9th GOVERNING BODY

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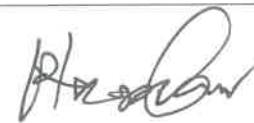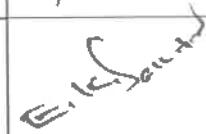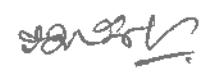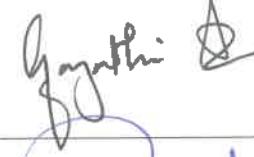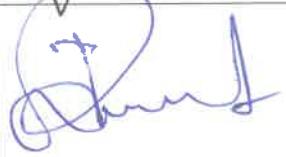
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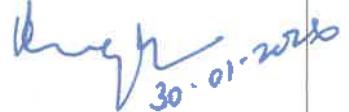
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Members Present:

S. No	Name of the member	Category	Signature
1.	Dr. K. P. Ramasamy Chairman, KPRIET	Chairman	
2.	Sri. K. P. D. Sigamani Managing Director, KPRIET	Member from Management	
3.	Sri. P. Nataraj Managing Director, KPRIET	Member from Management	
4.	Sri. C. R. Anandakrishnan Executive Director, KPRIET	Member from Management	
5.	Sri. E. K. Sakthivel Executive Director, KPRIET	Member from Management	
6.	Dr. A. M. Natarajan Chief Executive, KPRIET	Member from Management	
7	Ms. Gayathri Anandakrishnan, Secretary, KPRIET	Industrialist Nominated by Management	
8	Mr. V. Udaya Sankar Director - Government Relations NASSCOM Chennai	Academician nominated by the Management	

9.	Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai Indian scientist President, Project management Associates, India Adjunct professor at IIT Madars	Academician nominated by the Management	—
10.	Dr. K. Srinivasa Reddy Professor Department of Mechanical Engineering IIT Madars, Chennai	Academician nominated by the Management	ONLINE
11.	Dr. K. Latha Professor Electrical and Electronics Engineering CEG Campus, Guindy Anna University, Chennai	Anna University Nominee	ONLINE
12.	Dr. A. Balamurugan Registrar, KPRIET	Senior Administrative Staff	*(signature)* 30.01.2026
13.	Dr. R. Maheswar Head – Centre for Research and Development (CFRD)	Senior Faculty of the Institution	*(signature)* 30/1/26
14.	Dr. M. A. Manikandan Director - KPR International Center	Senior Faculty of the Institution	*(signature)* 30/1/26.
15.	Dr. R. Devi Priya Principal	Member Secretary	*(signature)* 30/1/26

WELCOME NOTE BY THE CHAIR

❖ The Chairman, Dr. K. P. Ramasamy welcomed all the members to the 9th Governing Body Meeting and extended his greetings to everyone

❖ The Chairman of the Governing Body then invited the Principal to present the 9th Governing Body Report.

PART A

1. Confirmation of the previous meeting minutes

The Governing Body members confirmed the minutes of the 8th meeting held on 7th February, 2025.

2. Action Taken Report

S. No.	Actions taken on minutes of the 8th Governing Body Meeting
1	**Suggested an increase in the stipend for Ph.D. scholars** **Action Taken:** The stipend structure for Ph.D. scholars has been revised and categorized into two levels as given below: Category II is applicable to scholars opting for research in futuristic and high-impact areas, such as:

Category	Monthly Stipend₹	Duration	Publication Requirement
Category I	20,000	3 Years	2 SCI + 2 Scopus
Category II	40,000	3 Years	3 SCI + 1 Scopus

- Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning / Deep Learning
- Quantum Computing
- Cybersecurity
- Blockchain
- 6G / 7G Wireless Technologies
- Carbon Capture and Utilization
- Advanced Semiconductors
- Hydrogen Fuel Cell Technologies
- Drug Design
- New Product Development leading to Technology Transfer / Commercialization

2	**Recommended that faculty members undertake training in emerging areas.** **Action Taken:** • AICTE QIP – PG Certificate Programme in Emerging Areas of Engineering – 20 faculty members • AI for Modern Engineering - UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Coimbatore Institute of Technology – 3 Faculty Members

3	**Recommended encouraging students and faculty to conduct case studies on the institution to identify potential problem statements and suggest solutions through team-based activities.**
	
	Students and faculty members collaboratively identified **four key institutional problem areas** and developed solution-oriented projects, as detailed below:
	
	1. **AI-Based Autonomous Outdoor Cleaning Robot for KPR Campus**
	    o **Problem Identified:** High manpower requirement and inefficiency in maintaining outdoor campus cleanliness
	    o **Solution Developed:** An AI-enabled autonomous cleaning robot using computer vision, sensor fusion, and SLAM-based navigation to automate debris collection and reduce manual effort
	2. **AQUABOT – Pond Cleaning Robot**
	    o **Problem Identified:** Manual and unsafe cleaning of campus ponds and water bodies
	    o **Solution Developed:** A remote-controlled floating robot with dual thrusters and a debris suction system for efficient and eco-friendly pond maintenance
	3. **Script2Screen Creations – Food Waste Awareness and Management Startup**
	    o **Problem Identified:** Food wastage during campus events, hostels, and canteen operations
	    o **Solution Developed:** A student-driven startup model focusing on food waste awareness, surplus food redistribution through NGOs, and composting of unavoidable waste
	4. **Virtual Tour for KPRIET Campus**
	    o **Problem Identified:** Limited digital engagement and accessibility for prospective students and stakeholders.
	    o **Solution Developed:** A 360° virtual campus tour integrated with Google Street View and VR to enhance outreach, visibility and institutional branding.

Proposed that outstanding contributions by faculty members be presented in the next meetings for recognition and knowledge sharing.

Action Taken:

The following faculty members presented their key achievements, recognitions, and impact to the Governing Body. The members appreciated their contributions and offered the following observations and suggestions:

- The members proposed strengthening the startup ecosystem at KPRIET under faculty mentorship and encouraged active student participation to promote innovation and entrepreneurial skills
- The members advised exploring collaborative research opportunities with international institutions, including Cornell, to enhance research quality and impact. It was noted that initial discussions with the suggested organization are already in progress
- The members discussed student involvement in product development, patent publications, and the marketing status of developed products, and emphasized the need to enhance student participation

Faculty members who presented their contributions:

1. Dr. S. Arivazhagan, Associate Professor / ME
2. Faculty members recognized among the **Top 2% Scientists** are:
   - Dr. R. Maheswar
   - Dr. D. Balaji
   - Dr. E. Ranjith Kumar
   - Dr. D. Vigneswaran
   - Dr. A. K. Priya
3. Dr. K. Navamani, Associate Professor / Physics
4. Dr. S. Parthiban, Professor / Physics
5. Dr. T. Daniel Thangadurai T., Professor / Chemistry

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5. Branding Efforts

Action Taken:

Social Media Event Branding
Pre-event Promotions:

- All flagship institutional and departmental events are promoted through posters, teaser videos and short promotional videos
- Paid or sponsored events are promoted through targeted digital advertising campaigns on relevant social media platforms to reach specific audience segments
- Event information is consistently published across official social media handles to maintain uniform messaging and brand identity

During the Event:

- Flagship events are streamed live on official YouTube and Instagram channels to enhance visibility and audience participation
- Real-time coverage is ensured through spot reels, short videos and live updates to maximize engagement and online traction
- Key moments, highlights, and speaker interactions are captured and shared instantly to sustain audience interest throughout the event

Post-event Promotions:

- High-quality photographs, along with concise and informative event summaries, are shared across social media platforms
- One-minute highlight reels and professionally edited videos are published on video platforms to extend the event's digital footprint
- Photo collages and event highlights are archived and displayed on the official institute website for documentation and reference

Social Media Followers (as of Dec 2025)

	LinkedIn	YouTube	Instagram	Facebook	Threads*	WhatsApp Channel*	X*
Current Followers	31,885	16,204	20,098	19,132	2,283	1,088	749

*Started in 2024

Followers

Platform	Dec 2023	June 2024	Dec 2024	Dec 2025
LinkedIn	15,000	18,887	21,627	31,885
YouTube	8,976	9,668	12,973	16,204
Instagram	4,800	6,406	13,601	20,098
Facebook	7,193	7,356	17,041	19,132

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PART B

1. General

1.1. Important communications received from UGC, AICTE, NAAC, NBA, Anna University and DoTE

Important communications received from UGC, AICTE, NAAC, NBA, Anna University and DoTE were presented. The Principal explained the status of these communications and the members noted.

1.2 Meetings conducted by the Statutory Bodies

The details of Board of Studies meetings, Academic Council meeting, and Result Passing Board Meetings and Finance Committee Meeting were presented and the members ratified and approved.

1.3 Existing Courses, Variation in Intake and New Courses

A proposal for increase in intake in the existing programmes and introducing additional programmes for the academic year 2026-2027 was presented.

Members reviewed and approved the following:

Increase in Intake (from AY 2026–2027)

1. B.E. – Computer Science and Engineering: Increase from 300 to 480
2. B.E. – Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber Security): Increase from 60 to 120
3. B.E. – Electronics and Communication Engineering: Increase from 240 to 360

New Programmes (from AY 2026–2027)

1. B.E. – Electronics Engineering (VLSI Design and Technology): Intake 60
2. M.E. – Embedded Systems: Intake 18

1.4 Ranking, Accreditation and Awards

The Governing Body Members noted and appreciated the efforts taken by KPRIET to achieve various rankings & awards.

1.5 Signature Events

A brief detail about the signature events conducted was presented and members noted.

1.6 Facilities, Infrastructure, and Special Laboratories Established

Governing Body Members noted and appreciated the Facilities, Infrastructure and special Laboratories Established after the 8th GBM.

2. Student Affairs

2.1. Admission details and Students on Roll

The admission details during AY 2025-2026 and students on roll were explained to the members and the members noted.

2.2. Scholarship Details

The Institute and Government scholarship details were presented and members noted the same.

2.3. Semester Examinations Results

The Governing Body Members noted the results of April/May 2025 and November / December 2025 examinations.

2.4. Students' Awards and Achievements

The 626 achievements in co-curricular and 223 in extracurricular activities of the students were appreciated by the members.

2.5. Career Development Activities

The details of students' placement, recruiters, highest salary, average salary, etc. for the 2021 – 25 Batch were presented and noted by the members.

2.6. Additional Credit Courses

The additional credit courses offered to the students for AY 2024- 2025 - Even semester and AY 2025- 2026 - Odd semester were explained and the members appreciated.

2.7. Programs Organized

There were 544 programs organized from Jan 2025 to Dec 2025 and the members appreciated the efforts taken by the Institution.

2.8. Alumni Activities

The alumni activities were presented and the members noted and highlighted the importance of alumni network.

2.9. NSS / UBA Activities

NSS / UBA activities were noted by the members.

3. Faculty Affairs

3.1. Appointment of Principal

Appointment of Dr. R. Devi Priya as Principal was ratified and approved. The members congratulated and wished her all success.

3.2 Appointments made during the Academic Year 2024–2025 (Even) and 2025–2026 (Odd)

Appointments made during the Academic Year 2024–2025 (Even) and 2025–2026 (Odd) were ratified and approved

3.3. List of Staff Members relieved during the Academic Year 2024-2025 (Even) 2025 -2026 (Odd)

Principal presented the list of staff members relieved during the Academic Year 2024-2025 (Even) 2025 -2026 (Odd) and members noted and approved.

3.4. Faculty Development Activities

The postdoc opportunities for faculty members with sabbatical leave and Faculty completed Ph.D. (Jan 2025 to Dec 2025) were noted and appreciated by the members.

3.5. Faculty Awards and Achievements

The Principal presented the awards and achievements of the faculty members and the same were noted by the members.

4. Research and Development

4.1. Publication Details

A total of 613 article publications, 86 patent publications during the period from January to December 2025 by the faculty members were noted and appreciated.

4.2. Funding Secured

₹ 99 lakhs of Research funding and 29.9 Lakhs for organizing events during the period from January to December 2025 received were noted.

4.3. Consultancy & Testing

Through Consultancy & Testing activities a sum of ₹ 49.45 lakhs was generated during the period from January to December 2025 and the members noted.

4.4. Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Activities

The list of activities carried out by the CIIED were noted by the members.

<p style="text-align:center">**5. Industry Connect**</p>

5.1. Industry – Institute Partnership Cell Activities

The Principal indicated that 1002 students & 91 faculty members have undertaken Winter (24-25) industry internships and 1040 students & 133 faculty during Summer (24-25) and the members noted.

5.2. MoUs signed and in Progress

The details of MoUs signed and the details of active MoUs were presented to the members and the members noted.

5.3. International University Collaborations and Visits

The members appreciated the collaboration with 40 international universities. The members noted that 38 professors from international universities visited the institution during the period from January 2025 to December 2025. The members also noted that 15 students received research internships and that faculty members visited abroad for conferences and research internships during the same period.

6. Best Practices

Best practices followed in our institute were presented by the Principal and the members noted the same.

7. Income and Expenditure Statement 2024-2025

Income & Expenditure details for the Financial Year 2024 – 2025 were approved by the members and the Budget for the financial year 2025 – 2026 was presented and the members noted.

8. Progress of KPRIET – Strategic Plan

The strategic plan target and attainment during the academic year (2024-2025) were presented, reviewed, ratified, and approved by the members.

9. Any other matters

Appreciations/Suggestions/Comments Given by The Governing Body Members.

- Dr. K. Latha recommended presenting a detailed report on student benefits derived from product development initiatives, including funds generated, infrastructure created, and student utilization. She also suggested including details of funded student projects in the next meeting.
- Mr. V. Udhay Sankar emphasized showcasing how institutional achievements positively impact student development and outcomes.

- Ms. Gayatri Ananthakrishnan, suggested including a student ambassador in future Governing Body meetings to present student achievements and experiences.
- Mr. V. Udhay Sankar congratulated the institution on its placement progress. He recommended organizing hackathons for school students to showcase institutional achievements, strengthen branding, and attract prospective students, especially from Kerala.
- Mr. V. Udhay Sankar advised fostering a business-oriented mindset among both students and faculty to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship.
- The members emphasized strengthening experiential learning practices to enhance practical skills, industry readiness, and individual student development.
- The members suggested presenting a status report on CSR funding initiatives and outcomes in future Governing Body meetings. He also recommended focusing on CSR industry-supported startup scholarships.
- Members suggested presenting data on students who have completed foreign language courses and free online courses such as Coursera and NASSCOM Future Skills in the next meeting.
- Dr. K. Latha suggested presenting details of industry experts invited to the institution and enquired about industry-offered courses. The Principal clarified that these details were already included in the presentation.
- Dr. K. Latha enquired about the inclusion of Capstone Projects in the curriculum. The principal stated that they are currently included in the 7th and 8th semesters. Dr. K. Latha recommended introducing Capstone Projects from the 5th semester onwards.
- The members recommended increasing the institution's focus on activities aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

CHAIRMAN