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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**

**Minutes of 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors organized through video conferencing (VC) held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 from 03:00 P.M. in the A-4, Conference Room, IIT Mandi.**

The following were present:

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| 1)  | Prof. Prem Vrat<br>Chairperson, BoG IIT(ISM) Dhanbad<br>Retired Professor, IIT Delhi  | Chairperson     |   |
| 2)  | Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi<br>Director, IIT Mandi   | Member          |   |
| 3)  | Shri Rakesh Ranjan<br>Additional Secretary, MoE, New Delhi  | Member          |   |
| 4)  | Dr. Pradeep Kumar (Agrawal)<br>Scientist, Directorate of Special Projects<br>(DRDO), Hyderabad                                  | Member          |   |
| 5)  | Shri Hemant Sood<br>Managing Director & Promoter<br>Findoc Financial Services Group, Ludhiana                                   | Member          |   |
| 6)  | Shri Krishan Chandra Sharma<br>Site Head & Sr. Vice President<br>LUPIN Pharma Limited, Raisen, M.P.                             | Member          |   |
| 7)  | Prof. S. C. Jain<br>Emeritus Professor<br>School of Engineering, IIT Mandi  | Member          |   |
| 8)  | Prof. Prem Felix Siril<br>Professor & Dean (Faculty)<br>School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi                                     | Member          |   |
| 9)  | Prof. Pradeep Parameswaran<br>Professor & Dean (Academics)<br>& Associate Professor,<br>School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi     | Special Invitee | For item no. 32.2.1<br>and 32.2.2         |
| 10) | Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit<br>Associate Professor & Dean (I & S)<br>School of Computing & Electrical Engineering,<br>IIT Mandi | Special Invitee | For item no. 32.2.5,<br>32.2.6 and 32.2.7 |
| 11) | Prof. Subrata Ghosh<br>Professor & Part-time CVO<br>School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi   | Special Invitee | For item no. 32.2.8                       |

- 12) Dr. Viswanath Balakrishnan  
Associate Professor & Chair  
School of Engineering, IIT Mandi &  
Chair, Internal Fact Finding Committee  
Special Invitee For item no. 32.2.9
- 13) Shri K. K. Bajre  
Registrar, IIT Mandi  
Secretary

The Chairperson welcomed all present at the meeting including all the special invitees. Thereafter, the Director welcomed all present at the meeting including all the special invitees. Leave of absence was granted to the Principal Secretary (TE), Govt. of H.P., member of the Board.

The Board took cognizance of comments of the Additional Secretary, MoE and Member, Board received vide letter no.16-8/2020-TS.1 dated 26.03.2021, through email.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

**Item No.:** To confirm the minutes of the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of  
**BoG-32.1.1** **Governors held on 20/11/2020.**

It was noted that the minutes have been circulated and no comments have been received. Therefore, the minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 20/11/2020 were confirmed, as circulated.

**Item No.:** **Action Taken Report (ATR) of actions taken on the minutes of**  
**BoG-32.1.2** **previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG).**

Dr. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit, Dean (I & S) gave a presentation on the ongoing works along with likely date of completion. The Committee noted the comments of 28<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee (FC) meeting and advised its compliance.

Thereafter, the Committee noted the ATR.

**Item No.:** **To consider the Ordinances for Master of Arts programme.**  
**BoG-32.2.1**

The Dean (Academics), special invitee presented the item. He also intimated that few Ordinances have not been presented to the Board. The Board noted the recommendations of the 28<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting held on 05.11.2020 vide item no. 28.4 and resolved to approve the Ordinances for Master of Arts programme (**Annexure-1; Page No. 11 to 12**). Further, the Board advised that any ordinance or course of study, if not approved by the Board be presented to the Board.

**Item No.:** To note addendum to the Medals and Prizes list for 8<sup>th</sup>  
**BoG-32.2.2** Convocation.

The Dean (Academics), special invitee presented the addendum to the Medals and Prizes list for 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation. The Board noted that the 'Balasundaram Endowment Prize in German' is to be conferred to Mr. Hritik Gupta (B16097) in addition to the winners reported to the Board vide item no. BoG-31.2.2.

**Item No.:** To consider the guidelines for appointments of Honorary/  
**BoG-32.2.3** Visiting/Adjunct/Distinguished/Emeritus/Joint Faculty Members.

Prof. Prem Felix Siril, Dean (Faculty) and Member of the Board made a presentation on the proposed guidelines for appointments of Honorary/ Visiting/ Adjunct/ Distinguished/ Emeritus/ Joint Faculty Members. After detailed deliberation, the Board advised the following:

- 1) The Ad-hoc Faculty Selection Committee be called as Standing Faculty Selection Committee.
- 2) The Director would Chair the Standing Faculty Selection Committee (not his nominee).
- 3) In addition, Professors/Associate Professors of practice be added to the list of other than regular faculty members.
- 4) Salary range should be revised by the Board from time to time.
- 5) Introduce the position of Emeritus Professor.
- 6) The position of Professor Emeritus (Honorary) from this agenda may be dropped to avoid confusion from the list, since it has already been approved by the Board in its 27<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 05.10.2019 vide item no. BoG-27.2.4.

The Board resolved to approve the proposal, after incorporating the suggested modifications, as enclosed at **Annexure – 2; Page No. 13 to 16.**

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**Item No.:** To consider the proposal for creation of academic spaces for Catalyst (business incubator of IIT Mandi) and Technology Innovation Hub (TIH i.e. a project of Rs. 110 Crore) by conversion of parking being constructed.

**BoG-32.2.5**

The Dean (I & S), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal. The Board noted that the original master plan was intended to determine the space utilization for various purposes like residential, academic etc. The Board also took cognizance of its previous decision to maintain the feel of car free campus and therefore the master plan does not have any provision or earmarked space for parking as such. Further, it was noted that the master plan of IIT Mandi doesn't come under the purview of Mandi Municipal Corporation.

The Board further noted that Catalyst, the Institute incubator has been able to generate funding to the tune of Rs. 38 crore and the trend is likely to be continued. The TIH which has been registered as Section-8 Company with the approval of the Board has secured funding of Rs. 110 Cr. The Institute has committed space of 11,000 sq-feet to the Catalyst and 30,000 sq-feet to TIH. However, the Institute has shortage of space to honour these commitments for space. Non-fulfillment of Institute commitments would have serious consequences and may adversely affect the execution of these projects activities, and future growth of the Institute. It may also affect the future funding opportunities from these avenues/sources.

The expenditure on conversion of parking into academic area and setting up essential utilities/services for utilizations by TIH and Catalyst will not be wasteful, but it will allow efficient utilization of created space for academic and outreach purposes and to receive grants for these activities in the years to come. The space being created would continue to be utilized for academic purposes in the foreseeable future.

It was further noted that the proposed conversion is not overriding the master plan of the Institute and associated expenditure is required to address the urgent academic and outreach needs.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the proposal. After detailed deliberations, the Board resolved to approve conversion of the big halls of ground floor and 1<sup>st</sup> floor (equivalent area of 1280 sqm) of parking in Land Parcel-1 into academic area and on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for setting up essential

utilities/services for utilizations by TIH and Catalyst for an amount of Rs.3,52,84,042/-.

**Item No.:** To consider the proposal for Enhancement of Power of various  
**BoG-32.2.6** **Functionaries of IIT Mandi for works (construction).**

The Board deferred the item on the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

**Item No.:** To consider the proposal of creating Infrastructure for Setting  
**BoG-32.2.7** **up of a Supercomputing Facility at IIT Mandi.**

The Dean (I & S), special Invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

The Board was happy to note the initiative and observed that it would be unique facility in the region. The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) for creation of Infrastructure for Setting up of Supercomputing Facility at IIT Mandi in A-9 building, which was proposed to be the Data Centre of the Institute.

The Board noted that total contribution of Rs.478.28 lakhs by IIT Mandi is required to create this facility. Out of this Rs.155.28 lakhs shall be spent on preparation of the site and shifting of existing HPC. The works shall be carried out by the Construction Wing of IIT Mandi.

The remaining Rs.323 lakhs is required to be contributed to CDAC in phases towards creation of data centre in respect of NSM Project. This work shall be carried out by CDAC in accordance with the MoU.

After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the creation of the infrastructure required for the setting up a Supercomputing Facility at IIT Mandi, as above.



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**Item No.:** The ratification of the approvals given by the Chairman on behalf of the Board on the recommendation by the Director/  
**BoG-32.3.1** Standing Committee.

The BoG ratified the approvals given by the Chairman, BoG on behalf of the Board for timely decisions and approvals.

**Item No.:** To note other developments at the Institute.  
**BoG-32.3.2**

The matters as reported vide agenda item no. 32.3.2 were noted by the BoG.

Thereafter, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

*K. K. Bajre*  
26/04/21

K. K. Bajre  
Registrar & Secretary, BoG

*Chaturvedi.*

Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi  
Director, IIT Mandi

*Prerna*

Chairperson, Board of Governors