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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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MINUTES
OF
35th MEETING

2nd December, 2023 (Saturday)
Senate Room, IIT Jodhpur

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Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur
Board of Governors

Minutes of 35th Meeting
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The following were present in the 35th Meeting of the Board of Governors:

1.	Sh. A. S. Kiran Kumar	Chairman
2.	Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Director, IIT Jodhpur	Member *(Ex-officio)*
3.	Prof. N.S. Shekhawat, Former Professor, JNVU, Jodhpur	Member
4.	Prof. Akhil R. Garg, Professor, JNVU, Jodhpur	Member
5.	Smt. Saumya Gupta, JS (TE), Ministry of Education, GoI	*Issued comments vide letter F.No. 12-9/2018-TS.1 dated 29.11.2023*
6.	Prof. Richa Singh, Department of CS&E, IITJ	Member
7.	Sh. Anil Kumar Agarwal, Director, (Technical Education) Govt. of Rajasthan (Representative of the Govt. of Rajasthan Nominee)	Member
8.	Prof. Sampat Raj Vadera, Deputy Director, IIT Jodhpur	Special Invitee
9.	Dr. Somnath Ghosh, *Offg.* Registrar	Secretary

Sh. Anil Bhavarlal Jain, Member could not attend the Meeting.
Sh. P. G. Basak, Advisor (Administration), Special Invitee could not attend the Meeting due to other pressing commitments.

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

S.No.	Agenda Items
35.1	**WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF GOVERNORS** At the outset, Sh. A. S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, BoG welcomed the members of the Board of Governors and called the meeting in order. Thereafter, Dr. Somnath Ghosh, *Offg.* Registrar apprised the Board of Governors that the Hon'ble Education Minister, Govt. of India in his capacity as Chairperson, Council of IITs approved that Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Director, IIT Jodhpur, shall continue to hold the charge of Director, IIT Jodhpur beyond 9th December, 2023 till the end of the Academic Year, i.e., 30th June, 2024 or till such time as the regular incumbent takes over or till further orders, whichever is earlier. The Chairman, BoG and Members congratulated the Director and noted same.
35.1.1	**(i) To confirm the Minutes of 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 31st October, 2023 in the Board Room, IIT Jodhpur** **(ii) Minutes of the Pre-Convocation 12th Special Meeting of the Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur held on 21st November, 2023**
	(i) To confirm the Minutes of 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 31st October, 2023 in the Board Room, IIT Jodhpur The Board of Governors, confirmed the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 31st October, 2023, as circulated.

	(ii) Minutes of the Pre-Convocation 12th Special Meeting of the Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur held on 21st November, 2023 The Board of Governors was apprised that the duly approved Minutes of the Pre-Convocation 12th Special Meeting of the Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur held on 21st November, 2023 by the Chairman, BoG was circulated to all Members of the Board of Governors on 27th November, 2023 through email. The Minutes of the meeting was placed on the table during the Meeting. The Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes of the Pre-Convocation 12th Special Meeting of BoG, as circulated.
35.2	**Institute Report by the Director, IIT Jodhpur**
	At the outset, the Director apprised the Board of Governors that IIT Jodhpur conducted its 9th Convocation on 21st November, 2023. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Former Chairman, Space Commission & ISRO and Former Secretary, Department of Space Government of India was the Chief Guest for the Convocation Ceremony and delivered the Convocation address. Prof. Indranil Manna, Vice Chancellor, BIT Mesra and Former Director, IIT Kanpur and Dr. Vijay Chandru, INAE Distinguished Technologist, IISc and Co-Founder, Strand Life Sciences graced the occasion as Esteemed Guests. Shri A.S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur presided over the Convocation Ceremony. The Director further briefed the Board of Governors that for the first time, the Convocation Ceremony was conducted in two sessions **(i) First session** for B. Tech. and M.Sc. graduands & **(ii) Second session** for Master's, M. Tech. MBA and Ph.D. graduands. It was also briefed to the BoG that during the 9th Convocation, Degrees / Diploma / certificates were awarded to **820** graduands. He further apprised the BoG that for the first time, the Institute honoured the following 3 internationally renowned personalities with Doctorate (Honoris Causa) Degrees: 1. **Prof. Paras Nath Prasad**, University at Buffalo, SUNY currently Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Physics, Electrical Engineering, and Medicine 2. **Mr. Vinod Gupta**, Everest Group LLC, USA 3. **Prof. Rohini M. Godbole,** Centre for High Energy Physics, IISc, Bengaluru, India It was also briefed to the BoG that after the Convocation Event, Alumni Induction Program was organized for the Class of 2023. Later, the Director further apprised the Board of Governors that a delegation from SAMEER-Mumbai recently visited the Institute and explored possibilities for collaborative translational projects with the Faculty Members of the Institute in multidisciplinary as well as specialized domains. It was also informed to the Board of Governors that Prof. Dipankar Banerjee, Director, Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational-Sciences (ARIES) visited the Institute and delivered an Institute level Seminar on "India's Own Solar Space Observatory: Aditya L-1" on 30th November, 2023. The Director further briefed the BoG that detailed deliberations to explore the possibility of offering a joint Degree Program with ARIES was also held on 1st December 2023 and an agreement was made for a Joint Academic Programme - M.S.-Ph.D. Degree (with an exit option after M.S.) in astronomy-atmospheric science and technology between IIT Jodhpur and ARIES. The Chairman, Board of Governors, and members noted the Institute Report with appreciation.

35.2.1	**Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by (i) the Board of Governors in its 34th Meeting held on 31st October, 2023 and (ii) the Board of Governors in its Pre-Convocation 12th Special Meeting held on 21st November, 2023**
	(i) Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by the Board of Governors in its 34th Meeting held on 31st October, 2023.
	The Board of Governors noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) with satisfaction.
	(ii) Action Taken Report on the decisions taken by the Board of Governors in its Pre-Convocation 12th Special Meeting held on 21st November, 2023
	The Board of Governors noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) and requested the Director that as suggested by the BoG in its Pre-Convocation 12th Special Meeting to review the guidelines of award of Best Ph.D. Thesis Work and put-up the outcome of the Review before the Board of Governors.
35.3	**DISCUSSION ITEMS**
35.3.2	**To consider and approve the proposal for the creation of the School of Design at IIT Jodhpur**
	The Director apprised the Board of Governors that the Institute is currently offering a full-fledged Design Program M. Des. in XR Design and planning to offer Doctoral, Bachelors and additional Master's programs in Design.
	The Director further briefed the Board of Governors that the Senate in its 36th Meeting held on 16th & 18th November, 2023 recommended establishing the School of Design as an Academic Unit considering the multidisciplinarity of Design and its value to students, researchers, faculty members, and entrepreneurs across the Institute in areas such as systems design, bio-design, Design of virtual and augmented experiences, information and pedagogy design, product design, design of digital artifacts are of contemporary interest towards creating an overall ecosystem.
	The Board of Governors requested the Director to apprise the BoG that the Institute has the required Basic infrastructure and Faculty Members to support the proposed School of Design. The Director briefed the Board of Governors that the Institute is already running a full-fledged Design Program M. Des. in XR Design.
	After detailed deliberations, the Board of Governors appreciated the initiative and approved the creation of the School of Design as per the provisions of Clause 5 (2) (h) of the Statutes of the Institute.
35.3.3	**To consider and approve the recommendations of the 36th Meeting of the Senate held on 16th & 18th November, 2023 at IIT Jodhpur**
	The Board of Governors noted and approved the recommendations of the Senate made in its 36th Meeting held on 16th & 18th November, 2023.
35.3.4	**To consider and approve IIT Jodhpur (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment) Rules, 2023**
	The Director briefed the Board of Governors that the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) of the Institute has framed the Rules to govern any incident of sexual harassment within the Institute in line with the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.
	The Board of Governors noted the same and approved the IIT Jodhpur (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment) Rules, 2023.

35.3.5	**To consider and approve institution of iHub Drishti Foundation Chair Professorship and Faculty Fellowship through IIT Jodhpur**
	The Director apprised the Board of Governors that the Government of India initiated the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS) program. Under this program, the Union Cabinet, through the Department of Science and Technology (DST), launched several Technology and Innovation Hubs (TIHs) across the country focusing on different areas of Cyber-Physical Systems such as Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, IoT, Data Science, and Security. Through a competitive process, the IIT Jodhpur was identified to host the TIH on Computer Vision and Augmented and Virtual Reality (CV and ARVR).
	The TIH at IIT Jodhpur has been named iHub Drishti. Later, iHub Drishti Foundation was incorporated as a Section 8 company to effectively manage the Mission mode Project.
	The Director further briefed the BoG that in line with the existing Tripartite Agreement between iHub Drishti Foundation, IIT Jodhpur (Host Institute) and NM-ICPS, DST Section 9.(2).(i) which mentions that "The HRD component will be executed jointly by the Hub and Host Institute (HI)", the Board of iHub Drishti Foundation considered that Chair Professor and Faculty Fellowship schemes will be implemented through the Host Institute (HI) i.e. IIT Jodhpur. Accordingly, an MoU has been signed between iHub Drishti Foundation and IIT Jodhpur for the execution of Chair Professor and Faculty Fellowship schemes through IIT Jodhpur and iHub Drishti Foundation has transferred ₹1.66 crores to the Host Institute (HI), i.e., IIT Jodhpur to establish Chair Professor and Faculty Fellowship as per the Institute's norms. The amount is inclusive of applicable Institute Overhead and GST, if any. The expenditure including honorarium, contingency and travel shall be met from the interest accrued on the corpus. The endowment fund shall be managed and maintained by IIT Jodhpur in perpetuity. In case any specific projects or studies are identified or conceived or facilitated through this MoU which may need separate funding as per the requirement of the project is to be decided based on mutually agreed terms between TIH and IITJ.
	The Director further briefed the BoG that the Chair Professor(s) and Faculty Fellow(s) will be selected through an open advertisement as per the norms of IIT Jodhpur. The tenure of the Chair Professor(s) and Faculty Fellow(s) will be one year from the date of appointment, extended upto one year.
	The Board of Governors noted the same and approved the institution of iHub Drishti Foundation Chair Professorship and Faculty Fellowship through IIT Jodhpur.
35.4	**REPORTING, ADOPTING AND NOTING ITEMS**
35.4.1	**Report on the implementation of the National Education Policy-2020**
	The Board noted the report on the implementation of the National Education Policy-2020 as presented in the Agenda. The BoG appreciated the initiatives taken by the Institute for the implementation of the NEP-2020.
35.4.2	**Report on the status of filling up Backlog vacancies**
	The Board noted the report on the status of the filling-up of backlog vacancies as presented in the Agenda.
	The Chairman, Board of Governors suggested that the Director may resume the selection process of Faculty and Non-faculty positions because it is very crucial to maintain the pace of growth of the Institute and fill up the Backlog and sanction vacant positions.
	The members of the Board of Governors also seconded the suggestion of the Chairman, BoG.

35.4.3	**Report on Faculty Members and Staff Members joining and resigning from the Institute**
	The Board of Governors noted the report.
35.4.4	**Adoption of Circulars of Ministry of Education, Government of India**
	The Board of Governors noted the same.
35.4.5	**Report of R&D Projects sanctioned to the Faculty Members of the Institute since the last meeting of the BoG**
	The Board noted the Report of R&D Projects sanctioned to the Faculty Members of the Institute since the last meeting of the BoG.
35.4.6	**Report of MoUs/Agreement(s) signed with different Institutions / organizations / companies by the Institute**
	The Board noted the Report of MoUs/Agreement(s) signed with different Institutions / Organizations / Companies by the Institute.
35.5	**RATIFICATION ITEMS**
35.5.1	**Approvals accorded by Chairman, Board of Governors/Director.**
(A)	**Approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG through U.O. Note on extension /appointment through Standing Committees**
	The Board of Governors noted the various approvals accorded by the Chairman, BoG on appointments / extensions of **9** Adjunct Professor of Practice / Faculty Member (On Sabbatical) / Adjunct Faculty Members/ through Standing Committees. The BoG ratified the various above approvals accorded by the Chairman, BoG.
(B)	**Various approvals accorded by the Chairman, BoG through U.O. Note**
	The Board of Governors noted the approvals accorded by the Chairman, BoG through U.O. Notes.
35.6	**Any other item with the prior permission of the Chairman**
	Nil

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

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Offg. Registrar & Secretary, BoG

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Director, IIT Jodhpur

Approved
-Sd/-
Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT Jodhpur