







**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body of this College held on  
Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 10.30 a.m.**

Venue: The Legend, Imperial Hall, KPRIET (Hybrid)

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81512122751?pwd=MHZRcVJpQ0Q0M2NvN3AySHNFVXV4Zz09>

**Members Present:**

No.	Name of the Member	Category	Signature
1	Shri. K. P. D. SIGAMANI	.. Managing Director, KPR Charities	
2	Dr. A. M. NATARAJAN, Chief Executive, KPRIET	.. Member from Management	
3	Dr. S. GOPI, Assistant Director (Planning) Directorate of Technical Education, Chennai	.. State Government Nominee	
4	Dr. M. A. BHAGYAVENI, Professor, Dept. of Electronics and Communication Engineering, CEG Campus, Anna University, Chennai	.. Anna University Nominee	
5	Dr. A. SIVATHANU PILLAI, Indian scientist, President, Project Management Associates, India Adjunct Professor at IIT- Madras	.. Academician nominated by the Management	
6	Mr. UDAYA SANKAR, National Lead – Industry Academia Connect NASSCOM	.. Academician nominated by the Management	

7	Dr. K. SRINIVASA REDDY, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IITM, Chennai	..	Academician nominated by the Management	Online
8	Dr. A. BALAMURUGAN, Registrar & Director, CFAC, KPRIET	..	Senior Faculty of the Institution	
9	Dr. M. KATHIRVELU, Director, Planning and Development KPRIET	..	Senior Faculty of the Institution	
10	Dr. M. RAMASAMY Principal	..	Member Secretary	

The following members of the Governing Body expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to other pre occupations

1	Dr. K. P. RAMASAMY, Chairman, KPR Charities	..	Chairman
2	Shri. P. NATARAJ Managing Director, KPR Charities	..	Member from Management
3	Shri. C. R. ANANDAKRISHNAN Executive Director, KPR Charities	..	Member from Management
4	Shri. E. K. SAKTHIVEL Executive Director, KPR Charities	..	Member from Management
5	Ms. AKHILA RAJESHWAR, Executive Director at TiE Chennai		Academician nominated by the Management
6	Dr. K. GANESH, Associate Partner, Senior Knowledge Expert and Global Lead, Centre of Competence at McKinsey and Company, Chennai	..	Industry Expert nominated by the Management

## WELCOME NOTE BY THE CHAIR

- ❖ Shri. K.P.D. Sigamani, Managing Director, KPR Charities, chaired and welcomed all the members to the 6<sup>th</sup> Governing body meeting and extended greetings to everyone.
- ❖ The Principal invited the members and with due request from the Principal, the members introduced themselves and shared their greetings mutually.

### PART A

#### 1. Confirmation of the previous minutes and matters arising

- The Governing Body Members confirmed the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

#### 2. Action taken Report

No.	Actions taken on minutes of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting
1	<p><b>Suggested to Identify the ways and means to improve PG admissions</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Decided to provide a stipend of Rs. 12,400 /- to all meritorious students with first class to attract more PG admissions.</li><li>▪ M.E VLSI Design is offered as an industry supported course in collaboration with Tessolve Semiconductors, Bangaluru.</li></ul>
2	<p><b>Suggested to promote skill development activities to students for core placements</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Core training modules have been developed, with training scheduled to commence from the second year of study.</li><li>▪ Value added courses and one credit courses are offered in association with the industry.</li><li>▪ L&amp;T EduTech Courses have been offered and 3477 students have secured certifications in 19 courses.</li><li>▪ NASSCOM Courses have been offered and 1004 students have obtained certificates.</li><li>▪ 831 Students have received Coursera certifications.</li></ul>

3	<p><b>Suggested to organize student led round table conference with industries to develop better partnership to achieve the goals</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Round Table Discussion on Understanding Corporate Culture” was conducted on 25.02.2023. The panel included distinguished speakers namely Ms. Gayathri R Krishnan, Campus Head and Hexaware Mr. Santhosh T Karthick, HR Manager, CES.</li> <li>▪ 50 students participated and the discussion served as a remarkable platform for students to gain valuable insights into the practices and intricacies of the corporate world.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Mr. Udaya Sankar suggested to include happiness club</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A team of psychologists, Mr. Babu Rangarajan and Ms. Roja Ramani take care of mental health problems and address the issues. The Class and section wise time table for the interaction of students with the psychologists is maintained and followed. Further, counselling sessions can be booked through the Combined Admin Panel at the convenience of both the staff and students.</li> <li>▪ Starting from the AY (2023-2024), mental health club will be renamed as Mental Health and Happiness Club. The club will conduct activities related to the happiness of all students, faculty members and staff.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Suggested to strengthen CoE towards startup and product development</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Four startup ideas have been shortlisted out of which two are from Electronics and Communication Engineering and the other two are from Civil Engineering. It is planned to start in the month of September 2023.</li> <li>▪ The ideas include IoT – kits, battery charger, Social media branding and Building plan service provision.</li> <li>▪ Ten projects were shortlisted from the Innovsense 2023 project competition event held during April 2023 and a seed money of Rs. 1.5 Lakhs is provided for further developments.</li> </ul>

6	<p><b>Recommended that all facilities in the institute must be made available in the website and social media especially in LinkedIn to promote testing and consultancy services</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The facilities have been made available in the website and resulted in improved consultancy activities.  <a href="https://kpriet.ac.in/research/facilities">https://kpriet.ac.in/research/facilities</a>            Linkedin : <a href="https://www.linkedin.com/school/kprietonline/">linkedin.com/school/kprietonline/</a></li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai suggested to include financial plan in addition to the strategic plan, and the Principal assured to present the same in the next meeting</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Five-year financial plan is under preparation.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Suggested that if a target is achieved in the strategic plan, the target can be revised and the same can be periodically reviewed</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Strategic plan target for the academic year 2023 – 2024 has been revised based on the review of the progress in the academic year 2022-2023.</li> <li>▪ The strategic plan review meeting is convened regularly by the Principal on every third Thursday of the month. The Directors have been assigned the parameters and the assignee shall present the progress for review, discussions and suggestions.</li> </ul>
9	<p><b>In each programme, AI based verticals can be included</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The courses related to Artificial Intelligence are offered as Professional Electives to the students of all UG programmes in Regulations 2021.</li> </ul>
10	<p><b>To add gamification in learning</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gamification in learning has been practiced as an activity based learning in a few courses during even semester of AY (2022-2023).            U21CH404 – Process Heat Transfer            U19ME503 - Fundamentals of Automation            U21EC402 - Digital Communication</li> </ul>

11	<p><b>“Go and See” model shall promote the institution</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A team of faculty members visited international Universities in Germany and Saudi Arabia during May, 2023.</li> <li>▪ A group of faculty members visited Kongu Engineering College and discussed more about NBA related activities during June, 2023.</li> <li>▪ The best practices followed in IQAC have been implemented with necessary modifications.</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>Percentage of women employees and students may be focused</b></p> <p><b>Action Taken:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Women employee strength is 30.1%</li> <li>▪ Girl students’ strength is 29.2%</li> </ul>

**Matters Arising**

- The Chair highlighted the importance of exposing the good practices to our faculty and students.
- Suggested to add Yoga in happiness Club and asked to send the report of Happiness club to AICTE.
- Emphasised the need for Branding and digital media presence in the present era and Mr. Udayasankar informed that he would like to extend the support for the same.
- Dr. A. Sivathanupillai suggested to conduct more conferences as outreach activities.
- The members suggested to improve the technology transfer and the Chief Executive explained the initiatives taken through the formation of interdisciplinary CIG. (Creativity and Innovation Group)
- The members recommended to focus on important 2 to 3 parameters of sustainable development goals as an educational institution.

**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.

**1.2 Meetings conducted by the Statutory Bodies**

The Board of studies meetings, Academic Council meeting, and Result Passing Board Meetings and Finance Committee Meeting details were presented and the members noted the same.

**1.3 Amended Vision and Mission of the Institute**

Minor changes made in the mission statement were presented and approved.

**1.4 Statutory Bodies, Non-Statutory Committees, Cells / Centres / Offices, Clubs, Professional Bodies and Community Services**

Revised list of statutory bodies, Non-Statutory Committees, Cells / Centres / Offices, Clubs, Professional Bodies and Community Services was presented with a few modifications. The members noted the same.

**1.5 Honors / Honors with Specialization / Minor Degree**

Honors / Honors with Specialization / Minor Degree approved by the Anna University were discussed during the even semester of 2022-2023 presented. The members ratified the same.

Mr. Udaya Sankar appreciated the inclusion of two courses, namely, Medical Device Development and Construction Management which would provide vast career opportunities to the students.

**1.6 Ranking, Accreditation and Award**

The Governing Body Members noted and appreciated the efforts taken by KPRIET to achieve several awards. The members congratulated the achievement in NIRF Ranking 2023 within (100-150) band.

**1.7 Signature Events – Annual day, Placement Day, Sports day, Synergy and FIESTAA**

A brief detail about the signature events conducted from Feb 2023 to July 2023 was presented and members noted.

**2. New Infrastructure****2.1. Establishment of New Facilities, Infrastructure and Special Laboratories**

The Governing Body Members noted and appreciated the Institution for new infrastructure facilities and development of CoEs at a cost of Rs.1.59 Crore. The Principal briefly explained the new facilities that have been created. Further, The Principal informed the members that the new boys hostel with a capacity to accommodate 1000 Students will be inaugurated on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai suggested to form a committee to review the requirements for the departments and prepare a budget.

## **2.2. Library Facilities**

Members noted the existing collection of books and the new arrivals, journals, etc., in the library.

## **3. Student Affairs**

### **3.1. Admission Details AY 2023-2024**

Principal presented the admission details of Under Graduate students from Tamil Nadu, other states and abroad, and also Post Graduate Programmes and PhD programmes for the AY 2023-24.

Dr. S. Gopi suggested to include details of 7.5% category reserved admissions for Government Schools in the next meeting.

Dr. M.A. Bhagyaveni inquired about the bridge courses conducted for the students admitted from the government schools.

### **3.2. Scholarship Details**

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

### **3.3. Semester Examinations Results**

The Governing Body Members noted the results of Nov/Dec 2022 (First Semester) and April/May 2023 examinations. The graduation details for the last three years were presented.

The members suggested to present the comparative analysis to distinguish the previous year results in the next meeting.

### **3.4. Students' Awards and Achievements**

The significant achievements of the students and faculty members were appreciated by the members. Mr. Udayasankar suggested to elicit the sports achievements separately from overall count.

### **3.5. Career Development Activities**

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

Mr. Udaya Sankar emphasized the importance of core placements and placing students in high standard product based companies.

### **3.6. Additional Credit Courses**

Liberal arts courses, MOOC and Value-Added courses completed and additional credits earned by the students were explained and the members appreciated the initiatives.



### **3.7. Programs Organized**

There were 252 programs organized within six months period and the members appreciated the efforts taken by the Institution. It was suggested to promote in social media Platforms like Institute LinkedIn page and other common platforms to increase the visibility of the Institute.

Mr. Udaya Sankar suggested to issue certificate of appreciation to the resource persons drawn from the industries which might attract more experts.

### **3.8. Alumni Activities**

The alumni activities were presented and the members noted and highlighted the importance of alumni network. The members suggested to have a directory for each year.

### **3.9. NSS / UBA Activities**

NSS / UBA activities were noted by the members.

## **4. Faculty Affairs**

### **4.1. Appointment of Principal**

Appointment of Prof. Dr. M. Ramasamy as Principal was ratified and approved. The members congratulated and wished him all success.

Also the members appreciated the efforts taken by the previous Principal Dr. M. Akila.

### **4.2. Appointments made during the Academic Year 2022-2023 (Even Semester)**

Appointments made during the Academic Year 2022-2023 (Even Semester) were ratified.

### **4.3. List of Staff Members relieved during the Academic Year 2022-2023 (Even Semester)**

Principal presented the list of faculty members relieved during the academic year 2022-23 and members noted. The faculty retention for the last three years were noted.

### **4.4. Faculty Development Programmes**

The postdoc opportunities for faculty members with sabbatical leave and 50% salary and fellowship with 100% salary were noted and appreciated by the members.

Dr. M. A. Bhagyaveni and Dr. S. Gopi suggested to have a centre for faculty training activities and the Principal informed that Centre for Staff Development is already in place in our institution.

### **4.5. Faculty Awards and Achievements**

Principal presented the awards and achievements of the faculty members and the same were noted by the members. Dr.K. Srinivasa Reddy, Dr. S. Gopi and Dr. M. A. Bhagyaveni suggested to recognize the achievements suitably.

## **5. Research and Development**

### **5.1. Publication Details**

A total of 286 publications by the faculty members between Feb 2023 and July 2023 were noted and appreciated. Suggested to focus on improving the number of patents granted.

### **5.2. Funding Secured**

Rs.60 lakhs of Research funding and 17 Lakhs for organizing events received during the period Feb 2023 – July 2023 were noted.

Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai suggested to approach TVS and Ashok Leyland companies, who are interested to fund colleges under CSR initiatives.

### **5.3. Consultancy & Testing**

Through Consultancy & Testing activities a sum of Rs. 19 lakhs was generated from Feb 2023 – July 2023.

### **5.4. Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship Development Activities**

The list of activities carried out by the CIIED from Feb 2023 – July 2023 were noted.

Dr. A. Sivanthanu Pillai suggested to approach IITM, Pravartak, Catalysing Innovation which promotes startup related to sensors, networking and communication technologies up to Rs.50 lakhs.

## **6. Industry Connect**

### **6.1. Industry – Institute Partnership Cell Activities**

The Principal indicated that 983 students and 68 faculty members have undertaken industry internships. The members noted the same and suggested to establish a strong industry connect and a comprehensive report may be presented.

### **6.2. MoUs signed and in Progress**

The details of MoUs signed during the even semester 2022-2023 and the details of active MoUs were presented to the members. Members noted and suggested to include the outcome of each MoU in the next meeting.

### **7. International University Collaborations and Visits**

The MoU with 13 International Universities and the visit to the Universities abroad by the team of faculty and students including Principal were noted by the members.

### **8. Best Practices**

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

## 9. Progress of KPRIET – Strategic Plan

Based on the gap between the target fixed and achieved during the academic year 2022-2023, the target for the academic year 2024 was revised. Members noted the same.

## 10. Any other matters

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

### Dr. A. Sivathanu Pillai

- ✓ Expressed happiness about the progress of the Institution.
- ✓ Wished the institute for continued growth and a higher NIRF ranking within the top 100.
- ✓ Suggested to prepare a vision to the institution to attain University status.
- ✓ Emphasised the importance of establishing the institute's unique technical core competence.
- ✓ Highlighted the significance of faculty training.
- ✓ Recommended to implement the Professor of Practice with at least two experts per department.
- ✓ Suggested to have an alumni decade meet with family members every year.
- ✓ Highlighted the need for Perception and Digital Branding.
- ✓ Recommended to provide 5% of the fund from overhead expenses of research funds secured for the benefit of Principal investigators in their professional activities.

### Mr. Udaya Sankar

- ✓ Appreciated the team work of KPRIET and extended his best wishes for future endeavours.
- ✓ Recommended focusing more on faculty benefits and the appreciations could happen once in three months.
- ✓ Suggested to take a survey among freshers, to gather insights into why they opted KPR Institute of Engineering and Technology and their expectations. The survey could be useful to help the students better.

### Dr. K. Srinivasa Reddy

- ✓ Expressed complete satisfaction with comprehensive developmental activities across all areas.
- ✓ Suggested to reduce the attrition rate by taking initiatives through a personal contingency fund / fund for professional development.

**Dr. M. A. Bhagyaveni**

- ✓ The development of the institute is appreciable.
- ✓ Suggested to create more opportunities for economically weaker section of students.

**Dr. S. Gopi**

- ✓ Highlighted improvements made over a period of 6 Months.
- ✓ Emphasized to focus on branding and visibility.

  
CHAIRMAN

**Photographs of the 6<sup>th</sup> Governing Body meeting dt 18.08.2023**

