



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY

MINUTES OF

THE 250<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

OF THE

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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HELD ON

FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 (FRIDAY)

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AT 10:00 AM.  
AT  
BOARD ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, MAIN BUILDING  
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY

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The Meeting Number 250 of Board of Governors of Indian Institute of Technology Bombay was held on February 28, 2020 (Friday) at 10.00 AM at Board Room, First Floor, Main Building, IIT Bombay.

**MEMBER PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

1. Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri : Chairman, BoG & Director
2. Shri Sharad Kumar Saraf : Member
3. Prof. A.B. Pandit : Member
4. Prof. Paresh K. Joshi : Member
5. Prof. P.V. Balaji : Member
6. Prof. S.C. Patwardhan : Member
7. Dr. R. Premkumar : Secretary

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

1. Administrator, : Member  
U.T. of Dadra and Nagar Haveli
2. Dr. S.S. Sandhu : Member
3. Shri Saurabh Vijay : Member

**INVITEE**

1. Prof. A.K. Suresh : Deputy Director (Academic & Infrastructural Affairs)
2. Prof. Prasanna Mujumdar : Deputy Director (Finance & External Affairs)

At the outset, the Director extended a warm welcome to all members and the invitees present in the meeting. The Chairman welcomed Prof. P.V. Balaji, Department of Biosciences & Bioengineering and Prof. S.C. Patwardhan, Department of Chemical Engineering new members as nominees of the Senate who attended the meeting of the Board of Governors for first time.

The Board **NOTED** and expressed their thanks for the contributions made by the outgoing Senate nominees, Prof. K. Narasimhan and Prof. Chandra Venkataraman.

The comments received from the MHRD vide letter no. F.No.1-8/2019-T.S.-I dated 21.02.2020 were placed before the Board for consideration. The Board **NOTED** the comments received from MHRD.

Item No. 1:

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH (249<sup>TH</sup>) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019**

- i) The Board **NOTED** that the Minutes of the Two hundred and forty ninth (249<sup>th</sup>) BoG meeting were circulated.
- ii) The observation received from MHRD vide letter no. F.No. 1-8/2019-T.S.-I dated 17.12.2019 were **NOTED** by the Board members.
- iii) The Board **RESOLVED to CONFIRM** the minutes of the Two hundred and forty ninth (249<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019 with the following addition:  
"The comments received from MHRD vide letter no. F.No. 1-8/2019-T.S.-I dated 22.11.2019 were placed before the Board and considered by the BoG".
- iv) The Minutes as confirmed is attached at Annexure-1.1.

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Item No. 2:

**REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON CERTAIN ITEMS OF MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINTH & PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

- i) The Board **NOTED** the actions taken on the Minutes of the Two hundred and forty ninth (249<sup>th</sup>) and previous meetings of the Board of Governors.
- ii) The Board **NOTED** the observations of Legal Cell of the Institute on the letter no. SMR/R/2(36)/20 dated 04.02.2020 received from SAMEER on shifting of SAMEER out of IIT Bombay land. The Board **DIRECTED** the Institute to pursue the matter with SAMEER to vacate the premises through discussions and with intervention of MHRD.
- iii) The Board also **NOTED** the actions taken on the Confidential Item.
- iv) The Board also **NOTED** the Committee report on IIT Alumni Centre Bengaluru (IITACB) and **DIRECTED** the Institute that whenever the fund position improves, Institute may consider financial support IITACB, subject to utility of IITACB facilities to IIT Bombay activities.
- v) The Board **NOTED** that Institute has already started charging the internal users for Central Facilities.

**Item No. 3: TO NOTE THE PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2019 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

- i) The Board **PERUSED** the Progress Report of the Institute for the period from 1st October, 2019 to 31st December, 2019.
- ii) Shri Sharad Kumar Saraf, BoG Member, suggested to explore the hostel facilities available with the Bombay Textile Research Association (BTRA), Ghatkopar, Mumbai for students accommodation.
- iii) The Board suggested to explore the possibility of marketing the Institute's Patent rights to industry by engaging a professional agency. The students of SJM School of Management marketing group could also take up this as a project.

**Item No. 4: THE AWARD OF DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED AT THE INTERIM SESSION OF 58TH CONVOCATION ON 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the list of recipients of the award of degrees to the students as recommended by the Senate in the Interim Convocation (of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation) held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.
- ii) The Board **ACCORDED ITS APPROVAL** to the award of degrees to be conferred at the Interim Session of the 58th Convocation held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 as recommended by the Senate as mentioned below:

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**Programme wise number of degrees to be awarded to:**

Programme wise Name of Degree	Number of Degrees	Number of Recipients
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	152	152
Dual Degree (M.Tech./M.Phil+Ph.D.) <sup>~</sup>	10 (5-M.Tech. + 5-Ph.D.)	5
Dual Degree (M.Sc.+Ph.D.) <sup>¶</sup>	28 (14-M.Sc.+ 14-Ph.D.)	14
		<b>Total Ph.D. = 171</b>
Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.)	1	1
Bachelor of Design (B.Des.)	2	2
Joint degree of Master of Business Administration (MBA) of IIT Bombay and Washington University, USA	18	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>192</b>

<sup>~</sup>: Award of two degrees (M.Tech./M.Phil. and Ph.D.)

<sup>¶</sup> - Award of two degrees (M.Sc and Ph.D)

- iii) The Board also **APPROVED** that the degrees of other UG and PG courses can be conferred to those students who complete the course of study and the prescribed duration of the programme in the Interim Convocation.

Item No. 5:

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES / SPECIALISATIONS**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for Introduction of Academic Programmes/ Specialisations:
1. M.S. by Research in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering from the Academic year 2020-21

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- ii) The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Introduction of following Academic Programmes/ Specialisations as approved by the Senate:
1. M.S. by Research in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering from the Academic year 2020-21
  2. In case of request from M.S. by Research students to convert to Ph.D. programme, it has to be ensured that they satisfy the Ph.D. admission criteria.

Item No. 6:

**TO CONSIDER THE MINUTES OF HUNDRED AND FORTY THIRD (143<sup>RD</sup>) MEETING OF THE BUILDING & WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2020**

- i) The Board **NOTED** that under the provision of the Section 6(8) of the Statutes a copy of the minutes of the Hundred and forty-third (143<sup>rd</sup>) Building & Works Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020, was placed before the Board of Governors.
- ii) The Board **SUGGESTED** that in order to maximize the utility of land, the Institute should go for G+ 14 construction of Research Park.
- iii) The Board **DIRECTED** that the Chiller unit to be included in Research Park Building plan and carried out.
- iv) The Deputy Director (FEA) apprised the Board about the progress of projects under HEFA-1 and HEFA-2.

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- v) The Board **APPROVED** the recommendations of the Building & Works Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2020.

Item No. 7:

**“CONFIDENTIAL MATTER”  
(Only for Board Members)**

Item No. 8:

**TO CONSIDER THE STUDENT FEE REVISION PROPOSALS  
AND OTHER STUDENT FEE RELATED MATTERS FROM THE  
INSTITUTE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT FEES**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the Student Fee Revision proposals and other student fee related matter from the Institute Standing Committee for student fees.
- ii) The Board **APPROVED** the Student Fee Revision proposals and other student fee related matter as per the report of Institute Standing Committee for student fees as given in Annexure 8.1 applicable from Autumn Semester Academic Session 2020-2021.

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Item No.9:

**TO CONSIDER POLICY DECISION FOR PAY FIXATION OF FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the policy decision for Pay Fixation of Faculty and Staff Members of the Institute.
- ii) The Board **NOTED** DoPT Office Memorandum (O.M.) No. F. No. 12/3/2017-Estt.(Pay-I) dated 28.07.2017 and O.M. No. F. No. 12/3/2017-Estt.(Pay-I) dated 27.07.2017.
- iii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for uniform policy of pay fixation as per FR 22 (I) (a) (1) be followed for fixation of pay i.e. giving one notional increment to the Faculty and Non-Faculty who are appointed./ promoted to the higher post on Direct Recruitment.

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Item No.10:

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR THE NAMING POLICY FOR THE INSTITUTE**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposed framework for the Naming Policy for the Institute.
- ii) The Board **APPROVED** the proposed framework for the Naming Policy for the Institute with periodical review of such arrangements, after incorporating minor changes suggested by the Board is given in Annexure 10.1.

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Item No.11:

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR M.A+Ph.D. DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMME (PHILOSOPHY)**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for Entrance Examination and Fellowship for M.A+Ph.D. Dual Degree Programme (Philosophy) as approved by the Senate.
- ii) The ten (10) Seats for M.A.+Ph.D. Dual Degree programme in Philosophy during 2020-21 are approved. Initially, the entrance examination would be conducted by IIT Bombay and later on entrance examination may be conducted through JAM.
- iii) The tuition fee for the M.A.+Ph.D. Dual Degree programme in Philosophy shall be at par with the M.Sc.-Ph.D. programme fee structure. The TA-ship will be paid from third year. The students would be confirmed for Ph.D. programme after semester-IV based on the Senate approved criteria.

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- iv) The Board **APPROVED** the Entrance Examination procedure as per the proposal and appropriate fellowship for the dual-degree M.A.+Ph.D. programme (2-year M.A. programme with the option to enter a 4-year Ph.D. programme) in Philosophy.

**Item No.12:**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTE**

- i) The Board **NOTED** the proposal for New Identity Cards for the employees of the Institute.
- ii) The Board **DIRECTED** the Institute that New Identity Cards should be as per MHRD guidelines. The MHRD vide letter no. F.No.1-8/2019-T.S.-I dated 21.02.2020 informed that "Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) have informed that IITs do not fall under the category of Commission or Authority and hence cannot use the state emblem" on the Identity Cards.
- iii) The Board also **DIRECTED** the Institute to include the residential address of employee in the New Identity Card with the mention of Government of India affiliation.

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**Item No.13:**

**TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR PLACEMENT OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR STATUE ADJACENT TO MAIN BUILDING**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for Placement of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue adjacent to Main Building.
- ii) The Board **DELIBERATED** the issue and decided to maintain status quo by keeping the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar as it is, in the present position.

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**Item No.14:**

**TO NOTE THE REPORT OF SIGNING OF MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MoUs)**

- i) The Board **NOTED** the signing of following Memoranda of Understanding (MoU):
- University of Houston, USA
  - Washington University in St. Louis, USA
  - Distance State University, Costa Rica
  - University of Twente, The Netherlands (Erasmus+ Programme)

- e) Loughborough University, UK
- f) Washington University in St. Louis, USA
- g) Sciences Po, France
- h) Myanmar Institute of Information Technology, Myanmar
- i) German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany
- j) Institut Supérieur d'Electronique de Paris, France
- k) Washington University
- l) Rajesh Raman

**Item No.15: TO NOTE THE REPORT OF VARIOUS AWARDS / DISTINCTIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS RECEIVED BY INSTITUTE / FACULTY MEMBERS**

- i) The Board **NOTED** the information relating to various awards / distinctions and fellowships received by faculty members.
- ii) The Board recorded its **APPRECIATION** for the work carried out by the faculty members and congratulated them on their achievements. The Board further desired that a “**Letter of Appreciation**” in this regard by Director / Dean (Faculty Affairs) may be sent to these faculty members.

**Item No.16: ITEMS APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the actions taken by the Chairman as given in the Agenda, Item No.16:
  - a) Selection of Employees
  - b) Re-employment of Faculty Members
  - c) Visit of Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri, Director & Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering

**Item No. 17: ITEMS APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR**

- i) The Board **NOTED** and **RATIFIED** the actions taken by the Director in approving certain matters as authorized by the Board.

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ii) The Board **RESOLVED** that the actions taken by the Director relating to the following items as given in the Agenda Item No.17, be approved:

a) Appointment of

- i) Adjunct Associate Professor*
- ii) Adjunct Professor*
- iii) Distinguished Visiting Professor*
- iv) Visiting Professor*
- v) INSA Senior Scientist Fellow*
- vi) Institute Post Doctoral Fellow*
- vii) Research Associate*

b) Extension of Appointment of

- i) Adjunct Associate Professor*
- ii) Adjunct Professor*
- iii) DJ Gandhi Distinguished Professor*
- iv) DJ Gandhi Distinguished Visiting Professor*
- v) Distinguished Visiting Professor*
- vi) Visiting Associate Professor*
- vii) Visiting Professor*
- viii) Professor (Contract)*
- ix) Institute Post Doctoral Fellow*
- x) Senior Executive Officer*
- xi) Executive Officer*
- xii) System Administrator*
- xiii) Staff Nurse*
- xiv) Assistant (Caretaker)*
- xv) Cook*
- xvi) Clerk Typist*
- xvii) Technical Assistant (Pathology)*
- xviii) Helper*
- xix) Programmer*
- xx) Design Assistant*
- xxi) Computer Programmer*
- xxii) Network Assistant*
- xxiii) Post Graduate Teacher*
- xxiv) Security Supervisor*
- xxv) Secretarial Assistant*

- c) Re-employment of Group A, B & C
- d) Regularisation of Assistant Professor Grade I
- e) Promotion under DACPS Scheme
- f) Mapping under RR&PP
- g) Grant of Sabbatical Leave
- h) Grant of Special Leave
- i) Grant of leave and financial assistance for attending International Conferences / Symposiums / Congress abroad and visits related to Project work
- j) Survey Committee Reports

## SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

**Item No.18: TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRE FOR MACHINE INTELLIGENCE AND DATA SCIENCE**

- i) The Board **CONSIDERED** the proposal for establishment of Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science.
- ii) The Board **ACCORDED its APPROVAL** for establishment of Centre for Machine Intelligence and Data Science as per Model 1: Virtual Centre:

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### **Model 1: Virtual Centre**

In this model, the centre is virtual, with faculty associated with the centre coming from various parent departments, but retaining their department affiliations and duties. The centre will need a Head, but the Head can retain their parent departmental affiliation.

The benefit of this model is that the centre can start functioning immediately, with no delay due to the process of hiring faculty and no need for physical infrastructure.

With this model, the following activities can be supported:

- a. Minor in AI and Data Science as well as Inter Disciplinary Dual Degree Programme (IDDDP) in AI and Data Science: Courses in existing departments can be cross-listed as Centre for MI&DS courses, allowing faculty to offer existing courses as AI/ML and Data Science courses.

- b. Outreach Programmes: Faculty can offer outreach courses under the AI and Data Science umbrella, with course participants getting a chance to earn an appropriate certificate in AI and Data Science on completion of a recommended set/ number of courses.
- c. Point of contact for industry interaction, destination for funding: There is a lot of industry interest in funding R&D activities in the AI/ML and Data Science Centre area where there are faculty from multiple departments. There is some confusion about which departments the funding should go to. Routing funding to the centre, and from there to individual faculty could be a clean way of managing the funding, and having a single target entity for funding when IIT goes out to seek research funding.

This model does not support some activities such as admitting students directly to programmes such as M.Tech. and Ph.D., since those will require a full academic programme and associated committees which could be taken later with appropriate approvals.

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

  
11/3/2020  
**DIRECTOR  
&  
MEMBER-IN-CHAIR**