

KONGUNADU ARTS AND SCIENCE COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
COIMBATORE - 641 029

34th GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON 10.05.2025

The Thirty Fourth Meeting of the Governing Body of the Kongunadu Arts and Science College was held on 10.05.2025 at 11.00 a.m.

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram, Chairperson of the Governing Body, Kongunadu Arts and Science College chaired the meeting.

The following Members were present in the meeting:

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| 1. Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram | - Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. C. A. Vasuki | - Member |
| 3. Dr. O. N. Paramasivan | - " |
| 4. Sri. P. Haridasji (online) | - " |
| 5. Thiru. K.M.Pambanan | - " |
| 6. Tmt. Indubala Elangovan | - " |
| 7. Dr. Thavamani D. Palaniswami | - " |
| 8. Dr. P. S. Mohan | - " |
| 9. Dr. V. Sangeetha | - Member Secretary |
| 10. Dr. A. Kavitha | - Member |
| 11. Dr. M. Revathi Bala | - " |
| 12. Tmy. P. Deivanayaki | - " |

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED:

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| 1. Dr. K. Srinivasan | - University Representative |
| 2. Dr. Dr. K. Balachandran | - Member |



Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram, chaired the Meeting and extended a warm welcome to the Members of the Governing Body who were present for the meeting and to Shri.P.Haridasji, the Senior Member who was present online for the meeting.

ITEM 1: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE THIRTY THIRD GOVERNING BODY MEETING

In the absence of any clarification / comments received from the members, recording of the minutes of the Thirty Third Meeting of the Governing Body held on 11.11.2024 and communicated to the members on 10.12.2024 was confirmed and recorded.

ITEM 2: ACTION TAKEN ON THE SUGGESTIONS PROPOSED BY THE MEMBERS

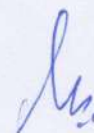
The Members perused the details and recorded the same.

ITEM 3: ACADEMIC PROCEEDINGS

i) DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

When the members deliberated on the introduction of new course, viz., B.Com in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the academic year 2025-2026 onwards, Dr.Thavamani D. Palaniswami, the Member asked whether there is a need for getting Equivalence certificate for this course for the students to pursue PG program. For this, the Secretary informed that TANSICHE syllabus has been adopted in the ensuing academic year and the Equivalence will be obtained for all the sub-stream of Commerce Courses. Dr.Thavamani D. Palaniswami, the Member further suggested to add more inputs through value added courses to bridge the gap between the TANSICHE syllabus and existing one through implementing the career oriented industrial skill/knowledge on commerce. She advised the faculty members to spend extra hours with the students to impart the required skills for their employment.

At this juncture, the Secretary brought to the notice of the members that the online course 'COURSERA' will be introduced and made compulsory for the Self Financing students for their upskilling and reskilling in which the staff members will be the Mentors and the students can earn 'Extra credits'. Dr. Thavamani D. Palaniswami, the Member asked the level of awareness of



COURSERA among the students. For this, Dr. M. Revathi Bala, the Teacher Member replied that the values of COURSERA will be highlighted among the staff members and students through departmental meetings. Dr. Thavamani D. Palaniswami, the member further suggested to collect the additional fees at the initial stages of self finance admission itself. The Secretary accepted this suggestion.

(ii) ADMISSION TO UG & PG PROGRAMMES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

Er. Thiru. Somasundaram, the Chairperson observed that the admission in the year 2024-2025 was:

Aided :	UG : 51%	PG : 60%
Unaided	UG : 76%	PG : 45%

The Chairperson asked the reason for the low admission percentage in Unaided PG programme. The Secretary of the College, Dr.C.A.Vasuki and Dr.Thavamani D. Palaniswami, Member stated that students do not opt for pursuing their higher studies – PG in Science courses, Mathematics and also English.

The Secretary also said that the nomenclature of the courses have to be changed by mentioning A.I. and Computer Applications (CA) to attract the students to choose them. Also she mentioned that the Teachers in Schools must create interest for the students in Science, Mathematics and English Literature subjects.

Dr.Thavamani D. Palaniswami agreed to the above fact and said courses have to be computer oriented as the present students are not willing to take any course without computer subjects/applications.

(iii) EXAMINATION RESULTS, NOVEMBER 2024:

The Members perused the details and noted. They also congratulated the departments who have excelled in securing 100% Result. They also advised that few departments which lag behind with less percentage can improve the results in the ensuing semesters by applying relevant remedial measures.

(iv) STUDENTS INDUCTION PROGRAMME (SIP) 2024

The Members perused the details, noted and recorded the same.

(v) VISIT OF ACADEMIC AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Chairperson, Er.Thiru.Somasundaram recollected that during the previous meeting, the performance of few departments (Computer Science & IT) has been reported 'poor' by the Academic Audit Committee and enquired whether those departments have improved. Dr. M. Revathi Bala, the Member said that departmental staff meetings had been conducted and action plan for improvement had been drawn up and those departments have improved their performance.

The Chairperson while appreciating the departments which were good in their performance in the current report, also informed that the departments which lag must improve their standards hereafter. The Secretary advised the Principal to follow up on the same. The Secretary also informed the Members that the Department of Commerce strives for continuous improvement year after year.

Dr. Thavamani D. Palaniswami, the Member advised to focus on industry-academic partnership. She also expressed with concern that the skills imparted to the students in the classrooms are not adequate; in addition, Tie ups/Links with the Industries need to be organized, lectures by experts invited from industries may be arranged and the industry based skills/knowledge have to be taught to the students to make them potential when seeking employment. At the same time, department-wise Faculty Development Programmes, viz., Computer Science, IT, Commerce, etc. for teachers should also to be organized to equip themselves in the current scenario.

(vi) MEETINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

Dr. M. Revathi Bala, the member informed that as suggested in the previous meeting of the IQAC, remedial classes were taken for the classes with less pass percentage to help the students to improve their studies.

While discussing about the Research publications as per the suggestion of the IQAC Members, she further said, it has been planned to publish the articles in Scopus journals instead of UGC care list. Dr.Thavamani D. Palaniswami, member stated that it will take one solid year to publish such journals, for which Dr. M. Revathi Bala informed that the duration for free journals only is one year and paid journals can be released immediately at a short time.

Sri.P.Haridasji, the Senior member congratulated the Teaching faculty concerned for their research contributions.

(vii) ICT ACADEMY ACTIVITIES

The Members perused the details and appreciated Dr. L. Kathirvel Kumaran, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of CSDA and ICT Academy Coordinator for getting the **BEST Coordinator 2024 Award** for his outstanding performance and also for getting the **Special recognition Award** for his leadership during the **Learnathon 2023**.

The Members noted about the receipt of Seven Awards by the Institution at 57th Edition ICT Academy Bridge 2024 entitled on "The Global Skill Capital" (A High Impact Industry Institute Interactions Event) held on 20.08.2024 and presented by R. Kannan IAS, Managing Director, Electronics Corporations of Tamil Nadu. The Members appreciated the Faculty members who have been instrumental in getting the same.

MongoDB Academic Summit 2024

The Members noted and appreciated the Institution for having been honoured with an award from **MongoDB for Providing Exceptional Guidance** and Support to Student and Institution Partners during the Success 2024 initiative. They also appreciated Dr.L.Kathirvel Kumaran for having been recognized as the MongoDB Academic Summit Distinguished Mentor 2024.

(viii) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

The Members perused the details and appreciated on various International and National Level MoUs signed by the College. They also suggested to achieve fruitful outcomes out of the same.

(ix) SWAYAM / MOOCs

It was informed to the Members that SWAYAM has been made mandatory and hence the students are encouraged to clear the courses within the stipulated time.

(x) Professional Courses

The Members perused the details and congratulated the students who have cleared the Foundation and Inter-mediate layers of C.A. and C.M.A. professional courses.

ITEM 4: ACCOLADES AND RECOGNITION RECEIVED

(i) India Rankings 2024 (NIRF)

All the Members of the Governing Body congratulated the Management and the Faculty for their contribution for securing 52nd Rank.

(ii) KASC - Institution Innovation Council (IIC) 2024

It was informed to the Members that the points secured during the last year was 3.0 out of 5 and during this year, it has increased to 3.5 out of 5 due to more activities organised by IIC of the College. Sri.P.Haridasji, the Senior Member and all the other members congratulated the members of IIC for the same.

(iii) ACHIEVEMENTS BY THE STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS:

The Principal of the College was much delighted to inform the Members that **Dr.C.A.Vasuki, Secretary and Director** of our college was conferred with the most coveted 'Women Top 50 Global Award' under the main category of transformative leadership for her exemplary contribution in leadership, education and research. She was selected from among the nominations received from 29 countries, after 5 rounds of rigorous judging. The award was presented to her at the 14th Professional and Career Women Global Award **Ceremony 2024** held at Kualalumpur, Malaysia on **07.11.2024**. All the members placed on record their appreciation on this conferment of prestigious Award to her.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS:

The members congratulated Dr.C. Ravichandran, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Dr.K.Sowndhararajan, Assistant Professor of Botany and Dr.V.D.Nithya, Assistant Professor of Physics for having been recognized by Stanford University's list of the World's Top 2% of the Most - Cited Scientists in Single Year Citation impact 2024.

The members also congratulated **Dr. J. Anitha**, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Biochemistry (PG and Research) for receiving the fellowship with the honour as a INSA visiting scientist for the year 2024 at the National Centre for Nano Science and Nano Technology, University of Madras, Chennai.

The members further appreciated all the Awardees of various Departments for their note worthy contribution to the society.

STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS:

The members appreciated the students who have bagged prizes and awards in various co-curricular and extra- curricular activities/events/competitions.

ITEM 5: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

(i) GRANTS RECEIVED FROM UGC AND OTHER FUNDING GENCIES:

The Members perused the details and congratulated Dr.K.Muthukumar for having received a sum of Rs. 21,99,450 under SPARC Project.

(ii) RESEARCH PROJECTS ONGOING

The Members noted and recorded the details.

(iii) RESEARCH PROJECTS APPLIED

The Members noted and recorded the details.

(iv) PATENTS GRANTED AND PUBLISHED

The Members appreciated Dr.R.Saravanamoorthy for his international level patent and Mrs.N.Paviyasre and Ms.N.Deepa for their national level patents.

(v) PUBLICATION DETAILS & COLLEGE h – INDEX

The Secretary informed the members that the number of citations and publications has increased in this year and in turn, h-index score has also gone up.

(vi) Research Scholar Meeting and Research Committee Meeting

The Secretary said that the requirements of the Research Scholars and Research Committee have been carefully addressed and the Deep Freezer facility has also been created in common Instrumentation Lab for the use of all the Science department scholars. Further advised the Principal to inform the Scholars to properly utilize the facilities.

(vii) Research Collaboration and Outcomes

The Members noted the details of the Research Collaborations along with the outcomes and recorded the same.

(viii) Research Activities (June 2024 - November 2024)

The increasing number of publications and citations were highly appreciated by the Members.

ITEM 6: INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(i) KASC I Hub: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

ii) KASC Tech – Hub: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(iii) Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDII) Activities: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(iv) YUVA YI Activities: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(v) KASC – IIC Activities: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

ITEM 7: STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

(i) STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(ii) NATIONAL DIGITAL LIBRARY (NDLI) ACTIVITIES: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(iii) CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(iv) EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(v) FEE WAIVER: The members noted the details of fee waiver given for 220 Economically weak students to pursue their education.

(vi) SCHOLARSHIPS:

The members noted that 8 Research scholars have received scholarships from various National level funding agencies to the tune of Rs.15,94,620 for pursuing their Ph.D.

(vii) PUDHUMAI PENN SCHEME: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(viii) TAMIL PUTHALVAN SCHEME: The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(ix) KASC CIVIL SERVICE ASPIRANTS CLUB (KASC – CSAC): The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(x) PLACEMENT CELL ACTIVITIES

In the placement drive, 21 companies were participated and 558 students were placed with good salary package ranging from Rs. 1.8 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs per annum offered by Rinex Technologies Private Ltd., Corizo Edutech and Onwords Recruitment Team.

The Chairperson opined that Department wise and Company wise details of placement may be given to deeply explore the placement requirements to the students.

Dr. C. A. Vasuki, Secretary encouraged the Department of Chemistry and the Department of Physics to offer 'Metallurgy' and 'Semi-conductor' as PG Diploma programmes respectively to grab the special placement opportunities in the industry side.

ITEM 8: STAFF SUPPORT SYSTEMS

(i) Resignation and Recruitment of the Teaching Staff & Present Staff Position

The Chairperson advised to add the qualification details of the newly recruited staff members so as to know about their teaching quality.

(ii) Faculty Development Programme (FDP) Organized

The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

(iii) Feed Back Analysis of Teaching Learning

The details were perused and recorded by the Members.

ITEM 9: INFRASTRUCTURE CREATED

(i) Additional Class Rooms construction under process

The details were noted by the members. Dr.Thavamani D. Palaniswami, member stated that flow of water inside the Sewage Treatment Plant must be ensured during the vacation time to prevent the growth of bacteria. Dr. O. N. Paramasivan, Member agreed to monitor the sewage plant. Dr. C.A. Vasuki, Secretary stated that recycling water can be used for gardening and other purposes.

ITEM 10: OTHER ACTIVITIES AT COLLEGE/DEPARTMENT LEVEL

(i) Activities under DBT Star College Scheme (June 2024 - November 2024)

Secretary Dr. C. A. Vasuki, Secretary and Director encouraged to utilize the schematic benefits of DBT Star College. She also advised to focus on admission of students which is very essential requirement to continuously avail the benefits of the scheme. Dr. V. Sangeetha, Principal consented for taking necessary steps to retain the schematic benefits.

(ii) International Conferences / Seminars/ Symposiums / Workshops Organized

The members noted that 1194 participants benefited out of 8 International Seminars / Symposiums/ Workshops organized by various departments.

(iii) National Conferences / Seminars/Symposiums / Workshops Organized

The members came to know that 3174 participants benefited out of 9 National Seminars / Symposiums/ Workshops organized by various departments.

(iv) Departmental Activities (June 2024 – November 2024)

The members noted that totally 124 department activities were conducted during the period of June 2024 to November 2024.

ITEM 11: EXTENSION AND OUTREACH, COMMUNITY SERVICES

(i) ACTIVITIES CENTRE FOR TRIBAL STUDIES AND WELFARE

The members noted that the centre for Tribal Studies and Welfare had conducted a special event in a tribal village to promote Interdisciplinary engagement and bridge the gap between Science and Culture. This centre has extended its services to introduce the Basic applications of Computer to the school Children in Sholur Kokkal Tribal village School of Ooty.

(ii) ACTIVITIES OF CENTRE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & TRANS-INCLUSION

The members noted the support and services of the college to encourage the higher education among the Third gender people (TG). Fee concession to TG students

and Research scholars and job opportunities provided in both teaching and non-teaching category for people was highly appreciated by the members.

ITEM 12: ANY OTHER

Dr.Thavamani D. Palaniswami, member advised to start online registration for utilizing the services of psychological counseling centre of the college which will enable to fix the appointments and resolve the psychological problems of the students.

The Chairperson, Er.Thiru.Somasundaram enquired why the Founder's Day has not yet been celebrated in the College. The Secretary stated that Founder's Day is being celebrated in the College on every Saraswathi Pooja Day as Re-dedication Day to the Founders. The idea of establishment of the College was conceived on this auspicious day and further the Institution was established.

The Chairperson and Dr.P.S.Mohan, the member opined that academic events, cultural events, inter-collegiate competitions etc., must be conducted in the memory of the Founder in order to recognize the yeoman service and dedication of the Founder in the growth of our institution in other occasion.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. M. Revathi Bala, the member. She thanked the all the members for their valuable suggestions and guidance for the growth of the institution. Then, the meeting was ended successfully.



MEMBER SECRETARY/PRINCIPAL



CHAIRMAN
