

Pandit Dwarka Prasad Mishra
Indian Institute of Information Technology,
Design & Manufacturing Jabalpur

Minutes of the 49th Meeting of BOG held on May 9, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. onwards in the Conference Hall of Administrative Block, PDPM IIITDM Jabalpur.

Members present:

Shri Deepak Ghaisas	Chairperson
Shri Priyank Chaturvedi (Representative of Smt. Saumya Gupta)	Member - (Attended meeting online)
Mrs. Atreyee Borooah Thekedath	Member - (Attended meeting online)
Shri Prashant pole	Member
Shri Subramanya S. V.	Member
Prof. Sanjeev N. Sharma	Member
Prof. Prashant Kumar Jain	Member
Prof. Bhartendu Kumar Singh	Member
Prof. P. N. Kondekar	Special Invitee
Ms. Swapnali D. Gadekar	Acting Registrar & Secretary

The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to their prior commitments:

Shri Nikunj Srivastava	Member
Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar	Member
Prof. Deepak Kumar Srivastava	Member

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Opening remarks by the Chairman

The Chairman welcomed all the members of the Board and congratulated Prof. Bhartendu Kumar Singh, Department of Physics, BHU University, Varanasi on becoming the Director of the Institute and hoped that he may complete his full term of 5 years in the said office. He expressed his confidence that although Prof. Singh is in a directorial debut, yet the Institute would make great progress in the years to come considering his rich experience in a vast organization like BHU Varanasi. The Chairman was pleased that the Institute has now come out of its embryonic stage and is now on the path of progress and will achieve great strides in the coming days.

The Chairman thanked Prof. P. N. Kondekar for completing his 18 months tenure as Acting Director and for being instrumental and getting proactively engaged in the progress of the Institute on all fronts despite limited authority and umpteen responsibilities.

In reference to Budget Estimate for the Financial Year 2023-24, he emphasized upon the need to present a Revised Budget to the Ministry whenever asked upon by it. He stressed upon maintaining self-imposed financial discipline and sobriety with regard to IRG rather



than going for BOG imposed decisions. With regard to limit of withdrawal from IRG, it was left to the discretion of the Director to take a call.

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Overview Report by the Director

At the outset, the Director thanked the Hon'ble Chairman and the Board members for attending the meeting. Subsequently, he gave a PPT presentation of the annual report of the Institute on the following key points:

1. Academic
2. Placement
3. Student Activity
4. Research, Publication, Projects and Patents
5. International cooperation

NIRF Ranking: A tabular presentation of NIRF ranking since 2016-2022 was presented before the Board by the Director, wherein concern was raised regarding slipping rank of the Institute during previous years. Some of the reasons cited were decrease in Teaching Learning and Resources alongwith decrease in research and professional practices. He emphasized that one of the key parameters amongst others whereby ranking could be substantially improved is by faculty recruitment.

Other key areas of the Institute wherein the Board was apprised were:

- Perception
- Research and Professional Practice
- Outreach and Inclusivity
- Academic- Current Strength
- Placement Status
- International Internship and PPO offer
- Student Activity/Student Achievement/Cultural Fest
- Publication, Projects and Patent and IPR Activity
- International Cooperation

The Chairman appreciated about the EL&ICT project of Prof. Aparajita Ojha, Principal Coordinator wherein a final sum of Rs. 9 crore were sanctioned for the same. It was informed by the Registrar that the amount was utilized for conducting various Faculty Development Programmes. The Director was asked to revert back with full facts and figures of the money utilized and spent till date.

The Chairman suggested that the alumni spread pan India and worldwide be contacted to get a feel of the modern times and industry so that new additions to the existing syllabus of the institute can be made accordingly in keeping with the contemporary times.



One of the Board members suggested for conducting more seminars/workshops/conferences and giving it wide publicity across various platforms to increase the presence of the Institute in India and abroad.

Prof. P. N. Kondekar, the then Acting Director gave an overview of the stalled/foreclosed projects completed during his tenure. A query by Shri Priyank Chaturvedi, MoE was raised with regard to institute coming out of the Project Mode in relation to the completion of projects during Prof. Kondekar's tenure which was answered to the satisfaction of Shri Priyank Chaturvedi.

Also, the Board was informed about signing of an MoU with HDFC Bank for implementing the ERP module in the Institute which was appreciated.

BOG/49/3	Action Taken Report
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The Action Taken report was presented by the Acting Registrar. The Chairman suggested to revise the ATR format and highlight actions taken by management on points raised by BoG earlier.

BOG/49/4	Confirmation of minutes of 48th meeting of BOG held on January 15, 2023.
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The minutes of the 48th BOG meeting held on January 15, 2023 were circulated to the Board members. No comments were received. The Board confirmed the minutes.

BOG/49/5	To consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee through its FC/39th meeting held on May 9, 2023.
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The recommendations of the 39th Finance Committee meeting held on May 9, 2023 were approved by the Board.

BOG/49/6	Confirmation of services of Mrs. Priti Patel, Assistant Registrar
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The Board confirmed the services of Mrs. Priti Patel to the post of Assistant Registrar w.e.f. the date of her joining.

BOG/49/7	Regarding promotion of Mr. Ashok Kumar, Superintendent to the post of Assistant Registrar
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The Board informed that matter of promotion of the incumbent may be initiated after consultation with other IIIT Directors. There must be a general policy for IIITs (CFTIs).



BOG/49/8	Proposal to fill up the post of Deputy Registrar in promotion quota on Adhoc promotion basis
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The Board did not consent for adhoc promotion to the incumbent as this may set a precedence in future in the institute for others to claim undue advantage. The Board directed that Prof. B. K. Singh should look into it and recommend a common policy for Board's approval.

BOG/49/9	Reporting of Computer Centre in-Charge
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The Director recommended that as in other IITs across the country, the Computer Centre in-Charge should be of the rank of Professor and not Associate Professor. The Board agreed to the same.

BOG/49/10	Reporting Items
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- (i) **Legal opinion of Advocate Shri Ajay Pal Singh on the order of Hon'ble High Court in WP/4825/2023.**

It was informed by the Registrar, that a WA has already been filed. One of the Board member opined that at the outset efforts should be made to resolve the issue at the Institute level, nonetheless, if a case is filed then it should be pursued till the Apex Court of the Land considering the Institute's interest. Board agreed and asked the Director to firstly have continuous communication with faculty to avoid litigation but inspite of that if the case is filed, then the Institute should appoint the best available lawyers to fight such cases and make an effective attempt to win the cases.

- (ii) **Request of Dr. Ayan Seal, Assistant Professor for relieving him to join IIITDM Kurnool**

It was informed to the Board the Dr. Seal has rejoined back to the Institute.

- (iii) **Relieving order issued to Shri R. P. Dwivedi, Joint Registrar**

The Registrar informed that relieving order has been issued to Shri R. P. Dwivedi, Joint Registrar in compliance to the order of the Hon'ble Court. The Board noted the same. Institute has preferred an appeal against the court order in this case.

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(iv) **Appointment of a consultant to enquire the CVC report and address the First Stage Advise issues**

The Registrar informed the Board that Shri Ved Prakash has been appointed as a consultant to enquire the CVC report and address the First Stage Advise issues. Also, as the matter pertains, to the tenure of Prof. Kondekar, hence he was directed by the Chairman to pursue the case with Shri Ved Prakash and reach to a conclusion by the end of May 2023.

BOG/49/11	Item for ratification
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Nil.

BOG/49/12	Any other item with the permission of the Chair
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(i) **Temporary promotion to the post of Junior Technical Superintendent and Technical Superintendent**

The Board did not consent to temporary promotion of the incumbents and directed to move as per laid down rules.

BOG/49/13	Agenda on Board
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The meeting ended with thanks to the Chairman and esteemed members of Board of Governors.

Swapnali D. Gadekar

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Acting Registrar & Secretary (BOG)

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Prof. Bhartendu Kumar Singh, Director

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