



ACU/AUTY/RIC/03/507/2/2025-26

Dated: 07 JUL 2025

Re-Notification

Sub: Constitution of the Research & Innovation Council of ACU u/s 26 of ACU Act, 2012

Ref: 1. ACU/AUTY/RIC/02/220 /2021-22 dated 15/06/2021

2. ACU/AUTY/RIC/03/ /2024-25 dated 29/07/2024

3. Hon'ble Chancellors order dated 29/05/2025

With reference to the above and pursuant to **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** taking over the charges as The Vice Chancellor of Adichunchanagiri University, the Research & Innovation Council of Adichunchanagiri University formed U/s 26 of ACU Act, 2012 is re-notified as below for the remaining period of *term as* effective from 01.03.2024.

THE RESEARCH & INNOVATION COUNCIL (RIC)		
Sl. No.	Title of the Member	Designation
1	Dr. S. N. Sridhara The Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2	Dr. Prashantha Kalappa, I/c. Dean of Research, ACU	Member Secretary
3	Dr. C. K. Subbaraya, The Registrar	Member
4	Dr. B. Ramesh The Dean, Academics & Accreditations, ACU	Member
5	Dr. M.G. Shivaramu The Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences: Medical & Allied Health Sciences, ACU	Member
6	Dr. B.N. Shobha The Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Management & Technology	Member
7	Dr. A.T. Shivaramu The Dean, Humanities & Social Sciences, ACU	Member
8	Dr. Prakash S Goudanavar Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences: Pharmacy, ACU	Member
9	Dr. Shobith Rangappa, Director, Adichunchanagiri Institute of Molecular Medicine	Member
10	Dr. Gangadhar Principal, BGS Medical College & Hospital, BGS Vijnatham South Campus, Nagaruru, Bengaluru	Member
11	Prof. Victoria Sarvand Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences-Nursing, ACU	Member



12	Dr. Shwetha H N Dean, Faculty of Natural Sciences, ACU	Member
12	Dr. K. S. Rangappa Distinguished Professor, Institute of Excellence, University of Mysore, Mysuru	Member
13	Dr. Sathees C. Raghavan Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	Member
14	Prof. T. Govindaraju Chair, Education Technology Unit Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Jakkur. P.O., Bengaluru	Member
15	Dr. Ravi Nayar Program Director, CCAMP Inter-institutional Bio medical Innovations Programmes (CIBIP), Bengaluru Consultant ENT, Sakra Premium Clinic	Member
16	Dr. Raman Govindarajan Director, Samrud Foundation for Health & Research Bengaluru, Karnataka	Member
17	Dr. K. J. Vinoy Prof. Electrical Communication Engineering, Chairperson, Office of Development & Alumni Affairs, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore-560012	Member
18	Dr. Kalpana Venugopal Professor of Education Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru	Member

The Notification shall come into force from 07.07.2025.

By Order


Dr.C.K.Subbaraya
Registrar
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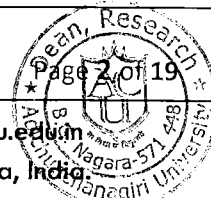
**Minutes of the Eighth Research and Innovation Council Meeting**

Proceedings of the Eight Research and Innovation Council meeting of the Adichunchanagiri University was held on Thursday, 28.05.2026 to deliberate upon the Research and Innovation activities of the University in the IQAC board room of the University. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. S. N. Sridhara, presided over the meeting.

Members present	
Dr. S. N. Sridhara Hon'ble Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
Dr. K Prashantha Dean Research and Faculty of Natural Sciences	Member Secretary
Dr. M.G. Shivaramu Dean, Health Sciences-Medical	Member
Dr. B.N. Shobha Dean, Faculty Of Engineering, Management & Technology	Member
Dr. Shobith Rangappa Director, AIMM	Member
Dr. A.T. Shivaramu Dean, Humanities and Social sciences	Member
Dr. Shobith Rangappa Director, Adichunchanagiri Institute of Molecular Medicine	Member
Dr. K.S. Rangappa Distinguished Professor, Institute of Excellence, University of Mysore, Mysuru	Member
Dr. Ravi Nayar Program Director, CCAMP Inter-Institutional Bio medical Innovation Programmes, Bengaluru, Consultant ENT, Sakra Premium Clinic	Member
Dr. Raman Govindarajan Director, Samrud Foundation for Health & Research, B'lore	Member
Dr. Kalpana Venugopal Professor of Education Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru	Member
Dr. Raghavendra Naveen Patent Co-Ordinator & Associate Professor, SACCP	Member
Dr. Naveen B Patent Co-Ordinator & Professor, BGSIT	Member
Dr. Jagadeesha M Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management	Member
Dr. Raghuram V Associate Professor, Dean(Research) BGSMCH, Nagarur	Member
Dr. Komala H K Principal, BGSINS	Member



Dr. Shwetha H N Principal, ASNS	Member
Dr. Sowmya N S Assistant Professor, BGS College of Education	Invitee
Dr. Ranjitha V R Assistant Professor BGS College of education	Invitee
Dr. Ranganatha swamy L Associate Professor, Centre for Research & Innovation	Invitee
Dr. Surekha Subhas Patil Associate Professor, BGSFGC	Invitee
Dr. Rohith N R Principal, First Grade College	Invitee
Dr. A Jayanthiladevi Professor, BGSIT	Invitee
Dr. Girish K B Professor and ACU-IIC Coordinator	Invitee
Dr. Vasanth kumar M Chief Librarian, ACU	Invitee
Dr. Sudhanva M S Associate Professor , AIMM	Invitee
Dr. Girish Y R Associate Professor , ASNS	Invitee
Dr. Priyanka S Assistant Professor , BGSMCH	Invitee
Dr. Shobha K R Professor & HOD, ACN	Invitee
Dr. Avinash G V Assistant Professor , ACU-CRI	Invitee
Members Leave of Absence	
Dr. C K Subbaraya Registrar, ACU	Member
Dr. B Ramesh Dean, Academics & Accreditations, ACU	Member
Dr. K S Gangadhara Dean & Principal, BGSMCH, Nagarur, B'lore	Member
Prof. Victoria Sarvand Principal, CAN	Member
Dr. Sathees C Raghavan Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, IISc, B'lore	Member
Dr. T Govindaraju Chair, Education Technology Unit, JNCASR, Jakkur, B'lore	Member
Dr. K J Vinoy Prof. E&CE, IISc, B'lore	Member
Dr. Shankar Mani Director, IQAC, ACU	Invitee





Agenda No.	AGENDA PROCEEDINGS
	Welcome
	Dr. Prashantha Kalappa, the Dean, Research of Adichunchanagiri University, welcomed all attendees and extended a warm greeting to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and members of the Research and Innovation Council & the Invitees.
	Opening remarks by the Dr. S. N. Sridhara, Chairperson
	The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. N. Sridhara welcomed all the members to the meeting of the Research and Innovation Council and implementation of the resolutions made during the previous meeting towards strengthening the research and innovation activities of Adichunchanagiri University. In his address, he emphasized on • Increase in Ph.D. admissions, research funding and innovation activities. • Accelerating the establishment of specialized centres of excellence and strengthen national and international collaborations. • Encourage faculty and scholars to pursue high-impact publications, patents and translational research with societal relevance. • Reinforce the culture of integrity, ethics and quality in all research activities. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor commended the progress achieved so far and called upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards positioning ACU as a hub of excellence in research and innovation.
RIC/08.01	Approval of the minutes of the seventh meeting of Research and Innovation Council Dr. K. Prashantha, Dean, Research, briefed the minutes of the 7th Research and Innovation Council Meeting held on 26/09/2025 which was circulated among all the members and no comments/observations were received. Dr. Prashantha, further presented the action taken report on the recommendations of the Council as follows: RIC/08.01.1: Recommended provision of Seed Money Grants exclusively for interdisciplinary research projects to strengthen interdisciplinary research at ACU. Action Taken: During 2025-26, ACU sanctioned 27 Seed Money Grant projects with a total funding support of ₹56,98,000/-. Among these, 10 projects were identified as interdisciplinary in nature involving collaboration among faculty members from different departments and disciplines. During the discussion, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. N. Sridhara sought clarification regarding the interdisciplinary nature of the projects. Dr. K.



Prashantha, Dean, Research, explained that the projects were designed through collaborative integration of multiple disciplines particularly linking Engineering with Medical Sciences & Medical Sciences with Natural Sciences. He cited examples wherein faculty members from the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering served as Principal Investigators in collaboration with clinicians from departments such as Radiology, Ophthalmology and ENT as Co-Principal Investigators. Similarly, several projects involved collaborative participation of faculty members from Pharmacy, Natural Sciences and Medical disciplines, thereby promoting translational and interdisciplinary research aligned with societal and healthcare needs.

Further, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** informed the Council that the Seed Money Grant budget has been enhanced from ₹30 Lakhs to ₹57 Lakhs with the objective of encouraging high-quality, innovative and impactful research activities across the University. He emphasized that the increased funding support would further strengthen interdisciplinary and translational research initiatives and motivate faculty members to undertake competitive research projects with greater societal and scientific relevance.

RIC/08.01.2: Recommended enhancing external visibility of ACU research achievements through the University website, newsletters and social media platforms.

Action Taken: ACU strengthened its official website with regular updates on publications, patents, funded projects, policies and faculty achievements. Institutional newsletters highlighting research contributions and academic milestones were introduced. Social media platforms are being actively utilized to disseminate research achievements and recognitions.

During the discussion, Dr. K. Prashantha, Dean, Research, informed the Council that the University has developed a new website incorporating a dedicated "Research" section/menu to provide comprehensive visibility of the University's research ecosystem. The section includes details pertaining to research publications, patents, funded projects, research policies, centres of excellence, collaborations, faculty achievements and research activities, thereby enhancing the institutional research outreach and academic visibility of ACU at national and international levels.

RIC/08.01.3: Recommended establishment of the Centre for Robotics and Automation Systems (CRAS) at BGSIT and the Centre for Disease Control,



Prevention and Research (CDCPR) on Cervical and Breast Diseases at AH&RC.

Action Taken: The Board of Management approved the establishment of CRAS and CDCPR in its 26th meeting held on 14/10/2025, and the same was notified on 10/11/2025. Steering and implementation committees were constituted for both centres. Infrastructure planning, coordinator appointments and procurement processes are in progress. Research, screening and outreach activities under CDCPR have been initiated.

During the discussion, the Dean, Research requested Dr. M. G. Shivaramu to brief the Council regarding the progress of the Centre for Disease Control, Prevention and Research (CDCPR). Dr. M. G. Shivaramu informed the Council that the required infrastructure development and preparatory works for the Centre have been substantially completed and the Centre is presently awaiting the visit and approval of the Steering Committee for operationalization.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** further stated that the establishment of the Centre aligns with the strategic plan of the University and emphasized the importance of strengthening collaborative research activities with national and international institutions to enhance the impact and sustainability of the Centre.

Dr. Ravi Nair suggested that every new Centre and research initiative should be guided by a clear visionary mission and long-term strategic roadmap prior to its establishment, in order to ensure focused growth, sustainability and meaningful research outcomes.

Further, Dr. K. S. Rangappa sought clarification regarding the departments involved in the Centre for Disease Control, Prevention and Research (CDCPR).

In response, Dr. M. G. Shivaramu informed the Council that the Centre involves multidisciplinary participation from departments including Biochemistry, Pathology, Microbiology, OBG and other allied medical and research disciplines to strengthen collaborative and translational research activities related to cervical and breast diseases.

The members of the Council appreciated the interdisciplinary approach adopted for the establishment and functioning of the Centre and commended the efforts undertaken towards integrating multiple



departments for research, screening and preventive healthcare initiatives.

Further, Dr. K. Prashantha, Dean, Research, requested Dr. B. N. Shobha and Dr. Girish K. B. to brief the Council regarding the progress of the Centre for Robotics and Automation Systems (CRAS) at BGSIT.

Dr. B. N. Shobha informed the Council that the Centre is being established with the objective of promoting advanced research and innovation in Robotics, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems. She further stated that the Centre would support interdisciplinary research activities, skill development programmes and academic training for undergraduate and postgraduate students, particularly in emerging technologies relevant to healthcare, automation and industrial applications.

Dr. Girish K. B. apprised the Council regarding the progress made towards the establishment of the Centre, including identification of laboratory space, infrastructure planning and procurement of advanced robotic systems. He further informed that the Centre is envisioned to facilitate collaborative research, industry interaction, innovation-driven projects and technology-based solutions involving faculty members and students across disciplines.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** advised the concerned to expedite the establishment process and complete the operational requirements of the Centre at the earliest. He further emphasized the need to establish active collaborations with reputed institutions, research centres and industries to strengthen research quality, innovation outcomes and translational research opportunities in the area of robotics and automation systems.

During the discussion, **Dr. K. S. Rangappa** sought clarification regarding the source and intended utilization of the robotics and automation system.

In response, **Dr. Girish K. B.** informed the Council that the system and associated equipment are being procured from Coimbatore and are primarily intended for academic, training and research purposes. He further stated that the facility would support practical learning, interdisciplinary research activities and innovation-oriented projects for students and faculty members in the domains of robotics, automation and artificial intelligence.

RIC/08.01.4: Recommended recruitment of research-intensive faculty members with Ph.D. qualifications across disciplines.



Action Taken: ACU recruited faculty members with Ph.D. qualifications in Medicine (2), Pharmacy (3), Engineering (6) and Management Studies (1). Applications received for additional positions in various disciplines are under verification, and interviews are scheduled.

Dr. K S Rangappa, informed the hon'ble Vice Chancellor, ACU being a multidisciplinary University, should have more number of faculty members with Ph.D degree

Dr. Prashantha informed the Council that the Faculty of Engineering & Technology, Faculty of Nursing has only limited Ph.D. guides which has posed certain limitations in expanding research supervision and collaborative doctoral activities within the faculty.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** supported the observations made by **Dr. Rangappa and Dr. Prashantha Kalappa**. Then, informed the Council that the University is presently in the process of faculty recruitment across various disciplines. He assured the members that qualified faculty members and eligible Ph.D. guides would be recruited at the earliest to strengthen research supervision, academic collaborations and doctoral research activities across all faculties.

RIC/08.01.5: Recommended strengthening international collaborations through joint research programmes, exchange initiatives and collaborative partnerships.

Action Taken: ACU established the Centre for International Relations headed by Dr. Shobith Rangappa and initiated measures to strengthen national and international collaborations through institutional partnerships, mobility programmes, MoUs and digital collaboration platforms.

During the discussion, Dr. K. S. Rangappa asked Dr. Prashantha Kalappa to elaborate on the implementation of international collaborative research activities and joint Ph.D. programmes.

Dr. Prashantha Kalappa informed the Council that, as per the UGC guidelines, international collaborators are presently being recognized as Co-Guides in joint research activities and collaborative doctoral programmes. He further stated that the University is actively working towards strengthening international academic and research collaborations within the existing regulatory framework.



The Council appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the University towards strengthening international collaborations and suggested further enhancement in global academic and research partnerships.

RIC/08.01.6: Recommended strengthening capacity building through regular FDPs on grant writing, IPR and interdisciplinary proposal development.

Action Taken: ACU organized 29 Workshops/FDPs across constituent institutions focusing on grant writing, IPR and interdisciplinary research proposal development, with participation of internal and external experts.

During the discussion, the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** emphasized that the outcomes and impact of all Workshops, FDPs and capacity-building programmes should be regularly monitored through systematic follow-up mechanisms to ensure effective implementation and measurable research outcomes.

Dr. Prashantha accepted the suggestion and informed the Council that follow-up reviews would be conducted within 15 days after each programme to assess research outcomes, proposal submissions, publication progress and faculty participation in collaborative activities.

Dr. Prashantha further informed the Council that several research scholars are presently pursuing interdisciplinary research having Co-Guides from industries, research organizations and other academic institutions, thereby strengthening collaborative and translational research practices.

He also informed that the University is actively encouraging faculty members and research scholars to publish in high-impact journals such as Q1 and Q2 journals and is providing various forms of research support including fellowships, grants to buy consumables, financial assistance for presentation of research papers at national and international conferences.

Dr. Ravi Nair appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the University and remarked that the institution is progressing in a positive direction with respect to research promotion and capacity building. He further suggested establishing an in-house scientific meeting at the University level to encourage faculty members, researchers and students to undertake more research activities and increase scholarly discussions.

Dr. Ravi Nair further suggested establishing a dedicated University-level



office or research support cell for funding monitoring and research grant management. He emphasized that such a mechanism would facilitate systematic tracking of funding opportunities, proposal submissions, application status, project monitoring and dissemination of funding notifications from national and international agencies, thereby improving the University's externally funded research ecosystem.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** appreciated the valuable suggestions made by Dr. Ravi Nair and informed the Council that the University has already initiated measures to strengthen dissemination of funding information through the official website and social media platforms. He further stated that efforts would be made to integrate research funding notifications, achievements and project-related updates into the digital research outreach ecosystem of the University.

Further, **Dr. Kalpana Venugopal** informed the Council that faculty members and researchers belonging to the Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines may be encouraged to utilize funding opportunities available through agencies such as ERIC and NCERT for Macro and Micro Research Projects. She suggested that the University must facilitate access to relevant web links, notifications and proposal guidance mechanisms to support researchers in identifying suitable funding schemes and enhancing externally funded research activities in Humanities and Social Sciences disciplines.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** further emphasized the importance of promoting research in emerging domains such as drone technology, defence applications and strategic warfare systems through interdisciplinary collaborations involving Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and allied research areas. He stated that such initiatives would create opportunities for innovation-driven research aligned with national priorities and technological advancements in defence and security sectors.

Dr. K S Rangappa appreciated the initiative and remarked that such research programmes would significantly contribute towards strengthening national-level defense and security systems while encouraging advanced technological innovation and indigenous research capabilities within the University.

Dr. Raman Govindarajan suggested that research publications by faculty members should not be pursued merely for promotional requirements, but



rather with the objective of developing genuine researchers and promoting meaningful scientific contributions. He highlighted that only a committed group of faculty members with genuine research interest who can actively contribute towards high-quality research, and emphasized the need to nurture and motivate such researchers through institutional support and encouragement.

Dr. K. S. Rangappa further suggested that the University should focus on generating innovative research ideas through active collaboration and engagement with reputed external institutions, research organizations and industries in order to strengthen the quality and impact of research activities.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S. N. Sridhara** informed the Council that the University website would be further strengthened by incorporating dedicated sections for research funding announcements, grant notifications and timeline-based search options for funding opportunities to facilitate easier access and tracking by faculty members and research scholars.

Further, **Dr. Kalpana Venugopal** suggested that the University should identify and prioritize five major thrust areas for community-based multidisciplinary Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral research programs, particularly focusing on socially relevant and interdisciplinary research themes that address community development, public health, sustainability and societal challenges.

RIC/08.01.7: Recommended inclusion of multidisciplinary research, quality publications, structured training and enhancement fellowships in the Ph.D. Regulations.

Action Taken: All recommendations were incorporated into the ACU Ph.D. Regulations-2025 approved by the Board of Management on 04/10/2025 and notified on 10/11/2025. Initiatives include promotion of joint Ph.D. programmes, international collaborations, scholar training programmes, periodic progress reviews and enhanced fellowships of ₹25,000 + HRA for ACU-qualified candidates and ₹30,000 + HRA for NET/GATE/GPAT-qualified candidates.

The Council appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the University in strengthening the ACU Ph.D. Regulations-2025 through provisions for multidisciplinary research, international collaborations, structured scholar training programmes, continuous progress reviews and enhanced



	fellowships for research scholars. RIC/08.01.8: Recommended strengthening the Research Promotion Policy with structured support for high-quality, ethical and impactful research. Action Taken: The recommendations were incorporated into the ACU Research Promotion Policy–2025 approved on 04/10/2025 and notified on 10/11/2025. The policy introduced structured incentives for publications, patents and consultancy projects; strengthened ethical compliance and IPR governance; promoted collaborations and societal-impact research; and integrated research outcomes into appraisal and career advancement systems. Dr. K S Rangappa suggested strengthening industry collaborations, technology transfer mechanisms, commercialization support and interdisciplinary research initiatives with greater societal and community impact. Dr. Kalpana Venugopal suggested that the University should encourage faculty members and research scholars, particularly from Humanities and Social Sciences, to actively utilize funding opportunities available through agencies such as ERIC and NCERT for undertaking Macro and Micro Research Projects. Further, the Council recommended periodic review of the policy and continuous monitoring of research outcomes to ensure quality, ethical compliance and sustainable research growth across all disciplines. The Council unanimously approved the minutes and appreciated the actions taken on the recommendations of the 7th Research and Innovation Council Meeting.
RIC/08.02	Brief report on Research Activities at ACU by Dean, Research Dr. K. Prashantha, Dean, Research, presented the following Research Highlights of Adichunchanagiri University: • The 7th cycle of Ph.D. admissions at Adichunchanagiri University was completed in two phases, with a total of 197 candidates admitted during the academic year 2025–26, comprising 167 candidates in the November 2025 batch and 30 candidates in the February 2026 batch. • Out of 167 candidates, 165 attended the Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings, during which the research topics were finalized. • The coursework examination for 165 scholars is scheduled to be conducted in July 2026. The syllabus has already been circulated, and



examination-related preparations are in progress.

- For the February 2026 batch comprising 30 scholars, the constitution of the Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC) is under process and the DAC meetings are expected to be conducted by June 2026.
- A total of 8 Ph.D. scholars, including 7 from Marwadi University and 1 from JSS Science and Technology University, were admitted to ACU through transfer for doctoral research in the disciplines of Computer Science and Management.
- The total number of registered Ph.D. scholars across the faculties of Engineering and Technology, Management, Pharmacy, Medicine, Nursing, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences stands at 488, comprising 71 full-time and 417 part-time scholars, including 4 foreign research scholars.
- Adichunchanagiri University has awarded 28 Ph.D. degrees up to its 5th Convocation. In addition, 6 candidates have successfully completed their Viva Voce examinations, 2 thesis are under evaluation, 1 candidate has completed the pre-colloquium, and 8 candidates have obtained permission to present their final colloquium.
- During the academic year 2025–26, faculty members published 435 research papers across various disciplines (Annexure-1). Overall, ACU faculty members have published 3,993 research articles, of which 1,699 are indexed in Scopus/PubMed/Web of Science, receiving 13,887 citations and contributing to an institutional h-index of 53.
- During the academic year 2025–26, a total of 54 patents were submitted across various disciplines, of which 17 patents were filed, 18 patents were published and 19 patents were granted (Annexure-2).
- During 2025–26, the University secured external research funding amounting to ₹3.10 Crore from Government agencies and generated consultancy revenue of ₹53.52 Lakhs, supporting research activities across various faculties.
- In addition, faculty members submitted 12 interdisciplinary project proposals to funding agencies such as VGST, ANRF, ICMR and CSB, which are currently under various stages of evaluation.
- Several faculty members are actively serving as Editorial Board Members, Guest Editors and Senior Associate Editors of reputed international journals published by Elsevier, Springer, Taylor & Francis, MDPI and other international publishers.
- The University faculty members and researchers received a total of 26



	prestigious national and international awards and recognitions, including 15 National Awards and 11 International Awards, for their contributions to research, innovation, scientific publications and academic excellence. The members of the Council appreciated the significant progress achieved by the University in Ph.D. admissions, research publications, patents, funded projects and research collaborations. Dr. K. S. Rangappa suggested that the University should focus on improving the quality of publications in high-impact journals and strengthen collaborations with reputed national and international institutions to enhance research visibility and innovation outcomes. Dr. Ravi Nair appreciated the growth in externally funded research activities and suggested establishing a dedicated research monitoring and funding support system for tracking funding opportunities, proposal submissions and project implementation. He also recommended strengthening consultancy and industry-linked translational research activities. Dr. Raman Govindarajan emphasized that research should be driven by innovation, originality and societal relevance rather than only academic requirements, and encouraged the University to identify and support committed researchers with strong research potential. Dr. Kalpana Venugopal suggested promoting community-oriented multidisciplinary research programmes and encouraging faculty members to actively utilize external funding opportunities available through government agencies. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. N. Sridhara appreciated the efforts of the Dean, Research and constituent institutions in strengthening the research ecosystem of the University and emphasized the need to further enhance interdisciplinary research, international collaborations, patents, technology transfer and outcome-based research activities with societal impact.
RIC/08.03	Brief report on Research Projects (Intramural and Extramural) Dr. K. Prashantha, Dean, Research, informed the Council that during the academic year 2025-26, Adichunchanagiri University sanctioned 27 Seed Money Grant Research Projects with a total funding support of ₹56,98,000/- to eligible faculty members across the faculties of Commerce and Management, Engineering and Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences, Medical Sciences, Natural Sciences and Pharmacy. The sanctioned projects encompass several emerging and high-impact research domains such as



Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and Automation, Cancer Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Sustainable Healthcare Technologies, Neurodegenerative Disorders, Drug Discovery, Translational Medicine and Smart Healthcare Systems. A significant number of these projects are interdisciplinary in nature, involving collaborative participation of faculty members from Engineering, Medicine, Pharmacy and Natural Sciences, thereby fostering a strong culture of interdisciplinary and translational research within the University.

He further apprised the Council that the University secured externally funded research grants amounting to ₹3.10 Crore from various Government funding agencies including NAIN, VGST and ICMR. These projects support advanced research and innovation activities in areas such as healthcare technologies, cancer therapeutics, artificial spheroids, innovation ecosystems and translational biomedical research.

Further, student research projects received external funding support amounting to ₹12,98,500/- from agencies such as ICMR and KSCST. A total of 20 student projects from Medical and Allied Health Sciences and 12 projects from Engineering and Technology were sanctioned under various student research funding schemes. The projects addressed contemporary and socially relevant themes including public health, clinical research, artificial intelligence, biomedical diagnostics, machine learning, sustainable engineering technologies and smart digital solutions.

The Council appreciated the significant progress made by the University in promoting research, innovation and externally funded projects. The members also commended the efforts taken to encourage interdisciplinary collaborations and student research activities. After detailed deliberation, the Council suggested further strengthening mechanisms for attracting large-scale interdisciplinary, industry-collaborative and internationally funded research projects through strategic partnerships, enhanced proposal development support and active engagement with national and global funding agencies.

Dr. K. S. Rangappa suggested that the University should further encourage large-scale interdisciplinary and translational research projects in collaboration with reputed national and international institutions to enhance research quality, innovation and societal impact.

Dr. Ravi Nair congratulated the faculty members who have secured the Government-funded projects and recommended establishing a dedicated proposal development and project monitoring mechanism to support faculty



	members in identifying funding opportunities, improving grant applications and ensuring timely project execution. Dr. Raman Govindarajan emphasized that research projects should focus on innovation, originality and practical societal applications, particularly in emerging areas such as Artificial Intelligence, healthcare technologies, sustainability and translational medicine. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. S. N. Sridhara appreciated the interdisciplinary nature of the sanctioned projects and steps will be taken to strengthen industry collaborations, technology transfer activities, international funding opportunities and student innovation ecosystems to promote impactful and outcome-oriented research.
RIC/08.04	Research Collaborations and Consultancy (Industry and Academia) Dr. K. Prashantha, Dean, Research, informed the Council that Adichunchanagiri University has been consistently strengthening its research, innovation and outreach ecosystem through strategic collaborations with reputed industries, healthcare organizations, research institutions and professional societies. During the academic year 2025-26, faculty members secured a cumulative funding support of ₹53.52 Lakhs through industry-sponsored research projects, externally funded clinical trials, consultancy services, analytical testing, training programs and collaborative research initiatives, thereby significantly enhancing the University's translational research and innovation ecosystem. He apprised the Council that the University received industry-sponsored research funding from reputed organizations such as Dabur Research and Development Centre for pre-clinical and translational research projects focusing on polyherbal formulations, gastrointestinal therapeutics and antacid efficacy evaluation. These projects have strengthened academia-industry collaboration and promoted outcome-oriented research with potential societal and commercial impact. Further, the University successfully executed multiple externally funded clinical trials in collaboration with Biological E Limited, Apex Laboratories and Neuheit Research. These clinical studies addressed critical healthcare domains including vaccine development, diabetic wound healing, acute respiratory distress syndrome, immunogenicity and patient safety. The projects have substantially strengthened the University's clinical research infrastructure, regulatory compliance practices and translational healthcare research capabilities. Dr. Prashantha further informed that the Centre for Research and Innovation (CRI), Adichunchanagiri Institute for Molecular Medicine



(AIMM) and Sri Adichunchanagiri College of Pharmacy (SACCP) generated consultancy and analytical service revenue amounting to ₹5.51 Lakhs through testing, analytical services, training programs and research support activities. These initiatives have contributed towards strengthening institutional research infrastructure, industry interaction, skill development and technology-driven research support systems.

He also highlighted that the University organized a large number of Workshops, Faculty Development programs (FDPs), Orientation Programs, Research Conclaves and Journal Club activities across its constituent institutions. The programs focused on contemporary and emerging research themes including research methodology, biostatistics, grant writing, publication ethics, IPR, patent filing, scientific writing, use of AI tools in research, translational medicine, healthcare technologies and sustainable scientific advancements. The programs witnessed active participation from faculty members, researchers, clinicians, postgraduate scholars and students. The resource persons and experts from reputed national and international institutions, industries and professional bodies.

Further, a dedicated workshop on patents and intellectual property rights was conducted at Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences. The program emphasized patent filing procedures, innovation management, technology protection mechanisms and translational research opportunities in healthcare and scientific domains.

The Council appreciated the significant progress made by the University in promoting industry collaborations, consultancy services, clinical research activities and research capacity-building initiatives. The members commended the efforts undertaken to strengthen translational research, innovation-driven collaborations and professional networking across disciplines. After detailed deliberation, the Council suggested further expanding long-term industry partnerships, enhancing consultancy and analytical service capabilities, promoting technology transfer and commercialization activities and strengthening collaborative engagements with national and international funding agencies, industries and research organizations to further improve research visibility, innovation outcomes and externally funded research opportunities.

Dr. Ravi Nair appreciated the systematic growth in consultancy and externally funded clinical research activities and suggested establishing a dedicated office for industry collaboration, consultancy management,



	funding notifications and project monitoring to strengthen institutional research administration and improve external funding opportunities. Dr. K. S. Rangappa suggested that the University should further strengthen collaborations with reputed industries, healthcare organizations and international research institutions to promote innovation-driven, application-oriented and commercially viable research projects. Dr. Raman Govindarajan emphasized that collaborative research activities should focus on impactful and socially relevant innovations capable of contributing towards healthcare advancement, technology development and sustainable societal outcomes. Dr. Kalpana Venugopal suggested encouraging interdisciplinary and community-oriented collaborative research programmes involving Humanities and Social Sciences along with Science, Engineering and Healthcare disciplines to improve societal outreach and policy-level impact. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. S N Sridhara appraised the initiatives undertaken by the University in promoting translational research, clinical trials, consultancy services and research capacity-building programmes. He further advised the constituent institutions to strengthen technology transfer activities, commercialization initiatives, intellectual property generation and long-term industry partnerships to enhance research visibility, innovation outcomes and institutional reputation at national and international levels.
RIC/08.05	Any other matter with the consent of the Chair Dr. K. Prashantha, Dean (Research), placed before the Council the list of Ph.D. programs proposed for admissions during the academic year 2026–27. He also presented a proposal for the recruitment of Post-Doctoral Fellows to strengthen advanced research activities, foster a vibrant research culture, and attract high-quality researchers to the University. The proposal included the provision of a fellowship of ₹50,000/- per month for Post-Doctoral Fellows. The matter was placed before the Research and Innovation Council for consideration, suggestions, and approval. After detailed deliberations, Council recommended the admissions to the Ph.D. programs for the academic year 2026–27 in all available disciplines. The Council also endorsed the proposal for the recruitment of Post-Doctoral Fellows a fellowship of ₹50,000/- per month and further suggested increasing the intake of Full-time Ph.D. Scholars with UGC-NET/GATE/GPAT or any other national level exam qualified candidates across the disciplines. Hon'ble Vice chancellor, accepted the suggestion and invited any other the comments



from the members of the council

Dr. Komala H. K. requested the Council to consider bringing all Nursing Ph.D. programmes under the single degree title **Ph.D. in Nursing Sciences**, instead of awarding Ph.D. degrees in specialized branches of Nursing. She explained that several private and deemed universities in India currently award the degree under the title **Ph.D. in Nursing Sciences**, which provides greater uniformity and recognition.

After discussion, the Council recommended that the proposal be examined in accordance with the Indian Nursing Council (INC). Subject to compliance with the INC guidelines, the Council endorsed the adoption of the degree title **Ph.D. in Nursing Sciences** for all Nursing doctoral programmes and recommended that the matter be placed before the appropriate statutory bodies for further approval.

Dr. Rohith N. R., Principal, BGSFGC, apprised the Council of the various research initiatives undertaken by the Faculty of Commerce and Management. He highlighted the active involvement of faculty members in guiding research scholars and PG's and emphasized efforts to transform student dissertations into research publications and patent applications.

Dr. Raghuram V., Associate Professor and Associate Dean (Research), highlighted the various research initiatives undertaken at BGS Medical College and Hospital, Nagarur Campus. He presented an overview of the project proposals submitted to funding agencies, capacity-building programmes organized for faculty and researchers, and the ongoing research projects being carried out across different departments.

Dr. Raman Govindarajan emphasized that research activities should be driven by innovation, originality and societal relevance rather than only academic requirements. He also encouraged the University to support committed researchers capable of generating impactful scientific outcomes.

Dr. Kalpana Venugopal requested the university to give more importance to Humanities and Social Sciences particularly in education

Dr. B. N. Shobha informed the Council regarding the progress made towards the establishment of the Centre for Robotics and Automation Systems (CRAS) and emphasized the importance of strengthening interdisciplinary collaborations in robotics, artificial intelligence and automation technologies.

Dr. Ravi Nayar appreciated the progress achieved by the University in research and innovation activities and suggested establishing a dedicated



office for funding notifications, proposal tracking, project monitoring and consultancy coordination. He also recommended strengthening long-term industry collaborations and translational research initiatives.

Dr. Jagadeesh M suggested enhancing interdisciplinary research activities involving Commerce and Management disciplines, particularly in the areas of entrepreneurship, innovation management, sustainability and industry-oriented research initiatives.

Prof. K. S. Rangappa suggested that the University should identify focused thrust areas and strengthen collaborations with reputed national and international institutions to promote high-impact interdisciplinary research and innovation.

The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor **Dr. S N Sridhara** appreciated the valuable suggestions made by the members of the Council and directed all constituent institutions and research centres to actively work towards strengthening research quality, innovation ecosystems, interdisciplinary collaborations, external funding and societal-impact research activities across the University.

Dr. Shobha B N thanked the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor for chairing the meeting and extended a vote of thanks to all the members for their attendance, active participation and valuable suggestions.

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