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**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MANDI**

**Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on September 19, 2025, from 14:00 hrs in the Board Room, North Campus, IIT Mandi.**

The following were present:

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| 01. | Lt. Gen. Kanwal Jeet Singh Dhillon (Retd.)<br>Chairperson, BoG IIT Mandi                            | Chairperson  |
| 02. | Prof. Laxmidhar Behera<br>Director, IIT Mandi   | Member   |
| 03. | Shri Sandeep Kadam<br>The Secretary (TE)<br>Government of Himachal Pradesh                          | Member   |
| 04. | Shri Kishan Chandra Sharma<br>Site Head & Sr. Vice President<br>Manufacturing, LUPIN Pharma Limited | Member   |
| 05. | Dr. Pradeep Kumar Agrawal<br>Scientist, Research Centre Imarat (RCI)<br>D.R.D.O. Hyderabad          | Member   |
| 06. | Prof. Viswanath Balakrishnan<br>Professor, SMME, IIT Mandi  | Member   |
| 07. | Prof. Hitesh Shrimali<br>Professor, SCEE, IIT Mandi   | Member   |
| 08. | Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey<br>Registrar, IIT Mandi  | Secretary  |
| 09. | Dr. Sandip Kumar Saha<br>Dean (I&S), IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-46.1.2,<br>BoG-46.4.4, & 46.5.1 |
| 10. | Dr. Himanshu Pathak<br>Associate Dean (Courses), IIT Mandi  | Special Invitee for Agenda BoG-46.5.2,<br>& 46.5.3             |

Leave of absence was granted to the following:

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| 01. | Shri Hemant Sood<br>Managing Director & Promoter<br>Findoc Financial Services Group, Ludhiana | Member |
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The Comments of the Additional Secretary (TE) / Joint Secretary (Ex-Officio), Ministry of Education, Government of India, were not received on the items before the scheduled date and time of the meeting.

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

The Director also welcomed all the members present at the meeting including special invitees.

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

**BoG-46.1.0 PROCEDURAL**

**BoG-46.1.1 Confirmation of the minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on July 01, 2025.**

It was noted that the minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on July 01, 2025, as approved by the Chairperson, BoG, were circulated and no comments have been received so far.

Therefore, the minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on July 01, 2025, were confirmed, as circulated.

**BoG-46.1.2 Action Taken Report (ATR) on the minutes of previous meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG).**

Dr. Sandip Kumar Saha, Dean (I&S), presented the Action Taken Report on infrastructure-related matters, and the Registrar presented the Action Taken Report on items not related to construction. With reference to agenda item BoG-45.5.5, the Director informed the members that two students from Ethiopia have been admitted to the Ph.D. programme at IIT Mandi.

The Board noted the ATR.

**BoG-46.2.0 ROUTINE MATTERS**

**BoG-46.2.1 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.

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

**BoG-46.2.2 To report decisions/actions taken by the Chairman, Senate.**

-NIL-

**BoG-46.2.3 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. It was further informed that the approval of GTE proposals now falls within the competence of the Director. However, such proposals shall continue to be reported to the Board for information. Since July, there has been no such case, hence the status is NIL.

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

The Board noted and discussed matters related to IC complaints and awareness. The Chair emphasized the importance of prominently displaying, at visible locations, the contact details (phone/email) for filing complaints of harassment or a related nature, so that students, particularly those who are new and vulnerable, are aware of the mechanism without ambiguity. The Director informed that such notices are already displayed but agreed to further strengthen their visibility, and the Registrar was directed to increase the number of displays at eye-catching locations. It was further advised that such information should be included in the Institute Newsletters also. The Director assured that the Media Cell will initiate this newsletter.

The members also deliberated on the issue of handling verbal or informal complaints. It was noted that acting on such complaints may pose risks of character assassination and a lack of accountability. The Board agreed that, in such cases, the IC must request the complainant in writing to submit a formal, signed complaint with supporting evidence, assuring confidentiality and informing that *"In the absence of a written complaint, no formal action can be initiated"*. The advice of the Board shall be communicated to the IC.

**(iv) Faculty members joined the Institute after the last BoG meeting to date, i.e., September 09, 2025:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(v) Faculty members resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till September 09, 2025:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(vi) Regular Staff members who have joined after the last BoG meeting till September 09, 2025:**

The Registrar informed the Board that Ms. Vanita Chaudhry and Mr. Arun Kaushik, Junior Assistants, joined the Institute after circulation of the agenda, bringing the total number of joinees to 17.

The Board noted the same.

**(vii) The Staff members whose designation has changed/promoted after the last BoG meeting till September 09, 2025.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

**(viii) The Staff members have resigned/relieved after the last BoG meeting till September 09, 2025.**

The Registrar informed the Board that Dr. Raavi Rohilla, Medical Officer, was relieved from the Institute after circulation of the agenda, thereby bringing the total number of relieved staff members to 04.

The Board noted the same.

- (ix) Reporting of the withdrawal of resignation of Dr. Rishikesh Yadav, Assistant Professor Grade-II, SMSS, as approved by the Competent Authority.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

- (x) NIRF Ranking 2025**

The Board was informed that IIT Mandi has shown significant improvement in the NIRF 2025 rankings, with its overall rank rising from 72 to 58 and engineering rank from 31 to 26, while retaining its position in the top 10 for innovation. The Chair, BoG, and members congratulated the Director, faculty, staff, and students for their commendable efforts.

- (xi) To update the status of Fund Generation by the DORA Office (CSR Funding/Philanthropic Donations/Alumni Collections):**

The Board appreciated the efforts of the Dean (Alumni Affairs & Resource Generation) for the impressive fund generation of ₹ 25 crores. The Director also assured the Board that all scholarships are being utilized to support needy students across various categories, including female students, OBC, meritorious students, etc.

The Director further requested for the Board's consideration for providing manpower support to the Centre for Climate Change & Disaster Management (C3DAR) in view of the substantial funds received. The Chair, BoG, advised that while the funds must be judiciously utilized as per institutional norms and without conflict of interest, any proposal for manpower support may be submitted separately. The Chair, BoG, extended his support, offering to approach corporate contacts for additional funding if required, emphasizing that any funds must be properly utilized. The Director thanked the Chair for his generous support.

The Board noted the same.

- (xii) To update on the establishment of the IIT Mandi Foundation Inc. in the USA by IIT Mandi Alumni:**

The agenda item was noted by the Board. The Director highlighted that this initiative was taken during his last visit to the US.

The Board appreciated that this foundation has started giving donations to IIT Mandi.

**BoG-46.3.0 MATTERS DISCUSSED / RECOMMENDED BY THE STATUTORY BODIES / COMMITTEES / FUNCTIONARIES**

- BoG-46.3.1 The 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on July 01, 2025, respectively.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board.

- BoG-46.3.2 The 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Building & Works Committee (B&WC) was held on January 30, 2025, and the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the B&WC was held on June 21, 2025.**

The agenda item was noted by the Board, and the Chair, BoG, suggested that B&WC related matters should be routed through the Finance Committee (FC) before being placed before the BoG. Members agreed and confirmed that all future B&WC matters will be included in the FC minutes to ensure procedural compliance.

**BoG-46.4.0 STANDING AGENDA**

**BoG-46.4.1 Revision in the R&P Norms 2016 for Non-teaching Staff.**

The Registrar informed that the revised Recruitment and Promotion Norms for Non-teaching staff have been submitted to the Ministry of Education for concurrence. However, no response has been received to date.

The Board noted the same and expressed its concurrence with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

**BoG-46.4.2 Proposal to start Online MBA and Online M.Tech. programs from the Academic Year (2025-26), starting in August 2025.**

The Board noted that the academic aspect of the proposal has already been approved in the 45<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting held on July 01, 2025, vide Item No. 45.4.2. The budgetary aspect would be placed before the Board for consideration in the next meeting.

**BoG-46.4.3 Proposal to start a new branch in B.Tech. program i.e., B.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering.**

The Registrar informed the Board that the proposal would be put up for its consideration in the next meeting.

**BoG-46.4.4 Proposal for Infrastructure works under revised HEFA Loan through Open Bid Process.**

Dr. Sandip Kumar Saha, Dean (I&S), had presented the proposal for Infrastructure works under the revised HEFA Loan of ₹ 375 crores through open bid process in the 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board. It was approved that the process be followed in line with the provisions of GFR 2017, limited only to Government agency.

It was informed by Dr. Saha that the process is at the verge of getting concluded and that a total number of 04 bids have been received. The Board noted the same.

It was also informed by Dr. Saha that in compliance to the directive of the Board in its 45<sup>th</sup> meeting, an expert committee was constituted by the Director to examine the MoU with CPWD for execution of infrastructure works funded by HEFA amounting to ₹ 333 crores and to suggest a legally tenable course of action for withdrawing the remaining works.

The Board noted the report of this committee and further advised that before taking a decision on withdrawal of the remaining works from CPWD, a legal opinion be taken.

**BoG-46.5.0 REGULAR AGENDA**

**BoG-46.5.1 To consider the proposal for the construction of a 70.0-meter span RCC arch bridge, including approach roads on both sides, flood protection work, and the construction of an ornamental campus main entry gate with a security check post at the South campus of IIT Mandi.**

Dr. Sandip Saha, Dean (Infrastructure & Services), presented the proposal for the construction of a 70.0-meter span RCC arch bridge, including approach roads on both sides, flood protection work, and the construction of an ornamental campus main entry gate with a security check post at the South campus of IIT Mandi with financial implications to be met from the Ministry Grant (OH-35), to the Board.

The recommendations of the Finance Committee on the proposal are:

*"The Committee appreciated the proposal due to the disaster-prone conditions of the area as the proposed bridge will augment the disaster mitigation measures including evacuation of humans during times of emergency and calamities. The Committee approved that an amount of ₹ 1.00 - 5.00 crore may be utilized from the financial year 2025-26, ₹ 8 crore in the financial year 2026-27 and ₹ 1-2 crore in the financial year 2027-28 may be incurred (with additional escalation on account of inflation, if any) over a maximum of two subsequent financial years.*

*The Committee further advised that all statutory and regulatory clearances, environmental, HP PWD, forest, etc., shall be obtained before commencement of the work.*

*After careful scrutiny and discussions, the Chair instructed that a three-member committee be constituted to monitor the progress of the work and report to the Director on the 01<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of every month."*

The Board deliberated on the proposal of the bridge to improve connectivity between IIT Mandi's South Campus and PWD roads, reduce vulnerability to landslides, facilitate disaster management and medical emergencies, fire tender, logistics constraints, and allow access to nearby villages. The Board also discussed the location of the main gate, agreeing that it should be positioned on IIT Mandi, owned land to manage campus visitors, while villagers will continue to use the existing PWD road. Provision for vehicle checking and parking at the gate will be included.

The Board further advised that when the proposals are submitted to the Government for clearances, it should explicitly state that there are no financial implications on them.

The Board also advised that a committee of three members, chaired appropriately, be constituted to monitor progress, with updates to be provided to the Director every 15 days.

The Board approved the proposal subject to the suggestions.

**BoG-46.5.2 To consider the award of Ph.D., I-Ph.D., M.Tech. (Research), M.Tech., M.Sc., M.A., MBA, B.Tech. Degrees.**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on September 18, 2025, recommended to the Board the list of students who have fulfilled all the requirements for the Award of Degree. The Director apprised the Board that, as the convocation date is yet to be finalized, additional graduands may be included. Accordingly, the additional list would be placed before the Board for its consideration.

The Board congratulated all the graduands for the award of degrees. Further, the board considered the recommendations of the Senate and approved the same as placed at **Annexure – A; Pages No. 10 to 29.**

**BoG-46.5.3 To consider the award of Medals and Awards to the winner among the graduates, which will be awarded during the 13<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute.**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on September 18, 2025, recommended to the Board the list of awardees of Medals and Prizes among the graduands.

The Board congratulated all the awardees of medals and prizes among the graduands. Further, the Board considered the recommendations of the Senate and approved the same as placed at **Annexure – B; Page No. 30 to 31.**

The Board suggested instituting the suitable medals for innovation, entrepreneurship, and disruptive technology in future convocations. The Director confirmed that the Young Innovator Fellowship is already in place for undergraduates, and medals for innovation will be introduced from the next convocation.

The Board also noted that IIT Mandi currently does not have medals for outdoor sports achievements. The Chair BoG suggested instituting such medals to promote health, mental growth, and overall development. The Director agreed to implement this in future convocations.

**BoG-46.6.0 TABLE AGENDA**

**BoG-46.6.1 Additional agenda placed on the table with the permission of the Chairperson, if any.**

There were no points of discussion.

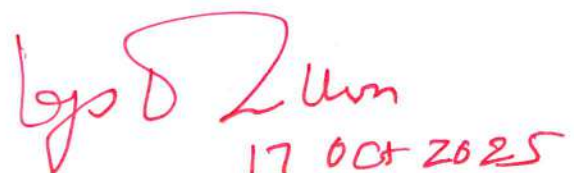
The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson, members, and Director for their contributions. The Director invited members to visit the IIT Mandi campus, and the Chair BoG appreciated the institute's improved NIRF rankings.

 30/9/25

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera  
Director, IIT Mandi

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Dr. Kumar Sambhav Pandey  
Registrar & Secretary, BoG

Chairperson, Board of Governors

  
17 Oct 2025