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**43<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05, 2025**

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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**

**Minutes of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on February 05, 2025, from 14:30 hrs in the Board Room, North Campus, IIT Mandi.**

The following were present:

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| 1.  | Lt. Gen. Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon (Retd.)<br>Chairperson, BoG IIT Mandi                                     | Chairperson  |
| 2.  | Prof. Laxmidhar Behera<br>Director, IIT Mandi  | Member   |
| 3.  | Shri Sandeep Kadam<br>The Secretary (TE)<br>Government of Himachal Pradesh                                   | Member   |
| 4.  | Shri Kishan Chandra Sharma<br>Site Head & Sr. Vice President Manufacturing,<br>LUPIN Pharma Limited          | Member   |
| 5.  | Dr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal<br>Scientist, Research Centre Imarat (RCI)<br>D.R.D.O. Hyderabad                   | Member   |
| 6.  | Prof. Viswanath Balakrishnan<br>Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi   | Member   |
| 7.  | Prof. Hitesh Shrimali<br>Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi  | Member   |
| 8.  | Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey<br>Registrar, IIT Mandi   | Secretary  |
| 9.  | Dr. Deepak Swami<br>Dean (I&S)<br>Assisted by Er. Vijay Kumar Sharma<br>Superintending Engineer              | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-<br>43.1.2 & BoG-43.6.1 (i) |
| 10. | Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses),<br>in place of Prof. Aniruddha Chakraborty,<br>Dean (Academics) | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-<br>43.5.5                  |
| 11. | Dr. Sunny Zafar, Associate Dean (Faculty),<br>in place of Prof. Rahul Vaish, Dean (Faculty)                  | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-<br>43.5.6 & BoG-43.5.8     |

The Comments of Joint Secretary (TE), Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Technical Section – I, were received on the items vide letter No. 16-9/2018-TS-I dated February 03, 2025, through email.

Leave of absence was granted to the following:

1. Shri Hemant Sood Member  
Managing Director & Promoter  
Findoc Financial Services Group  
Ludhiana

The Chairperson, BoG welcomed all present at the meeting including special invitees.

The Director also welcomed the new members, Prof. Viswanath Balakrishnan and Prof. Hitesh Shrimali, and appreciated the contribution rendered by Prof. Manoj Thakur and Prof. Satinder Kumar Sharma, outgoing members of the Board of Governors.

Thereafter, the agenda item was taken up by the Registrar as follows:

**BoG-43.1.0            PROCEDURAL**

**BoG-43.1.1            Confirmation of the minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Board of Governors held on September 19, 2024.**

It was noted that the minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Board of Governors held on September 19, 2024, approved by the Chairperson, BoG were circulated and no comments have been received so far.

The opinion of the IFD, MoE, GoI for this proposal is “May be considered”.

Therefore, the minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Board of Governors held on September 19, 2024, were confirmed, as circulated.

**BoG-43.1.2            Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG).**

Dr. Deepak Swami, Dean (I&S) presented the Action Taken Report on infrastructure related matters.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, GoI for this proposal is “May be noted”.

The Board noted the infrastructure related matters.

The Registrar presented the Action Taken Report on items not related to construction. The Board noted the ATR and suggested for item No. BoG-42.4.2, that Institute’s Legal Advisor should prepare for whatever action should be taken from the Institute side. For occupied office space and accommodation, the rule position mentioned in the accommodation rules of the Institute must be followed.

**BoG-43.2.0 ROUTINE MATTERS****BoG-43.2.1 Ratification of the decisions/actions taken by the Chairperson, Board of Governors on the recommendations of the Director/designated Committee(s), on behalf of the Board of Governors:**

The Board was presented with the decisions and approvals accorded by the Chairperson, Board of Governors.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is "May be considered".

Further, the Board thanked the Chairperson, BoG for the decisions and approvals and ratified the same.

**BoG-43.2.2 Other developments at the Institute.****(i) To report the status of filling up of backlog vacancies in the teaching cadre.**

The Board noted the report.

**(ii) Details regarding Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) Proposals.**

The Board noted the details.

**(iii) To note the update on cases (if any) reported to the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC).**

The Chairperson BoG, advised that the Director and Registrar to strictly follow up with the Chair IC to solve the matters within the stipulated timeframe.

**(iv) To report on the allotment of land for establishing a Satellite Campus of IIT Mandi at Palampur, District Kangra, H.P.**

The opinion of the IFD, MoE, Gol for this proposal is "A brief on this matter may be sent to the Ministry, and IIT Mandi is further instructed to not proceed without concurrence of Ministry in this Matter."

The Registrar withdrew the agenda in line with the discussion held in the FC meeting vide agenda item No. FC-37.2.1. Hence the agenda item was kept in abeyance till any opinion is received from the MoE, Gol.

**(v) Faculty members joined the Institute after the last BoG meeting to till date i.e., January 24, 2025:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(vi) Faculty members resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till January 24, 2025:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(vii) Regular Staff members who have joined after the last BoG meeting till January 24, 2025:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(viii) The Staff members whose designation has changed/promoted after the last BoG meeting till January 24, 2025.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(ix) Staff members resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till January 24, 2025.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**BoG-43.3.0 MATTERS DISCUSSED / RECOMMENDED BY THE STATUTORY BODIES / COMMITTEES / FUNCTIONARIES**

**BoG-43.3.1 The 44th and 45th Meetings of the Senate of the Institute were held on September 17, 2024, and January 12, 2025.**

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is "May be considered".

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**BoG-43.3.2 The Senate Nominees of the Board of Governors (BoG) of the Institute.**

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is "May be considered".

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**BoG-43.4.0 STANDING AGENDA**

**BoG-43.4.1 Delegation of financial powers to various Functionaries of the Institute.**

The Registrar presented the revised proposal as suggested by the Finance Committee on the delegation of financial powers to various Functionaries of the Institute.

The opinion of the IFD, MoE, Gol for this proposal is "May be considered in provision of DFPR 2024".

The Chairperson, BoG suggested that all the statutory expenses such as electricity bills, salaries, fellowships, etc. should be presented in the first Board meeting of every year with a tentative estimate for approval.

For any sanctioned project/sponsored project funded by the government or other funding agencies, financial powers may be as per administrative and financial approvals.

After long and careful deliberations, the Board approved the delegation of financial powers to various functionaries of the Institute as detailed in **Annexure – A; Page No. 11.**

**BoG-43.4.2 Appointment of Dean (Finance & Accounts).**

The Registrar presented the agenda regarding the appointment of the Dean (Finance & Accounts) to the Board.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is “May be considered”.

The Board approved the appointment of Dr. Satvasheel Powar, Associate Professor, SMME as Dean (Finance & Accounts) for a tenure of 03 years.

The BoG observed and directed that the sanctioning authority, the executing authority, and the audit authority must remain distinct and different. It is directed that this separation be ensured and within one month, details of individuals holding CFA powers, along with their respective roles as sanctioning authority, expenditure authority, and audit authority should be shared with all Board members.

#### **BoG-43.5.0 REGULAR AGENDA**

##### **BoG-43.5.1 Revision in the R&P Norms 2016 for Non-teaching Staff.**

The opinion of the IFD, MoE, Gol for this proposal is “R&P rules require detailed examination, may kindly be sent to the Ministry”.

The Registrar withdrew the agenda in line with the discussion held in the FC meeting vide agenda item No. FC-37.4.2. Hence the agenda item was kept in abeyance till any opinion is received from the MoE, Gol.

##### **BoG-43.5.2 Proposal for revision in terms of Deans.**

The Registrar presented the agenda regarding the revision in terms of Deans to the Board.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is “May be considered”.

The Board approved the tenure of the Deans to 03 years with effect from May 01, 2025 and all the appointments of the Deans approved in the present BoG meeting. All Deans completing their two years tenure after April 30, 2025 will have an extended tenure of 03 years.

##### **BoG-43.5.3 Appointment of Deans.**

The Registrar presented the agenda for the appointment of the Deans to the Board.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is “May be considered”.

The Board approved the appointments of Deans as given below:

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Dean</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Tenure w.e.f</b>
<b>1.</b>	Dean (Digital & Computing Services)	Dr. Padmanabhan Rajan, Assoc. Prof., SCEE	March 09, 2025
<b>2.</b>	Dean (Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy)	Prof. Shyam K Masakpalli, Prof. SBB	March 13, 2025

3.	Dean (Academics)	Dr. Venkatesh H Chembrolu, Assoc. Prof., IKSMHA	April 26, 2025
4.	Dean (Infrastructure & Services)	Dr. Sandip Saha, Assoc. Prof., SCENE	On the date of approval of the minutes.

**BoG-43.5.4 Two persons nominated as a Finance Committee members by the Board.**

The Registrar presented the agenda regarding the nomination of two members to the Finance Committee before the Board.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, GoI for this proposal is “May be considered as per IIT Act and Statutes of the institute”.

The Board approved the appointment of Prof. M Venkateswaralu, Prof. of Finance, IIM Mumbai, and Prof. P.C. Biswal, Director IMI Bhubaneswar as members of the Finance Committee for the period of 02 years w.e.f. January 01, 2025.

**BoG-43.5.5 Proposal regarding fees for foreign students in the PG/PhD. Programmes of the Institute.**

Dr. P Anil Kishan, Associate Dean (Courses) presented the revised fee structure for foreign students in the PG/Ph.D. programmes of the Institute to the Board.

The opinion of the IFD, MoE, GoI for this proposal is “The option of partial reduction in fee or waiver through scholarship may be explored”.

The Registrar withdrew the agenda in line with the discussion held in the FC meeting vide agenda item No. FC-37.4.3.

**BoG-43.5.6 Revised proposal for sanctioning the posts of Research Officer (RO)/Senior Research Officer (SRO)/Principal Research Officer (PRO) under the Academic Staff Cadre.**

Dr. Sunny Zafar, Associate Dean (Faculty), presented the proposal for sanctioning the posts of Research Officer (RO)/Senior Research Officer (SRO)/Principal Research Officer (PRO) under the Academic Staff Cadre to the Committee.

The opinion of the IFD, MoE, GoI for this proposal is “May be considered. Emoluments proposed may be may at par with faculty of equivalent teaching experience and educational qualifications”.

The Registrar withdrew the agenda in line with the discussion held in the FC meeting vide agenda item No. FC-37.4.4. This agenda item will be routed through the Finance Committee (FC) in its revised form again.

**BoG-43.5.7 To consider a proposal regarding the Introduction of New Programmes.**

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is "May be considered".  
The Registrar withdrew the agenda in line with the discussion held in the FC meeting vide agenda item No. FC-37.4.5. This agenda item will be routed through the Finance Committee (FC) in its revised form again.

**BoG-43.5.8 Adoption of the payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 for Employees of the Institute.**

The Registrar presented the agenda regarding the payment of the Gratuity Act, 1972 for Employees of the Institute before the Board.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is "May be considered".

The Board approved the adoption of the payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 for Employees of the Institute as per the Ministry's advice.

**BoG-43.5.9 Amendment to Statute 12(2)(xv) of IIT Mandi.**

The Registrar presented the amendment to Statute 12(2)(xv) of IIT Mandi before the Board.

The opinion of the JS(TE), MoE, Gol for this proposal is "May be considered".

It has been desired by the Honorable Visitor to amend the existing Statute of IIT Mandi, w.r.t. Point No. 12 (2) (xv) which reads as:

*"In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairman of Board of Governors by reason of death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairman being unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the Director may discharge any or all the functions assigned to the Chairman under Statute 10."*

The Board approved the amendment as:

*"In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairman of Board of Governors by reason of expiry of tenure, death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairman being unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, one of the Chairman of the Institutes of National Importance (INIs), as nominated by the Visitor, may discharge any or all the functions assigned to the Chairman under Statute 10 for a period of six months or appointment of regular Chairman, whichever is earlier. In case of expiry of tenure, the Visitor may extend the term of the incumbent Chairman for a period of six months or till appointment of regular Chairman, whichever is earlier."*

**BoG-43.6.0 TABLE AGENDA****BoG-43.6.1 Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairperson, if any.**

**1. Regarding revision in the estimate for New HEFA Term Loan:**

Dr. Deepak Swami, Dean (Infrastructure & Services) presented the additional agenda regarding revision in the estimate for the New HEFA Term Loan to the Board. IIT Mandi has revised the estimate based on CPWD PAR 2023, and the revised estimate amounts to ₹ 375 Cr.

The Board expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) and approved the revised loan amount of ₹ 375 Cr.

**2. Regarding the appointment of the following candidates in the post of Adjunct Professor/Visiting Professor/Professor of Practice at Indian Knowledge System and Mental Health Applications (IKSMHA) Centre and at the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR) at IIT Mandi.**

Dr. Sunny Zafar, Associate Dean (Faculty) presented the agenda before the Board. The Board suggested that the agenda be brought in the next meeting with all the requisite documents like CVs. etc. Additionally, the Board instructed the Registrar that no such agenda having the nature of ratification be brought for the consideration of the Board without ensuring the approval of the Chairman, a priori. Additionally only the agenda of an emergent nature, must be circulated by email at least 48 hrs prior to the Board meeting.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera  
Director, IIT Mandi

Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey  
Registrar & Secretary, BoG

**Chairperson, Board of Governors**