

**Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Governing Body held on 1st October 2025
at 10:30 a.m. in the College Seminar Hall**

Members Present

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| 1. Shri Prasad Lolayekar(IAS) | : | Chairperson |
| Secretary Education | | |
| 2. Shri. Bhushan Savaikar | : | Member |
| Director of Higher education | | |
| 3. Ms. Nayan Shanbhag | : | Member |
| Head Clerk | | |
| 4. Dr. Maria Fatima Dsouza | : | Member |
| HOD, Commerce | | |
| 5. Dr. Elizabeth Henriques | : | Member |
| HOD, Economics | | |
| 6. Prof. F. M. Nadaf | : | Member Secretary |
| Officiating Principal | | |

(The attendance sheet is enclosed separately.)

Opening Remarks

The Chairperson, Shri Prasad Lolayekar (IAS), Secretary (Education), welcomed all the members present and appreciated their continued support in strengthening the governance and academic growth of the Autonomous College.

Item No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Second Meeting

The minutes of the Second Meeting of the Governing Body held on 30th April 2025 were placed before the members for consideration. After due deliberations, the members confirmed the minutes.

Resolution:

Resolved that the minutes of the Second Meeting of the Governing Body held on 30th April 2025 are hereby confirmed.

Item No. 2: Commencement of New Programmes for the Academic Year 2026-27

The Member Secretary informed the Governing Body that, based on the suggestions made during the Third Meeting, the College proposes to introduce the following new academic programmes from the academic year 2026-27:

- B.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence
- B.Sc. in Cyber Security
- B.Sc. in Luxury Brand and Retail Management (Self Finance)
- B.A. in Entrepreneurship and Innovations
- B. Com in Family Business and Entrepreneurship
- M.A. in Geographical Information System and Remote Sensing
- M.A. in Language Technology and Computational Linguistics
- M.Sc. in Applied Computational Linguistics

The Governing Body discussed the relevance, feasibility, and market orientation of the proposed programmes and appreciated the initiative taken by the College to diversify its academic offerings in line with emerging trends.

Resolution:

Resolved that the Governing Body approves the introduction of the above-mentioned academic programmes from the academic year 2026–27, subject to necessary approvals from the Directorate of Higher Education.

Item No. 3: Fee Structure

The Principal brought to the notice of the Governing Body that the College is currently charging fees for Undergraduate programmes at par with affiliated colleges and University-prescribed fees for Postgraduate programmes.

Further, the Principal informed the house that, with regard to the proposed B.Sc. in Luxury Brand and Retail Management, Mr. Dhaval Gandhi has indicated that the annual fee for the programme may be higher than what we are charging, considering it as a specialised and self-financed programme.

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He suggested the constitution of a dedicated Fee Committee for the Autonomous College to examine and recommend an appropriate fee structure for such programmes. The Governing Body deliberated on the matter and agreed with the suggestion.

Resolution:

Resolved that a Fee Committee be constituted to recommend a suitable fee structure for self-financed and other programmes of the Autonomous College, including the proposed B.Sc. in Luxury Brand and Retail Management, in accordance with applicable norms and guidelines.

Item No. 4: Status of Construction of New Building

The Principal informed the Governing Body that the construction work of the new academic building is progressing satisfactorily. He further stated that regular monitoring of the work is being undertaken.

It was informed that, as per the GSIDC Consultant, the construction of the new College building is expected to be completed by January 2026.
The Governing Body took note of the progress.

Resolution:

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Item No. 5: Any Other Business (AOB)

During the discussion, Shri Bhushan Savaikar, Director of Higher Education, sought information regarding the likely response of students to the newly proposed programmes.

The Principal expressed confidence that the programmes would receive a positive response from students. He further informed that the College plans to undertake an intensive outreach and marketing strategy, including promotion through social media platforms and direct interaction with students by visiting various colleges.

The Governing Body appreciated the proactive approach.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



Prof. F. M. Nadaf
Member Secretary
Governing Body



Shri Prasad Lolayekar (IAS)
(Chairperson)
Governing Body