

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

**MINUTES OF 35th GOVERNING BODY MEETING
HELD ON 20.09.2025**

The Thirty Fifth Meeting of the Governing Body of the Kongunadu Arts and Science College was held on 20.09.2025 at 11.00 a.m.

Er. Thiru. R. Somasundaram, Chairperson of the Kongunadu Arts and Science College Governing Body 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. Shri. P. Haridasji (online) | - " |
| 5. Tmt. Indubala Elangovan | - " |
| 6. Dr. K. Balachandran | - " |
| 7. Dr. P. S. Mohan | - " |
| 8. Dr. V. Sangeetha | - Member Secretary |
| 9. Dr. A. Kavitha | - Member |
| 10. Dr. M. Revathi Bala | - " |
| 11. Tmy. P. Deivanayaki | - " |

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED:

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| 1. Thiru. K.M.Pambanan | - Member |
| 2. Dr. Thavamani D. Palaniswami | - " |
| 3. Dr. K. Srinivasan | - University Representative |

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 Counsel who was present online for the meeting.



The Chairperson informed the Members due to certain unavoidable reasons the above three members were not able to be present for the meeting and asked the Secretary of the College to take up the Agenda Items for discussions.

I. CONFIRMATION OF RECORDING OF THE MINUTES OF THE THIRTY FOURTH GOVERNING BODY MEETING

In the absence of any clarification / comments received from the members, the recording of the minutes of the Thirty Fourth Meeting of the Governing Body held on 10.05.2025 and communicated to the members on 03.06.2025, was confirmed and recorded.

II. ACTION TAKEN ON THE SUGGESTIONS PROPOSED BY THE MEMBERS

While perusing the details, Dr. K. Balachandran, the Member said that TANSCHES syllabus has been withdrawn and presently the TANSCHES have sent a circular to the effect that the Colleges are permitted to frame their own Syllabus. Dr. K. Balachandran informed the Secretary to get a copy of that circular and to follow the guidelines therein. The Secretary said skill developing Coursera Courses have been made mandatory for Self Finance students which will help them to earn extra credits and the HODs of the Aided Courses have been advised to get the consent of the interested students to undertake the Coursera courses by paying a fee of Rs.3,000/- per student. As most of the Aided students are the beneficiaries of the State Government funded Schemes like Tamil Pudalvan and Pudumai Pen, these students may be encouraged to undertake Coursera courses which in turn will equip them while seeking job opportunities.

Dr. Revathi Bala, the Member informed that both the students and the staff members are pursuing the courses under the coursera platform and most of them got their certificates for the completed courses. The Members noted the other details of Action taken for the suggestions given in 34th GBM and recorded the same.

III. ACADEMIC PROCEEDINGS

(i) Meeting of the Board of Studies and Academic Council

All the Departments made revisions / modification to the syllabi to suit the current requirements of the industry and potential stake holders. The Members noted and recorded the details.

(ii) Examination Results, April 2025

The Members while perusing the Examination Results of April 2025, observed that the pass percentage in Ist BSc Chemistry was found low with 50%. The Principal- cum-HOD of Chemistry explained to the members that questions were set out of the syllabi for which the Members suggested that an effective Scrutiny Committee may be reconstituted to avoid mistakes in the questions set.

The Members further observed with concern that there is 0% Results in 2nd Semester of MA English Literature and asked the reason for the same. The Principal said that the Examinations were conducted through online for which the Chairperson suggested to change the pattern of Examinations to be conducted offline for that particular Course.

The Members conveyed their appreciation for the Departments which have secured 100% Results.

(iii) Meetings and Recommendations of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The Principal stated that the IQAC meeting was conducted on 06.05.2025. The Action Taken Report on the suggestions given in the said meeting was presented before the Members. The Members perused and recorded the details.

(iv) ICT Academy Activities

The Members noted the ICT Academy sponsored two academic events and recorded the same.

(v) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The Members noted the details of Four MOUs signed during the period from December 2024 to March 2025 with the positive outcomes and recorded the same.

(vi) SWAYAM / MOOCs

The Principal informed the Members that one Faculty member and 38 students have successfully completed the courses under SWAYAM / MOOCs platform between the months of January 2025 and April 2025. The Secretary of the College asked Dr.Kavitha, the Member and HOD of Computer Science (Aided) to motivate more number of students to undertake the Swayam/Mooc courses to develop their skills by making it mandatory in the forthcoming Academic Years.

IV. ACCOLADES AND RECOGNITION RECEIVED

(i) India Rankings 2025 (NIRF)

The Principal informed the Members about the recent NIRF Ranking announced for the Arts and Science Colleges category. The Chairperson asked the Principal to give a brief note on the parameters/criteria wise data uploaded by our College in the NIRF website. The Principal listed out the reasons for the low scores in the NIRF Ranking viz., low percentage of PG Admissions, mis-match faculty student ratio as per the norms, retirement of experienced faculty and recruitment of less experienced Faculty. The Chairperson and the other Members found that out of 100% passed out students, the placement details have been furnished only for 77.73% and asked the Principal about the status of 22.27% students which has not been included in the Data. The Secretary and the Principal stated that the students would have become self-employed and entrepreneurs for which the Chairperson advised that information may be sought from those students and the data can be matched to 100%. The Secretary thanked the Chairperson for this valuable suggestion and instructed the Principal to follow it up.

Dr. K. Balachandran, the Member wanted a clarification as to whether the Intake strength or the sanctioned strength data needs to be mentioned for NIRF Ranking in order to aim more scores. The Chairperson, the Secretary, Dr.O.N.Paramasivan and Dr.P.S.Mohan, the Members also seconded. The Chairperson also stated that a meeting will be convened with them for further discussion and to take final decision in this regard.

The Chairperson concluded the deliberation stating that the consultation of an External Expert may be obtained to strengthen the weak parameters/criteria and further develop the existing strong parameters/criteria while applying for NIRF Ranking in future before submission of the same to NIRF. The Chairperson and the other Members expressed that they are of the belief that the Institution would strive to achieve back the good Ranking in the succeeding years.

(ii) KASC-Institution Innovation Council (IIC) 2025

The Principal informed the Members that the combined first and second IIC Council meeting was conducted on 3rd January 2025 to discuss the organization of Quarter I and II activities for Semester I under IIC 7.0 (AY 2024–2025). The report of the same was uploaded on the IIC portal in the first week of March 2025. The Members noted and recorded the same.

(iii) Achievements by students and Faculty Members

The Chairperson and the other Members congratulated the Teaching faculty who are the recipients of the Awards for their dedicated efforts. They also placed on record their appreciation for the students who won various prizes for their excellence in the academic events and for their achievements in sports events.

(iv) Student and Faculty Exchange Programmes

The Members acknowledged and appreciated the Teaching Faculty, who had the opportunity to gain knowledge and expertise from Teesside University, United Kingdom, the Research Scholar from Tamkang University, Taiwan and the Students who had been to Nilgiris under the Scheme of 'Student and Faculty Exchange Programmes'.

(v) Department Rankings

The Members placed on record their appreciation to the Faculty Members of the following departments who have excelled in their academic performance and advised the Teaching Faculty to keep up the good work in the ensuing years too:

- ❖ Best UG Department: Commerce IT
- ❖ Best PG Department: Zoology
- ❖ Best Research Department: Mathematics (A)
- ❖ Best Overall Department: Mathematics (A)
- ❖ Best Department in Academic Performance: Commerce
- ❖ Overall Tamil Literary Award: Physics

V. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

(i) Grants received from UGC and Other Funding Agencies

The details of Grants received from ICSSR, Central Institute of Classical Tamil and CSIR as appended were perused and noted for records.

(ii) Research Projects Completed

The Members noted that one Major and three Minor Projects with a total outlay of Rs.28,45,000/- granted by MSME, ICSSR and UGC-DAE have been completed and recorded the same.



(iii) Research Projects Ongoing

The Members noted that 03 Major Projects with the total grant of Rs.51,79,000/- and one Special Grant for Women to the tune of Rs.22,00,000/- under Major category are ongoing and recorded the same.

(iv) Research Projects Applied

The Members appreciated the concerned Faculty of the departments of Mathematics, Life Sciences, Tamil and Biotechnology for applying for Major Research Projects and wished them to succeed in getting the same.

(v) Patents Granted and Published

The Principal informed the Members that 01 patent has been granted and 02 Patents have been published during the even semester of the Academic year 2024- 2025.

The Chairperson asked whether the published Patents have been commercialized. The Principal replied that there was no commercialized Patent. The Chairperson asked the Principal to receive a report from the faculty members concerned about the Product development for commercial purposes and told that the possible support from the Management will be provided. The Principal assured the Chairperson that the report will be obtained from the Staff concerned at the earliest. The Principal also stated that the Patents are open for the companies to make use of the same and to reach the society.

(vi) Publication Details and College h – index

The Members were informed about the status of h-index in the Scopus database which stood at 69. The Members appreciated and recorded the details.

(vii) Research Collaborations and Outcomes

The Members placed on record their appreciation to the Teaching Faculty of the Departments of Mathematics, Botany, Zoology, Biochemistry (UG) and Chemistry (PG) for making Research Collaborations at State, National and International levels. The Chairperson acknowledged and appreciated the outcomes of the same.

(viii) Research activities

The Members perused the details of Research activities of the staff members during the period from December 2024 to May 2025. The Secretary happily informed the Members that the College is strong in Research activities and gets full score in the NIRF under this criteria.

VI. INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

(i) KASC I Hub

The Members noted that in the events, 'Idea Pitching Fest 2025', 100 students were benefitted and in 'Funding Opportunities for Startup ideas', 60 students were benefitted and recorded the same.

(ii) KASC Tech – Hub

The Principal informed the Members that Software development on "Entry Level Mapping" was designed to automate the collection and analysis of psychological data.

(iii) EDII Activities

The details of activities of the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII) were perused and noted by the Members.

(iv) Yuva-AI Activities

The details of the Yuva-AI activities were perused and noted by the Members.

(v) KASC IIC Activities

The Principal informed the Members that the KASC IIC conducted 18 programmes under Calendar and Celebration activities and 4 programmes under Ministry of Innovation Council (MIC) which were noted and recorded by the Members.

VII. STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

(i) National Digital Library (NDLI) Activities

The activities of NDLI club during the even semester (December 2024 – May 2025) were noted and recorded by the Members.

(ii) Co-Curricular Activities

While perusing the details, the Members noted the participation of our NCC students in RDC Launch camps, BLC Launch camps, Special camps of NCC and the activities of NSS, YRC, RRC, Sports, Eco club and Women Empowerment Cell and recorded the same.

(iii) Extra Curricular Activities

While perusing the details, the Members acknowledged and appreciated 100 students who were beneficiaries of Civil Services Aspirants Club. The Members also acknowledged and recorded the activities of other Clubs.

(iv) Fee Waiver

The Members appreciated the Management for generously supporting 188 economically weaker students to pursue their education by waiving the tuition fee to the tune of Rs. 18,18,850/-.

(v) Scholarships & Medals

The principal reported that the State and Central Governments sanctioned and released a sum of Rs. Rs. 11,83,740/- as scholarships to 89 students. Further, the College Management, Philanthropist and well-wishers of our College generously contributed a sum of Rs. 1,95,500/ to encourage the economically backward and academically proficient students for their research activities. In the college day celebrations, about 470 mementoes were awarded to the best research scholars, UG and PG Students and the best/high performing students in Co-curricular and Extracurricular activities along with Certificates of appreciation to the First Rank holders of each class for their academic performance during the year 2024-2025. The members noted and recorded the details.

(vi) Pudhumai Penn Scheme

The principal reported that 225 girl students were benefitted by receiving an amount of Rs.1000/- per month for pursuing higher studies under the Pudhumai Penn Scheme. The members noted the details.

vii) Tamil Pudhalvan Scheme

The principal reported that 349 boy students were benefitted by receiving an amount of Rs.1000/- per month for pursuing higher studies under the Tamil Puthalvan Scheme. The members recorded the same.

(viii) Placement Cell Activities

The principal specified that a total of 48 companies conducted placement drives and recruited 482 students with the highest salary package of Rs. 6,53,000/- The members noted and recorded the details.

VIII. STAFF SUPPORT SYSTEMS

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

The Secretary stated that the experienced teaching staff in unaided stream have the tendency to resign and opt for higher salary packages in other colleges which had created an adverse impact on the NIRF results of the college. The members noted the same with concern. The chairperson suggested that qualification of newly recruited staff members may be furnished in the data from the next Governing Body meeting onwards.

(ii) Faculty Development Programme (FDP) Organized

The members noted the details of three FDPs conducted during the period between December 2024 and May 2025.

(iii) Cash Incentive Scheme

The College Management has encouraged the members of staff members for their academic and research contribution by granting cash incentives to the total amount of Rs.4,14,325/- during the college day celebration for the academic year 2024-2025. The members recorded the same.

(iv) Feed Back Analysis of Teaching Learning

On scrutiny of the feed back analysis, while appreciating the staff members with high scores, the members suggested to take up the remedial action either to motivate the staff with less scores or to train them to improve their teaching practices for fetching good results.

IX. OTHER ACTIVITIES AT COLLEGE / DEPARTMENT LEVEL

(i) Activities under DBT Star College Scheme (December 2024 – May 2025)

The members appreciated the faculty members of the Departments of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science for conducting 47 activities under DBT Star College Scheme.

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

The members noted the details of 06 International Conferences / Seminars/ Symposiums / Workshops organized by the Departments of Botany, Tamil Unaided, English

(PG), Bio-technology, Computer Science Unaided and Prof. Aruchami Research Foundation of the college and appreciated the faculty who organized the same.

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

The members noted the details of 14 National Conferences / Seminars/ Symposiums / Workshops organized by the Departments of Zoology, Wild Life Biology, Tamil (UA), Bio-chem (UG), Maths (UA), Bio-chem (PG), Clinical and Nutrition, Computer Science (UA) , Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Commerce, Commerce (CA), Commerce (PA) and Commerce (IT) and appreciated the faculty who organized the same.

(iv) Departmental Activities (December 2024 – May 2025)

The members noted the activities conducted by the various departments of the college and placed on record their appreciation to the faculty members who organized the same.

(v) Second International Conference on Socioeconomic Impact of Pollution in Water Bodies and Remedial Measures (ICPWRM-2025)

The Principal informed the member that as a Part of “Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration” (SPARC), Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India organized the Second International Conference on Socioeconomic Impact of Pollution in Water Bodies and Remedial Measures (ICPWRM-2025) in our college in collaboration with “Teesside University, United Kingdom”, “Tamil Nadu Agricultural University”, Coimbatore, India and Dr. M. Aruchami Research Foundation from 06.01.2025 to 07.01.2025. The members noted the details and recorded the same.

(vi) College Day Celebration 2025

The College Day was celebrated at Kongunadu Arts and Science College (Autonomous) on Friday, 28.02.2025. Dr. Nachiketa Tiwari Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering IIT, Kanpur was the Chief Guest of the occasion and delivered the college day address. The members noted the same.

(vii) Sports Day Celebration

The Sports Day of the college was held on 27.02.2025. The Chief Guest, Dr. K. Rajendran, an Indian Tennis Ball Cricketer, Former National Athlete, and Director of Sports (Deputation

from Annamalai University), Government Arts and Science College, Aravakuruchi, Karur District, delivered the Sports Day Address. The members noted the same.

(viii) 17th Graduation Day Ceremony

The 17th Graduation Day Ceremony was held on 12.01.2025. Dr. R. Seetharaman, Former CEO in Doha Bank, Independent Board Member in L&T finance Limited, Member of Board of convenors in Shri Sharda Institute of Indian Management has distributed the degree certificates to the UG, PG rank holders and young graduates. A total of 1244 students have been graduated in the Graduation Day. The members noted the details.

X. EXTENSION AND OUTREACH, COMMUNITY SERVICES

(i) Activities Centre for Tribal Studies and Welfare

The Principal reported that The Centre for Tribal Studies and Welfare of the college has conducted Speech, poetry and traditional competition for Kothar Tribal Students in association with Nehru Yuvakendra. Further, this centre has conducted three programmes in association with NSS, Computer Science and Bio technology departments of the colleges in the tribal villages viz., Sholour Kokal, Ullikal and Sengalpudur for promoting tribal welfare. The members noted the details and appreciated the fee concessions extended for 9 tribal students of our college.

ii. Activities of Centre for Equal Opportunity & Trans-Inclusion

The Management generously provided fee concession for the transgender students and research scholars and employed Transgenders in the teaching and non-teaching categories. The members highly appreciated the care and support provided by the management to TG folk.

XI. ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

i. Alumni Meet

The Kongunadu Arts and Science College Alumni Association organized an alumni meet on 12.01.2025 and 1224 alumnus participated in the meet. The members noted the details. The Chairperson suggested that the Alumni conclave may be conducted for the fruitful interactions between the alumnus and the students. In the Forenoon session of the conclave, the general meeting with usual agenda may be conducted. The Afternoon of the conclave may be handed over to alumnus to educate final year students to become self-employed, entrepreneurs, professionals, industrialists and acquire other key career positions.

ii. Contribution from Alumni

The members noted that a sum of Rs.29,684 /- has been raised by KASC Alumni Association and recorded the details.

XII. ANY OTHER

(i) Appointment of Vice-Principal

The Secretary placed before the Members of the Governing Body the following letters :

(1) the letter dated 29.05.2025 submitted by the Principal of the College proposing and nominating Dr.S.Nagaraja, Associate Professor & Head of the Department of English (Aided) to the position of Vice Principal of the College as per UGC Regulations, to the Governing Body; and

(2) the proceedings of the Secretary dated 31.05.2025 appointing Dr.S.Nagaraja, Associate Professor & Head of the Department of English (Aided) as Vice-Principal of the College with effect from the Afternoon of 31.05.2025 to assist the Principal in the academic and administrative activities and in the absence of the Principal, to act as Principal in-charge for the smooth functioning of the day to day academic and administrative functions in accordance with Clause 4.0. Sub Clause VI of the UGC Regulations 2018.

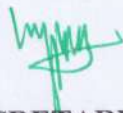
The Secretary requested the Members to ratify the appointment.

The Members after due deliberations deemed it quite appropriate to appoint the Vice-Principal in order to enable smooth functioning of the academic and administrative affairs in the Institution and ratified the said appointment.

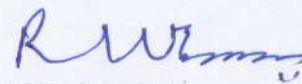
(ii) External Expert Consultation for submission of data / details to NIRF

Before conclusion of the Meeting, the Chairperson once again emphasized that an External Expert / Private consultant may be engaged for thorough scrutiny/ analysis/ Internal evaluation of the data and details before the final submission so as to secure Top Ranks in NIRF in the ensuing years.

With the vote of thanks, the meeting was concluded.



MEMBER SECRETARY / PRINCIPAL



CHAIRMAN