

Minutes of Meeting of 55th IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting
Held "Online – Webex" on 25.03.2026, from 3:00 pm

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

The 55th Advisory Committee Meeting by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, KLEF was held on 25.03.2026.

Dr. G. P. S. Varma, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor chaired the meeting. Dr. Varma, in his foreword, welcomed all attendees and appreciated the rigorous efforts put in by IQAC in monitoring various quality parameters, which is reflected in improved Rankings by various Agencies, viz. Dataquest 2026, etc. After this, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor handed over the proceedings to Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean (Quality) to continue further and take up the agenda for the meeting. The Dean-Quality commenced the meeting by once again welcoming the members.

Discussion on Agenda Items:

The Agenda Items for discussion are as follows:

A. Reporting Items:

1. Status of NIRF Rankings 2026
2. Submission of IQAC budget for the fiscal year 2025 – 2026
3. Report on Recent achievements of KLEF (Rankings & Ratings)
4. Report on 1-Day National Colloquium 2026 held on 28.02.2026.

B. Agenda Items:

1. ATR on 54th IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 28.01.2026.
2. Preparation of KLEF Calendar of Events (AY 2026 – 2027)
3. Reposition the course Ecology & Environment (22UC00009, L-T-P-S: 2-0-0-0) to second year.
4. Academic and Administrative Audit
5. Any other item, with the permission of chair

Reporting Item 1: Status of NIRF Ranking 2026

The Dean (Quality) informed the members of the Status of NIRF Ranking 2025, which is as follows:

- Data Submission : Completed
- Ranking results : Awaiting

He also informed us of the parameters for which data has been submitted.

- Teaching Learning & Resources
- Research and Professional Practice
- Graduation Outcome
- Outreach & Inclusivity
- Perception

KLEF has applied for the NIRF 2025 Ranking in the following categories:

- Overall
- University
- Engineering
- Management
- Innovation
- UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The Dean (Quality) hoped that KLEF would get good NIRF rankings this year.

Reporting Item 2: Submission of IQAC budget for the FY 2026–27.

IQAC has submitted its budget to the Finance Dept for the upcoming Academic year, 2026-27. The budget is awaiting approval.

Reporting Item 3: Report on Recent achievements of KLEF.

The Dean (Quality) informed the members that KLEF obtained the following Rankings from the last Meeting.

➤ Dataquest T-School 2026

The key attributes of Dataquest PACE Framework are as follows:

S. No.	Parameter	Attribute	Weightage (%)
1	P	➤ No. of students placed. ➤ Average package offered. ➤ Max. package offered	30
2	A	➤ Permanent T School Faculty ➤ No. of Doctoral Faculty ➤ No. of publications by Faculty	30
3	C	Physical Infrastructure	20
4	E	➤ Industry-Academic Partnerships & Engagement ➤ Industry-focused/Govt. focused Research	20
		Total	100

KLEF obtained the following rankings in various categories:

1. Top 100 T Schools in India 2026 (Govt & Private): 4th Rank
2. Top 10 T-Schools in India 2026 (Zone-wise) [Factual Rankings]: 3rd Rank
3. Top T-Schools in India 2026 (Private) [Factual Rankings]: 3rd Rank
4. Top 50 T-Schools in India 2026 (Zone-wise) [Perceptual Rankings]: 18th Rank

Reporting Item 4: Report on 1-Day National Colloquium 2026 held on 28.02.2026.

RESOURCE PERSONS



Dr. Rajat Gupta
Vice Chancellor – Vel Tech University
Former DIRECTOR
NIT Srinagar, NIT Mizoram, NIT Silchar

Topic : Role of AI in Sustaining Quality in HEIs



Dr. Neelam Sinha
Associate Professor
Center for Brain Research
Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

Topic : Effect of AI on Higher Education Quality



Dr. Muhammad Azahar Abas
Director
Research Impact Center (RIC)
Universiti Malaysia Kelantan

Topic : Strategic Sharing session on Global University Rankings: QS & THE World University Rankings (WUR)



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Co-Convener
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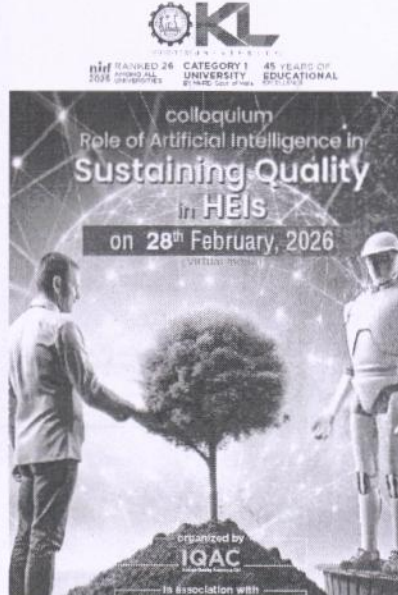
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colloquium
Role of Artificial Intelligence in Sustaining Quality in HEIs
on 28th February, 2026
(VIRTUAL MODE)

organized by
IQAC
In association with

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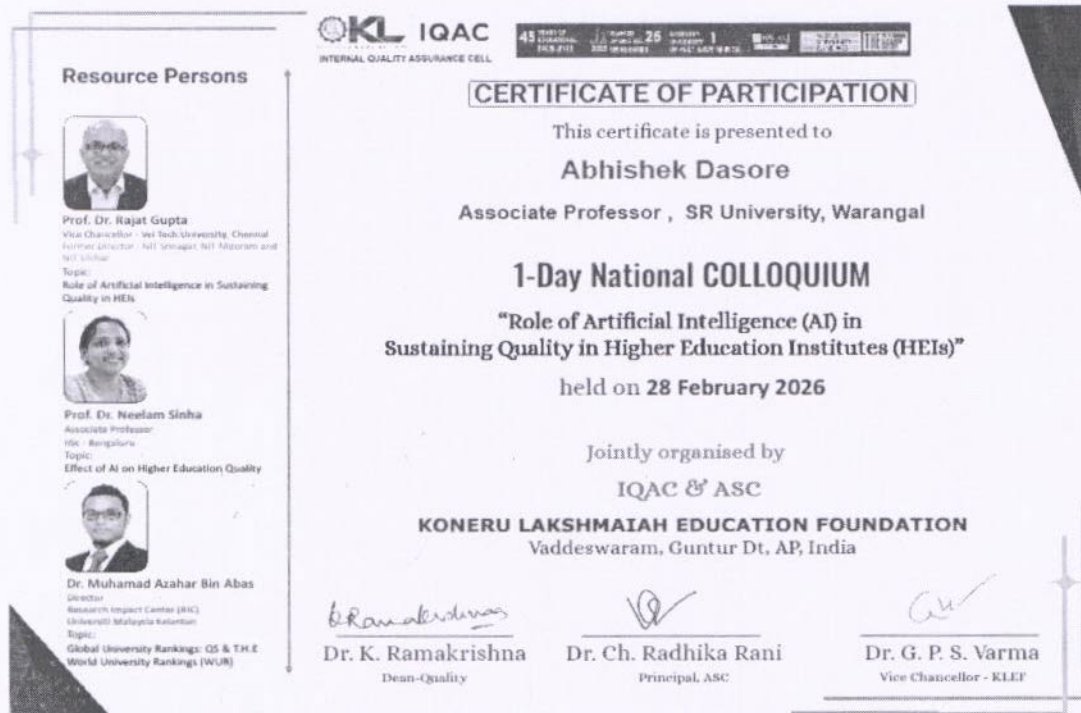


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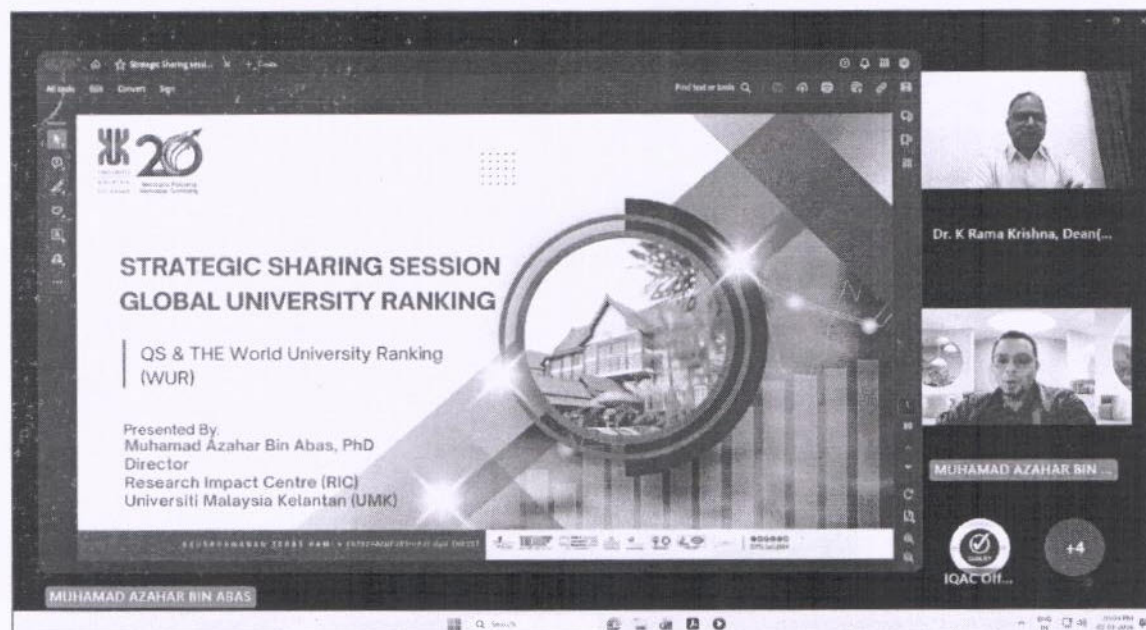
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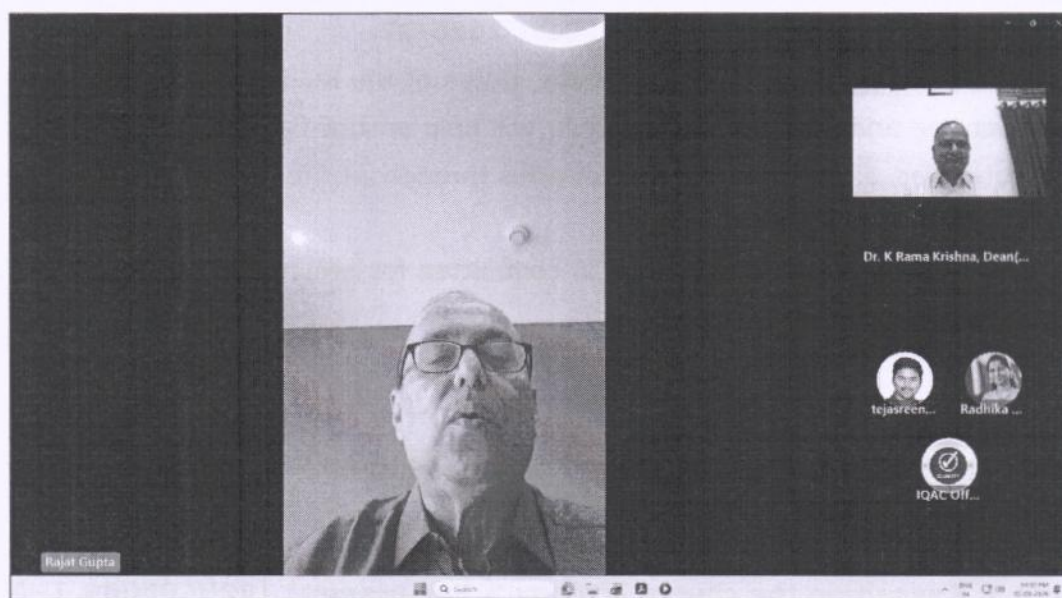
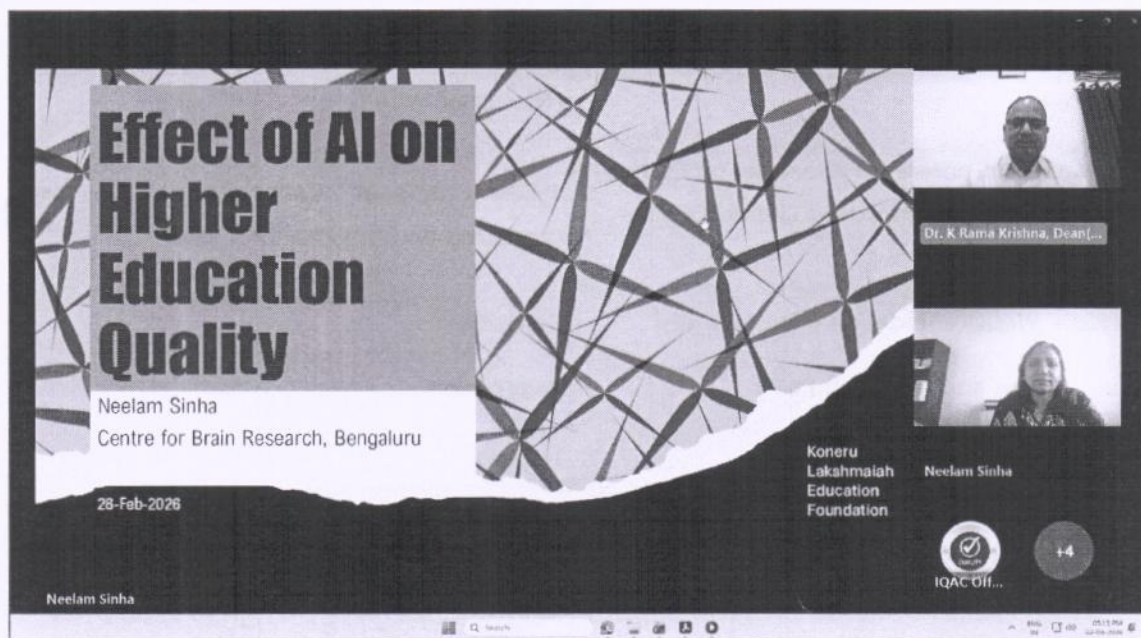


The Dean – Quality presented the report on the 1-Day National Colloquium held on 28 February 2026.

Details:

- Total Registrations – 436
- International Participants – 04
- Other State Participants – 270
- Andhra Pradesh Participants – 162





Resolution:

The committee appreciated the successful conduct of the colloquium.

Discussion on Agenda Items:

Agenda Item 1: ATR on the Last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 28-01-2026.

The ATR at the last IQAC Advisory Committee meeting held on 28-01-2026 is as follows:

Agenda point	Compliance
Internal, Financial audit and Annual Budget proposals – submission and approval Circular	Complied with (Circular released)

Agenda point	Compliance
NIRF/ QS/ THE - Enhancement of perception- Brain storming	Efforts are underway in this direction (Discussed with Dean of R&D, IR)
One day National Conference /Seminar on Quality aspects- Discussion/ suggestions (World Quality Day)	1-Day National Colloquium 2026 was organized on 28th February 2026
UN – SDGs – Website updation – In- charges	Completed
Organizing Green audit - (Dean P&D)	In progress
Gender audit - (Dean SA)	In progress
Do's & Don'ts- in case of emergencies – All faculty/staff training - ASC	In progress

Agenda Item 2: KLEF Calendar of Events (CoE) 2026-27.

The Dean (Quality) informed the members of the status of the KLEF Calendar of Events 2026-27. A structured and well-planned calendar will help ensure the smooth conduct of academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities throughout the year.

The Dean – Quality proposed constitution of a committee for preparing the Calendar of Events for the academic year 2026–2027.

Resolution:

The committee approved the proposal and authorized the Vice-Chancellor to constitute the committee.

Agenda Item 3: Reposition the course Ecology & Environment (22UC00009, L-T-P-S: 2-0-0-0) to 2nd year

The course *Ecology & Environment* [Code: 22UC00009, L-T-P-S: 2-0-0-0] is currently offered to both II and IV B. Tech students. In line with the recommendations of the MHRD, which advise that this course be positioned at the second-year level, it is observed that the subject primarily builds on foundational knowledge of natural sciences.

In view of this, the IQAC respectfully proposes that the course be offered exclusively at the II B. Tech level to ensure better academic alignment and effectiveness.

Resolution:

The committee approved repositioning the course to II B. Tech. level.

Agenda Item 4: Academic and Administrative Audit

Academic and Administrative Audit is scheduled for 30-31 March 2026 with the following external experts:

1. Dr. Amit Kumar Gupta, Professor of Mechanical Engg & Dean-Academics, BITS-Pilani Hyderabad Campus, Hyderabad, India.
2. Dr. T. Ramesh, Professor of CSE (Retd), NIT Warangal, Telangana.

Agenda Item 5: Any other item

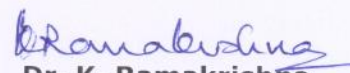
No additional items were discussed.

The Dean-Quality assured the members that, as always, IQAC continues to be the torchbearer of quality and move forward in elevating the status/reputation of KLEF.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean – Quality, thanked the Chairperson and members for their valuable suggestions and participation.

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


Dr. K. Ramakrishna
(Dean-Quality)

To: All the Advisory Committee Members

Cc: The Hon'ble Chancellor

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