.2025.

26. School of Management Studies, VISTAS has organized International Conference on **"**Business, Technology, Innovation and Sustainability - ICBTIS - 2025 on May 15 and 16, 2025.

The details of seminars /webinars/ workshop attended by the faculty members of VISTAS and publications of research articles, projects submitted by the faculty members during March 2025 to May 2025 are given below:

- 95 Seminars / Webinars / Workshops have been organized by the various departments of VISTAS.
- 115 research articles were published in international and national journals and 41 books were published.
- Our faculty members have attended totally 452 Seminars/webinars and conferences which includes international seminars/conferences and 235 papers were presented in workshop and conferences.
- 83 Faculty members of VISTAS have received various awards.
- 42 projects have been submitted to the various funding agencies.

Since last meeting 8 (Eight).new Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) were signed by the following Departments:

S.No.	Department / School	No. of MOU signed
1	Department of MBA	3
2	Department of Bio-Technology	1
3	VISTAS	4
	Total	8

With this the Vice-Chancellor has concluded his speech and invited the members to offer their remarks.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan, the External Member has appreciated the academic activities carried out by the VISTAS. He has also sought the following clarifications:

1. How many activities are funded by the External Agencies?
2. Is there any internal audit system in University which is able to provide inputs regarding academic achievements to the Vice-Chancellor and Executive Council?
3. The UGC has asked to develop Institute Development Plan (IDP). Whether Committee has been constituted to prepare the documents and if prepared the same should be approved by the Executive Council before submission to the UGC.

For that, the Vice-Chancellor has replied that funds has been received from DST, AICTE Atal for FDP and EDII, Tamil Nadu. With regard to the audit system, the Vice Chancellor has replied that VISTAS is conducting three types of Audits viz. Academic Audit by external members, monthly Class Committee meeting with students representatives to review the teaching learning and facilities and end of the year we take the students feedback.

With regard to IDP, the Vice-Chancellor replied that VISTAS is working on it and it will be placed in next meeting of the EC.

Dr. S.P.Thyagarajan has opined that the Academic Audit must be done with external experts. Bring external experts as 3rd party validation. The Vice-Chancellor has informed that the External members are involved to audit the academic and infrastructure.

Dr. S.P.Thyagarajan has asked about the implementation of NEP 2020 and its outcome. He informed that as per NEP 2020, entry and exit for Diploma programs need to be taken care, important component and capability improvement of the teachers must be ensured and recorded in the calendar of the academic year.

Dr. V. Ravichandran, has appreciated all the activities carried out by the faculties. He has suggested the following:

Research promotion meeting have to be conducted minimum of 3 in a year.
Once in 6 months, the workshop can be conducted, for syllabus updation.

He has also opined that the details of Training and Placement should be included in the Academic Calendar. The Audit report should be shared with EC.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that the VISTAS employs outsiders to train the students.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor who is also the Dean Academic Research has replied that once in 3 months, the VISTAS is organizing Research promotion meetings. He added that Research colloquium is happening and going on regularly.

The Vice-Chancellor has stated that the VISTAS will take care of all the suggestions given by the members.

After this, the agenda items were taken for discussion.

MINUTES

Item No. I

Considered the action taken report on the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 14-03-2025, for approval.

Resolved that the action taken on the minutes of the meeting of Executive Council held on 14-03-2025, is **noted and approved.**

Item No. II

Considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30-04-2025 for approval.

With regard to the Item No.5, Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has opined that for introducing the new curriculum (Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning) we need to have well trained faculty.

He has also sought the following clarifications:

- What is the norms followed by the University?
- Do VISTAS have any faculty from abroad or any support system?
- Make programme very attractive.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that to handle AI and ML we encourage our faculty to attend related FDP and NPTEL.

He added that when recruiting new faculty, we see whether they have that kind of exposure. There is no faculty from abroad for the present.

Dr. V. Ravichandran has sought clarification about the duration of B.Sc.(Hons.) and B.C.A.(Hons.) Programmes and the Vice-Chancellor has replied the duration is four years.

He has opined to depute the faculty for the Training conducted by IIT/NIT so that they will enrich their knowledge in computer based subjects.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that the VISTAS is encouraging our faculty to attend the training and also they are motivated to conduct and attend FDP regularly.

After the deliberations, the following resolution was made on Item No. II:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Council held on 30-04-2025 is **approved.**

Item No. III

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee dated 13-05-2025 for approval.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13-05-2025 is **approved.**

Item No. IV

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) held on 14-05-2025, for approval.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has suggested that manual for the functioning of IQAC be prepared and in every Executive Council meeting, IQAC agenda be placed.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Centre for Internal Quality Assurance (CIQA) held on 14-05-2025 is **approved.**

Item No. V

Considered the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 12-05-2025, for approval.

Dr. V. Ravichandran has opined that the Research Scholars should publish papers at least in Q2 and make it mandatory. Scopus associated Q1, Q2 and Q3 ranking publications are to be maintained.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has informed that the quality paper publication is essential for NAAC accreditation and NIRF ranking. The IQAC has to prepare the list of journals for Q1 publications.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that currently minimum 2 Scopus indexed papers are mandatory. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor has informed that 2 papers at the time of synopsis submission are mandatory. He added that from January 2025, 3 publications are made as

mandatory. Publications are verified by SciVal and IQAC. The Pro Vice-Chancellor has informed to the Research Supervisors to ensure the quality publication.

Dr. S.P.Thyagarajan has opined that quality of publication will help NIRF ranking and it will speak out about University. He added that making Q1 mandatory is the best option. He has also suggested that IQAC has to guide the students and faculty to search for Q1 journals.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS will work on it.

After the deliberation, the following resolution was passed on the Item No. V.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Research Studies (BORS) held on 12-05-2025 **is approved**.

Item No. VI

Considered the report of the Registrar about the UGC expert team visit in connection with the grant of approval for the VISTAS Off Campus Centre at Velan Nagar, Periyapalayam Road, Manjankaranai Village, Uthukottai Taluk, Thiruvallur District.

RESOLVED that the UGC expert team visit in connection with the grant of approval for the VISTAS Off Campus Centre at Velan Nagar, Periyapalayam Road, Manjankaranai Village, Uthukottai Taluk, Thiruvallur District **is noted.**

Item No. VII

Considered the approval and ratification of filling up of remaining vacant Teaching posts in various departments after conducting Interview, for the academic year 2025-2026.

Dr. V. Ravichandran, has suggested that the minimum of 5 Post-Doctoral Fellow may be appointed to enrich the research practice and after couple of years they can be given appointment as Assistant Professors.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that this can be considered based on the feasibility and the VISTAS will try for it.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has opined that the High Qualified faculty members must be considered otherwise the University efforts cannot be fulfilled. We should not compromise

in terms of qualification of individuals, recruit the quality people Research is equally important for the faculty and they have to do.

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that the VISTAS consider only the quality people in recruitments

Thiru Vijay Karunakaran has informed that one of the challenges in faculty is lack of exposure in industries / lack of usage of tools. He has opined that if possible hire faculty and put them in internship in industries for few months.

The Vice –Chancellor has informed that we are recruiting Professor of Practice from Industry.

After this deliberation, the following resolution was passed on the item No. VII:

RESOLVED that the filling up of remaining vacant Teaching posts in various departments after conducting Interview, for the academic year 2025-2026, **is approved and ratified.**

Item No. VIII

Considered the approval of offering various programmes under the faculty of Commerce, Computing Sciences, Aviation and Management Studies at VISTAS Hi-tech Campus, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai.

Thiru Vijay Karunakaran has asked who will look after the faculty recruitment, infrastructure, Research activity and collaboration with foreign University and Industry. Since it is called as Hi-tech Campus, positive thought process is necessary and this campus should be unique in Chennai.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that the VISTAS is looking for faculty from outside India.

Thiru Vijay Karunakaran has asked who is looked for recruitment process. How the advertisement for faculty recruitment will be made?

The Vice-Chancellor has replied that advertisement is made in LinkedIn and Human Resource department will take care of recruitment.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has advised not to go with minimum standards, advertise internationally.

Dr. Vijay Karunakaran has suggested to have some road shows in abroad and invite the local people by showcasing our strength to get good potential candidates.

After this deliberations, the following resolution was passed on item No. VIII:

RESOLVED that offering various programmes under the faculty of Commerce, Computing Sciences, Aviation and Management Studies at VISTAS Hitech Campus, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai is approved**.**

Item No. IX

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the sanction of different projects to the following four faculty members of VISTAS by the Funding Agency - Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute **(EDII)**, Govt. of Tamil Nadu under the 'Innovation Voucher Program", with the total grant as noted against each, for information:

S.No.	Name with Designation and Dept.	Total grant
1	Dr. A.K. Kathireshan, Director, School of Life Sciences	Rs. 2,00,000/-
2	Ms. A. Vijayalakshmi, Professor, Pharmacognosy	Rs. 2,00,000/-
3	Ms. M. Mohamed Zerein Fathima, Assistant Professor, Pharmaceutical Chemistry & Analysis	Rs. 2,00,000/-
4	Ms. M. Komala, Professor, Pharmaceutics	Rs. 2,50,000/-

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has opined that instead of getting projects worth of 2.00 lakhs, the VISTAS as a University, should attract the Grants in crores. There are several opportunities and funding agencies to attract in crores. The VISTAS has to train the faculties to draw mega proposal and group of experts have to mentor them to achieve the target. Niti Ayog projects are available for 100 croes.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that the grants received for the above four projects is in three months since from the last meeting and previously the faculty of VISTAS has received the project grant for l.00 crore and it was informed in the last meeting.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor has informed the members that the EDII is very particular in short term projects.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed the members that the VISTAS will motivate the PIs to work on it.

After this deliberations, the following resolution was passed on item No. IX:

RESOLVED that the projects sanctioned to the above four faculty members of VISTAS by the Funding Agency - Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute **(EDII)**, Govt. of Tamil Nadu under the 'Innovation Voucher Program", with the total grant as noted against each, is **noted.**

Item No. X

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the number of patents filed since the previous meeting i.e. on 14-03-2025, for approval.

The Members have opined that the Design Patent is one of the serious concern during the NAAC and the VISTAS has to concentrate more on Utility Patents.

RESOLVED that the patents filed by the faculty members, since the previous meeting i.e. on 14-03-2025, is **noted**.

Item No. XI

Considered the report of the Registrar with regard to the letter received from the UGC with regard to prefixing 'Dr.' before the name of the student while issuing the Degree Certificate to the Pharm D and Pharm.-D (Post Baccalaureate) Degree qualified students.

RESOLVED that **'Dr.'** can be used before their names after receiving the Degree Certificates by the Pharm D and Pharm D (PB) students.

Item No. XII

Considered the approval of introducing the following programmes through the ODL and OL under CDOE of VISTAS from the Calendar year 2026:

1. OL Mode: BCA / BCA (Hons), MCA and M.Sc. Data Analytics
2. ODL mode M.Sc. Yoga, M.A. Astrology (Tamil Medium)

RESOLVED that introducing the following programmes through the ODL and OL under CDOE of VISTAS from the Calendar year 2026 **is approved**:

1. OL Mode: BCA / BCA (Hons), MCA and M.Sc. Data Analytics
2. ODL mode M.Sc. Yoga, M.A. Astrology (Tamil Medium)

Item No. XIII

Considered the approval to offer the following UG and PG Programmes in Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy at VMCH, VISTAS - Periyapalayam Campus from the academic year 2025-2026:

S.No.	Name of the Programme		S.No.	Name of the Programme	
Physiotherapy			**Occupational Therapy**		
1	UG	B.P.T.	1	UG	B.O.T.
2	PG	MPT (Orthopedics)	2	PG	M.O.T. (Pediatrics)
3	PG	MPT (Neurology)	3	PG	M.O.T. (Neurology)
4	PG	MPT (Cardio Respiratory Diseases)	4	PG	M.O.T. (Orthopedics)
5	PG	MPT (Sports)	5	PG	M.O.T. (Psychiatry)
6	PG	MPT (Obstetrics and Gynecology)			

RESOLVED that offering the above UG and PG Programmes in Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy at VMCH, VISTAS - Periyapalayam Campus from the academic year 2025-2026 is **approved**.

Item No. XIV

Considered the names of Indian and Foreign Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor from among the panel of examiners submitted by the respective Department for evaluation of Ph.D. theses for the 132 candidates in various disciplines as on 05-06-2025, for approval.

RESOLVED that the names of Indian and Foreign Examiners appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for evaluation of Ph.D. theses for the 132 candidates in various disciplines as on 05-06-2025 is **approved**

Item No. XV

Considered the list of names of 131 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of Viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 17-12-2024 to 30-05-2025 for approval.

RESOLVED that the list of names of 131 qualified candidates for award of Ph.D. Degree in various disciplines from their date of Viva-voce examinations held in various dates during the period from 17-12-2024 to 30-05-2025 is **approved**

Item No. XVI

Considered the report of the Registrar regarding the letter received from Managing Trustee, VISTAS Trust about the Transfer of Management of Dr. MGR Janaki College of Arts and Science for Women to VISTAS Trust with effect from 1st May 2025.

Dr. S.P. Thyagarajan has appreciated the decision. He has also sought that in what way it comes under VISTAS ambit and also opined that procedure has to be followed to run another campus.

The Vice-Chancellor has informed that as per UGC (Deemed to be University) Regulations 2023, University can have different campus within the limit.

RESOLVED that the Transfer of Management of Dr. MGR Janaki College of Arts and Science for Women to VISTAS Trust with effect from 1st May 2025 is **noted and congratulations to the VISTAS Trust.**

In concluding remarks, the members have opined that the role of IQAC is the crucial for maintaining and enhancing the standards of teaching, learning, research, and overall institutional performance. Therefore the members have suggested to conduct meetings at regular intervals and place the minutes of the meeting in every meeting of the Executive Council. The IQAC has mainly look into the following factors among others:

- Manual for IQAC
- Academic Audit
- Research:- Journals, Citation, Impact factor, H-Index etc.

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