

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



07.06.2023
(HYBRID MODE)

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROPAR
Rupnagar, Punjab-140001

MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, IIT ROPAR HELD ON 07.06.2023 AT 11:30 AM (HYBRID MODE)

PRESENT

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| 1. | Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
Chairperson, BoG, IIT Ropar | Chairperson |
| 2. | Prof. Rajeev Ahuja
Director, IIT Ropar | Member |
| 3. | Sh. DPS Kharbanda, IAS,
Secretary cum Director, Technical Education and Ind. Training
(Nominee of Chief Secretary, Govt. of Punjab) | Member |
| 4. | Prof. N. Sathyamurthy
Honorary Professor, IISER Mohali | Member |
| 5. | Sh. Chetan Pahwa
Director, Avon Ispat & Power Ltd | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Dinesh K.S.
Officiating Registrar | Secretary |

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Sanjiv Goel and Director (IITs) of Ministry of Education (Special Invitee) since they could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the Members to the 40th Meeting of Board of Governors.

ITEM NO.1 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE 39TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 29.12.2022

The Chairman, BoG briefed that the minutes of the 39th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 29.12.2022 were circulated to the members of the Board on 12.01.2023 and no comments have been received.

**RESOLUTION:
BG40/R1/23/670**

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29.12.2022 are confirmed as circulated.

ITEM NO. 2 TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE ACTION TAKEN ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 39th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 29.12.2022.

The Chairman, BoG briefed the Action Taken Report on the decisions of the 39th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29.12.2022. The Board noted that action has been taken on all the decisions of the meeting.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken Report on BG40/R2/23/671 the decisions of the 39th meeting of Board of Governors held on 29.12.2022 is noted with satisfaction.

ITEM NO. 3 TO RECEIVE A REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 29.12.2022.

The Director, IIT Ropar presented the major achievements / developments since the last meeting of the Board held on 29.12.2022. The Director highlighted about the 2023 NIRF ranking of the Institute and information about the G20 meet which has been successfully hosted by IIT Ropar at Amritsar. The Board members appreciated the efforts made by IIT Ropar for successfully hosting the G20 meet. Sh. D.P.S. Kharbanda, Secretary cum Director, Technical Education (Punjab) appreciated that IIT Ropar is doing excellent job for Punjab. He informed that there is large number of skilled manpower available with the State of Punjab and IIT Ropar is a lamp force for this skilled manpower. Sh. D.P.S. Kharbanda proposed that:

- a) IIT Ropar may help in modifying the syllabus of ITIs and polytechnics. The syllabus may be vetted by IIT Ropar so that the quality of skilled manpower may be improved. Being a senior Institute in the state of Punjab, IIT Ropar may contribute towards training the polytechnics teachers.
- b) IIT Ropar may run short term skill courses in polytechnics in the state of Punjab and the State Govt. of Punjab will bear the cost and provide the space to run short term courses.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Director's presentation
BG40/R3/23/672 on major achievements/ developments is
noted with satisfaction.**

**ITEM NO. 4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 31ST MEETING OF
FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 27.10.2022**

The Board considered the Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 27.10.2022.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 31st
BG40/R4/23/673 meeting of Finance Committee held on
27.10.2022 are approved.**

**ITEM NO. 5 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF APPLICABILITY OF PAYMENT OF
GRATUITY ACT 1972 IN THE INSTITUTE**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for adoption of payment of Gratuity Act 1972 to the employees of IIT Ropar covered under New Pension Scheme (NPS).

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the adoption of Payment of
BG40/R5/23/674 Gratuity Act 1972 in the Institute is approved.**

**ITEM NO. 6 TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF IIT ROPAR FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23.**

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the Annual Accounts of IIT Ropar for the Financial Year 2022-23. The revised Annual Accounts after incorporating the amount of buildings and infrastructures handed over/put to use from Capital work in progress to Fixed Assets is enclosed as an Annexure.

**RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the Annual Accounts of IIT
BG40/R6/23/675 Ropar for the Financial Year 2022-23 are
approved.**

ITEM NO. 7 TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND THE SECOND PHASE WORKS OF IIT ROPAR

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee and decided to defer this agenda item for a later meeting.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the agenda item is deferred BG40/R7/23/676 for a later meeting.

ITEM NO. 8 TO CONSIDER APPOINTING DEPT. OF ECONOMICS AFFAIRS (DEA) EMPANELLED TRANSACTION ADVISOR (TA) FOR PROVIDING ADVISORY SERVICES TO TAKE UP INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) MODE.

The Board deliberated on the proposal of appointing Dept. of Economic Affairs (DEA) empanelled Transaction Advisor (TA) for providing advisory services to IIT Ropar. The Board noted that TA will advise the Institute on viability of infrastructure development works that can be taken up on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Further, the Board considered the Finance Committee recommendations for the appointment of Department of Economic Affairs empanelled Transaction Advisor (TA) and resolved to approve the appointment of DEA empanelled Transaction Advisor (TA).

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the appointment of BG40/R8/23/677 Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) empanelled Transaction Advisor (TA) is approved.

ITEM NO. 9 TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND THE PROPOSAL FOR ADOPTION OF CPWD MANUAL, STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE, DELHI SCHEDULE OF RATES AND NORMS FOR INSTITUTE WORKS

The Board considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee for adoption of CPWD Manual, Standard Operating Procedure, Delhi Schedule of Rates and

Norms for the original and maintenance works under taken by the Institute Works & Estate Section.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the adoption of CPWD BG40/R9/23/678 Manual, Standard Operating Procedure, Delhi Schedule of Rates and Norms for carrying out Institute's original and maintenance works under taken by the Institute works & Estate Section are approved.

ITEM NO. 10 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE TO THE STUDENTS OF IIT ROPAR

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate for the conferment of Doctor of Philosophy degrees to the following scholars of IIT Ropar.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the conferment of Doctor of Philosophy degrees to the following 31 (Thirty one) students of IIT Ropar is approved.

ITEM NO. 11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE CONFERMENT OF M.Sc. AND M.TECH DEGREE TO THE STUDENT OF IIT ROPAR

The Board considered the recommendations of the Senate for the conferment of MSc. and M.Tech degree to the following 02 students of IIT Ropar.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the conferment of MSc. and BG40/R11/23/680 M.Tech degree(s) to the following 02 students is approved.

ITEM NO. 12 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE NORMS FOR SENATE NOMINEES IN THE BOARD

The Director, IIT Ropar briefed that the Senate in its 47th meeting held on 24.05.2023 vide resolution no S47/R14/23/716 has recommended the following norms for the Senate Nominees to the Board of Governors:

- a) Two regular Professors of the Institute to be nominated by Chairman Senate as Senate Nominees to the Board of Governors.
- b) Out of these two, one Professor should be from Science/ Humanities

Department and one from Engineering Department.

- c) The period of this nomination is for two years.
- d) Nominated members can continue as BoG members for a maximum of two periods.

The procedure enumerated above (from (a) to (d)) may be reviewed by the Senate after completion of two terms.

The Board while considering the norms for selection of Senate Nominees in the Board advised that the Chairman, Senate of IIT Ropar may nominate two Senate nominees by devising a way.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the above norms to BG40/R12/23/681 nominate two Senate Nominees in the Board are approved.

TEM NO. 13 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE JEE ADVANCED RANK MERIT SCHOLARSHIP TO THE B.TECH STUDENTS ADMITTED IN IIT ROPAR.

The Director, IIT Ropar briefed that the Senate in its 45th meeting held on 31.10.2022 vide resolution no. S45/R12/22/644 has recommended the JEE Advanced rank merit scholarship to the B.Tech students of IIT Ropar.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the JEE Advanced rank BG40/R13/23/682 merit scholarship to the B.Tech students of IIT Ropar is approved satisfying the criteria mentioned as under:

Merit scholarship to 2% to 3% of the students having JEE Advanced Rank given below will be provided scholarship as follows:

1	JEE Advanced Rank 1 to 500 in Common Rank List (CRL).	Scholarship equivalent to the full tuition fees.
2	JEE Advanced Rank 501 to 1000 in Common Rank List (CRL).	Scholarship equivalent to the half tuition fees.

For continuation of the scholarship, the students have to fulfill the following criteria.

- i) CGPA must be 7.0 or more; and**
- ii) Earned credits should not less than 18 times the no. of semesters registered for;**
- iii) SGPA in the previous semester must be 7.0 or more.**

ITEM NO. 14 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROMOTION POLICY OF FACULTY AT IIT ROPAR

The Director, IIT Ropar briefed about the promotion policy of Faculty at IIT Ropar and informed that as per clause no.17 (1) of the Statutes of IIT Ropar - reads that "All posts at the Institute shall normally be filled by advertisement but the Board shall have the power to decide on the recommendations of the Director that a particular post be filled by invitation or by promotion from amongst the member of the staff of the Institute."

In order to upgrade the eligible faculty for progressing in their career, it is proposed to implement career progression through this promotion policy.

The Director, IIT Ropar requested to consider the Promotion policy of Faculty at IIT Ropar. The Board deliberated on the promotion policy and felt that it is good for the timely growth of the faculty. After due deliberation, the Board resolved to approve the Promotion Policy of Faculty at IIT Ropar.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the promotion policy of BG40/R14/23/683 faculty at IIT Ropar is approved by following the procedure as mentioned below:

1. All eligible internal faculty candidates will be assessed once each year. Candidates who are eligible for promotion by July 01 of the year and submit their dossier for evaluation by July 15 of the year will be considered for the promotion cycle of that year.

2. The process for promotion to the post of

Associate Professor and Professor will be as per Annexure-I.

3. The performance of the candidates would be assessed by the selection committee with composition as per Statue 17(5) for Promotion to Associate Professor and Professor as applicable.

4.The evaluation criteria and screening process will be continuing to be as per extant guidelines in force that have been followed for internal candidates for selection. This may be decided time to time by an Institutional Committee with the approval of the Director.

5. Internal candidates who did not submit their dossiers or those who were not promoted in a given year may be considered in the next cycle of promotion in the following year.

(Annexure-I)

ITEM NO. 15 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT OF “CENTER FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION” (CEE) AT IIT ROPAR.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Maurya, Associate Dean (PG&R) presented the proposal for establishment of “Center for Engineering Education (CEE)” at IIT Ropar. He briefed that the objective of the CEE is to carry out teaching, research, training, consultancy and outreach/extension programs in Engineering Pedagogy, Curriculum Development, Education Technology and Education Management, in order to comply with Section 15 of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The Center will be initially offering Certificate (Continuing Education) programs and may later run Postgraduate Diploma / Degree programs in Engineering Education (i.e. Pedagogy).

The members endorsed the proposal presented by Dr. Maurya and approved the establishment of Center for Engineering Education (CEE) at IIT Ropar. The Director, IIT Ropar may take decision for further smooth functioning of the Center.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the establishment of BG40/R15/23/684 “Center for Engineering Education (CEE)” at IIT Ropar is approved.

ITEM NO. 16 TO CONSIDER SETTING UP A COE FOR RURAL TECHNOLOGY & SKILLS (RUTS COE)

Associate Dean (R&D) presented the proposal for setting up a CoE for Rural Technology & Skills (RUTS CoE). He informed about the potential initiatives of the centre such as Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries, horticulture, skill development, soil and water testing etc. He also highlighted the advantages of the centre and how the centre would cater the need of farming community in the region as well as country.

The proposal has been appreciated by the Board. Sh. D.P.S. Kharbanda, Secretary cum Director, Technical Education, Punjab added that this proposal is need of the hour. The new age courses can be introduced through industries and it will also be benefitting for polytechnics and ITIs in the state. Further, he briefed that State Govt. intends to modify the ITIs syllabus for improving the quality of skill manpower and ITIs can be made platform for RuTS. Sh. Chetan Pahwa also endorsed the suggestions of Director, Technical Education, Punjab.

After due deliberation, it was resolved to approve the setting up a CoE for Rural Technology & Skills (RuTS CoE).

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the setting up a Centre of Excellence for Rural Technology & Skills (RUTS CoE) at IIT Ropar is approved.

ITEM NO. 17 TO RATIFY THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOG ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board considered the decisions taken by the Chairperson, BoG on behalf of the Board of Governors.

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the following decisions taken by the Chairperson, BoG on behalf of the Board are ratified / noted:

- 1) Reconstitution of Building & Works Committee (B&WC) of IIT Ropar.
- 2) Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting for the following posts:
 - a) Assistant Student Counselor held on 22.02.2023.
 - b) Assistant Registrar through Limited Departmental Examination held on 27.02.2023.
 - c) Assistant Professor Gr.I/II in the Department of Physics held on 27th April 2023.
 - d) Assistant Professor Gr. I/II in the Department of Mathematics held on 8th May 2023.
- 3) Minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting for the Movement of Assistant Professor from Grade-II to Grade-I / confirmation of following faculty members of IIT Ropar:

ITEM NO. 18 REPORTING ITEMS / DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR, IIT ROPAR.

The Board noted the following reporting items:

RESOLUTION: RESOLVED THAT the following reporting items are noted:

- I. Minutes of 46th and 47th Senate meetings of IIT Ropar held on 10.04.2023 and 24.05.2023 respectively.
- II. Minutes of 38th Building and Works Committee (B&WC) meeting of IIT Ropar held on 12.04.2023

III. Extension of Time for completion of Phase IC Work:

The Ministry vide letter no. 34-1/2016-TS-I dated 16.05.2023 has approved No-cost time extension to IIT Ropar upto June 30, 2023. The CPWD request for providing extension upto June 30, 2023 was considered in 38th B&WC meeting dated 12.04.2023 vide resolution no. B&WC/38/R14/2023/330.

IV. Appointments made since last BoG meeting held on 29.12.2022:

V. Minutes of the Selection Committee Meeting for the following posts:

(a) Assistant Engineer held on 08.02.2023 through Limited Departmental Examination held on 25.04.2023.

(b) Junior Superintendent, Senior Assistant and Junior Assistant through Limited Departmental Examination held on 25.04.2023.

(c) Project Intern (Engineering) on contract held on 10.03.2023.

VI. Details of faculty members who have joined the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 29.12.2022:

VII. Details of faculty members who have resigned / relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 29.12.2022:

VIII. Details of non-teaching staff members who have joined the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 29.12.2022:

IX. Details of non-teaching staff member(s) who have been promoted through LDE in the Institute since last BoG meeting held

on 29.12.2022:

- X. Details of non-teaching staff member(s) who have been relieved from the Institute since last BoG meeting held on 29.12.2022:
- XI. MoU signed with IIT Ropar :
- 1) National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh
 - 2) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi
 - 3) Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana
 - 4) Jaywant Shikshan Prasarak Mandal group of Institutes
 - 5) Bikal Technologies UK Ltd.
 - 6) DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Pvt. Ltd.
 - 7) Hindustan Group of Institutions (HGI), comprising of i) Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, Padur, Chennai-603103 ii) KCG College of Technology, Karapakkam, Chennai-600097 and iii) Hindustan Institute of Engineering and Technology, Serapanancheri, Chennai-601301
 - 8) MDS IndoCan Connecting Business

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