

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (INDIAN SCHOOL OF MINES), DHANBAD

**MINUTES OF THE 31st MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON
21st JUNE 2024 AT 2.30 PM AT IIF DELHI CENTRE**

Present:

Prof Prem Vrat, Chairperson, BoG, IIT (ISM)	: Chairperson
Prof Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof Dharmendra Kumar Singh, Vice Chancellor, JUT, Ranchi	: Member
Prof Pallab Banerji, IIT Kharagpur	: Member
Prof Shailendra Singh, IIM Lucknow	: Member
Prof M K Singh, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof R M Bhattacharjee, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM)	: Special Invitee
Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar, IIT (ISM)	: Secretary

Leave of absence:

Joint Secretary (TE), MOE, GoI	: Member
Shri Gautam N Mehra, CMD, Savita Oil Technologies Ltd.	: Member

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the Board of Governors (BoG) members present in the meeting. He especially welcomed Prof. Sukumar Mishra, who has joined as the Director of the Institute and is attending the BoG meeting for the first time since assuming charge of the Director. He also mentioned that Prof. Mishra received dual fellowships, i.e., the Indian National Academy of Engineering (FNAE) and the National Academy of Sciences (FNASc). He further hoped that Prof. Mishra, being an active Researcher and an Entrepreneur, would contribute significantly to taking the Institute to greater heights during his tenure.

The Chairperson, BoG, put on record a deep appreciation for Prof. J K Pattanayak for managing the activities of the Institute as an Officiating Director very effectively for more than ten months of transition. He congratulated Prof Pattanayak for playing a pivotal role in bringing the Institute under Window III (c) of the HEFA loan, which was a remarkable achievement.

Further, the Chairperson congratulated Prof. V.M.S.R. Murthy, Professor, Department of Mining Engineering, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, for being appointed Director of the Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (IIEST), Shibpur.

Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, expressed his pleasure in being associated with IIT(ISM) as the Director. He assured the Board that he would put all his efforts into fulfilling the stakeholders' expectations and bringing this Institute among the top IITs in India. He shared with the members the achievement of Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairperson, BoG, for being recognised among 100 Great IITians of the country in a book edited by Commander V.K. Jaitly, published in 2024. A dedicated chapter on the success stories of Prof. Vrat is part of this book. The members of the Board congratulated Prof Vrat for this great accomplishment.



The BoG noted that the Joint Secretary (TE), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, has not communicated any comments on the agenda notes. Therefore, it was presumed that MoE, GoI agreed with the agenda notes and further approvals accorded by the BoG.

Thereafter, the Chairperson asked the Director to start the proceedings. Accordingly, the following agenda items were presented:

31/1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the BoG of IIT(ISM) held on 12.03.2024

The minutes of the 30th meeting of the BoG held on 12.03.2024 were circulated to all the members.

As regards agenda point 30/10 (ii), "*To consider and approve the proposal for introducing three new M. Tech programs (in Structural Engineering, Geotechnical Engineering and Water Resource Engineering and discontinuing the existing M. Tech program in Civil Engineering from AY 2024-25 by the Deptt. of Civil Engineering*", the implementation/ discontinuation year of the above courses recorded as 2024-25 may be read as 2025-26. With these modifications, the BoG has confirmed the minutes.

31/2 Actions taken on the decisions of the 30th Meeting of the BoG held on 12.03.2024

Actions taken on the decisions made in the 30th meeting of the BoG held on 12.03.2024 were presented to the BoG. The BoG noted the action taken report.

31/3 Report on pending actions on the decisions taken by the Board of Governors in its previous meetings

The BoG was apprised about pending matters for which concurrence of the MoE is awaited. The BoG asked the Institute to follow up with the MoE to expedite concurrence on pending matters.

31/4 To review the Status Report of various ongoing construction works undertaken by CPWD and WAPCOS Ltd at IIT(ISM), Dhanbad

Shri Sanjeeb Mukherjee, Superintending Engineer, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, presented the status of ongoing construction works undertaken by the CPWD, WAPCOS Ltd. and works undertaken by the ECMU of the Institute. Shri M P Singh, Chief Engineer, CPWD, presented the status of the projects awarded to CPWD. CPWD was also asked to depute a Project Manager at the appropriate level at Dhanbad exclusively for IIT (ISM) projects. A progress report on projects being executed by WAPCOS Ltd was presented by Shri Sona Sharma, Additional Chief Engineer, WAPCOS Ltd.

The BoG noted the status report and expressed satisfaction with the work progress. However, BoG desired that the progress of work of the Centenary Building needs to be monitored milestone-wise, ensuring its completion before the target date as the inauguration of this building is linked with the centenary celebration of the Institute in 2026.



31/5 Director's Report on the progress of various activities

The Director presented his vision for the Institute and a glimpse of the initiatives taken in the recent past, such as PhD admissions throughout the year, a biannual faculty recruitment process, an automated attendance system, etc. In his presentation, he flagged areas of improvement, such as NIRF ranking parameters and the Institute's all-around performance. He highlighted the progress on key areas comprising of R&D/Consultancy projects (sanctioned/fund received/likely to be sanctioned), PhD admissions, Industry/Alumni support for centenary celebrations, resource generation at IIF Delhi & Kolkata centres, and placement statistics. BoG expressed satisfaction with the institute's performance on various parameters.

31/6 Performance evaluation against the parameters of the MoU signed between IIT (ISM), Dhanbad and Ministry of Education (MoE), GoI

The performance evaluation report against the targets fixed under each parameter of the MoU as of 31.03.2024 was presented to the BoG. The BoG appreciated the Institute's performance against almost every parameter.

31/7 Ratification of the approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BoG

The BoG ratified the approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BoG, as outlined in Sl. Nos. 1 to 17 of the agenda notes. Following additional approval was also ratified by the BoG.

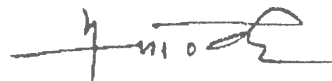
- a. Approved minutes of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for assessment of the suitability of Non-Teaching Group 'A' Officer for confirmation in the respective post (Shri Mritunjay Sharma, Assistant Registrar and Shri Sourav Devnath, Assistant Librarian). [Approval dated 15.06.2024]

31/8 Reporting Items

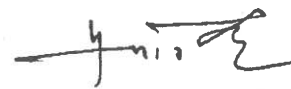
The reporting items were noted by the BoG.

31/9 To receive and consider the recommendations made by the 31st Finance Committee meeting held on 21.06.2024 at 10.00 AM.

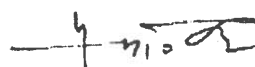
Recommendations made by the Finance Committee in its 31st meeting held on 21.06.2024 were received by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee as mentioned below:



FC Agenda Item No.	Particulars	Observations/ Recommendations of the Finance Committee	Observations/ Decisions of the BoG
31/1	Confirmation of the minutes of the 30 th meeting of the Finance Committee of IIT (ISM) held on 12.03.2024	The minutes of the 30 th Finance Committee meeting held on 12.03.2024 were circulated to all the members. Since no comments have been received and offered on the floor, the Finance Committee confirmed the minutes.	Noted by the BoG.
31/2	Actions taken on the recommendations of the 30 th Meeting of the Finance Committee of IIT (ISM) held on 12.03.2024	<p>Actions taken on the recommendations of the 30th Finance Committee meeting held on 12.03.2024 were presented, and the same was noted by the Finance Committee. Regarding construction projects, the FC advised that while releasing the payment to CPWD/WAPCOS, the Institute should make sure that the release of payment should be up to the amount approved and sanctioned by the FC/BoG. The FC was also apprised that the application for a HEFA loan of amount Rs. 952.46 Crore has been submitted to the HEFA and in principle approval of HEFA has been received.</p> <p>While discussing the action taken on Item No. 30/11, the Finance Committee advised the Institute to use the facilities of IIF Delhi and Kolkata for enrolling part-time PhD students, including interacting with the guides and online course works, etc. The FC further advised that candidates may also be allowed to carry out the coursework in other IITs after the implementation of the credit transfer system as per NEP-2020.</p>	Noted by the BoG.
31/3	To consider the minutes of the 23 rd Building & Works Committee (B&WC) meeting held on 04.06.2024	The Finance Committee considered the minutes of the 23 rd Building & Works Committee (B&WC) meeting held on 04.06.2024 and recommended for approval by the BoG.	Approved by the BoG
31/4	Reporting Items	The Finance Committee noted reporting item.	Noted by the BoG



31/5	To consider the Civil and Electrical Renovation work of Computer Science & Engineering Department at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	Shri Sanjeeb Mukherjee, Superintending Engineer presented (online mode) the proposal with detailed justification before the Finance Committee for Civil and Electrical Renovation work of the Computer Science & Engineering Department at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad. FC took a note of the comments ' <i>May be considered, availability of funds may be ensured</i> ' from JS&FA, IFD, MoE. After the deliberations and considering the comments of JS&FA, the Finance Committee recommended execution of the said work by the ECMU of the Institute for an estimated cost of Rs. 2,10,30,298/- as proposed from the budget head of Renovation of Building (OH-35) for approval and sanction by the BoG. The FC further advised the Institute to ensure the timely completion of projects being executed by the ECMU of the Institute.	Approved by the BoG
31/6	To consider the work of vertical extension of 1st floor above Finance & Accounts Section at Admin Block for establishing the Dean (Faculty) office at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	Shri Sanjeeb Mukherjee, Superintending Engineer presented (online mode) the proposal with detailed justification before the Finance Committee for the work of vertical extension of the 1 st floor above Finance & Accounts Section at Admin Block for establishing the Dean (Faculty) office at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad. FC took a note of the comments ' <i>May be considered, availability of funds may be ensured</i> ' from JS&FA, IFD, MoE. After the deliberations and considering the comments of JS&FA, the Finance Committee recommended execution of the said work by the ECMU of the Institute for an estimated cost of Rs. 1,27,58,849/- as proposed from the budget head of Renovation of Building (OH-35) for approval and sanction by the BoG. The FC further recommended to get the strength of the structure checked for vertical extension from the external agency and obtain a certificate in this regard.	Approved by the BoG
31/7	To consider the provision of honorarium to the faculty members of the Institute who are "Fellows of Academies	A proposal for payment of an honorarium of Rs. 15000/- per month to the faculty members of the Institute who are fellows of at least two academies as mentioned in the agenda note was deliberated by the Finance Committee. The comment of JS&FA, IFD, MoE ' <i>May be considered, as per the UGC guidelines</i> ' was taken into consideration. The Finance Committee deliberated that the proposal is in line with the UGC guidelines and already prevalent in other leading IITs. Accordingly, the proposal was recommended by	Approved by the BoG



		the Finance Committee for approval by the BoG. This will encourage deserving faculty members for such prestigious fellowship and thereby improve the institute's perception.	
31/8	To consider the guidelines for allowing foreign DA to the employees of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad on their tour to foreign countries	The Finance Committee deliberated on the proposed guidelines for allowing foreign DA to the employees of the Institute in accordance with Order No. Q/FD/695/03/2000 dated 25.09.2023. The comments from JS&FA, IFD, MoE ' <i>The foreign DA guidelines are regulated by MEA. May be considered, as per the guidelines of MEA and their applicability</i> ' was taken into consideration. The Finance Committee deliberated that the proposed guidelines have been framed following the MEA guidelines. Further, the FC recommended that the hotel entitlement of employees going abroad on non-representational visits such as training courses or seminars etc., shall be one step below their normal entitlement instead of the proposed entitlement table. Accordingly, the proposed table at Serial No. 8 of the Agenda note will be replaced with point no. 6 of Order No. Q/FD/695/03/2000 dated 25.09.2023. With these modifications, the Finance Committee recommended the proposal for approval by the BoG.	Approved by the BoG
31/9	To consider the proposal for revision in the Fellowship & Contingency for Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow (IPDF)	The proposal was deliberated by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee took a note of the comments of JS & FA, IFD as reproduced below: <i>'Not clear. On what basis the enhancement of fellowship from Rs. 60k to Rs. 80k is arrived at. What other IITs follow? May be considered, if the expenditure is met from IRG.'</i> It was deliberated that the proposed hike in IPDF fellowship amount of Rs. 80,000/- plus applicable HRA is in line with the fellowship paid to NPDP by the SERB and other IITs (IITB, IITKGP, IITR, IITK, etc.). Further, the FC noted that IIT (ISM), Dhanbad has been paying the Fellowship to the IPDF from the Fellowship head of Government grants (OH-31), the proposed enhancement may also be paid from the same budget head. In view of this, the FC recommended enhancement of the Fellowship to Rs. 80,000/- plus applicable HRA from the Fellowship head of Government grants (OH-31). The FC also recommended an Annual Contingency of Rs. 1.00 Lakh from the same budget head.	Approved by the BoG. To be implemented from 1.7.2024.

31/10	To consider the proposal for grant of Annual Allowance to Medical Officers of the Institute	A proposal regarding the grant of Annual Allowance to the Medical Officers was presented to the Finance Committee. The FC recommended that the proposal be sent to the MoE for their concurrence as per the comments from JS & FA, IFD, MoE. The implementation will be subject to the concurrence of the MoE.	Approved by the BoG
31/11	To consider the Proposal to extend financial assistance for running the Crèche in the institute premises	The proposal regarding allowing financial assistance to the Institute Crèche was presented to the Finance Committee. The JS&FA, IFD, MoE agreed to the proposal to extend the financial assistance as proposed from the IRG. Accordingly, the Finance Committee recommended the proposal for approval of the BoG for financial support for another two years.	Approved by the BoG
31/12	To consider the recommendations of the Committee regarding amendment in the Recruitment Rules & Promotion Policy for Non-Teaching Employees	<p>The recommendations of the committee proposing amendments in the existing Recruitment Rules & Promotion Policy for non-teaching employees were presented to the Finance Committee. The comments of JS&FA, IFD, MoE is reproduced below:</p> <p><i>'The uniform RR & PP was approved & circulated by the MoE. Any amendments are to be carried out by the MoE. Proposal may be sent for examination to the MoE.'</i></p> <p>FC noted that there was no common RR & PP circulated by the MoE for IITs. Every IIT makes its own RR & PP for non-teaching employees. The FC recommended to request the MoE to circulate common RR and PP applicable to IITs for non-teaching employees. After deliberations, the FC recommended the proposal for approval of the BoG and further seeking the concurrence from MoE for its implementation.</p>	Approved by the BoG
31/13	Status report on implementation of reservation policy for SC, ST, OBC and EWS in Faculty Recruitment	The Finance Committee noted the status report.	Noted by the BoG



31/10 To receive and approve the recommendations of the 33rd Senate held on 06.06.2024

31/10(i) To consider and approve the proposal of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering to start 2-year M.Tech (Artificial Intelligence and Data Science) program from the academic year 2025-26.

The BoG approved the recommendation of the Senate to start 2-year M.Tech (Artificial Intelligence and Data Science) program from the academic year 2025-26 in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering.

31/10(ii) To consider and approve the list of students/scholars recommended for the award of degree

The BoG approved the list of graduating students/scholars for the award of degrees as recommended by the Senate.

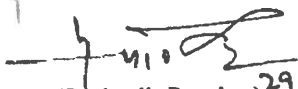
31/11 To consider and approve amendment in the Institute leave rules regarding Special Casual Leave/Project Leave with respect to the faculty members of the Institute

The proposed amendment in the subject rules was approved by the BoG.

31/12 Status report on the implementation of reservation for SC, ST, OBC and EWS in faculty positions

The BoG noted the Status Report.

31/13 AOB (i): CONFIDENTIAL


(Prabodh Pandey) 29.6.2024
Registrar & Secretary, BoG