

Koneru Lakshmaiah Education Foundation (Deemed to be University)
Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Minutes of the 56th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 24 July 2026

Mode: Online

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

Members Present:

- Dr. G. P. S. Varma, Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
- Dr. K. Rama Krishna, Dean (Quality)
- Dr. K. Indu Pawan Kumar, Registrar
- Prof. Thrimurthy, External Member
- Prof. V. Venkaiah, External Member
- Mr. A. Vaidyanathan, External Member (Industry)
- IQAC Advisory Committee Members

1. Welcome Address

Dr. K. Rama Krishna, Dean (Quality), welcomed all members to the 56th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting. He extended special congratulations to **Dr. K. Indu Pawan Kumar** (who worked as Principal of Law College at KLEF in the past) on his appointment as Registrar of the University and welcomed him to the Committee.

Reporting Items:

Item 1: Status of NIRF Ranking 2026

The Committee was informed that:

- NIRF 2026 data submission was completed successfully within the stipulated timeline.
- Several clarifications sought by NIRF relating to finance, placements, budget, research publications and citations were responded satisfactorily.
- The submitted data was accepted by NIRF, and the University is awaiting the announcement of rankings.
- Members appreciated the systematic data validation process and expressed confidence in sustaining and improving the University's national ranking.

Recommendation

The Committee advised all departments to continue maintaining authentic and evidence-based institutional data throughout the year.

Item 2: Times Higher Education (THE) Rankings 2026

The Dean (Quality) presented the latest THE Rankings.

Asia University Rankings

- KLEF retained its **301–350 Band** in Asia.
- Strong performance was reported in Research Quality (Citation Impact).
- Improvements were observed in several parameters compared with the previous year.

THE Impact Rankings

The Committee noted that:

- The University secured the **401–600 Band** globally.
- Significant improvements were achieved in several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly:
 - No Poverty
 - Affordable and Clean Energy
 - Responsible Consumption and Production
- Considerable improvement was recorded under **SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)**.

Members appreciated the progress while also discussing the need for greater transparency in some international ranking methodologies.

Item 3: QS I-GAUGE Rating 2026

The Committee was pleased to note that:

- KLEF has been awarded the **QS I-GAUGE Platinum Rating**, the highest rating presently available for private universities.
- The certification is valid for **2026–2031**.
- The award will be presented during the QS Summit at Gandhinagar.

Members congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, IQAC and all stakeholders for this significant institutional achievement.

Item 4: University Calendar of Events (AY 2026–27)

The Committee reviewed the University Calendar of Events.

It was informed that:

- The calendar had been prepared after extensive consultation with academic and administrative functionaries.
- The draft received approval from the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
- The final calendar would shortly be circulated to all stakeholders.

The Committee appreciated the comprehensive planning process.

Item 5: Report on Central Facilities Audit

IQAC presented observations from the audit of hostels and central facilities.

Girls' Hostel

Observations included:

- Newly completed hostel floors are ready for occupation.
- Fire safety drills should be conducted periodically.
- Additional directional signboards and information kiosks are required.

Boys' Hostel

Major observations included:

- Non-functional washing machines and dryers required immediate repairs.
- First-aid boxes require replenishment.
- Additional fire extinguishers should be installed near kitchen areas.
- Hostel Committee should be reconstituted for the current academic year.

The Committee appreciated the proactive audit process and directed concerned authorities to submit Action Taken Reports at the next meeting.

Item 6: Institutional Achievements

The Committee recorded with appreciation several institutional achievements, including:

GHRDC Rankings

- 4th Best Engineering College in India (Overall)
- 2nd among Super Excellence Engineering Institutions
- 1st in South India
- 1st in Andhra Pradesh

Times Engineering Survey 2026

- 2nd among Top Engineering Institutions
- 2nd in Private Engineering Institutions
- 2nd in Engineering Research
- Strong rankings in Placement Services

The Week Rankings

- 1st Deemed Multidisciplinary University in Andhra Pradesh
- 33rd Multidisciplinary University in India
- Strong national ranking in Engineering category

Members congratulated the University leadership and faculty for these accomplishments.

Item 7: Review of Strategic Plan (2023–2028)

The Committee reviewed implementation of the Strategic Plan.

The following were noted:

- Annual strategic targets are being monitored monthly.

- Targets have been revised in line with national and international ranking requirements.
- Department-wise targets have been established.
- Monthly reviews by the Vice Chancellor are strengthening accountability.

The Committee appreciated the structured monitoring mechanism.

Agenda Items

Agenda Item 1: Action Taken Report on the 55th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting

The Committee reviewed the Action Taken Report.

The following items were reported:

- University Calendar of Events completed.
- Academic and Administrative Audit completed.
- Several earlier IQAC initiatives remain under implementation.

Pending initiatives include:

- Offering Environmental Studies at an earlier stage of B.Tech. Programme.
- Programme-wise budget allocation.
- Covered pedestrian pathways.
- International accreditation for KL Business School.
- NABL accreditation for selected laboratories.

Suggestions:

Members recommended:

- Pursuing MBA accreditation as the immediate priority.
- Subsequently working towards SAQS accreditation before pursuing AACSB/AMBA. Professor V. Venkaiah offered to provide necessary guidance in this regard to Dr. M. Kishore Babu, Dean (MHS).
- Continuing efforts for NABL accreditation of laboratories.

Agenda Item 2: KLEF Annual Report

IQAC informed the Committee that:

- Data collection from academic and administrative units is in progress.
- The Annual Report will be presented during the next meeting.

Agenda Item 3: New IQAC Initiatives

The Committee discussed and approved the following initiatives:

1. Online Retotaling Facility

Introduce an online retotaling option immediately after publication of examination results.

2. One-Day Workshop on Outcome-Based Education (OBE)

Organize a university-wide workshop for newly recruited faculty on:

- OBE
- Programme Outcomes
- Programme Educational Objectives
- Graduate Attributes

3. Faculty Awareness Programme on UN Sustainable Development Goals

Conduct awareness programmes and online assessment covering all 17 SDGs.

4. Tracking University Activities

IQAC proposed that:

- All University circulars, notifications and event communications should be copied to IQAC.
- A centralized database of institutional activities should be maintained for rankings, accreditation and annual reporting.

The Committee endorsed the proposal.

Suggestions by Advisory Committee Members

The Committee appreciated several valuable suggestions:

- Organize comprehensive AI orientation programmes for all faculty.
- Strengthening Cyber-Physical Systems education across engineering disciplines.
- Promote AI-enabled laboratories and interdisciplinary learning.
- Develop SDG learning modules consisting of videos, reading materials and quizzes for faculty and students.
- Create standardized formats for departments to periodically submit quality-related data to IQAC.
- Explore establishing an international liaison/representative office in Europe to strengthen global collaborations.

The Vice-Chancellor appreciated the suggestions and advised IQAC to examine their feasibility for implementation.

Resolutions

The IQAC Advisory Committee unanimously resolved to:

1. Continue strengthening institutional quality assurance processes.
2. Monitor implementation of the Strategic Plan through monthly reviews.
3. Implement the approved IQAC initiatives.
4. Pursue national and international accreditation and ranking improvements.
5. Present compliance reports on pending initiatives in the subsequent meeting.

Vote of Thanks

The Dean (Quality) thanked the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, distinguished external experts and all members of the IQAC Advisory Committee for their valuable guidance, constructive suggestions and continued support towards strengthening quality initiatives at the University.

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

To: All the Advisory Committee Members

Cc: The Hon'ble Chancellor

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