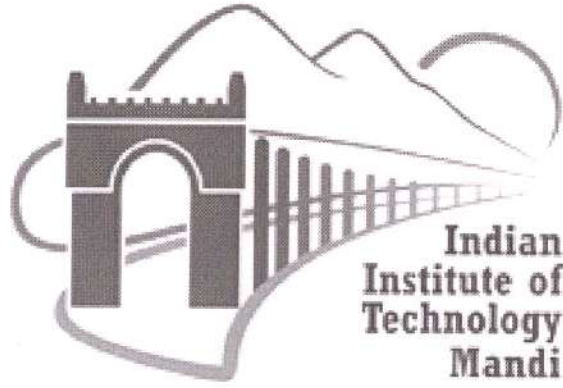


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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**Minutes of 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 19th March, 2022 from 02:30 P.M. in the Conference Room, C. V. Raman Guest House, IIT Mandi.**

The following were present:

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| 1) | Prof. Prem Vrat
Chairperson, BoG IIT Mandi | Chairperson | |
| 2) | Prof. Laxmidhar Behera
Director, IIT Mandi | Member | |
| 3) | Dr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal
Scientist, Directorate of Special Projects,
D.R.D.O. Hyderabad | Member | |
| 4) | Shri Hemant Sood
Managing Director & Promoter
Findoc Financial Services Group, Ludhiana | Member | |
| 5) | Shri Krishan Chandra Sharma
Site Head & Sr. Vice President
LUPIN Pharma Limited, Raisen, M.P. | Member | |
| 6) | Shri Ashwni Raj Shah
Special Secretary, Dept. of Education & IT
Govt. of H.P. | } Attended
on behalf of Principal Secretary (TE)
Govt. of H.P. | |
| 7) | Shri Vivek Chandel
Director (TE), Sundernagar,
Govt. of H.P. | | |
| 8) | Prof. Rahul Vaish
Professor & Dean (Academics)
School of Engineering, IIT Mandi | Member | |
| 9) | Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal
Professor & Chairperson
School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi | Member | |
| 10) | Prof. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit
Dean (I & S), IIT Mandi | Special Invitee | } For item no. 34.1.2,
34.3.1, 33.3.2,
34.3.3 & 34.3.4 |
| 11) | Dr. Kaustav Sarkar
Associate Dean (Infrastructure)
IIT Mandi | Special Invitee | |
| 12) | Er. Sunil Kapoor
Superintending Engineer, IIT Mandi | Special Invitee | |
| 13) | Shri K. K. Bajre
Registrar, IIT Mandi | Secretary | |

The Chairperson welcomed all present at the meeting including special invitees. The Chairperson extended a warm welcome to Prof. Laxmidhar Behera, Director, IIT Mandi and wished him luck to take the Institute to greater heights. He also extended a warm welcome to Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal, Professor, School of Basic Sciences, IIT Mandi and Prof. Rahul Vaish, Professor, School of Engineering who have been recently inducted as the Senate Nominees on the Board.

On behalf of the Board, the Chairperson appreciated and placed on records the valuable contributions made by Prof. Ajit K. Chaturvedi, former Director, IIT Mandi especially for managing system and processes at the Institute while being prominently away. He also thanked Prof. S. C. Jain, Emeritus Professor, School of Engineering and Prof. Prem Felix Siril, Professor, School of Basic Sciences outgoing Senate Nominees on the Board. The members of the Board also appreciated and placed on records the services rendered by outgoing members.

Thereafter, the Director welcomed all members and thanked the Chairperson, Board of Governors for his excellent leadership and for his kind visit to the Institute. He sought the support of members to take Institute to greater heights.

The meeting started with a presentation of School of Basic Sciences (SBS), led by Prof. Suman Kalyan Pal, Professor and Chairperson, SBS along with Dr. Syed Abbas, Dr. C. S. Yadav, Dr. Bhaskar Mondal and Dr. Trayambak Basak on the recent developments and future plans of the School. The Chairperson, BoG appreciated the presentation and advised to identify relevant performance matrix and work towards it. The School should focus on key performance area including the following:

- To separate vision and mission of the School.
- Evolve synergy among different disciplines of the School and work for Inter-disciplines contribution.
- Output per faculty per year along with trends of last few years including publication, book chapters, citations, Ph.D (outcomes/intake), consultancy, project funding generated, patents, EDP should be worked and quantifiable / SMART targets should be presented in future.

Thereafter, the Director made a presentation on overall progress of the Institutes including key initiatives, Faculty and Students, International relations, NIRF, Campus development and Finance. The Chairperson advised to have open house to publicise strengths, weakness and facilities available at the Institute so as to have more interaction and synergy between public and the Institute.

The Board took cognizance of comments of the Additional Secretary, MoE and Member, Board received vide letter no.16-8/2020-TS-I dated 15.03.2022, through email and considered with relevant agenda.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

**Item No.: To confirm the minutes of the 33rd meeting of the Board of
BoG-34.1.1 Governors held on 16/09/2021.**

It was noted that the minutes have been circulated and no comments have been received. Therefore, the minutes of 33rd Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 16/09/2021 were confirmed, as circulated with following observation on resolution no. 33.3.1:

The award of degrees should be reported to the Board for information and the degree certificates should bear the signature of the Chairperson, BoG in future.

**Item No.: To note Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous
BoG-34.1.2 meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG).**

Prof. Bharat Singh Rajpurohit, Dean (I & S) gave a detailed presentation on the ongoing works along with likely date of completion. The Board complemented the efforts of infrastructure team in completion of projects.

Thereafter, the ATR was noted.

**Item No.: To ratify the decisions / actions taken by the Chairperson, Board
BoG-34.2.1 of Governors on the recommendations of the
Director/designated Committee, on behalf of the Board of
Governors:**

The Board thanked the Chairperson, BoG for timely decision and approvals and ratified the decision/actions taken by him with following observation:

- a) Consequent upon appointment of Prof. Narasimhan Ravichandran as Distinguished Professor at IIT Mandi, he can't act as Board's Nominee in the Selection Committees of the Institute, any further.

Item No.: To note other developments at the Institute.

BoG-34.2.2

- (i) **To report status of filling up of backlog vacancies in teaching cadre.**

The Board noted the status of filling up of backlog vacancies in teaching cadre and advised to complete the ongoing recruitment processes on top-most priority and comply with the Central Educational Institutional (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Act 2019.

Thereafter, the other matters as reported vide agenda item no. 34.2.2 were noted by the BoG.

Item No.: **Proposal for creation of hostel facilities consequent to implementation of reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and to consider funding through HEFA term loan to IIT Mandi for Rs.63.47 Crore.**
BoG-34.3.1

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

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) and noted that construction of hostels is the top priority to accommodate additional students on account of implementation of reservation for EWS. After deliberations, the Board resolved to approve the following proposal for construction of hostel facilities:

- a) Cost estimate of Rs.63.47 crore and floating of the tender as per GFR guidelines for identification of PMC on turnkey basis,
- b) To apply for a loan of Rs.63.47 Crore from HEFA.

Item No.: **Setting up of Second Generation IITs-Grant of No-cost time extension.**
BoG-34.3.2

The Dean (I & S), special invitee presented the item before the Board and briefed the status of the different Construction activities.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee. After detailed deliberation, noting the difficult terrain and extreme weather conditions, the Board approved following extension of time to complete the construction activities for respective projects, without any cost escalation as under:

- a) **Construction of Student Activity Centre and Dining Hall in North Campus and retaining wall in front of B-9 Hostel South Campus:** Likely date of completion by August, 2022.
- b) **Bridge connecting North Campus from Ghoda Farm on Kataula Khad:** Two years from the date of award.
- c) **Cycle Track connecting North and South Campus:** Two years from the date of award i.e. likely date of award April 2022 hence extension of time up to April, 2024.
- d) **New works that may be taken up from the savings (Approximately Rs. 8 Cr.) of sanctioned HEFA loan:** Extension of time up to March, 2024.
- e) **Settlement of bills of some of the ongoing works, such as Architect consultant bill, Construction being done by NBCC for LP-6 package, Works being carried out by HPSEBL on deposit**

basis etc. beyond March, 2022. Extension of time up to March 2023.

Further, the Board advised to send a written request to the Ministry of Education (MoE) with strong justification for above extension of time.

Item No.: **To consider selection of PMC for Construction of a double lane bridge connecting North Campus from Ghoda Farm on Kataula Khad.**
BoG-34.3.3

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

On the recommendations of the Finance Committee the Board deferred the item.

Item No.: **Arbitration/Court cases for the work entrusted to CPWD.**
BoG-34.3.4

The Dean (I & S), along with Dr. Kaustav Sarkar – Associate Dean (Infrastructure) and Er. Sunil Kapoor – Superintending Engineer, IIT Mandi, special invitees presented the item before the Board.

After detailed deliberations, based upon the facts of cases/ critical analysis and recommendations of FC the Board resolved the following:

1. In view of the conclusive legal opinion obtained by CPWD citing various Court judgments and considering the merits/facts of the cases and recommendations of the B&WC and FC, the arbitration award be accepted.
2. IIT Mandi need not to be a party for any legal proceedings for the ongoing works, as work was entrusted to PMC (CPWD), Central Govt. Department as a deposit work. However, IIT Mandi should advice PMC to safeguard it's interest.
3. To safeguard the interests of the Institute and to resolve such type of problems Institute should go for an Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contract (EPC Contract) with fixed cost and time in future, with no escalation clause. Further, there should be penalty clause for delay in construction, which must be enforced as and when needed.

Item No.: **To consider the policy document to inquire into the complaint of sexual harassment at workplace.**
BoG-34.3.5

The item was dropped.

Item No.: **To consider creation of the post of Counselor for Guidance and**
BoG-34.3.6 **Counseling Services in the Institute.**

Registrar, Secretary – Board presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

While considering the item, the Board noted recommendations of the ISC regarding the need of Counselor for Guidance and Counselling Services in the Institute.

After deliberations, the Board resolved to approve creation of one post of Counselor for Guidance and Counseling Services in pay level-10 by utilizing one post of Technical Officer.

Item No.: **To consider introduction of new M.Tech. program in Electric**
BoG-34.3.7 **Transportation.**

Prof. Rahul Vaish, Dean (Academics) presented the item.

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate and approved the proposal for introduction of new program: M.Tech. in Electric Transportation from A.Y. 2022-23, as proposed.

Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairman.

Item No.: **To consider the proposal for purchase of new car for the**
BoG-34.3.8 **Director, IIT Mandi.**

On the recommendations of Finance Committee, the Board considered the item about regarding procurement of a new vehicle for use of the Director, IIT Mandi.

The Board noted that the Wagon-R (Suzuki) bearing registration No. HP-33-B-8060, purchased in the year 2011 which was used by the former Director, is in use for the last 11 years and is not suitable for long-distance travel on the tough terrains of Himachal Pradesh. Currently, it has been attached with the Institute Transport Services for local travel. Considering the location of the Institute, difficult terrain and safety concerns, an SUV will be the most suitable vehicle. Often, renowned dignitaries visit the Institute for various reasons and most of the time availability of these types of vehicles to coordinate their visits remains a challenge.

After detailed deliberations, considering value for money and comfort, the Board resolved to approve the purchase of Toyota Innova. Further, the Board noted the need for strong connectivity, need for pick-up and drop of guests from far flung areas the Institute should have own vehicle to give a sense of confidence to the guests.

Accordingly, the Board recommended to procure two Toyota Innova's at a cost of about Rs.60 Lakhs.

Item No.: To consider the proposal for creation of the position of
BoG-34.3.9 **Dean (Resource Generation & Alumni Relations).**

The Director presented the item before the Board and briefed the proposal.

After detailed deliberations, the Board resolved to approve the following:

- a) Creation of the position of Dean (Resource Generation & Alumni Relations).
- b) Appointment of Prof. Chayan Kanti Nandi, Professor, School of Basic Sciences as Dean (Resource Generation & Alumni Relations) for a period of 2 years from the date of assumption of charge.

Item No.: To consider the proposal to start the School of Management
BoG-34.3.10 **at IIT Mandi.**

Prof. Rahul Vaish, Dean (Academics) and Member – Board presented the item and briefed the proposal.

The Board appreciated the proposal and resolved to establish the School of Management. The Board advised that management program in a Technical Institute must have synergy with Engineering.

In his concluding remarks, the Chairperson, Board advised that the built up infrastructure must be utilized in a best possible manner to contribute towards the objectives of the Institute. He further suggested that the Institute may explore possibility of having MoU with IIT(ISM) Dhanbad for utilization of their facility at NBCC Place, Kalkaji, New Delhi for official purpose such as meetings, placements, guest house etc.

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

Laxmidhar Behera
29/03/2022

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera
Director, IIT Mandi

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