



SENGAMALA THAYAAR EDUCATIONAL TRUST WOMEN'S COLLEGE
(AUTONOMOUS)
(SILVER JUBILEE INSTITUTION)
(Affiliated to Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli)
(Accredited by NAAC)
SUNDARAKKOTTAI, MANNARGUDI,
THIRUVARUR (Dt.) TAMIL NADU, INDIA.

Minutes of the Governing Body Meeting

The Governing body meeting was held on 10th July 2026 at 10.00 a.m in the Conference Hall, Vivekanandam Block under the Presidentship of Dr. V.Dhivaharan, Chairman and Correspondent of the Institution. The following members were present.

1	Dr.V. Dhivaharan ,Chairman and Correspondent, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)
2	Mrs. D.H. Latha – Member, Board of Management, Management Representative
3	Mr. R. Balamurugan – Member, Board of Management, Management Representative
4	Mr. M. Saraboji -Member, Board of Management, Management Representative
5	Mr. S. Rajendran - Member, Board of Management, Management Representative
6	Dr.A.Gunasekaran , State Government Nominee, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education
7	Dr. D. Velmurugan , Educationist, Management Nominee, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council of Higher Education, Chennai.
8	Dr. C. Lakshumanan , University Nominee, Professor, Department of Remote Sensing, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli – 620 024.
9	Dr. N. Uma Maheswari , Ex-officio, .Principal, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)
10	Dr.R.Anuradha , Teachers Representative, Vice Principal, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)
11	Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi , Teachers Representative, Director, IQAC, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)
12	Dr. K. Thiyagesan , Academic Advisor, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)
13	Dr. A. Yogeswari , Controller of Examinations, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)
14	Dr.M.Kannahi , Director, Curriculum Development Cell, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)
15	Ms.G.Gunapriya , Administrative Officer, S.T.E.T Women's College (Autonomous)

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Chairperson of the Governing Body meeting extended a cordial welcome to all dignitaries and participants at the Governing Body meeting for the academic year 2026–2027 with the permission of the Honourable Chairman, the proceedings of the Sixth Meeting of the Governing Body of STET Women's College (Autonomous) were commenced. The gathering was marked as the sixth meeting under autonomous status. It is with great pride that the successful completion of five academic years under autonomous status is acknowledged. The Chairman and Correspondent has been cordially welcomed. Gratitude is expressed to the State Government Nominee, Dr.A.Gunasekaran, and the University Nominee, Dr. C. Lakshmanan, for their gracious presence. Sincere appreciation is conveyed to Professor Dr. D. Velmurugan, Educationist and Management Nominee, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council of Higher Education, Chennai. A warm welcome has been offered to the Academic Advisor, Vice Principal Dr. R.Anuradha, IQAC Director Dr.G.Vijayalakshmi, and all trust board members. Institutional administrators and coordinators including Dr. M. Kannahi, Dr.G.K.Gomathi, and Ms. G. Gunapriya are also respectfully welcomed. The progress made by the institution, its vision for excellence, and notable achievements have been highlighted.

The major achievements of STET Women's College (Autonomous) were placed before the Governing Body for its kind information. It was informed that STET Women's College (Autonomous), established in 1994 by Smt. Krishnaveni Vivekanandam, and has been serving as a pioneering institution dedicated to providing quality higher education for women, particularly in the rural region of Thiruvavur District, Tamil Nadu. The institution, named after Sri Sengamala Thayar, the Divine Consort of Sri Rajagopalaswamy of Mannargudi, has consistently pursued its vision of becoming a Centre of Excellence in Higher Education and Research, with a strong commitment to empowering women from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds. It was further reported that an enriching academic environment has been created through modern infrastructure, quality teaching, research, innovation, and the integration of contemporary developments in the humanities, science, and technology. Equal emphasis has also been placed on discipline, ethical values, leadership, and the holistic development of students. The Governing Body was informed that the institution has been accredited by NAAC, certified under ISO standards, and granted Autonomous Status from the academic year 2019–2020. At present, 16 Undergraduate, 13 Postgraduate, 4 Ph.D., 2 Diploma, and 6 Certificate programmes are being offered, including AICTE-approved professional programmes such as MBA, MCA, BBA, and BCA. It was also placed on record that, during its 32 years of academic service, the institution has produced more than 20,000 undergraduate graduates, 7,500 postgraduate graduates, 450 M.Phil. Graduates, and 34 Ph.D. awardees, in addition to securing a significant number of University Ranks. The Governing Body was apprised that a strong academic and research ecosystem has been established through well-equipped laboratories, a Centralized Instrumentation Facility, an Animal House, a Fungal Herbarium, a Bio-Floral Products Development and Research Centre, ICT-enabled classrooms, a modern library, and advanced digital learning facilities. Research excellence has been demonstrated through internationally indexed publications, funded research projects, patents, innovation initiatives, and collaborative activities with national

agencies and industry partners. It was further informed that equal importance has been accorded to student welfare, skill development, entrepreneurship, sports, NCC, extension activities, community engagement, placement, and employability. Through scholarships, industry collaborations, innovation initiatives, digital learning practices, and extensive outreach programmes, continuous efforts have been made to empower young women with knowledge, professional competencies, ethical values, and social responsibility, thereby contributing significantly to regional development and national progress. The members of the Governing Body appreciated the remarkable progress achieved by the institution and recorded their appreciation for the sustained efforts made towards academic excellence, research, innovation, and holistic student development.

The agenda and supporting documents had already been circulated to all the esteemed members for their kind perusal. The agenda items were placed before the Governing Body for discussion, consideration, and approval. The minutes of the Fifth Governing Body Meeting were placed for confirmation. The Action Taken Report on the resolutions passed in the previous meeting was also presented for review. Thereafter, the academic, administrative, research, extension, financial, and quality assurance activities carried out during the reporting period were placed before the Governing Body. The recommendations of the Academic Council, Boards of Studies, Finance Committee, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Examination Cell, Curriculum Development Cell, and other statutory bodies were presented for consideration and approval. Further, matters relating to student admissions, curriculum development, academic regulations and faculty development programmes, research initiatives, industry collaborations, internship and placement activities, infrastructure development, extension activities, institutional rankings, accreditation initiatives, and other strategic developments were placed before the members for deliberation. The valuable suggestions, observations, and recommendations offered by the esteemed members were duly recorded, and the resolutions passed by the Governing Body were incorporated into the minutes of the meeting.

With the permission of the Chair, **Agenda Item No. 1** was taken up for discussion and consideration.

Agenda No. 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Governing Body Meeting and Review of the Action Taken Report

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal reported that all recommendations of the previous Governing Body meeting were effectively implemented through regular monitoring and coordinated efforts. Major achievements included strengthening internships and industry collaborations, organizing faculty development programmes on NEP 2020, AI, Data Analytics and research, promoting innovation through the appointment of a Dean – Research and Innovation, conducting Annual Research and Innovation Day, enhancing patent awareness and intellectual property activities, and expanding alumni engagement in mentoring, placements, curriculum enrichment and institutional development. (Annexure I).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.2: Review of the Augmentation of Infrastructure Facilities

Dr.V.Dhivaharan, Chairman and Correspondent presented a comprehensive report on the infrastructure augmentation initiatives undertaken during the academic year **2025–2026**. He informed the Governing Body that the Management had made substantial investments to strengthen the institution's academic, physical and student-support infrastructure, reflecting its continued commitment to providing a modern, technology-enabled and student-centric learning environment.

- The **Library and Learning Resource Centre**, the intellectual hub of the institution, was further strengthened through the procurement of new books and library software at a cost of **₹3,57,641**, thereby enriching learning resources and improving access to academic information. To enhance classroom teaching and institutional programmes, the College upgraded its audio infrastructure by procuring new microphones and microphone stands at a cost of **₹1,94,800**. New classroom and office furniture costing **₹1,36,633** and air-conditioning systems costing **₹1,57,500** were also installed to improve the comfort, functionality and aesthetics of academic and administrative spaces.
- A major achievement during the year was the **extensive maintenance, renovation and augmentation of the College infrastructure**, together with the maintenance of the College bus fleet, involving a total expenditure of **₹2,25,56,122**. These initiatives significantly enhanced the quality of campus facilities and ensured a conducive environment for teaching, learning and institutional administration.
- To strengthen leadership, discipline and national service activities, the Management established a dedicated **National Cadet Corps (NCC) Firing Range** along with **ten obstacle training structures** at a cost of **₹72,00,000**. In addition, financial assistance amounting to **₹2,81,600** was provided for organizing NCC camps and associated training programmes, thereby promoting leadership qualities, discipline and personality development among students.
- Recognizing the importance of women's safety, self-confidence and physical well-being, the institution also organized **Karate Training Programmes** at an expenditure of **₹67,500**, equipping students with self-defence skills and promoting holistic development. (**Annexure II**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 3: Ratification of the Resolutions of the Board of Studies Meetings

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal informed the Governing Body that all Boards of Studies successfully revised the curricula in accordance with NEP 2020, Bharathidasan University regulations, UGC, TANSCHÉ and Outcome-Based Education principles. Significant reforms included the introduction of Interdisciplinary Courses, Minor Courses, Skill Enhancement Courses, Value Added Courses, Theory-cum-Practical Courses, Project-based Learning, Disaster Management, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science using Python and R, Enterprise AI, Indian Knowledge Systems and other industry-oriented courses (**Annexure III**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.4: Ratification of the Resolutions of the Academic Council Meeting

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal reported that the Academic Council approved the revised curricula, credit framework and evaluation system for all UG and PG programmes in line with NEP 2020. The Council also approved learner-centric initiatives including Ability Enhancement Courses, Self-Study Components, SWAYAM/NPTEL credits, internships and industry-supported certification programmes. Emphasis was placed on continuous result analysis, remedial coaching and improvement of the teaching-learning process. **(Annexure IV).**

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.5: Report on Faculty Recruitment, Appointments and Relieving of Teaching Faculty and Non-Teaching Staff for the Academic Year 2025–2026

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal reported that the Faculty recruitment during 2025–2026 was carried out through a transparent, merit-based selection process involving subject experts and external members. New faculty members were appointed in several departments to strengthen teaching, research and student mentoring. Additional Laboratory Assistants and supporting staff were also appointed to improve laboratory services and autonomous examination administration. **(Annexure V).**

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.6: Financial Assistance Extended by the Management to the Students, Teaching faculty and Non-Teaching Staff Members

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal highlighted that the Management extended financial assistance amounting to **₹25.33 lakh** towards scholarships, endowment awards, bus fee concessions, student welfare initiatives and employee support. The Dr. V. Dhivaharan Scholarship Scheme continued to recognize academic excellence, while welfare measures for economically disadvantaged students and non-teaching staff reflected the institution's commitment to inclusive education and employee well-being. **(Annexure VI).**

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 7: Review of Communications Received from the University, RJD, UGC, NAAC, TANSCH, AICTE and Other Statutory Bodies

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal explained that the institution received communications from Bharathidasan University, UGC, NAAC, AICTE, TANSCH, the Regional Joint Director and other statutory authorities. The Principal reported that all necessary administrative and academic actions had been taken, statutory returns were submitted on time, and compliance with regulatory requirements was ensured through effective dissemination and implementation across departments.

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 8 : Review of the Skill Training Programme under the Tamil Nadu skill development corporation followed by Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana in association with Adyar Ananda Bhavan Sweets India Pvt. Ltd., as part of the College's Community Service Initiatives

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal reported on the successful implementation of industry-linked skill development programmes in collaboration with **Adyar Ananda Bhavan (A2B)**. Under the DDU-GKY scheme, 140 candidates were trained and most secured employment. The programme has now transitioned to the Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation (TNSDC), with the first batch of trainees currently undergoing vocational training. The initiative continues to promote employability, youth empowerment and sustainable livelihood opportunities for socially and economically disadvantaged youth. (**Annexure VII**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.9 : Presentation of NIRF, AISHE Data and National Academic Depository Status

Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi reported that the institution successfully submitted the **AISHE 2024–2025** data to the Ministry of Education, ensuring accurate national-level institutional reporting. The College continued the implementation of the **National Academic Depository (NAD)** and **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)** in alignment with **NEP 2020**, facilitating secure digital management of academic records and supporting the multiple entry–multiple exit framework. The institution also successfully submitted its data for the **NIRF India Rankings 2026**, reaffirming its commitment to transparency, quality assurance and continuous institutional improvement. (**Annexure VIII**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 10: Review of the Functioning of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi, IQAC Director, reported that the IQAC continued to function as the institutional catalyst for quality enhancement, academic excellence and innovation. During the year, IQAC coordinated **10 major academic programmes**, including conferences, workshops, seminars, Faculty Development Programmes and student enrichment activities, involving nearly **2,900 participants**. The Cell also organized capacity-building programmes focusing on research methodology, project development, academic integrity, scientific writing, publication ethics and soft skills, thereby strengthening faculty competencies and institutional quality. (**Annexure IX**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.11 : Report of the Students' Admission for the Academic Year 2025–2026

Dr. R. Anuradha, Vice Principal reported that the admission process for the academic year 2025–2026 was conducted in a fair, transparent and merit-based manner in accordance with the regulations of the Government of Tamil Nadu, Bharathidasan University, UGC and AICTE. A total of 977 students were admitted, comprising 684 students in 14 Undergraduate programmes

and 293 students in 13 Postgraduate programmes. Admissions were overseen by a duly constituted Admission Committee, ensuring equity, transparency and compliance with reservation policies and statutory norms. Comprehensive admission records were maintained as per regulatory requirements. **(Annexure X).**

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.12: Review of the Students' Scholarship Schemes and Beneficiaries for the Academic Year 2025–2026

Dr. R. Anuradha, Vice-Principal reported that presented the details of scholarship support extended to students during 2025–2026. A total of **207 students** received **SC/ST Scholarships amounting to ₹15.95 lakh**, **1,071 students** benefited under the **Pudhumai Penn Scheme** receiving **₹1.17 crore**, and **three differently-abled students** received **₹36,000** under the Disability Scholarship Scheme. These initiatives reinforced the institution's commitment to equitable access, inclusiveness and student welfare. **(Annexure XI)**

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.13: Review of the Activities of the Training, Placement and TARGET CE Cell

Dr. R. Anuradha, Vice-Principal highlighted the activities of the Target Competitive Examination (Target CE) Cell and the Career Guidance and Placement Cell. Orientation programmes, TNPSC aptitude coaching, employability training, placement awareness and career guidance programmes were organized to prepare students for competitive examinations and employment. A major achievement was the successful conduct of the STET Mega Job Fair–2026, which attracted 55 companies. Of the 917 registered candidates, 589 attended, 435 were selected, 250 received on-the-spot offer letters, and 154 were shortlisted for further recruitment, demonstrating the institution's strong industry linkages and commitment to student employability. **(Annexure XII).**

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.14: Approval of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with Academic Institutions, Research Organizations, Health Sectors and Industries

Dr. R. Anuradha, Vice-Principal presented the institution currently maintains **77 functional MoUs** with universities, research organizations, industries, healthcare institutions and corporate organizations. During 2025–2026, **seven new MoUs** were signed through various departments to strengthen research collaboration, internships, industrial training, faculty exchange, curriculum enrichment, skill development and placement opportunities. The institution continues to expand its collaborative network to enhance academic quality, innovation and industry engagement. **(Annexure XIII).**

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.15: Review of the Functioning of the Research and Development Cell

Dr. N. Uma Maheswari, Principal presented the achievements of the Research and Development Cell, including submission of **213 student** and **13 faculty research proposals**, funding for student projects, signing of research MoUs, filing and publication of patents, publication of research papers, books and book chapters, award of Ph.D. degrees to faculty members and research scholars, organization of research-oriented faculty development programmes, National Science Day activities and sanction of seed money to promote research and innovation across departments.

(Annexure XIV).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.16: Review of Significant Academic and Co-curricular Activities

Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi, IQAC Director reported that the IQAC facilitated the successful conduct of **52 academic programmes**, including national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, guest lectures and symposia, enriching the academic environment across disciplines. Faculty members actively participated in academic programmes conducted by universities and professional organizations, enhancing their teaching and research competencies. The institution organized **36 extension activities** in collaboration with schools, healthcare institutions, self-help groups, NGOs and local communities, promoting social responsibility and community engagement. Research remained a major institutional strength, with faculty publishing **38 research papers** and **89 books and book chapters**, thereby enhancing the institution's research profile. Students benefited from **industry visits and internships** in industries, hospitals, laboratories, IT companies, financial institutions and business organizations, strengthening practical knowledge, professional skills and employability. The report also highlighted vibrant **co-curricular activities**, including Fine Arts programmes, NCC activities, sports achievements, cultural events and leadership development initiatives, contributing significantly to students' holistic development. (Annexure XV).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No.17: Results of the Autonomous examinations for the academic year 2025-2026

Dr. A. Yogeswari, Controller of Examinations, presented a comprehensive report on the conduct of the Autonomous End Semester Examinations held during November 2025 and April 2026, together with the Supplementary and Instant Examinations. She reported that all examination processes—including notification, registration, hall ticket generation, question paper processing, conduct of theory and practical examinations, valuation, tabulation, publication of results, revaluation and issue of mark statements—were carried out efficiently in accordance with the regulations of the Autonomous College and the guidelines of Bharathidasan University. The Office of the Controller of Examinations continued to uphold the principles of confidentiality, transparency, fairness, accuracy and timely declaration of results, supported by digital examination management, systematic result analysis and robust quality assurance mechanisms.

Undergraduate Examination Performance

The Controller reported consistently high performance across all Undergraduate programmes.

- **November 2025:** Overall UG pass percentages ranged from **93.11% (I UG)** to **99.48% (III UG)**, achieving **100% pass results** in most of the departments.
- **April 2026:** Performance improved further, with overall pass percentages ranging from **97.23% (II UG)** to **99.80% (III UG)**, and recording **100% pass results** in most of the departments.

The analysis indicated a clear improvement over previous examination sessions, reflecting the effectiveness of continuous internal assessment, mentoring, remedial coaching and learner support initiatives.

Postgraduate Examination Performance

The Postgraduate programmes maintained exceptional academic standards.

- **November 2025:** **I PG recorded 98.63%**, while **II PG achieved 100%**, with all twelve programmes securing **100% pass**.
- **April 2026:** **I PG recorded 98.62%**, and **II PG again achieved 100%**, demonstrating sustained excellence and academic consistency.

The Controller observed that postgraduate programmes consistently exhibited stronger performance due to effective mentoring, research-oriented learning and rigorous academic monitoring.

Supplementary and Instant Examinations

The Supplementary and Instant Examination system continued to support student progression effectively.

- **November 2025 Supplementary: 94.59% pass**
- **April 2025 Supplementary: 97.50% pass**
- **April 2025 Instant Examination: 100% pass**

Overall, **148 students** successfully cleared pending courses through these examinations, enabling them to complete their programmes without academic delay.

Comparative Result Analysis

A comparative analysis of the past three years demonstrated sustained institutional excellence.

- Overall institutional average pass percentages consistently exceeded **96%**.
- **April 2026** recorded an overall institutional average of **98.40%**, representing an improvement over **97.12%** recorded in **April 2025**.
- The number of programmes achieving **100% pass** remained consistently high across both Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels.
- Department-wise analysis highlighted sustained excellence in Mathematics, Commerce, Computer Science, Computer Applications, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Nutrition & Dietetics, MBA and several emerging programmes, while also identifying departments requiring focused academic interventions.

Academic Insights

The Controller concluded that the examination outcomes reaffirm the institution's commitment to:

- transparent and fair evaluation practices;
- Outcome-Based Education (OBE);
- learner-centred pedagogy;
- continuous internal assessment;
- remedial coaching and mentoring;
- data-driven academic planning; and
- Continuous quality improvement.

The result analysis was presented as an important academic quality assurance tool for strengthening the teaching-learning processes and improving programme outcomes. (**Annexure XVI**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 18: Presentation and Approval of the Accounts Statement for the Financial Year 2025–2026

Dr. Yogeswari, Controller of Examinations, presented the College's **Accounts Statement** for the year ended **31 March 2026**.

Key highlights included:

- Total financial transactions amounted to **₹10.12 crore**, reflecting sound financial management.
- The College maintained a healthy liquidity position, with the year-end cash and bank balance increasing to **₹1.12 crore**.
- **College fees** and **bus fee collections** remained the principal sources of revenue.
- Major expenditure included **staff salaries (₹4.86 crore)**, **bus maintenance (₹2.08 crore)**, infrastructure development, ICT facilities, library resources, laboratories, ERP systems and research support.
- Significant investments were also made towards student welfare, seminars, NCC, research seed money and academic governance.

The Controller concluded that the College maintained a stable financial position while continuing to invest substantially in academic quality, infrastructure modernization and student development.

Executive Summary of the Controller of Examinations (COE) Accounts (2025–2026)

The Controller presented the financial performance of the **Office of the Controller of Examinations**. The COE Office handled total receipts and payments amounting to **₹1.29 crore**, ensuring the efficient conduct of autonomous examinations.

Key financial highlights included:

- **Examination fees (₹76.03 lakh)** constituted the principal source of income.
- Major expenditure included **staff remuneration (₹20.18 lakh)**, **printing and stationery (₹10.62 lakh)**, University-related payments and examination administration.

- Investments were made in ERP software, software maintenance, computer accessories, communication facilities and digital examination management systems.

The Controller reported that the COE Office remained **financially sound, operationally efficient and self-sustaining**, with examination revenue effectively supporting autonomous examination administration and contributing to institutional financial stability. (**Annexure XVII**)

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 19: Consideration and Approval of the Proposed Budget for the Academic Year 2026–2027

Dr. G.Vijayalakshmi, IQAC Director presented the proposed budget of **₹12.585 crore** for the academic year 2026–2027, prepared to support the institution's academic, administrative, infrastructural and developmental priorities.

Major allocations included:

- **₹6.00 crore** towards staff salaries to sustain quality teaching and administration.
- **₹2.50 crore** for maintenance of the College bus fleet.
- **₹1.00 crore** for procurement of a new College bus.
- Capital investments for laboratories, classrooms, library resources, furniture, digital infrastructure, ERP services, internet connectivity and campus development.
- Continued support for faculty development, student welfare, sports, NCC, research and quality assurance initiatives.
- **₹10 lakh** allocated as **Seed Money for Research** to promote innovation and externally funded research.

The proposed budget was presented as a balanced financial plan aimed at sustaining academic excellence, infrastructure development, research growth and long-term institutional sustainability. (**Annexure XVIII**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 20: Discussion on the Strategic Plan and Future Initiatives for the Academic Year 2026–2027

Dr.N.Uma Maheswari, Principal outlined the institution's future roadmap focusing on:

- effective implementation of the revised NEP 2020 curriculum;
- curriculum innovation and multidisciplinary education;
- strengthening research, innovation, patents and externally funded projects;
- faculty development and leadership enhancement;
- modernization of infrastructure and digital learning;
- stronger industry and research collaborations;
- student employability, entrepreneurship and competitive examination coaching;
- quality assurance through IQAC and improved performance in NAAC, NIRF and AISHE;
- expansion of community engagement; and
- promotion of international collaborations and academic networking to enhance global visibility. (**Annexure XIX**).

It was noted and ratified.

Agenda No. 21 : Any other

Dr. R. Anuradha, Vice Principal, presented several noteworthy achievements not covered under earlier agenda items:

- **Ilakkiya Virudhu 2025:** The institution conferred the prestigious **Ilakkiya Virudhu**, carrying a cash award of **₹1 lakh**, on **Kalaimamani Dr. R. Kamarasu** in recognition of his distinguished contributions to Tamil literature and folklore.
- **Government Free Laptop Scheme:** **1,085 students** benefited from the Government of Tamil Nadu's Free Laptop Scheme, strengthening digital learning.
- **Robotics Laboratory:** A state-of-the-art Robotics Laboratory was established to support practical learning, research, innovation and Industry 4.0 education.
- **NCC Achievements:** The NCC Unit recorded significant achievements, including participation in national camps, selection of **SGT T. Pradeepa** for the **Republic Day Camp 2026**, the Overall Trophy in the Pre-selection Thal Sainik Camp, and excellent performance in NCC 'B' and 'C' Certificate examinations.
- **Promotion of Digital Learning:** **247 UG students, 326 PG students and 71 faculty members** successfully completed NPTEL/SWAYAM courses.
- **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan:** The institution implemented rural development programmes with a **₹1 lakh grant**, undertaking village surveys, health awareness, digital literacy and skill development initiatives.
- **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC):** The IIC earned a **Star Rating and Appreciation Certificate** while organizing innovation, entrepreneurship and hackathon activities.
- **Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC):** The EDC organized seminars, innovation workshops and vocational training programmes in tailoring, screen printing and spiral binding, strengthening entrepreneurial skills and self-employment opportunities among students. (Annexure XX)

It was noted and ratified.

After all the agenda items were considered and approved, the members shared the following suggestions and observations

Dr. A.Gunasekaran, Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Thanjavur

The proceedings of the meeting and the presentation of the agenda items were appreciated by the member. It was observed that the proceedings had been conducted in a systematic and effective manner and that each agenda item had been presented comprehensively with adequate supporting information.

Appreciation was also expressed for the systematic compilation and presentation of the activities undertaken and proposed during each semester, together with the relevant supporting data. It was observed that the documentation reflected careful planning, effective academic administration, and a well-organized reporting system.

Certain suggestions were offered for further strengthening the presentation of the agenda and supporting documents.

It was suggested that important points under each agenda item may be highlighted more explicitly so that their significance could be readily appreciated by all the members of the Governing Body.

It was further suggested that printed copies of the agenda and supporting documents may be provided to the Chairman, nominees, and other external members either in advance or during the meeting to facilitate easier reference and more effective participation in the deliberations.

With regard to **student admissions**, it was observed that the report presently included only the number of admissions against the sanctioned intake. It was suggested that additional details, such as the sanctioned strength, actual admissions, vacancies, and percentage of seats filled for each programme, may also be included so that a clearer picture of the admission status could be presented to the Governing Body.

It was further recommended that the initiatives and strategies adopted by the College to improve student admissions may be incorporated in the report. It was observed that such information would enable the Governing Body to appreciate the efforts undertaken to enhance student enrolment and to evaluate the effectiveness of various admission and outreach initiatives.

It was also observed that the excellent infrastructure and academic facilities available in the institution constitute significant strengths and should continue to be effectively utilized for attracting prospective students. Attention was drawn to the vacancies that continue to exist in certain programmes, including Mathematics and Physics. It was remarked that, in view of the increasing competition among higher education institutions and the wider programme choices available to students, sustained efforts should continue to be made to strengthen admission strategies and improve enrolment.

With regard to **research performance**, it was observed that the achievements had been presented mainly in terms of overall numerical data. It was suggested that the research contributions may also be presented on a department-wise basis. Such a presentation was considered useful for assessing the relative contributions of individual departments, recognizing areas of excellence, and identifying departments requiring additional encouragement and support.

It was further suggested that the presentation of research performance may include brief explanatory notes and analytical observations rather than only statistical information. It was observed that such an approach would facilitate a better understanding of the significance and impact of the institution's research activities.

Appreciation was expressed for the comprehensive preparation of the memorandum and supporting documents. It was observed that many sections had been presented in considerable detail. However, it was suggested that the presentation could be made more analytical by including explanatory notes on significant agenda items, as is generally followed in autonomous colleges.

It was further recommended that, wherever only basic information had been provided, the context, significance, outcomes, and institutional impact may also be explained so that the reports become more meaningful and facilitate informed deliberations by the Governing Body.

A similar approach was suggested for reporting matters relating to autonomous status and other institutional initiatives. It was also recommended that, while presenting the achievements of students

and faculty members, qualitative information explaining the nature of the achievement, the process involved, and its academic significance may also be included in addition to numerical data.

With regard to **Result Analysis**, it was suggested that the report should extend beyond the presentation of overall pass percentages. It was recommended that the reasons for improvements or declines in pass percentage, the factors contributing to student performance, and the corrective or improvement measures proposed by the institution may also be incorporated. Such an analysis was considered essential for providing the Governing Body with a comprehensive understanding of the institution's academic performance.

It was observed that the report would become more informative and academically meaningful if analytical interpretations were included alongside statistical data.

In conclusion, it was observed that the format presently adopted by STET Women's College (Autonomous) is systematic and commendable. The suggestions offered were stated to be purely constructive in nature and intended only to further strengthen the quality and usefulness of the Governing Body documentation. It was expressed that the incorporation of these suggestions would make the reports more comprehensive, analytical, and valuable for the Governing Body and all other stakeholders.

Dr. D. Velmurugan, Educationist, Management Nominee, Educationist, Management Nominee, Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Council of Higher Education, Chennai

Appreciation was expressed to the Management for extending the invitation to participate in the Sixth Governing Body Meeting. The observations and suggestions made by the Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education were fully endorsed and concurred with.

With regard to the academic performance of the institution, appreciation was expressed for the remarkable achievements recorded by the College. It was observed that the large number of distinctions, University Ranks, and awards secured by undergraduate and postgraduate students reflected the quality of the academic environment and the institution's sustained commitment to academic excellence.

It was further observed that considerable importance had been accorded to emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, Data Science, and Machine Learning in the curriculum. It was remarked that Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning have become indispensable across almost every academic discipline and are no longer confined to the field of Computer Science alone. The inclusion of these contemporary domains in the curriculum was appreciated, as it was considered beneficial in equipping students with future-oriented knowledge and skills.

Appreciation was also expressed to the Management for its continued commitment to infrastructure development. It was noted that significant financial resources had been invested in strengthening the physical infrastructure of the institution. Particular appreciation was extended for the substantial investment made in transportation facilities. The budgetary allocation proposed for the expansion and maintenance of the bus fleet was considered timely and essential, especially in view of the benefit extended to students from rural areas.

The emphasis placed by the institution on the holistic development of students was also appreciated. It was observed that students had been encouraged not only to excel academically but also to participate actively in NCC, cultural programmes, co-curricular activities, and various student development initiatives. The successful participation of students in programmes conducted at different levels was also acknowledged.

Appreciation was expressed for the initiatives undertaken by the Management and various academic departments in organizing a large number of workshops, seminars, and conferences. The active participation of faculty members in national and international conferences, together with their sustained contribution to research through quality publications, was also commended. The significant number of research papers published by the faculty members was acknowledged as a noteworthy academic achievement.

Special appreciation was expressed for the importance accorded to career guidance, counselling, training, and placement activities. It was observed that consistent efforts had been made by the institution to enhance student employability through well-planned guidance, skill development, and placement initiatives.

It was further observed that, despite being located in a rural region, the institution had successfully created academic facilities and learning opportunities comparable to those available in urban institutions. The excellent academic outcomes achieved by the College were considered evidence of the effectiveness of these sustained efforts.

The consistently high pass percentage, ranging between 97 and 98 per cent, was highly appreciated. It was remarked that maintaining such a high level of academic performance on a consistent basis was a significant accomplishment, even when compared with many institutions situated in metropolitan areas.

Attention was also drawn to the challenges currently being experienced by higher educational institutions with regard to admissions in certain basic science programmes, particularly Chemistry. It was observed that the increasing preference of students for emerging disciplines such as Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and Biochemistry has become a common trend affecting admissions to traditional programmes.

A clarification regarding the designation of the Educationist Nominee was also placed on record. It was informed that the position of Member-Secretary of the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education had been held for a period of three years and that the post is presently vacant. It was therefore requested that the current designation be reflected correctly in the proceedings of the meeting.

Overall appreciation was expressed for the continuous improvement demonstrated by the institution over the previous year. It was observed that the College had successfully maintained high academic standards while keeping pace with recent developments in higher education. The proactive implementation of several components of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 within the framework of autonomous status was also acknowledged.

Particular appreciation was expressed for the enthusiastic participation of both students and faculty members in NPTEL courses. It was observed that such initiatives significantly contribute to enhancing academic quality, professional competence, and lifelong learning.

In conclusion, satisfaction was expressed regarding the overall progress achieved by the institution. The Management, the Principal, the faculty members, and all stakeholders were congratulated for their dedicated efforts towards the growth and development of the College. Confidence was also expressed that, with the continued support of the Management and the sustained commitment of all stakeholders, the institution would continue to uphold its standards of excellence and attain greater achievements in the years ahead.

Dr. C. Lakshumanan, University Nominee, Professor, Department of Remote Sensing, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli

The Management, the Principal, the faculty members, and the entire staff of STET Women's College (Autonomous) were congratulated for the commendable progress achieved by the institution.

It was observed that quality higher education has been consistently provided to the rural student community despite the institution being located in a rural area. Appreciation was expressed for the sustained efforts undertaken by the Management and the faculty members towards the academic and personal development of students from rural backgrounds.

The agenda papers were reported to have been carefully examined, and the presentations delivered during the meeting were found to be comprehensive and well-organized. It was observed that the reports reflected the systematic functioning and effective administration of the institution.

Special appreciation was expressed for the report presented by the Controller of Examinations. It was observed that the examination system and the academic performance of the students had been presented in a detailed and systematic manner. It was further noted that the conduct of examinations and the publication of results were being carried out with fairness, transparency, and efficiency, thereby ensuring the effective implementation of the autonomous examination system.

The academic infrastructure developed by the institution, including smart classrooms, modern laboratories, and the Robotics Laboratory, was highly appreciated. It was observed that adequate opportunities for experiential learning and exposure to emerging technologies had been created through these facilities, thereby enhancing the quality of teaching and learning.

Overall satisfaction was expressed with the progress achieved by the institution. The continued commitment of the Management towards academic excellence, quality education, and institutional development was appreciated. The Management, the Principal, the faculty members, and all other stakeholders were congratulated for their dedicated efforts, and continued progress and greater achievements of the institution were wished.

Dr.N.Uma Maheswari, Principal

The observations and suggestions made by the honourable member were gratefully acknowledged. It was assured that continuous efforts would be made towards strengthening the institution through the addition of more classrooms, the expansion of smart learning facilities, and the further enhancement of the library and other academic infrastructure.

Dr. V. Dhivaharan, Chairman and Correspondent

The members were thanked for their valuable observations and suggestions.

It was assured by the Chairman and Correspondent that the Management would continue to provide all the infrastructure, facilities, and resources genuinely required for the academic growth and overall development of the institution. It was further stated that, whenever such requirements are placed before the Management, the fullest support would be extended to facilitate the continued progress of the College.

Dr. K. Thiyagesan Academic Advisor

The Principal and all the faculty members were congratulated for the excellent presentation made before the Governing Body. Appreciation was expressed for the comprehensive preparation of the report and its clear, systematic, and well-organized presentation. The efforts taken by the entire team in preparing and presenting the report were highly appreciated.

With regard to research and innovation, it was observed that commendable progress had been achieved by the institution. It was suggested that greater emphasis may be placed on patent filing, patent publication, and intellectual property creation in the coming years. It was further observed that the institution possesses the necessary academic strength and research potential, and that higher levels of achievement in the area of intellectual property generation could be attained through sustained efforts.

Dr.N.Uma Maheswari, Principal

The valuable suggestion offered by the honourable member was gratefully acknowledged. It was assured that appropriate steps would be taken to strengthen the institution's efforts in patent filing, patent publication, and intellectual property development.

Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi, IQAC Director expressed her sincere gratitude to all members of the Governing Body for their valuable participation and guidance during the meeting. She conveyed special thanks to the **Chairman and Correspondent** for his visionary leadership and unwavering support, and to the **Principal** for her exemplary leadership and commitment to academic excellence. She acknowledged the constructive contributions of the **Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education (Government Nominee)**, the **University Nominee**, the **Educationist Nominee**, and the **Academic Adviser**, whose observations and recommendations would further strengthen the institution's academic and administrative development. The Vice Principal, members of the Trust Board, the Director of the Curriculum Development Cell, the Controller of Examinations, the NIRF Coordinator, the Administrative Officer, and the faculty members and staff involved in organizing the meeting were also thanked for their dedicated support and contributions to the successful conduct of the Governing Body meeting. Special appreciation was extended to the organizing team for ensuring the smooth and efficient conduct of the proceedings. In conclusion, Dr. Vijayalakshmi thanked all members for their valuable time, continued encouragement and commitment to the growth and progress of STET Women's College. She expressed confidence that the guidance received during the meeting would contribute significantly to the institution's pursuit of academic excellence, quality enhancement and future development, and declared the meeting concluded with a formal vote of thanks.

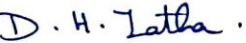


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10	Dr. R. Anuradha	Vice Principal	<i>R. Anuradha</i> 10/7/2026
11	Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi	Director, IQAC	<i>G. Vijayalakshmi</i> 10/07/2026
12	Dr. K. Thiyagesan	Academic Advisor	<i>K. Thiyagesan</i>
13	Dr. Natarajan Gopalan	Dean - Research and Innovation	Absent
14	Dr. A. Yogeswari	Controller of Examinations	<i>A. Yogeswari</i>
15	Ms. G. Gunapriya	Administrative Officer	<i>G. Gunapriya</i>



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