

Minutes of Meeting of 53rd IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting
Held "Online – Webex" on 24.09.2025, from 3:00 pm

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

The 53rd Advisory Committee Meeting by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, KLEF was held on 24.09.2025.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. G. P. S. Varma, in his foreword, welcomed all attendees and appreciated rigorous efforts put in by IQAC, which is reflected in improved Rankings by various Agencies, viz. NIRF, QS, T.H.E., etc. He mentioned the recent rankings achieved by KLEF in NIRF 2025 Rankings. He also touched upon the implementation of NEP-2020 at KLEF. He informed the members that the off campuses at Hyderabad are also doing very well. Finally, he hoped that KLEF would improve its position in the upcoming QS I-Gauge and T.H.E. Rankings. After this, he 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 given below.

Reporting Items:

1. ATR on 52nd IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting
2. NIRF Rankings 2025

Reporting Item #1: ATR on 52nd IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting

The ATR on the Status of Initiatives taken at the 52nd IQAC Advisory Committee Meeting is as follows:

S. No.	Agenda Item & Description	Status
1	Preparation of KLEF Annual Report and placing it in public domain	Draft KLEF annual report is prepared and is under review. It will be finalized before the next Convocation and will be placed in public domain.
2	Enhancing QS/T. H. E. Rankings – Reconstitution of Teams - Review of progress made and Further course of action	Perception Enhancement Committee has been reconstituted; Potential Academic Reviewers are being identified. Efforts are on to enhance perception scores.
IQAC Initiatives		
1	1-day workshop on Outcome Based Education (OBE)	Resource person is identified. The event is planned for 26 th Sep 2025
2	Budget allocations for various programs of the University	With the Finance Officer
3	Covered foot paths connecting hostels to academic blocks and parking areas	Forwarded to Concerned Authorities

Reporting Item 2: NIRF Rankings-2025

KLEF secured the following ranks in the NIRF Rankings 2025 released by MHRD on 4 September 2025.



The Dean-Quality thanked all functionaries/Administrators/Faculty for their support in achieving the above NIRF 2025 Rankings. Comparison of NIRF Rankings achieved through 2016 to 2025 are tabulated below for quick reference.

Comparison of NIRF Rankings achieved through 2018 to 2025:

	KLEF-NIRF-2016 to 2025 Rankings									
Category/Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Overall	-	-	83	74	70	69	54	50	40	46
University	-	-	56	50	41	35	27	28	22	26
Engineering	59	68	49	52	58	50	44	44	35	35
Management	-	-	46	58	70	38	47	52	79	70
Innovation									11-50	11-50

The innovation rankings, started last year, remained in the 11-50 band.

The ranking remained stationary in Engineering Category and it improved 9 places under Management category. However, it dropped slightly in both University as well as Overall category. The possible reason for this drop in ranking is drop in perception.

Rankings (in Engineering) of two of our competitive Universities, viz. VIT & SRM are tabulated hereunder for comparison:

NIRF Engineering Rankings KLEF vs. VIT & SRM (2018-25)								
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
VIT	16	18	15	12	12	11	11	16
SRM	46	36	41	34	24	28	13	14
KLEF	49	52	58	50	44	44	35	35

While SRM Institute of Science & Technology fell by one position, VIT ranking fell by 5 places (11 to 16); KLEF ranking remained stationary at 35.

While continuing to maintain standards which have placed KLEF at such an eminence, it is equally necessary that KLEF must make best efforts to improve NIRF rankings year after year. Keeping these twin objectives in mind, the functionaries (Nine Deans holding different portfolios) have been on a mission to constantly review and improve on the parameters fixed by NIRF.

Agenda Items:

1. Preparation for QS I Gauge Ratings-2025
2. ISO 21001:2018 Surveillance certification
3. Vigilance awareness week – 2025
4. World Quality Day – 2025
5. Any other item, with the permission of a chair.

Agenda Item 1: Preparation for QS I Gauge Ratings-2025

- Application for QS I Gauge Ratings – 2025 - Completed
- Fee Payment - Completed
- Orientation by QS I Gauge (on Methodology) - Completed
- Initiation of Login Credentials & Data Collection - Commenced

The Dean-Quality informed the members that KLEF is already having 'Diamond' Rating and will now seek 'Platinum' rating. He also stated that QS I-GAUGE agreed to our request for uploading 2023-24 data.

Agenda Item 2: ISO 21001:2018 Surveillance certification [December 2025]

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that ISO 21001:2018 Surveillance certification shall be due on 9 December 2025 and will be dealt with appropriately. ISO 21001 is based on ISO 9001 – Quality Management Systems, but it provides a specific framework for educational organizations. It also ensures improved satisfaction among the learners by improving the educational processes and ensuring conformity to learners' requirements.

Agenda Item 3: Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 [27 October – 2 November 2025]; Theme for 2025: "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility".

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that Vigilance Awareness Week (VAW) is being celebrated every year and coincides with the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, known to be a man of high integrity. In pursuit of the vision of the Government of India to make a New India, the Central Vigilance Commission, as the apex integrity institution of the country, endeavours to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability in public life.

Activities:

- Integrity Pledge by all employees and stakeholders
- Conduct workshop/seminar/sensitization programmes for employees
- Conduct various competitions such as debates, quizzes etc. for the employees and their families on issues relating to anti-corruption.

- Distribute pamphlets/handouts on preventive activities, whistle blower mechanism and other anti-corruption measures.

This year Vigilance Awareness Week will be celebrated during 27th October – 2nd November 2025.

Agenda Item 4: World Quality Day' 2025

Theme: "Quality: think differently"

World Quality Week 2025 – 10th to 14th November 2025

World Quality Day – 13th November 2025 (Second Thursday of November)

Dr. K. Ramakrishna, Dean-Quality informed the members that IQAC-KLEF has been celebrating World Quality Day since 2016 and this year it will be celebrated on 13th November 2025. In this context, IQAC plans to conduct some of the following Activities:

- Quality Training Session
- Quality Contribution Awards
- Active Engagement and Message from Senior Management
- Quality Banners and Posters
- Quality Month Slogans
- Quiz /Essay /Poster Competitions

Agenda Item 5: Any other item

Under this, the Registrar, Dr. K. Subba Rao suggested that IQAC must strive to bring/enhance quality awareness among students. He observed that the focus on quality is on the decline among student community. Dean-Quality, Dr. K. Ramakrishna, said that Quality Circles are created for this purpose only and added that IQAC will take further steps in this direction in future.

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

Office of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

IQAC File