

NICMAR UNIVERSITY OF CONSTRUCTION STUDIES
HYDERABAD

Meeting No. 53/2025-26/IQAC-06
(Internal Quality Assurance Cell Meeting)
Minutes of Meeting

Notification & Agenda

Notification

Ref : NUCS-053/2025-26 / IQAC-06

Madam / Sir,

Notice of 6th IQAC Committee Meeting

The sixth IQAC Committee meeting of the NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad, will be held as per the details given below:

Meeting No. : NUCS-053 /2025-26 / IQAC-06
Day / Date : Wednesday, 25 March 2026
Time : 2:30 PM
Mode : Hybrid
Place : Meeting Room- Ground floor, Nandighosh,
NICMAR University of Construction Studies,
Survey No.: 371-384, 389 and 390, Jaggamguda(V), Shamirpet,
Medchal - Malkajgiri (Dist) - 500101, Telangana

Meeting Link:

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Agenda

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2	Address by Chairman- IQAC	
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4	Quality improvement in the process/ strategic planning- Interim Dean, IQAC	Review by Interim Dean- IQAC
5	Quality improvement in Academic Activities- Interim Dean- Academics	Review by Interim Dean- Academics
6	Updates on International Programs & Research development - Interim Dean- R& D	Review by Interim Dean- R& D
7	Quality improvement in Student welfare function - Interim Dean- Student Welfare	Review by Interim Dean- Student Welfare
8	Any other point with the permission of the Chair	

Agenda – IQAC

25 March, 2026 at 16:15

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Minutes of the Meeting

Minutes of the sixth Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) meeting Of NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad held on Wednesday, 25 March 2026 @16:15 in the meeting room, Ground floor, Nandighosh, NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad.

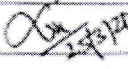
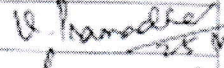
Members Present:

The Following members were present

NICMAR University of Construction Studies (NUCS) Hyderabad, Telangana IQAC Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, 25 March 2026 at 4:15 PM

Meeting Room- Ground floor, Nandighosh, NICMAR University of Construction Studies

S. No.	Designated Member	Nominated Designation	Signature
1	Prof (Dr) Shrikant Charhate	Chairman	
2	Dr. T Seshadri Sekhar	Member	
3	Dr. R Sathish Kumar	Member	
4	Dr. V Srihari	Member	- Absent -
5	Dr. R Venkatesan	Member Secretary	
6	Dr. Sarbesh Mishra	Member	
7	Dr. Arun Chandramohan	Member	
8	Dr. Binaya Patnaik	Member	
9	Dr. P Hanumantha Rao	Member	
10	Dr. V. Pramadha	Member	
11	Dr. P. Ammani	Member	
12	Dr. P. Muralidhar	Member	
13	Dr. K.H.S.S.Phanindra	Member	
14	Dr. Raja Sekhar Mamillapalli	Member	- Absent -
15	Dr. K. Ravindranadh Chowdary	Member	- Absent -
16	Mr. Narayan Rao K	Member	
17	Prof. Lohithaksha Maiyar	Member	
18	Dr Abudhahir A	Member	- Absent -
19	Mr. Ravindra Wani	Member	
20	Mr. Durgam Vikas	Member	
21	Ms. Swatantra Bose	Member	- Absent -

Prof. (Dr). Shrikant Charhate, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor was requested to occupy the chair.
The meeting of the members was called upon to discuss and transact the following business:

To grant leave of absence, if any:

All Members were present for the meeting except Dr. V. Srihari, Dr. Ravindranath Chowdary, Dr M. Raja Sekhar, Dr Abudhahir A, and Ms. Swatantra Bose.

Item No. 01: Welcome note by Interim Dean- IQAC

Dr. R Venkatesan, Interim Dean – IQAC, has welcomed all members to the Sixth meeting of the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) at NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 December 2025 were ratified and approved.

Item No. 02: Address by Chairman- IQAC, Vice Chancellor

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Shrikant Charhate, welcomed all IQAC members and highlighted the following:

- Emphasized the role of IQAC in driving quality across academic and administrative functions.
- Briefed on the PMI accreditation review aligned with NBA/NAAC frameworks.
- Appreciated FDP and SDP initiatives conducted by IQAC for faculty and staff development.
- Highlighted curriculum enhancement, research seed grants, and infrastructure development.
- Noted strong placement performance and industry engagement initiatives.

Item No. 03: Quality improvement in Teaching & Learning Process of each school

Dr. R Sathish Kumar, Interim Dean- School of Construction Technology presented quality improvement initiatives of the School of Construction Technology, covering

- Experiential learning through weekly guest lectures and site visits
- Strong industry engagement in academic activities
- Introduction of Witness simulation software for project-based learning
- Implementation of certification programs (PMI/IGBC)
- Student achievements in academic and co-curricular activities
- Strengthening of CO–PO attainment
- Curriculum enhancement for the upcoming academic session.

Remarks / Suggestions from Vice Chancellor,

- Academic audit to be conducted once every semester for all Schools; Along with IQAC, design a structured format with defined parameters.
- Need to transform teaching methods from traditional approaches to more interactive, flip-classroom, and application-based learning.
- Organize brainstorming sessions with faculty on innovative pedagogy and classroom engagement practices.
- Introduce short-term skill enhancement/certificate courses using specialized software tools.
- Plan for the introduction of new academic programs and establishment of Centres of Excellence in the upcoming academic session.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.3.1	Implement experiential and activity-based learning methods	Interim Dean (SoCT)	Jan 2027
6.3.2	Support skill-based training aligned with industry needs	Interim Dean (SoCT) / Placement Team	Aug 2026

Dr. P. Hanumantha Rao, Interim Dean- School of Project Management highlighted that

- Highlighted adoption of WITNESS software and involvement of industry experts for experiential learning.
- Reported progress on IQAC action items, including accreditation preparation and documentation compliance.
- Emphasized introduction of AI/ML elective, skill enhancement courses, and short-term training programs.
- Indicated plans for Centre of Excellence, Start-up ecosystem integration, and benchmarking based on placement outcomes.

Remarks/ Suggestions from Vice Chancellor,

- Highlighted that the School of Project Management must demonstrate greater initiative and measurable progress.
- Emphasized that presentations should clearly reflect activities, new initiatives, and tangible outcomes.
- Stressed that efforts must be data-driven and outcome-oriented, particularly addressing enrollment challenges.
- Advised that faculty and student achievements (research, publications, FDPs, industry engagement) should be effectively showcased.
- Directed that the School must ensure continuous quality improvement and visible progress within the next three months.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.3.3	Track and report faculty achievements (publications, FDPs, research, grants)	Interim Dean (SoPM)	May 2026
6.3.4	Structured mechanism for documenting and disseminating student achievements and academic outcomes through institutional platforms.	Interim Dean (SoPM)	June 2026
6.3.5	Data-driven analytical reports to identify enrollment trends and academic performance gaps, with structured action plans for improvement	Interim Dean (SoPM)	July 2026

In the absence of the Interim Dean, Dr. V. Srihari, **Dr. K.H.S.S. Phanindra, School of Energy and Clean Technology** represented on his behalf. Presented quality initiatives of the School of Energy and Clean Technologies, including research proposal submission and academic activities at the School level.

- Informed that initiatives such as ASSP student chapter formation and BCSP/CSP certification alignment are in progress to enhance global professional exposure.
- Reported that industrial visits (e.g., Asian Paints, testing labs) and National Safety Day activities were conducted for experiential learning.
- Mentioned that outreach and student engagement activities are ongoing, with structured plans for further implementation.
- Noted that action items from the previous meeting are being executed with defined timelines, with key initiatives targeted for completion in the upcoming months.

Remarks/ Suggestions from Vice Chancellor,

- Emphasized that Energy and Clean Technology is a critical and emerging domain, requiring stronger academic focus and relevance.
- Stressed the need for interdisciplinary collaboration with Construction and Project Management for effective learning.
- Emphasized that learning should be experiential, with increased industry interaction, certifications, and field exposure.
- Advised conducting awareness sessions on global energy issues and sustainability, linking them to current global scenarios.
- Directed that institutional activities such as World Water Day be observed with meaningful academic and outreach initiatives.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.3.6	Increase industry visits, certifications, and experiential learning activities	Interim Dean (SoECT)	Aug 2026

6.3.7	Prepare and obtain approval for Annual Event Calendar focusing on energy crisis, sustainability, and water conservation (including observance of World Water Day)	Interim Dean (SoECT)	May 2026
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Dr. Sarbesh Mishra, Interim Dean- School of Executive Education & Industry Relations, highlighting its role as a bridge between academia and evolving industry requirements.

- Informed that over 200+ industry experts and executive programs have been conducted, strengthening industry engagement and practical exposure.
- Reported that continuous curriculum updates and integration of emerging technologies (AI, Construction 4.0/5.0) are being undertaken based on industry inputs.
- Highlighted that initiatives such as Frontiers 2026, industry collaborations, and MoU with R-Dash have enhanced institutional–industry linkages.
- Emphasized that executive education supports curriculum innovation, faculty upskilling, and student employability, with a focus on proactive and industry-aligned learning.

Remarks/ Suggestions from Ravindra Wani-member

- Emphasized that Executive Education should be effectively integrated with regular academic programs.
- Highlighted the need to align executive learning with curriculum delivery for better practical application.
- Stressed that such integration will ensure students are industry-ready from day one.
- Advised that continuous updates from industry practices should be embedded into classroom teaching.
- Highlighted the need for enhancing students' real-world understanding through experiential and field-based learning.

Remarks/ Suggestions from Vice Chancellor,

- Emphasized the need to strengthen MoUs and industry collaborations for enhanced academic and practical outcomes.
- Stressed that collaboration outcomes should translate into academic benefits across all Schools.
- Advised adopting innovative curriculum delivery models, including module-based teaching instead of traditional subject-wise approach.
- Directed that academic delivery should be aligned with best practices of leading higher education institutions.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.3.8	Implement module-based and innovative curriculum delivery models, including integration of Executive Education through pilot batches.	Interim Dean (Academics) / Interim Dean Executive Education	July 2027
6.3.9	Integrate industry collaborations into curriculum and strengthen practice-oriented learning through pilot projects, site visits, and live project exposure.	Interim Dean (Academics) / Interim Dean Executive Education / All Interim Deans	Dec 2026

Item No.04: Quality improvement in Academic Activities- Interim Dean, Academics

Dr. R Sathish Kumar, Interim Dean- Academics, outlined the

- Curriculum revised with inputs from industry, alumni, and academic bodies, ensuring alignment with current trends.
- Emerging areas such as AI and simulation integrated into academic programs.
- Student-centric initiatives, including mentoring, remedial classes, and skill development programs implemented.
- Adoption of blended learning, digital tools, and structured evaluation systems.
- Strengthened research, certification programs, and successful completion of accreditation review.

Remarks & suggestions from Vice Chancellor:

- Develop and implement Academic Audit framework (once per semester) with defined parameters.
- Facilitate transition to flip-classroom and interactive teaching-learning methods from next semester.
- Organize faculty brainstorming sessions on innovative pedagogy and classroom engagement.
- Introduce new academic programs and initiate Centres of Excellence.
- Ensure integration of skill enhancement certificate courses (10–15 days) using specialized software.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.4.1	Develop and implement Academic Audit framework (semester-wise)	Interim Dean (Academics) / IQAC	June 2026
6.4.2	Transition to interactive teaching-learning methods	Interim Dean (Academics)	July 2026

6.4.3	Organize faculty brainstorming sessions on innovative pedagogy	Interim Dean (Academics)	May 2026
6.4.4	Introduce new academic programs and Centres of Excellence	Interim Dean (Academics)	Dec 2026- July 2027
6.4.5	Integrate short-term skill enhancement certificate courses	Interim Dean (Academics)	July 2026

Item No. 05: Quality improvement in the process/ strategic planning- Interim Dean, IQAC

Dr. R. Venkatesan, Interim Dean- IQAC, presented

- Completion of 5 Days Faculty development program on Applications of AI/ML in Construction Technology and Project Management, Staff Development Programme on Fostering Personal and Professional Excellence
- Planned faculty training sessions on OBE during non-academic sessions.
- Rollout of NAAC Criteria 1 & 3 in April and Criteria 2, 6 & 7 in May 2026.
- Identification of additional quality frameworks and NIRF ranking preparations.
- Planned community outreach, village engagement, and NGO collaborations to enhance experiential learning.

Remarks/ Suggestions from Vice Chancellor,

- Appreciated the efforts of the IQAC team in accomplishing FDP and SDP.
- Acknowledged the compliance of pending IQAC initiatives and directed that attendance and documentation be maintained for ongoing initiatives.
- Suggested drafting a structured format for tracking activities and conducting mock exercises to streamline reporting and monitoring.

Remarks / Suggestions from Mr. Ravindra Wani, Member,

- Next IQAC step involves submitting completed reports (AQAR) to the government.
- Appreciated the Register Office for the documentation efforts from day one.
- Continue monitoring ongoing academic and administrative processes.
- Explore additional support or involvement in IQAC activities, including short-term engagement at other institutions (e.g., IQAC Pune) to gain insights and best practices.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.5.1	Rollout NAAC Criteria (1,2,3,6 & 7)	IQAC Team	May 2026
6.5.2	structured framework for tracking IQAC initiatives, including mock exercises for effective reporting and monitoring initiatives	IQAC Team / Register Office	Aug 2026

6.5.3	Training on OBE	IQAC Team	June 2026
6.5.4	Submit the completed AQAR report to the government	IQAC Team	Dec 2026
6.5.5	Explore additional support or short-term engagement at other IQACs for best practices	IQAC Members / Coordinators	July 2026

Item No.6: Updates on International Programs & Research development - Interim Dean International Affairs & Research

Dr. Arun Chandramohan, Interim Dean- International Affairs & Research

- Reported implementation of AI-enabled systems for research data management, reporting, and analysis with minimal manual intervention.
- Confirmed integration of all faculty profiles and publications into IRIMS for centralized research tracking.
- Informed about the introduction of Seed Grant schemes (Early Career, Mid-Career, and Vice-Chancellor's Challenge Grant) to promote research.
- Presented research outputs, including indexed publications, conference participation, funded proposals, and consultancy projects.
- Highlighted availability of financial support for faculty, students, and research scholars for conferences and research activities.
- Noted ongoing efforts to enhance research funding, consultancy, and international collaborations.

Remarks & suggestions from Vice Chancellor

- Emphasized the need for increased research publications as a measurable outcome.
- Suggested formation of research groups and promotion of collaborative research among faculty.
- Recommended periodic review meetings to monitor research progress.
- Highlighted the importance of faculty engagement in continuous research activities for career development.
- Encouraged strengthening consultancy activities through industry collaboration.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.6.1	Increase research publications with defined annual targets for faculty	All Interim Deans (SoCT/SoPM/SoECT)/ Interim Dean (International Affairs & Research)	Jan 2027
6.6.2	Formation of research groups	Interim Dean (International Affairs & Research)	June 2026
6.6.3	Strengthen consultancy through industry collaboration	All Interim Deans (SoCT/SoPM/SoECT) / Interim Dean	Oct 2026

		International Affairs & Research)		
6.6.4	Conduct periodic reviews	Interim Dean (International Affairs & Research)	Quarterly	
6.6.5	MoU with International University/ Organizations	Interim Dean (International Affairs & Research)	Dec 2026	
6.6.6	Student Exchange Programs	Interim Dean (International Affairs & Research)	Dec 2026	

Item No.7: Quality improvement in Student welfare function- Interim Dean, Student Welfare

Dr. P. Muralidhar, Interim Dean – Student Welfare, presented updates on student engagement activities.

- Conducted sports and cultural events with active participation.
- Initiated formation of student clubs (sports, dance, etc.).
- Planned guest lectures on mental well-being.
- Preparing SOPs for continuous student engagement.

Remarks / Suggestions from Mr. Ravindra Wani, Member

- Strengthen student safety and mental health support systems (Appointment of Counsellor)
- Ensure effective functioning of Anti-Ragging, Grievance, and ICC committees.
- Present measurable improvements in student support mechanisms in the next meeting.
- Explore establishment of NCC/NSS.

Remarks & suggestions from Vice Chancellor

- Emphasized student well-being and discipline as key priorities.
- Highlighted the need to improve student participation and engagement.
- Directed implementation of four student clubs for structured activities.
- Advised continuous and dynamic student engagement through club activities.
- Stressed importance of mental health initiatives and regular sessions.

S.No	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
6.7.1	Appoint a qualified counsellor	Interim Dean (Student Affairs)	June 2026
6.7.2	Constitute and ensure effective functioning of Anti-Ragging,	Interim Dean (Student Affairs) / Committee Heads	May 2026

		Grievance, and ICC committees with periodic monitoring.			
	6.7.3	Initiate NCC/ NSS setup	Interim Dean (Student Affairs)	July 2026	
	6.7.4	Implement student clubs	Interim Dean (Student Affairs)	June 2026	

Item No.8: Any other point with the permission of the Chair

Remarks / Suggestions from Mr. Narayan Rao, Member,

- Mr. Narayan Rao appreciated the initiatives taken by all Schools.
- Recommended strengthening community outreach through awareness programs on low-cost housing, energy-efficient housing, and clean technologies.

In the concluding session, the minutes of the previous meeting were ratified and approved, and the meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair, and both internal and external members participated.

VOTE OF THANKS:

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by the Chair.

Date: 25 March, 2026

Place: Hyderabad



Prof. (Dr) Venkatesan Renganaidu
Member Secretary, IQAC



Prof. (Dr) Shrikant Charhate
Chairman of IQAC

