

Minutes of Meeting of 54th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting

Held "Online – Webex" on 28.01.2026, from 4:00 pm

In Chair: Dr. G. P. S. Varma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, KLEF

The 54th Advisory Committee Meeting by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, KLEF was held on 28.01.2026.

Dr. G. P. S. Varma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, chaired the meeting. In his opening remarks, Dr. Varma warmly welcomed all the attendees and appreciated the rigorous efforts of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), which have been reflected in the improved rankings achieved by the University in various national and international frameworks such as NIRF, QS, and Times Higher Education (THE). He also highlighted the University's progress in internationalization and commended the notable achievements of KLEF faculty in research and development. He proudly noted that around 20 KLEF faculty members have been recognized among the top 2% of the world's researchers, as announced by Stanford University, USA.

Subsequently, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor handed over the proceedings to Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean (Quality), to take forward the agenda of the meeting. The Dean (Quality) introduced Mr. A. Vaidyanathan, Founder & CEO – PAQS (Personal Air Quality Systems), Bengaluru, who has been appointed as Industry Nominee for the period, AY_2025-27 (2 Years). Brief profile of Mr. A. Vaidyanathan is as follows:

Mr. Vaidyanathan is a technologist and a successful serial entrepreneur with a distinguished record of innovation-led ventures. Throughout his entrepreneurial journey, he has pioneered several "leap-of-faith" solutions that have resulted in breakthrough technologies. His current venture, PAQS, is at the forefront of developing innovative IoT- and AI-enabled solutions in the domain of environmental sciences, with a particular focus on clean air and water. Earlier, he pioneered green air-conditioning solutions in India, which are now being exported to over 14 countries worldwide.

As an inventor, he holds multiple patents—12 granted and 3 pending—across the United States, Australia, and India. He is an engineering graduate from Bangalore University and holds an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. He has received several individual honors, and his organizations have been widely recognized for excellence in innovation, new product development, and commercialization. His work has

been featured in leading Indian and international media outlets, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *India Today*, *Deccan Herald*, *The Pioneer*, and *Business Standard*, among others. A sought-after speaker, he has delivered over 50 papers and presentations at national and international forums organized by institutions such as CII, WRI, TERI, TBLI, ISHRAE, BCIC, and EAI. He is widely recognized for his insights on product creation and emerging technologies at the intersection of Greentech, IoT, and Artificial Intelligence.

The Dean-Quality commenced the proceedings by once again welcoming all the members.

Discussion on Agenda Items:

The Agenda Items for discussion are as follows:

A. Reporting Items:

1. Report on One-Day Workshop on "Imparting Quality in Teaching & Learning Through Outcome-Based Education
2. Report on Vigilance Awareness Week 2025
3. Report on World Quality Day 2025
4. Report on ISO 21001:2018 Surveillance audit
5. Status of T.H.E. Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026
6. Status of QS I-GAUGE Ratings 2025
7. Report on XV Convocation
8. Report on Recent achievements of KLEF (Rankings)

B. Agenda Items:

1. ATR on the 53rd IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 24-09-2025
2. Internal, Financial audit and Annual Budget proposals – submission and approval Circular
3. NIRF/ QS/ THE - Enhancement of perception-Brain storming
4. One day National Conference /Seminar on Quality aspects- Discussion/ suggestions
5. UN – SDGs – Website updation – In- charges
6. Organizing Green audit and Gender audit
7. Do's & Don'ts- in case of emergencies – All faculty/staff training - ASC
8. Any other item, with the permission of chair

Reporting Item 1: Report on One-Day Workshop on "Imparting Quality in Teaching & Learning Through Outcome-Based Education"

Title of Workshop : One Day National Level Workshop on "Imparting Quality in Teaching & Learning through Outcome Based Education"

Date of Workshop : 26.09.2025

Venue : Jasmine Hall, KLEF

Resource Person : **Dr. Muruganantham Ponnusamy**, Registrar, IIIT - Dharwad

Target Audience : Associate Deans of Academics, IQAC & ASC; Department IQAC In-charges and Professor In-charges (Academics) (from ALL Depts)



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ONE-DAY WORKSHOP
 on
 IMPARTING QUALITY IN
 TEACHING & LEARNING
 THROUGH
 OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION

Organized by
IQAC
 Internal Quality Assurance Cell

in collaboration with
ASC & Academic Division
 Academic Staff College

26 September, 2025

Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation
 (Deemed to be University Estd. u/s 3 of 1956 Act)
 Green fields, Vaddeswaram, Guntur DC AP, India



The KL College of Engineering was established in the Academic Year 1980-81 and attained autonomous status in 2006. Deemed University (Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation Deemed to be University) status has conferred in the year 2009 under Section 3 of UGC act 1956. The University has accorded Category-1 status.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- To create Awareness of Outcome-Based Education (OBE) and its importance
- To create awareness on implementing Outcome-Based Education (OBE) in Teaching & Learning
- To make the participants self-reliant in executing Outcome Based Education (OBE)

RESOURCE PERSON



Prof. (Dr.) MURUGANANTHAM PONNUSAMY
REGISTRAR
Indian Institute of Information Technology
Dharwad

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

10:00	Inauguration
10:10	Welcome address by Dean- Quality
10:15	Opening remarks by Pro Chancellor/ Vice Chancellor
10:25	Introduction of resource person
10:30	SESSION - 1 by Resource person
11:30	TEA Break
11:45	SESSION - 1 continues...
13:00	LUNCH Break
14:00	SESSION - 2 by Resource person
16:00	TEA Break
16:15	Quiz
18:30	Valedictory

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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Associate Deans of ACADEMIC DIVISION
- Associate Deans of IQAC
- Professor incharge (Academics) of all Departments
- Department IQAC incharges

REGISTRATION

Participants need to register for the workshop through the link provided here.

NO REGISTRAION FEE

- An E-Certificate of Merit will be given to the participants upon successful completion of the quiz with 60% marks.
- All the participants will be given E-certificate of participation
- The workshop will be conducted in offline mode, & venue, timings, etc., details will be shared to registered candidates.

Register Here

<https://forms.office.com/r/UTv9FTRDE>

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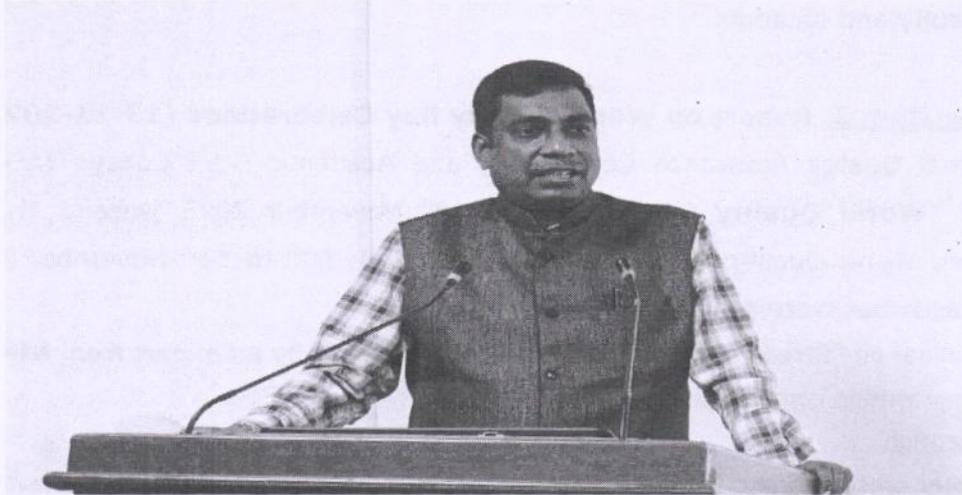
Gist of the presentation:

Dr. Muruganantham Ponnusamy recalled his first visit to KLEF in 2018, during which he interacted with faculty on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) implementation. He thanked the senior administration for their cooperation and noted that Dr. A. Aravindan had been his colleague for over a decade at an autonomous institute in Kerala. He emphasized that OBE is student-centric, focusing on clearly defined outcomes, outcome-based curriculum design, teaching, and assessment.

He urged faculty to be empathetic toward students to ensure sustained engagement in the learning process, noting that empathy fosters innovation and student well-being. He also spoke about the Happiness Index and shared his experience from an interview at IIIT Dharwad, highlighting the importance of empathy in leadership.

After the tea break, Dr. Muruganantham discussed good practices in engineering education, recent NBA reforms, OBE concepts with illustrations, Place-Based Learning (PBL), effective tutorial practices, and examples from organizations such as SONY and Ratan Tata. He also introduced the Kübler-Ross Change Curve.

In the afternoon session, he elaborated on Vision and Mission, evaluation levels, CO-PO attainment mapping, new NBA norms, the Knowledge and Attitude Profile (KAP), and the ADKAR change management model. He concluded by touching upon contemporary research areas such as clean energy, quantum computing, clean water and sanitation, and the role of stakeholders.



Summary of the workshop:

No of participants registered (both online and offline)	:	102
No of participants (Offline) attended	:	59

The workshop was adjourned with Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality thanking the Chief Guest, participants, and the Organizing Team for their cooperation.

Reporting Item 2: Report on observance of "Vigilance Awareness Week"-2025

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Students Activity Centre (SAC) jointly organized "**Vigilance Awareness Week 2024**" during 27 October – 2 November 2025. The theme for this year is "*Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility*". "Integrity Pledge" was adopted by 253 (newly joined) faculty and students.

Reporting Item 3: Report on World Quality Day Celebrations (13-11-2025)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and Academic Staff College (ASC) jointly organized "**World Quality Day 2025**" on 13th November 2025 (second Thursday of November). World Quality Week was celebrated from 10th to 14th November 2025. The following activities were conducted:

- Seminar on "**Stress Management for Academicians**" by an expert from NIMHANS
- Essay writing competition
- Elocution
- Poster presentation

Dr. Indla Rama Subba Reddy, M. D. and D. P. M. (NIMHANS), D. Sc., Director, and HOD participated in the Celebrations of World Quality Day 2025 as Chief Guest and delivered the Keynote address. Dr. Reddy did MBBS from Kurnool Medical College and obtained M.D., D. P. M. from NIMHANS, Bengaluru. He worked at CMC Vellore and JIPMER, Puducherry as a Psychiatrist. He is a Leading Psychiatrist and a multi-faceted personality.

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Invitation

We cordially invite you to join us

WORLD QUALITY DAY-2025
on 13th November 2025 | 2.30 pm | Venue: Peacock Hall

Organized by
IQAC & ASC

 Chief Guest
Dr. India Rama Subba Reddy
MBBS, MD, DPM (Psychiatry) D.Sc.
Psychiatrist
Topic: *Stress Management for Academicians*

Welcome Address
Dr. G. P. Saradhi Varma, Vice-Chancellor, KLER

Keynote Speaker
Dr. K. S. Jagannatha Rao, Pro-Chancellor, KLER

Program :
Jyothi Prajwalana
Address by Chief Guest
Award/Prizes Distribution
Felicitation of the Chief Guest
Vote of Thanks
High Tea



Summary of the Presentation by Dr. I. Rama Subba Reddy

Dr. I. Rama Subba Reddy expressed his gratitude to IQAC–KLEF for inviting him as the Chief Guest and briefly reflected on his professional journey. He commenced his address with an audio-visual presentation featuring significant moments from his career. His talk was engaging and interactive, interwoven with anecdotes, humorous videos, classic songs, and real-life stories, all conveying important messages on mental health, stress, and happiness.

Drawing from his experience in psychiatry, Dr. Reddy emphasized that research and practice in mental health pose unique challenges, particularly in the careful prescription of medicines and dosages, as errors can have serious consequences. He observed that every individual seeks to avoid emotional disturbances and highlighted the importance of balancing personal and professional life. He noted that passion reduces stress and advocated three simple principles for a happy life: keep smiling, enjoy one's work with passion, and maintain balance in activities.

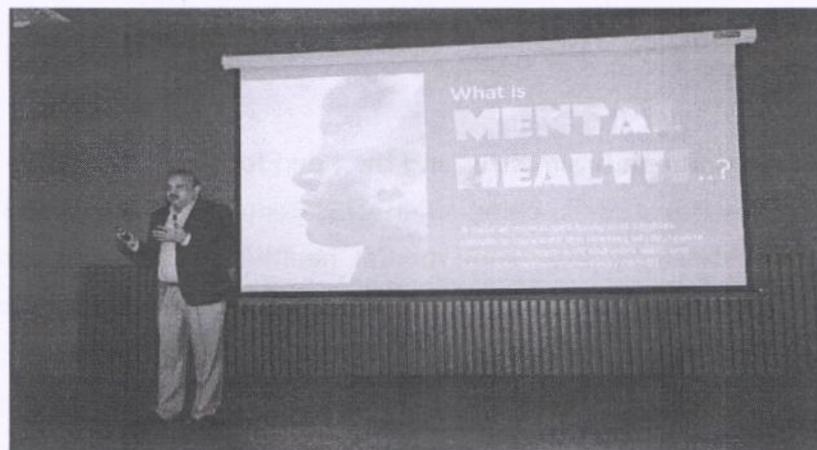
He spoke about the human brain, stressing the need for more institutions of excellence in brain and mental health studies, citing NIMHANS, Bengaluru—where he was trained—as a model institution. He highlighted that mental health is one of the most neglected yet critical aspects of human well-being. Stress, he remarked, is unavoidable and is essentially a state of mind; hence, learning to manage it is essential for happiness.

Dr. Reddy discussed common stressors faced by the modern teaching community, including heavy workloads, burnout, administrative responsibilities, anxiety, and expectations of quick results. He introduced the Social Readjustment Rating Scale (SRRS) to illustrate how major life events contribute to stress, pointing out that the death of a spouse is among the most stressful experiences. He explained different types of stress—pressure, frustration, and conflict—and emphasized that positive stress can enhance performance, such as during examinations. His key recommendation was to accept stress and learn to live with it.

The speaker also addressed time management using the urgency–importance matrix and cautioned against common time-wasters such as excessive mobile phone use, idle chit-chat, and television. Through stories, he illustrated that wealth does not guarantee happiness and that greed often leads to increased stress. Referring to the World Happiness Report 2025, he noted that India’s ranking underscores the need to focus on institutional and social contributors to happiness. Dr. Reddy highlighted the importance of emotional intelligence (EQ) as a determinant of success and observed that the human brain has a natural negative bias. He emphasized balancing work, family, and personal life, describing this balance as an art. Through references to literature, personal experiences, and stories of eminent personalities, he underscored the roles of supportive relationships, good parenting, and resilience.

Concluding his address, Dr. Reddy reflected on the role of prayer, stating that while it may not solve problems, it provides the strength to endure them. He summarized his message for a happy and stress-free life with three guiding principles: speak kindly, care deeply, and love generously.

During the Valedictory Function, prizes were distributed to the winners of Essay writing, Elocution and Poster competitions, which were conducted before the event as part of the WDQ 2025 Celebrations.



Reporting Item 4: Report on ISO 21001:2018 Certification audit (10-11-2025)

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that the Surveillance Audit of ISO 21001:2018 Educational Quality Management System was conducted on 10-11-2025 by M/s. Staunchly Management & System Services Pvt. Limited, New Delhi and the Certificate has been issued.

Reporting Item 5: Status of T.H.E. Sustainability Impact Ratings 2026

Application Submitted on : 24-11-2025

<https://www.kluniversity.in/sdg/>

Result: Awaited.

Reporting Item 6: Status of QS I-GAUGE Ratings 2025

- ❖ Process of QS I-GAUGE University Ratings–2025 initiated on 8th September 2025
- ❖ Orientation on the Rating process is conducted on 22nd September 2025
- ❖ QS I-GAUGE Survey links & login credentials received on 27th September 2025
- ❖ Data submitted as per the templates of QS I-GAUGE on 6th January 2025
- ❖ Data Verification & Validation - In progress
- ❖ Declaration of Rating by QS I-GAUGE – Awaited.

Sl. No	Criteria	Max Marks	Expected Marks	Expected Rating
General Criteria				
1	Teaching & Learning (TL)	250	229	Platinum
2	Faculty Quality (FQ)	200	175	Diamond
3	Employability (EP)	200	199	Platinum
4	Diversity & Accessibility (DA)	150	125	Diamond
5	Facilities (FC)	150	145	Platinum
6	Social Responsibility (SR)	150	150	Platinum
7	Governance & Structure (GS)	100	100	Platinum
Advanced Criteria				
8	Research (RE)	100	84.5	Diamond
9	Arts & Culture (AC)	100	100	Platinum
Total		1400	1307.5	PLATINUM

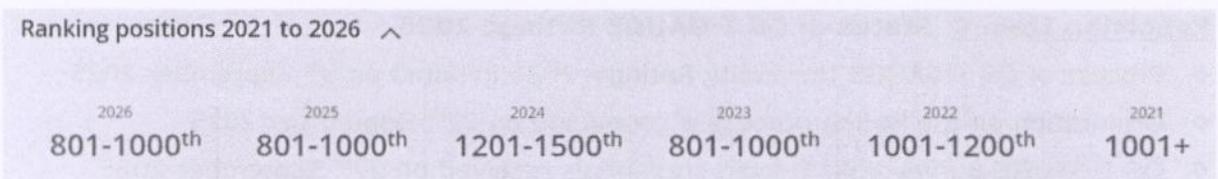
Overall Rating Expected: **Platinum**

Reporting Item 7: XV Convocation of KLEF

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that KLEF organized the XV Convocation on 27-12-2025. Padma Sri Dr. Vinod Kumar Singh Ji, President, National Academy of India, Member of Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (2014-19) participated as Chief Guest and Professor (Dr.) Sripad Banvali, M. D., Chairperson, Pediatric Haemato-Oncology Chapter of IIP, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai was the Guest of Honor. Over 4000 students were awarded Degree Certificates (UG, PG & PhD) during this event.

Reporting Item 8: Recent achievements of KLEF

➤ **THE World University Rankings 2021 to 2026**



Key Student Statistics
 A breakdown of student statistics at KL University

<p> Student gender ratio 38 F : 62 M ⁽¹⁾</p> <p> Students per staff 14.7 ⁽¹⁾</p>	<p> International student percentage 2% ⁽¹⁾</p> <p> Student total 18766 ⁽¹⁾</p>
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Times Higher Education (THE) – Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026 [401-500]

2026 Rankings:

Rank	Name	Overall	Inputs	Process	Outputs
401-500	KL University <small>India</small>	37.7-41.1	29.2	50.0	38.1

2025 Rankings:

Rank	Name	Overall	Inputs	Process	Outputs
401-500	KL University <small>India</small>	30.0-34.7	17.0	45.8	33.0

Times Higher Education (THE) – Interdisciplinary Science Rankings 2026

- Business and Economics : 601-800
- Computer Science : 601-800
- Engineering : 601-800

QS Rankings 2026

- QS Asia University Rankings 2026 : 741-750 [Improved from last year]
- [QS Asia University Rankings 2025 : 751-800]

- QS South Asia University Rankings 2026 : 224 [Improved from last year]
- QS South Asia University Rankings 2025 : 238

- QS World University Rankings 2026: Sustainability: 1501+
- [QS World University Rankings 2025: Sustainability: 1351-1400]

UI Green Metric World University Rankings 2025

- World Ranking – 913rd
- In India – 41st

India Today & MDRA – Top General (Pvt) Universities in India 2025

KL College of Engineering, K L Deemed to be University				Admissions	Placement	Fees	Add To Compare		
50	Guntur	152.4	158	155.1	59.3	170.6	695.4	213.5	908.9

Overall Rank	City	IQG	ACE	ILE	PLD	PCP	O.S.	P.S.	T.S.	
2024	2023	(288)	(264)	(240)	(120)	(288)	(1200)	(800)	(2000)	
KL College of Engineering, K L Deemed to be University				Admissions	Placement	Fees	Add To Compare			
56	63	Guntur	166.1	165.7	144.4	57.3	186.2	719.7	200.9	920.6

Legend:

- Intake Quality & Governance (IQG)
- Academic Excellence (ACE)
- Infrastructure & Living Experience (ILE)
- Personality & Leadership Development (PLD)
- Placement & Career Progression (PCP)
- Objective Score (O.S.)
- Perceptual Score (P.S.)

Agenda Item 1: ATR on the Last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 24-09-2025.

The ATR at the last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 06-09-2024 is as follows:

S. No	Agenda Item	Status
1	QS I-Gauge Ratings-2025	Submitted
2	Vigilance awareness week' 2025	Conducted
3	ISO 21001:2018 Second surveillance certification	Completed
4	World Quality Day' 2025	Completed

Agenda Item 2: Internal, Financial audit and Annual Budget proposals – submission and approval Circular

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that the following process shall be revoked:

Revocation of practice of Financial Audit and Annual budget proposals:

- Circular from Registrar seeking Annual Budget proposals from various departments & functionaries.
- Submission of proposals to Finance Committee
- Approval by Executive Council

Agenda Item 3: NIRF/ QS/ THE - Enhancement of perception

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that Perception carries significant portion of marks and most International Rankings heavily depend on perception. He briefed about some of the measures taken for enhancing the perception of KLEF Deemed to be University.

Agenda Item 4: 1-Day National Conference/Seminar on Quality aspects

The Dean (Quality) informed the members of the following strategy:

- Proposed during end of February 2026
- Proposed to invite NBA assessors from North-India
- Proposed to organise on OBE in collaboration with ASC.

Agenda Item 5: UN – SDGs – Website updating – In- charges

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that KLEF website has been updated with the UN SDGs [Link: <https://www.kluniversity.in/sdg/>]. He also displayed the salient features to the members. He thanked the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor for nominating them in charges for updating these SDGs on the website periodically.

Professor Trimurthulu, external Expert academician suggested that the University should focus on the 17 UN SDGs irrespective of rankings. He also stressed the importance of collecting feedback from students and acting on them.

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that the Academics Division is taking necessary steps in focusing on the UN SDGs. He also informed the members that the Academics Division is collecting feedback from all the stakeholders, viz. students, parents, faculty, alumni, industry partners (employers) and taking necessary action.

Agenda Item 6: Green audit and Gender audit

The Dean (Quality) requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to direct

- Senior Director (P & D) to get the Green Audit done by a reputable Agency.
- Dean (SA) to get the Gender Audit done.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor has accepted the proposal and asked the respective Deans to get the Green Audit and Gender Audit performed by reputed agencies.

Agenda Item 7: Do's & Don'ts in case of emergencies - All faculty/staff training by ASC

The Dean (Quality) requested the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor to direct Academic staff college to conduct All faculty/staff training on

- Road accidents involving faculty/staff/Students on the way to university.
- Untoward incidents in the University premises / Hostel.

Agenda Item 8: Any other item

Mr. A. Vaidyanathan, Industry Representative, with the permission of the Chair, raised a few points for discussion. Referring to Slides 32, 46, and 50, he outlined the processes and key steps involved in fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. He informed the members that Mr. Sriharsha Majety, Co-founder of Swiggy, hails from Vijayawada and suggested inviting him for an interactive session with KLEF students. He also emphasized the growing importance of upskilling in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to enable students to secure high-package placements.

Responding to these points with the prior approval of the Chair, the Dean (Skill Development & Student Progression), Dr. A. Srinath, elaborated on the training initiatives undertaken by the University. He highlighted that comprehensive training programs on Generative AI have been imparted to all faculty members, along with multiple

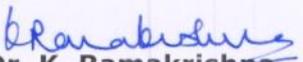
certification courses in AI, ML, and Python programming for students. He further informed that around 85 faculty members have been identified to deliver skilling and communication skills training, collectively offering 64 courses as part of the University's upskilling framework. Several critical courses have been made mandatory. He also outlined the efforts of the Skilling Division, which supports Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing (LSRW) skills in collaboration with Cambridge University.

The Dean (Quality) added that every student is required to complete four certificate courses under the enhanced skilling program. Mr. A. Vaidyanathan expressed his satisfaction with the systematic and comprehensive approach adopted by KLEF in preparing students for placements.

Dr. V. Venkaiah, External Academic Member, joined the meeting online from the USA during the early hours and congratulated the IQAC for its sustained efforts and the resultant improvement in rankings. He observed that while outputs are short-term, outcomes reflect long-term institutional impact.

The meeting was adjourned with the Registrar thanking the members for their cooperation.

To: All the Advisory Committee Members
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