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भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान धारवाड  
Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad

# INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DHARWAD

## MINUTES

## OF

## THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**VENUE : Boardroom, Administrative Block, IIT Dharwad**

**MODE : HYBRID**

**DATE : 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**TIME : 10:00 AM**

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HELD ON

**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

The Seventh Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology Dharwad was held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 10:00 AM in Hybrid mode. The following were present: -

<b>Shri Vinayak Chatterjee</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Shri. Rakesh Ranjan</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Member*</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Prof. P. Seshu</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Prof. S. S. Murthy</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present (Online)</b>
<b>Dr. Shamasundar S</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Prof. Bhavin Kothari</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Prof. Nagesh R. Iyer</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Prof. S. R. M. Prasanna</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Prof. S L Bapat</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Special Invitee</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Dr. D. Lakshmanan</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Special Invitee</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Dr. S. Basavarajappa</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Present</b>

\* Received comments to the agenda (As enclosed in Appendix A).

### **Member(s) granted Leave of Absence:**

Shri. G. Kumar Naik, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, State Government Nominee Member.

At the outset, the Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the members and the invitees present in the meeting.

## **Section A: CONFIRMATION ITEMS**

**Item No. 7.1: Confirmation of the minutes of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors held on 10.07.2021.**

i) The Board **NOTED** that the Minutes of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) BoG meeting were circulated and no comments were received.

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ii) The Board **RESOLVED to CONFIRM** the minutes of the Sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors held on 10.07.2021 as circulated.

**Item No. 7.2: Report of action taken on certain items of Minutes of the Sixth meeting of the Board of Governors.**

i) The Board **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the report of action taken on the minutes of the Sixth meeting of the Board of Governors.

## **Section B: PROGRESS REPORT**

**Item No. 7.3: To note the Progress Report for the period between 6<sup>th</sup> BoG to 7<sup>th</sup> BoG.**

i) Director made a brief presentation on the progress made by the Institute during the period. The progress presentation covered the following aspects:

- Smooth conduct of Joint Convocation (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>).  
The Board appreciated the preparation and arrangements done for Joint Convocation (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) by giving preference to local Khadi Industries for Waistcoat and Uttariya as Convocation Attire.
- Mode of teaching for Autumn and Spring 2020-21 Semester.
- Opening and Closing Ranks – Initial trends
- Sports activities at IIT Dharwad.
- Technical events conducted at IIT Dharwad.
- Placement and internship details.
- Staff and Faculty recruitment details, Faculty R&D projects as well as publication details.

- Digital Interface Design for Automating COVID19 Vaccination Process at KIMS Hubballi.
- 4D Printing Technology development at IIT Dharwad
- Updates on Space Data Science Lab
- Updates on SAMVAAD – IITDh + INAEBC initiative.

ii) The Board **COMMENDED** the Institute on the various initiatives. The Board appreciated the progress on diverse fronts and urged the Institute to keep up the good work. The Board **SUGGESTED** that a detailed benchmarking study may be undertaken on the quality and impact of R&D outputs.

**Few other points of discussion:**

- The Members of the BoG **SUGGESTED** to include additional members in the Board to address gender diversity and authorized the Chairman to request the Ministry in this regard.
- The Board **APPRECIATED** Registrar Dr. S. Basavarajappa for his name figuring in the Top 2% scientists list compiled by Stanford University.
- The Board **SUGGESTED** that the Institute seek professional help for improving its presence/coverage in print, electronic and social media.
- The Board also **SUGGESTED** that the Institute may make special efforts to attract international students and faculty exchange visitors.

**Item No. 7.4: To note the Progress of Permanent Campus Construction.**

- i) Director made a brief presentation on the progress of Permanent Campus construction during the period. The progress presentation covered the following aspects:
- Status of construction between 6<sup>th</sup> BoG to 7<sup>th</sup> BoG.
  - Short Video on the Construction progress.

The Board **APPRECIATED** the efforts being put in by the Institute for smooth progress of the project despite various challenges.

- The Board also **APPRECIATED** Prof. Nagesh R Iyer (Dean (IPS)) for his efforts in building the main campus and positive response from the State government.

## **Section C: ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

**Item No. 7.5: To consider the Proposal for starting B. Tech Programme in -**

- Chemical Engineering**
- Mathematics & Computing**
- Civil Engineering**

- The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the proposal for starting B. Tech Programme in -

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- Chemical Engineering
- Mathematics and Computing
- Civil Engineering

The Board **SUGGESTED** to reconsider the exact name of the BTech degree in Chemical Engineering to appropriately highlight the forward looking curriculum combining Biosciences and Chemistry into Chemical Engg. Similarly, the exact name of the BTech degree in Civil Engineering may also be appropriately reviewed. The Board **OPINED** that such measures would help to establish a unique identity for these programs.

**Item No. 7.6: To consider the Proposal for Starting M. Tech Programme in -**

- Data Science & Artificial Intelligence**
- Mechanical Engineering and**
- Sustainable and Smart Mobility**

- The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the proposal for starting M. Tech Programme in -

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<b>7.6/7</b>

- Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

- b. Mechanical Engineering
- c. Sustainable and Smart Mobility

**Item No. 7.7: To consider the Proposal for BS - MS Program in Integrated and Inter-Disciplinary Science.**

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for BS - MS Program in Integrated and Inter-Disciplinary Science.

<b>R.4/2021</b>
<b>7.7/7</b>

ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal for BS - MS Program in Integrated and Inter-Disciplinary Science.

**Item No. 7.8: To consider the Proposal for modification in the rule for Conversion from M. Tech/MS to Ph.D for Engineering Disciplines.**

<b>R.5/2021</b>
<b>7.8/7</b>

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal for modification in the rule for Conversion from M. Tech/MS to Ph.D for Engineering Disciplines.

**Item No. 7.9: To consider the proposal from a donor to institute two awards for the best Female students (UG - First Year and UG - Third Year)**

<b>R.6/2021</b>
<b>7.9/7</b>

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal from a donor to institute two awards for the best Female students (UG - First Year and UG - Third Year)

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Item No. 7.10: Consideration and Approval of recommendation of 6<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting**

<b>R.7/2021</b>
<b>7.10/7</b>

- i) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the recommendations of the (6<sup>th</sup>) Finance Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (Appendix – B).

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BUILDING & WORKS COMMITTEE:**

**- NIL -**

## **OTHER ITEMS:**

### **Item No. 7.11: To consider the Proposal for formulation of Strategic Initiatives Group**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the Proposal for formulation of Strategic Initiatives Group
- i) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Proposal for formulation of Strategic Initiatives Group. The Board also suggested to change the name to Vision and Strategic Initiatives Group. The Chairman also suggested to other members to send a list of experts as possible members for Vision and Strategic Initiatives Group to the Director.

<b>R.8/2021</b>
<b>7.11/7</b>

### **Item No. 7.12: Implementation of NEP 2020**

- i) The Board **NOTED and APPRECIATED** the initiatives taken by IIT Dharwad for implementation of NEP 2020.

### **Item No. 7.13: To consider the proposal of IP Policy of the Institute**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal of IP Policy of the Institute
- i) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal of IP Policy of the Institute

<b>R.7/2021</b>
<b>7.13/7</b>

**Item No. 7.14: To consider the proposal of Start-up Policy of the Institute**

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal of Start-up Policy of the Institute.

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<b>7.14/7</b>

ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal of Start-up Policy of the Institute

**Item No. 7.15: To consider the proposal for setting up of Section - 8 company for Incubation activities**

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for setting up of Section-8 company for incubation activities.

<b>R.11/2021</b>
<b>7.15/7</b>

ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal for setting up of Section-8 company for incubation activities.

**Item No. 7.16: To consider the proposal of Conflict of Interest Policy 2021 of the Institute.**

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal of Conflict of Interest Policy 2021 of the Institute.

<b>R.12/2021</b>
<b>7.16/7</b>

ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the of Conflict of Interest Policy 2021 of the Institute.

**Item No. 7.17: Faculty Recruitment – Status of Filling up of Vacancy Positions**

i) The Board **NOTED** the item Faculty Recruitment – Status of Filling up of Vacancy Positions at IIT Dharwad. Also suggested to maintain the appropriate Faculty-Student ratio as per norms.

**Item No. 7.18: To consider the Proposal for Recruitment of Visiting Assistant Professor**

i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for Recruitment of Visiting Assistant Professor.



<b>R.13/2021</b>
<b>7.18/7</b>

- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal for Recruitment of Visiting Assistant Professor as proposed.

**Item No. 7.19: To consider the Proposal for "On-campus work experience for IIT Dharwad Community"**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for "On-campus work experience for IIT Dharwad Community"

<b>R.14/2021</b>
<b>7.19/7</b>

- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the proposal for "On-campus work experience for IIT Dharwad Community".

**Item No. 7.20: To consider the proposal for signing of MoUs between IIT Dharwad and outside agencies -**

- a) **SELCO, Bengaluru.**
- b) **CMTI, Bengaluru**

- i) The Ministry informed the board that it did not get sufficient time to examine the same and suggested to take up in the next BoG. The Board **SUGGESTED** to hold the next BoG meeting (Extraordinary/Special BoG) at the earliest in online mode.

**Item No. 7.21: To consider the Proposal for Approval of Donating an Old Car for Student Training purpose**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for Approval of Donating an Old Car for Student Training purpose.
- ii) The Board **NOTED and APPROVED** the proposal for Approval of Donating an Old Car for Student Training purpose.

<b>R.15/2021</b>
<b>7.21/7</b>

**Section D: ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION**

**Item No. 7.22: BY THE CHAIRMAN:**

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the following actions approved by the Chairman:
  - a. List of experts for Faculty Selection in Management
  - b. Approval for Relieving Dr. Shrikanth V, Assistant Professor, MMAE
  - c. Appointment of Faculty Members and Non-Faculty Members at IIT Dharwad.

**Item No. 7.23: BY THE DIRECTOR:**

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the following actions approved by the Director:
  - a) MoU with WALMI, Dharwad for Extension to use temporary campus for 5 years
  - b) Confirmation of Probation Period of Employees.
  - c) Relieving of Employees.

**Section E: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Item No. 7.24:**

- 1. Permission to conduct survey for proposed Land acquisition from Permanent Campus for New Railway Line (Dharwad to Belagavi via Kittur)
- 2. Positive Response from State Government to IIT Dharwad letter dated 31st July 2021 (Electrical and Water Facilities to Permanent Campus) based on FC/BoG MoM and meeting with CS.
- 3. Appointment of Nodal Officer, CPIO and Appellate Authority for dealing with RTI Matters at IIT Dharwad
- 4. Updates on Setting up a Global Centre of Excellence (GCoE) in Affordable and Clean Energy (ACE)
- 5. MoU with SDM University, Dharwad
- 6. MoU with JCB India

7. Minutes of the 8th BWC Meeting
8. Minutes of the 14th Senate Meeting

**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM (S):**

**- NIL -**

**ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF CHAIR**

**- NIL -**

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

**(P. SESHU)**  
**DIRECTOR**

**(VINAYAK CHATTERJEE)**  
**CHAIRMAN**