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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

कार्यवृत्त
MINUTES
OF
13th SPECIAL MEETING

(Hybrid Mode)

25th February 2024 (Sunday)
IIT Jodhpur

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Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur
Board of Governors

Minutes of 13th Special Meeting
25th February 2024 (Sunday), 11:00 A.M.
Hybrid Mode

The following Members were present in the 13th Special Meeting of the Board of Governors:

1.	Shri A. S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, Board of Governors	Chairman (Through Webex)
2.	Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Director, IIT Jodhpur	*Ex-officio* Member
3.	Prof. N. S. Shekhawat, Former Professor, JNVU, Jodhpur	Member
4.	Prof. Akhil Ranjan Garg, JNVU, Jodhpur	Member (Through Webex)
5.	Prof. Richa Singh, Department of CS&E, IIT Jodhpur	Member
6.	Prof. Neeraj Jain, Department of BS&BE, IIT Jodhpur	Member
7.	Dr. H. S. Mewara, Joint Secretary (TE), Govt. of Rajasthan *(Representative of Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan)*	Member (Through Webex)
8.	Prof. S. R. Vadera, Deputy Director, IIT Jodhpur	Special Invitee
9.	Dr. Hari Om Yadav, Registrar	Secretary

Sh. Anil Bhavarlal Jain and Sh. Govind Jaiswal, IAS, Joint Secretary (TEL), Ministry of Education, Members, BoG and Sh. P.G. Basak, Advisor (Admin.), Special Invitee could not attend the Meeting.

The following are the decisions of the *BoG* on the items of the Agenda:

S.No.	Items
SP.13.1	**WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS** At the outset, Sh. A. S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, BoG warmly welcomed the Members of the Board of Governors. Thereafter, the Director, IIT Jodhpur on behalf of the Board of Governors, welcomed Prof. Neeraj Jain, Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering, IIT Jodhpur and Dr. Hari Om Yadav, Registrar, IIT Jodhpur who were attending the Meeting of the Board of Governors for the first time as a Member, Board of Governors (as Senate Nominee) and the Registrar, IIT Jodhpur respectively. He also welcomed Dr. H. S. Mewara, Joint Secretary (TE), Govt. of Rajasthan in the Meeting. The Chairman, BoG and Members welcomed Prof. Neeraj Jain, Member, BoG and Dr. Hari Om Yadav, Registrar, IIT Jodhpur. The Board of Governors also placed on record the contributions of Prof. Mitali Mukerji, outgoing Member, BoG and Dr. Somnath Ghosh, former Officiating Registrar & Secretary, BoG for the development of the Institute. Thereafter, the Chairman, BoG requested the Director to take up the Agenda of the Meeting.
SP.13.1.2	**Institute Report by the Director, IIT Jodhpur** The Director presented the brief Institute Report and apprised the Board of Governors on the following: 1. The Institute is offering **91** Academic Programmes from AY 2023-24; 2. The present student strength reached to **4751** in the AY 2023-24 and out of 4751, **820** are the Ph.D. Students which is very good sign for Research Ecosystem;

3. The current Faculty and Non-Faculty Strength is **266** and **231** respectively;
4. It was reported that during the ongoing FY 2023-24, **133** new R&D Projects and **₹35.56 Crores** grant have been received and which is expected to increase as the Financial Year closing approaches.

The Director further apprised the Board of Governors about the Initiatives taken by the recently established Offices at the Institute as below:

Office of Continuing Education Programme (CEP)

Executive Programmes	Short Term Programmes	Skill Development Programmes
Total Number of Programmes 2020-2021 :**1** 2021-2022 :**2** 2022-2023 :**8** 2023-2024 :**16**	**Total Number of Programmes** 4	**Total Number of Programmes** 5
Total Number of Students 2020-2021 :**79** 2021-2022 :**158** 2022-2023 :**422** 2023-2024 :**850**	**Total Number of Students** 254	**Total Number of Students** 430

Office of International Relations

A. The Director apprised the Board of Governors that IIT Jodhpur with INAE has inaugurated its joint activity center, **"IIT Jodhpur Outreach Center"** at Gurgaon, NCR on 14th November 2023 and the Center is steering up its activities.

B. The Board of Governors was also briefed that the Office of International Relations & Outreach (IRO) has executed more than **25 MoUs** and Agreements with Foreign Institute / University and the major collaborations are :

1. MoU between IIT Jodhpur (School of Management and Entrepreneurship) and **Case Western University** (Weatherhead School of Management in Cleveland, Ohio, USA) for starting an innovative "1+1" Program for MBA-Tech. Students.
2. MoU between IIT Jodhpur and **Case Western University** for enhancing the collaboration in Education and Research.
3. MoU between IIT Jodhpur and **Alliance Française De Jaipur** for running the French Certificate Course for student and IITJ Fraternity.

C. New Admission of International Students at IIT Jodhpur
Recently, 4 Students form EPITA France have joined IIT Jodhpur through Student Exchange Programme and 1 Student from Bangladesh has joined IIT Jodhpur through Study in India Programme.

D. Hosted an Augmented Reality Exhibition entitled "Midi Minuit"
IIT Jodhpur hosted an Augmented Reality Exhibition titled **"Midi Minuit"** during 6-12th November 2023 at IIT Jodhpur. This event was conducted through a collaborative effort between the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur and Alliance Française, Jaipur. It was a part of the French Embassy, French Institute, and Alliance Françaises' celebration of the Digital November month.

E. Shraman Foundation's Student Scholarship Support
The Shraman Foundation, the USA based Non-profit Organization has agreed to extend the Scholarship support to the needy Students of IIT Jodhpur till July-2028.

F. Launch of Newsletter for International Relations and Outreach

Office of Corporate Relations

The Director briefed the Board of Governors that the Office of Corporate Relations, IIT Jodhpur is dedicated to augment the Institute's corporate relations, linkages & outreach and building up strong connect with Industry, Ministries and organizations for developing collaborative R&D programmes, finding Industry linked fellowships and scholarships, internships, placements etc.

The Institute signed **75** MoUs / Agreements so far to foster the Industry connect.

Organization of Industry Day 2024 of IIT Jodhpur

The Director briefed the Board of Governors that the Institute successfully organized Industry Day 2024 during 1st & 2nd February, 2024 to establish links between Industries, Academic and Research Groups.

❑ **Participants: 60+ Delegates from Industry and Corporate Sectors**
The Industry Day-2024 witnessed a series of engaging plenary and keynote talks, thought-provoking panel discussions, and captivating exhibitions centered on the theme of embracing innovation for a sustainable future. The themes of discussion included the following:
- o AI Systems
- o Sensors and Edge Intelligence
- o FinTech
- o Smart and Sustainable City
- o AR-VR and Metaverse
- o MedTech and Digital Healthcare:
- o Robotics and EV
- o Technologies for Sustainability
- o Industry 4.0
- o Clean Energy

Office of Alumni Relations

The Director further apprised the Board of Governors that the Office of Alumni Relations, IIT Jodhpur expanding its activities to connect with Alumni and briefed the BoG about following key initiatives:

➢ Organized the **Alumni Day and Dashak 2.0 during 27th-28th January 2024**: Alumni Reunion and recognizing the completion of 10 years since graduation for the classes of 2014;
➢ **4 Alumni** from IIT Jodhpur were honored with the prestigious **REYA-2023 Awards** for their outstanding achievements during Alumni Day-2024.
➢ Launch of IITJ Alumni Newsletter- **The IITJ Almanac;**
➢ Mr. Bob Nathan, an IIT Alumnus, CEO of DataNet Systems Corp, USA and the Committee Chair for Networking and Outreach, IIT 2024 Global Conference visited IIT Jodhpur;
➢ IIT Jodhpur delegation participated in **Global Technology Summit, PIWOT-PanIIT World of Technology at Bengaluru;**
➢ IIT Jodhpur delegation participated in **IIT2024 Global Conference at USA** organized by PanIIT USA Alumni Associations; and
➢ Inaugural Meet for **Alumni Chapter at Hyderabad and Delhi NCR.**

The Director also briefed the Alumni Success Stories / Achievement to the BoG as under:

➢ **Dr. Anurup Ganguli** (B.Tech. ME, Class of 2013) who was working on a stealth launched **VedaBio** with an initial funding of over **$40 million** backed by lead investor OMX Ventures along with a select group of family offices, including Kleinmuntz Associates.

➢ The **KuKu FM**, the audio platform that revolutionized radio, established by **Mr. Lal Chand Bisu, Mr. Vikas Goyal, and Mr. Vinod Kumar Meena**, who are Alumni of IIT Jodhpur recently secured a substantial investment amounting to **$25 Million** in series C funding round co-led by the Nandan Nilekani-founded Fundamentum Partnership and International Finance Corporation.

➢ **Dr. Tushar Shinde**, a Class of 2020 IIT Jodhpur Alumnus, who after completing his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Post-Doctoral from the School of Medicine, Stanford University has recently joined as an **Assistant Professor at IIT Madras Zanzibar Campus** – the FIRST overseas IIT campus.

➢ **Dr. Anuj Kumar**, B.Tech. ME, Class of 2013 joined as a Morrey Visiting **Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley.**

➢ **Dr. Sankha Narayan Guria**, an IITJ Alumnus from the class of 2015, has recently joined the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science as a Faculty at **The University of Kansas**.

➢ **Dr. Arun Kumar Upadhyay**, Ph.D. in Bioscience & Bioengineering, Class of 2018 joined as an **Assistant Professor at IIT Bhilai** on Jan 2024.

Later, the Director apprised the Board of Governors about the following:

New Initiatives in the Pipeline:

1. **B.Sc.-B.Ed. in Science (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics)**
2. **MBA Tech. for Working Professionals (Trimester-Based)**
   - Managing Digital Enterprises with Analytics & AI
   - Digital Product Design and Management
   - Fin Tech & Cyber Security

3. **Sports Quota for M.Sc. Programmes**
4. **Online 4 Year staggered B.S. in Data Science and AI Applications**
   - 1st Year Certificate, 2nd Year Diploma, 3rd Year B.Sc.
   - In parallel with other programmes

5. **Joint M.S.-Ph.D. Programme in Astronomy and Astrophysics in collaboration with Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital under the following themes:**
   - Astronomy
   - Astrophysics
   - Data Analytics and AI in Astronomy and Astrophysics
   - Atmospheric Science
   - Geo-spatial Science & Technology

New R&D Initiatives

1. IITJ-AIIMS Joint Centre for Med.-Tech. Innovation
2. AI Applications for enhancing MRI Imaging System with Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (SAMEER), MeitY, GoI, Navi Mumbai
3. Collaboration with National Law University (NLU), Jodhpur in the area of Law and Technology

The Chairman, Board of Governors appreciated the efforts of the Director for taking multiple initiatives especially the Chairman, BoG appreciated the initiative taken by the Institute for Joint Centre for Med.-Tech. with AIIMS Jodhpur and Innovation and collaboration with SAMEER, Mumbai. The Members of the BoG also noted the Institute Report with appreciation.

SP.13.2.1	**To consider the proposal of amendment in the Statutes of the Institute**
	The Director briefed the Board of Governors that the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India has proposed an Amendment in the relevant Clause of the Statutes of all IITs regarding **"in the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairman, Board of Governors".** He further briefed the BoG that any amendment in the Statutes of IITs shall require recommendation of the Board of Governors of IITs and thereafter the assent of **The Visitor** of the Institute (The Hon'ble President of India) as per the Act & Statutes of the Institute. The Ministry of Education has suggested to the IITs to take approval from the respective Board of Governors of IITs and thereafter send the proposal after recommendation of the BoG to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for taking further necessary action. After detailed deliberations, the Board of Governors recommended the proposal of the following amendment in the Statutes of the Institute for onward submission to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India:

Existing Clause of Statutes of IIT Jodhpur - Clause 12 (2) (xv)	Proposed Amendment by the MoE in Clause 12 (2) (xv)
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.**	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 Chairmen 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**.

The Meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair and Members of the Board of Governors.

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Registrar & Secretary, BoG

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Director, IIT Jodhpur

Approved

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Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur