

Minutes of the 2021-3/17th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BOG) of IISER Berhampur (2021-3/17th) was held through *Google Meet* at 11:30 hr on Thursday, October 07, 2021. The following members were present:

- Dr. M.S.N. Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director, MSN Laboratories Pvt. Ltd. Chairperson
- Professor K. V. R. Chary, Director, IISER Berhampur Member
- Sri Priyank Chaturvedi, Deputy Secretary (IISER), DHE, MoE
(represented Sri Amit Khare, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of Higher Education, MoE) Member
- Sri Shankar V Nakhe, Director, RRCAT, Indore
(represented Dr. K. N. Vyas, Secretary, DAE & Chairman, AEC, Mumbai) Member
- Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc Bangalore Member
- Dr. Ajay Kumar Nayak, Joint Secretary, SDTE, Govt. Of Odisha
(represented Sri Suresh C Mahapatra, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha) Member
- Professor Yogendra Sharma, Deputy Director & Dean of Faculty Affairs,
and Professor of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur Member
- Professor Surendra Nath Mishra, Dean of Academic Affairs,
and Professor of Physical Sciences, IISER Berhampur, Member
- Dr. Ruchi Badola, Senior Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun Member
- Sri B. J. Acharyulu, Acting Registrar & Secretary, BoG of IISER Berhampur Non-Member

The following members could not attend the meeting due to their prior commitment and were granted leave of absence:

- Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, DBT & DST, New Delhi Member
- Professor Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab Member
- Ms. Darshana M. Dabral, IAS, JS and Financial Advisor MoE, Member

BOG 17
 Item No.

Agenda Items and Resolution

1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 17th Meeting of the BoG of IISER Berhampur. After a brief introduction by all members, the Chairperson requested the Director to initiate the proceedings of the meeting.

2. Overview report of the Director, IISER Berhampur on the activities of the Institute

An overview report was presented by the Director, IISER Berhampur. The BoG was briefed on the activities of IISER Berhampur in the recent past and the initiatives taken by the Institute in combating the COVID-19 pandemic (**Annexure 1**).

The Director requested the Board to consider a supplementary agenda item regarding reconstitution of the Senate of IISER Berhampur, which was missed in the agenda items and notes circulated to the members. As per the Statues, the nominated members who complete two-year tenure have to be replaced while re-nominations are possible. The members nominated by the Board to the Senate of IISER Berhampur have completed two years, and thus need to be freshly nominated.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2021-2/16th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur, held on June 17, 2021

The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of the 2021-2/16th meeting held on June 17, 2021, as circulated and proposed for confirmation, in the absence of any comments from any member.

4. **To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 2021-2/16th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur, held on June 17, 2021**

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2021-2/16th meeting of the BoG held on June 17, 2021, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

For BoG-16-9: The recruitment tests/ interviews have been scheduled from Oct 18 to 30, 2021.

5. **Ratification of the items approved by the Chairperson BoG, IISER Berhampur**

The Board noted and ratified the following approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BoG:

- (a) The Chairperson, BoG accorded approval vide his endorsement IISER Berhampur letter no. IISERBPR/NT-02/20/33 dated July 19, 2021, for the following Board's Nominees during recruitment of various Non-Teaching positions as indicated below and recruitment tests were completed during Jul 26- Aug 04, 2021:

Advt. No.	NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020	NT-02/20 dated August 01, 2020	NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020	NT-02/20 dated August 01, 2020	NT-02/20 dated August 01, 2020
Name of the post	Office Assistant (MS)	Junior Assistant (Accounts)	Junior Translator	Scientific Assistant	Laboratory Assistant
Proposed Board's Nominee	Prof. K Madhukar, Former Director and Professor, CFRD, Osmania University, Hyderabad	Prof. K Madhukar, Former Director and Professor, CFRD, Osmania University, Hyderabad	Sri Harijit Singh Senior Manager (In-charge, Hindi Cell) National Institute of Animal Biotechnology, Department of Biotechnology, Hyderabad	Prof. K Madhukar, Former Director and Professor, CFRD, Osmania University, Hyderabad	Prof. K Madhukar, Former Director and Professor, CFRD, Osmania University, Hyderabad

- (b) Approval of Minutes of the Performance Review Committee Meeting for Confirmation of Dr. Vinay Bulusu, Assistant Professor (Grade-I), Department of Biological Sciences w.e.f. May 14, 2021:

- (c) Approval of minutes of selection committees for the following faculty positions:

Designation	Selection Committee as per First Statues of IISERs	Selected Candidate	Remarks
Asst. Professor (Gr-I) (Physical Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA, Director, IISER Berhampur Prof. Bedangadas Mohanty, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose fellow, School of Physical Sciences, NISER Bhubaneswar Professor Devendra K Ojha, FNASc, FASc, Dept. of Astronomy and Astrophysics, TIFR, Mumbai Professor Yogendra Sharma, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose fellow, Dept. of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur Prof. Surendra Nath Mishra, Professor & Dean of Academic Affairs, IISER Berhampur Professor T S Sridhar, Professor and Dean R&D, IISER Berhampur 	Dr. Natasha Sharma (Cat: UR) Dr. Archana Soam (Cat: UR)	Joined on July 23, 2021 Offer letter issued
Asst. Professor (Gr-I) (Mathematical Sciences)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. KVR Chary, FTWAS, FNASc, FNA, Director, IISER Berhampur Prof. C S Rajan, FNA, FASc, School of Mathematics, TIFR, Mumbai Professor Ravi Raghunathan, FNA, Dept. of Mathematics, IIT Bombay 	Dr. Tanya Kaushal Srivastava (Cat: UR)	Offer letter issued

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Yogendra Sharma, FNA, FNASc, FASc, JC Bose fellow, Dept. of Biological Sciences, IISER Berhampur • Prof. Surendra Nath Mishra, Professor & Dean of Academic Affairs, IISER Berhampur • Professor T. S. Sridhar, Professor and Dean R&D, IISER Berhampur 		
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- (d) Appointment of Professor Sunil Mukhi, Professor, Department of Physics, IISER Pune as the Inquiry Officer and Professor T. S. Sridhar, Professor and Dean R&D, IISER Berhampur as the Presenting Officer for constituting Court of Inquiry for the major disciplinary proceedings against Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh, Assistant Professor (Gr-I), Physical Sciences, IISER Berhampur vide IISERBPR/RO/2021/155 (1) and (2) respectively both dated July 20, 2021.

However, Professor T. S. Sridhar expressed his inability to function as Presenting Officer due to unavoidable compelling reasons. The Chairperson, BoG, on the proposal of the Institute, appointed Professor Yogendra Sharma, Deputy Director and Dean of Faculty Affairs as the Presenting Officer in the case vide IISERBPR/DO/2021/180 dated August 25, 2021

- (e) Review of Suspension of Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh, Assistant Professor, PF No. B0005, Department of Physical Sciences vide IISERBPR/DO/2021/179 dated August 25, 2021. Since the case of the prosecution was not completed within the period of original suspension, i.e., August 30, 2021, the Chairperson, BoG, approved the proposal of the Institute to continue the suspension for further period of ninety (90) days w.e.f. August 30, 2021.
- (f) Acceptance of the resignation of a Group-A Officer Sri Sunil Saraf, Technical Officer w.e.f. August 19, 2021, with a reduced notice period vide IISERBPR/DO/2021/168 dated August 18, 2021.

6. Ratification of the items approved by the Director, IISER Berhampur

The Board took on record the following approval of the Director.

- a) Approval of the minutes of the Selection Committee for the following Non-Teaching Staff (Group B & C) positions advertised vide NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020 and NT-02/20 dated Aug 01, 2020:

Advt. No.	NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020	NT-02/20 dated August 01, 2020	NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020	NT-02/20 dated August 01, 2020	NT-02/20 dated August 01, 2020
Name of the post	Office Assistant (MS)	Junior Assistant (Accounts)	Junior Translator	Scientific Assistant	Laboratory Assistant
Date of Written test	July 26, 2021	July 28, 2021	July 30, 2021	August 02, 2021	August 04, 2021
Selected Candidate	Sri V T R Manikanta Sarma	Sri Sameer Kumar Pattanayak	Sri Hemant Kumar Yadav	Dr. Suman Sinha and Dr. Tapas Ghosh	Sri Akash Jain and Sri Pankaja Kumar Samal

- b) Approval of the resignation of Sri Satya Siva Sankar Rao K, Assistant Security Officer-cum-Transport Manager (Group-B) w.e.f. Oct 13, 2021.

7. To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2021-2/15th meeting of the FC of the Institute scheduled on June 17, 2021

The Board resolved to approve the minutes of the 2021-2/15th meeting of the FC held on June 17, 2021.

8. **To report the list of faculty and non-faculty members who joined/confirmed/relieved in the recent past**

The BoG noted the list of the following faculty and non-faculty members who have joined/confirmed/relieved in the recent past:

Fresh Recruitment**Faculty**

S. No.	Name	Designation	Department	Joining Date
1.	Dr. Natasha Sharma	Assistant Professor (G-I)	Physical Sciences	23/07/2021
2.	Dr. Vivek Tiwari	Assistant Professor (G-I)	Biological Sciences	01/09/2021

Non-Teaching Staff

S. No.	Name	Designation	Department	Joining Date
1.	Dr. Abhishek Rai	Scientific Officer	Physical Sciences	24/06/2021
2.	Sri V T R Manikanta Sarma	Office Assistant (MS)	Store & Purchase	30/07/2021
3.	Sri Akash Jain	Laboratory Assistant	CAIF	09/08//2021
4.	Dr. Suman Sinha	Scientific Assistant	Chemical Sciences	30/08/2021
5.	Dr. Tapas Ghosh	Scientific Assistant	Physical Sciences	31/08/2021
6.	Sri Sameer Kumar Pattanayak	Junior Assistant (Accounts)	Finance & Accounts	01/09/2021
7.	Sri Pankaja Kumar Samal	Laboratory Assistant	Physical Sciences	01/09/2021
8.	Sri Hemant Kumar Yadav	Junior Translator	Registrar's Office	17/09/2021

Confirmation of Service**Faculty**

S. No.	Name	Department	Confirmation Date
1.	Dr. Vinay Bulusu, Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences	14/05/2021

Relived from Service**Non-Teaching Staff**

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Relieving Date
1	Sri Sunil Saraf, Technical Officer	Computer Centre	19/08/2021

9.

To take on record the status of the disciplinary proceedings against Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh, Assistant Professor (on suspension).

The Board took on record the following status of the disciplinary proceedings against Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh, Assistant Professor (on suspension):

- i. Charge sheet issued vide IISERBPR/RO/2021/55 dated June 18, 2021.
- ii. **Appointment of Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer:** Chairperson, BoG has approved the constitution of inquiry under rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 appointing Prof. Sunil Mukhi, Professor of IISER Pune as inquiry officer and Prof. TS Sridhar, Dean of R&D as presenting officer to conduct the inquiry in terms of relevant rules vide order dated July 20, 2021.
- iii. **Change of Presenting Officer:** The Chairperson, BoG has appointed Professor Yogendra Sharma, Dean of Faculty Affairs in place of Professor T S Sridhar, Dean of Research & Development of IISER Berhampur as presenting officer vide his endorsement on IISER Berhampur letter no. IISERBPR/DO/2021/180 dated August 25, 2021.
- iv. **Review of suspension:** the first mandatory review of suspension was carried out before the expiry of 90 days from the date of suspension and the chairperson vide his endorsement on IISERBPR letter no. IISERBPR/DO/2021/179 dated August 25, 2021 has ordered for extension of suspension for a further period of 90 days w.e.f. August 30, 2021 while maintaining the status quo regarding payment of subsistence allowance @ 50%.

Inquiry Proceedings: the first hearing of the inquiry was conducted virtually on Monday, September 27, 2021 after two postponements at the request of the Charged Officer. During the

first inquiry, the presenting officer produced listed documents substantiating the charges mentioned in the Charge Sheet Memorandum, dated June 18, 2021.

10. **To take on record the MoUs signed by the Institute with various agencies/ personnel.**

The Board took on record the following MoUs signed by the Institute since the last meeting of the BoG held on June 17, 2021:

- i. Prof Bedagadas Mohanty, Member, Senate IISER Berhampur, and his family have instituted a medal namely the Sri Durgadas Mohanty Memorial Gold Medal in the honour of his father.
- ii. Prof. K V R Chary, Chairperson Senate IISER Berhampur, and his family have instituted a medal namely Sri C Sudershan Memorial Gold Medal in the honour of the founder principal of the New Science College, Hyderabad.
- iii. National Center for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bangalore for JGEEBILS examination to ease the burden on students seeking graduate admissions, as well as duplication of efforts by the Institutions. The term of MoU is three years, till November 30, 2023.
- iv. Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Limited, Bhubaneswar for health care management of all regular Institute employees and their eligible family members as per *CS(MA) Rules, 1944* for OPD consultation and treatment as indoor patient.

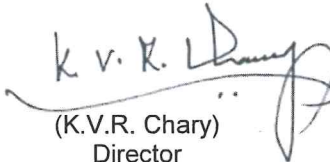
11. **To consider and nominate for the reconstitution of Senate of IISER Berhampur**

The BoG approved the reconstitution of the Senate as proposed.

In the end, the Chairperson thanked all members for their active participation.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(B J Acharyulu)
Acting Registrar


(K.V.R. Chary)
Director

Minutes Approved


(Chairperson, BoG)

OVERVIEW REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, IISER BERHAMPUR

Welcome to the Chairman and members of the FINANCE COMMITTEE (FC) and BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BoG) of IISER Berhampur. This is the 16th meeting of the FC and the 17th meeting of BoG. We are meeting for the 3rd time this year. The last FC and BoG meetings were conducted on Thursday, June 17, 2021. It's a matter of honour to share the recent developments of IISER Berhampur with all of you.

The IISER Berhampur has completed the 5th year of its academic programme. During the last ten semesters, we have observed steady progress of IISER Berhampur as an institute. The Institute is continuously striving to develop state-of-the-art infrastructure facilities and academic resources for high-quality Science Education and Research. At the Transit Campus, all the essential facilities and services are functional and the academic and research activities run smoothly.

ACADEMICS

At the outset, it gives me great pleasure to share with you that Dr. Md Nasim, Assistant Professor (Gr-I), Department of Physical Sciences has been bestowed with the "INSA Medal for Young Scientists - 2021". The INSA Young Scientists Award, considered to be the highest recognition of promise, creativity and excellence in a young scientist, is made annually to those distinguished for these attributes as evidenced by their research work carried out in India. The award citation says: "For his outstanding work, towards understanding the Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) phase diagram using STAR data. This has a long lasting impact on the quark-gluons plasma (QGP) programme".

As the COVID-19 outbreak impacted the whole world during the last 18 months and given the associated uncertainty and a large number of active cases across the country, we had no option but to continue online teaching that we started in May 2020 as an alternative to the regular classroom teaching. Recalling our students back to Berhampur is still not a preferred option for another couple of months. However, we facilitated the return of the 5th year BS-MS students involved in their final year research project. We have also invited the 4th year BS-MS students to the campus to complete their laboratory courses, though we shall continue teaching them online for this semester. I am happy in managing this situation with the co-operation and support from all the members of the institute.

The last semester has been completed successfully for all batches. A total of 70 courses (17 Biological Sciences; 20 Chemical Sciences; 14 Physical Sciences; 11 Mathematical Sciences; and 8 other subjects) were taught during the last semester.

A total of 45 BS-MS students (2016 batch; the first batch) have completed their dual degree programme. The maiden (1st) convocation of IISER Berhampur is scheduled to be held on October 28, 2021. Dr. Anil Kakodkar has kindly accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest for this first convocation. He will deliver his convocation address virtually.

We are proud to share that the following students (15 out of 45) have been offered admission into the PhD program till now at various institutions:

- **Department of Biological Sciences**
 - Aiendrila Roy (EMBL, Germany, and IISc Bangalore)
 - Ashutosh Behera (IIT Kanpur)
 - Anish Koner (IISER Pune)
 - Priyank Dash (IISER Mohali)
- **Department of Chemical Sciences**
 - Sujata Nandi (Cornell University)
 - Rahul Bhuiyan (Jyväskylä University, Finland)
 - Sanjay Biswas (IIT Madras)
 - Sayan Pal (IISER Berhampur)
 - Shubham Swein (IISER Tirupati)
 - Abhishek Bissoyi (Charles University, Prague, Czechia)
- **Department of Physical Sciences**
 - Aditya Prasad Dash (University of California, Los Angeles)
 - Harish Avudaiyappan (University of Mainz, Germany; Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship)
- **Department of Mathematical Sciences**
 - Arnab Ray (IISER Pune)

Status of students

All the PhD research scholars and post-doctoral students are on campus and pursuing their research work without any inconvenience. Admissions for PhD and integrated PhD programmes are done with for the August-2021 session.

The admission process of the BS-MS flagship programme of IISERs for this academic year (2021-22) has just started. IISERs have conducted their IISER Aptitude Test successfully on September 17, 2021. The new batch of BS-MS students is expected to join sometime in the month of November 2021.

During this semester, two (02) students from the 2019 batch have withdrawn from the BS-MS dual-degree programme. All the students were exempted from paying the fees for Student Amenities, Gymkhana/ Sports, and Electricity, Water and Maintenance Charges. The payment of the fee was facilitated to be made in three instalments. Further, the institute has decided to reimburse internet data charges to students, who are not on campus, to facilitate the online teaching/learning process.

THE ODD-SEMESTER 2021-22

Struggling with the difficulties and uncertainties brought about by the pandemic, we started the new academic year (the odd-semester (2020-21)) online on August 9, 2021. As in the past, we started the academic year with **Shubharambh** series of inaugural seminars (**An Awareness Series of Academic dignitaries, their career path in Academics, Research and Further**).

I may once again share with you that the last eighteen months have brought about a complete overhaul of the academic and research settings, which we all have been introduced to and acquainted with. However, the silver lining that has given hope to society is the immense contribution of science and scientific research towards the fight against the pandemic.

We at IISER Berhampur continued to share this iota of hope with our young minds, who have set upon the path of science education and research, through a series of enlightening seminars and interactive sessions during the 1st week of the 2021-22 Academic Session (August 9 to 14, 2021), as below:

Seminar Series Details:

Awareness Lecture	Speaker	Date and Time
1. Shattering Myths (Classical Music and Artificial Intelligence)	Sri Sandeep Ranade Pune, INDIA sandeep@pranade@gmail.com	Monday, August 9, 2021 5.00 to 6.30 PM
2. 'Quantum Computing, State of the field and opportunities'	Dr. Abhinav Kandala IBM T.J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, New York, USA akandala@us.ibm.com	Monday, August 9, 2021 6.30 to 8.00 PM
3. Visualization of Quantum Material	Dr. Rahul Sharma, University of Maryland, USA rahuls17@umd.edu	Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6.00 to 7:30 PM
4. Vehicular Robotics for Responsive Environmental Monitoring	Dr. Sreeja Nag, BAER and NASA AMES Research Center, USA sreejanag@alum.mit.edu	Wednesday, August 11, 2021 7:30 to 9:00 PM
5. Significance of Sports and Fitness in our Day-to-Day Life	Dr. Purnima Joshi, Department of Physical Education, Kannur University purnimaphyedu@gmail.com	Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:00 to 11:30 AM
6. X-ray Vision on 'Chiral Proofreading' during Translation of Genetic Code	Prof. R. Sankaranarayanan, CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, INDIA sankar@ccmb.res.in	Friday, August 13, 2021 10:00 to 11:30 AM
7. Medicine, Science and Entrepreneurship: A personal odyssey	Prof. T. S. Sridhar, Dean of Research and Development, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Berhampur. sridhar@iiserbpr.ac.in	Saturday, August 14, 2021 10:00 to 11:30 AM

Lecture 1: Shattering Myths

Sri Sandeep Ranade is a software engineer, Hindustani classical vocalist, composer and teacher. He holds a Master's Degree in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University. Sandeep is also a Hindustani classical singer and a student of Late Padma-Vibhushan Sangeet Martand Pandit Jasraj. On June 10, 2021, he won the prestigious Apple Design Award for his app NaadSadhana, a sole effort. NaadSadhana was selected out of over a million apps for its innovation in music, technology and design. Naadyoga (Yoga of Sound) is a highly optimized system of vocal workouts created by Sandeep. Using insights from computer science, discrete mathematics, graph theory, combinatorics, neurology, learning theory. As a musician, Sandeep derives inspiration from events in his own life and has created 80+ compositions in a variety of ragas, taals, and forms under the pen name 'Naadrang'.

In his presentation, Sri Sandeep discussed the myths that he has shattered while trying to bridge the gap between Artificial Intelligence and Classical Music, and also gave a beautiful rendition of the Corona Song and the Work-from-Home Song. The discussion was very insightful, as it opened up the possibilities of connecting neuroscience with music.

Lecture 2: 'Quantum Computing, State of the field and opportunities'

Dr. Abhinav Kandala, is an experimental physicist at IBM (The Thomas J Watson Research Centre), with research interests in control and coherence of superconducting qubits, multi-qubit characterization, and near-term applications of quantum computers. His postdoctoral research explored the applicability of a noisy superconducting quantum processor to simulate small molecules and quantum magnets – the work that was recognized by MIT Tech Review as one of 10 breakthrough technologies in 2018.

Quantum computing hardware has made tremendous progress over the last decade and in his talk, Dr. Kandala, addressed the following questions:

- Why do we need a quantum computer?
- How does one build a quantum computer?
- What can one do with a quantum computer today?

And also, highlighted the opportunities that exist for students and researchers from a variety of backgrounds and research interests to engage and join in their journey on quantum computing.

Lecture 3: Visualization of Quantum Material

Dr. Rahul Sharma received his Ph.D. in Applied Physics at Cornell with Prof. J.C. Seamus Davis by developing advanced scanning tunneling microscopy/spectroscopy techniques for complex superconductors in 2020 and is currently pursuing postdoctoral research at the University of Maryland with Prof. Johnpierre Paglione, growing and performing transport experiments on quantum materials. His research activities are primarily focused on discovering new superconductors and topological materials and study their properties by combining growth, transport and atomic scale visualization using a cryogenic spectroscopic imaging scanning tunneling microscope.

In his presentation, Dr. Sharma discussed about quantum materials and in particular about a fascinating state of matter: superconductors. The technique of scanning tunneling microscopy/spectroscopy and sample a few of its myriad superpowers, which are particularly suited to reveal various facets of physics of quantum materials, was also discussed. Finally, Dr. Sharma concluded with his ideal vision for quantum material research with a symbiotic relationship between theory and experimental probes.

Lecture 4: Vehicular Robotics for Responsive Environmental Monitoring

Dr. Sreeja Nag is a Senior Research Scientist at NASA Ames Research Center, contracted by BAER Institute. Sreeja also leads the Autonomy Systems Engineering Team at Nuro, a Silicon Valley start-up that is building and deploying safe, self-driving robotic fleets for public roads. She completed her PhD from the Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. Her research interests include distributed space systems, space robotics for Earth observation, space traffic management, and vehicular robotics validation.

In her presentation, Dr. Sreeja introduced the advances of robotics in self-driving vehicles on public roads, and its overlaps with spacecraft robotics for Earth observation and environmental monitoring. She also introduced a current R&D project in the field of responsive space robotics called D-SHIELD: Distributed Spacecraft with Heuristic Intelligence to Enable Logistical Decisions. D-SHIELD has been applied at varying levels of readiness to monitoring land and coral reefs,

tracking hurricanes on oceans, responding to transient precipitation leading to urban floods, and reducing global soil moisture.

Lecture 5: Significance of sports and fitness in our day to day life

Dr. Purnima Joshi, Assistant Professor in Physical Education at Kannur University, is a National Swimming Champion, a state-level cricket player, an ICC Academy level 2 qualified cricket Coach, till recently was the District Sports and Youth Welfare Officer in MP and was adjudged as the Officer of Excellence in 2020 by the District Magistrate for her excellent contributions in Sports and Training.

In her talk, Dr. Purnima highlighted aspects of the 'What, Why and How' of Fitness, with an evidence-based discussion on why 'Exercise is also important for Academic Excellence'. The talk concluded with insights on the recent concept of Exercise Prescription.

Lecture 6: X-ray Vision on 'Chiral Proofreading' during Translation of Genetic Code

Prof. Rajan Sankaranarayanan obtained his Ph. D. from the Molecular Biophysics Unit, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in 1996 and was a postdoctoral research fellow at IGBMC, Strasbourg, France from 1996-2002. Dr. Sankaranarayanan, after returning to India in 2002, has set up a state-of-the-art macromolecular crystallography laboratory at CCMB, and his group has made outstanding contributions in the area of translational quality control. He was awarded the prestigious Wellcome Trust International Senior Research Fellowship, UK in 2003, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award in 2011, GN Ramachandran Gold Medal in 2015 and Infosys Science Prize in 2020. He is an Associate Editor of Journal of Structural Biology and is on the Board of Reviewing Editors of Elife. He is also a fellow of all the three major science academies of the country.

The talk started with a brief introduction to basic biochemistry and structural biology, before moving into the research work from his group, which addresses one of the major issues during protein biosynthesis. The biological world is homochiral in nature and proteins are exclusively made of L- amino acids except for achiral glycine. Cells employ multiple 'Chiral checkpoints' to ensure that only L-amino acids are selected for the purpose. A major chirality based proofreading system is D-aminoacyl-tRNA deacylase (DTD) that removes D-amino acids mischarged on tRNA, and therefore is implicated in enforcing homochirality of proteins. The ongoing work on how the new function of DTD is providing valuable insights into the evolution of eukaryotes was discussed.

Lecture 7: Medicine, Science, and Entrepreneurship: A personal odyssey

Prof. T.S. Sridhar, who is currently the Dean of Research and Development and Head of the Department of Biological Sciences, is a Physician-Scientist by training. His training as a medical doctor started at KMC Manipal, following which he got his PhD in cancer biology from CCMB. His post-doctoral work at the Harvard Medical school was on understanding the mechanisms of Top-down control of auditory signalling. A residency in Clinical Neurology at the Washington University School of Medicine rounded off his formal training. On his return to India at the turn of the new millennium he was involved in the establishment of 2 start-ups in the then nascent area of biotech research services and clinical genomics. He then moved to the St. John's Research Institute at Bangalore and led investigations into the molecular correlates of clinical outcomes in breast cancer.

In his talk, Dr. Sridhar presented his career path traversing through Medicine, Science and Entrepreneurship. In the background, he provided the examples of the Human Genome Project and their own research on FFPE based RNA isolation as a proof of concept that yes, it is possible to link the three major areas that are mentioned in the title of the talk. This was followed by a very inspiring discussion and also the possibility of initiation of an Entrepreneurial venture at IISER Berhampur in the near future.

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN FOR COMBATING COVID-19

The IISER Berhampur scientific fraternity continued to take several measures to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. As also shared in earlier meetings of BoG, we established a COVID-19 screening facility that started functioning on May 24, 2020. We continued to receive clinical samples regularly for testing, and our COVID-19 team has been actively involved in performing the tests, with a maximum of 1000 samples per day. The results are being uploaded daily on the ICMR portal, and also being conveyed to the district administration. We have made a palpable effect on enhancing the daily COVID-19 testing capacity on the request of the Odisha State and thus aided in the combined effort of combating the pandemic. As on date, the facility has tested a record 155,453+ samples.

The Covid lab has also provided an excellent research setting. The facility has trained **40** (PhD, i-PhD, BS-MS and project students) for clinical sample investigation and working in BSL2+ facility.

THE PERMANENT CAMPUS

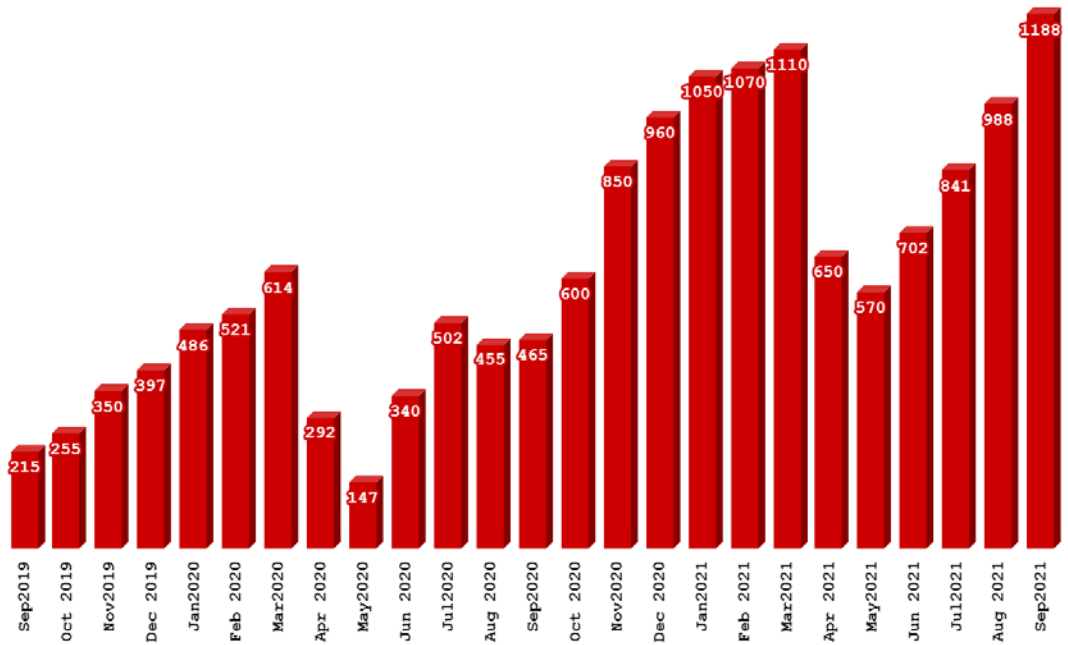
Coming to the subject of the status of permanent campus, as on date, all the approvals are in hand except the pending local body approval to be issued by the Laudigaon Gram Panchayat, which is expected in a few days.

The development of the Permanent Campus of the Institute is back in its full swing. The work-force on site has been slowly, steadily and cautiously ramped up to 1200+ as on date. This is expected to go beyond 1500 soon. As on date, the financial expenditure on the entire project is Rs 242.03 cr. Detailed proposed timelines for the delivery of various buildings are given below. We are making efforts to start the academic activity of the 2021 batch of students directly on the permanent campus from January 2022.

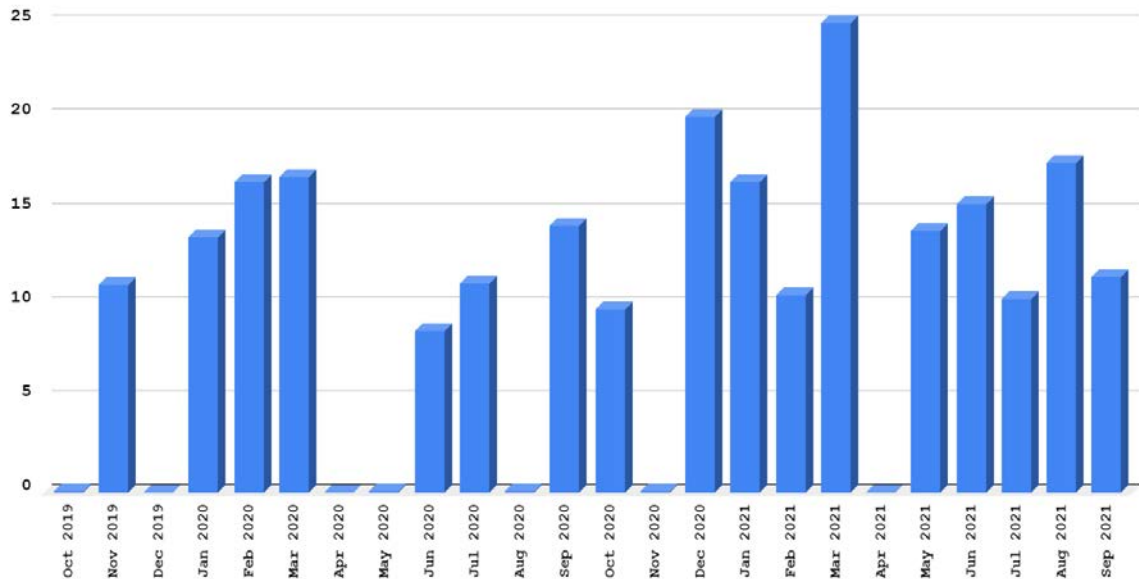
Name of Building	D		
	Pre-Lockdown	Post-Lockdown	Post-Second wave
Academic-cum-Administrative Block			
Class Rooms, Labs etc.	May 31, 2021	Jul 25, 2021	Dec 31, 2021
Balance Building	Sep 30, 2021	Dec 31, 2021	Mar, 31, 2022
Boys Hostel 1	May 31, 2021	Jul 24, 2021	Nov 30, 2021
Boys Hostel 2	Aug 31, 2021	Mar 10, 2022	July 31, 2022
Girls Hostel 1	May 31, 2021	Dec 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2022
Kitchen-cum-Dining Hall	May 31, 2021	Jul 31, 2021	Nov 30, 2021
Community Centre	Jan 31, 2021	Jul 15, 2021	Nov 30, 2021
Commercial Complex	Jan 31, 2021	Jul 05, 2021	Dec 31, 2021
Health Care Centre	May 31, 2021	Jul 21, 2021	Nov 30, 2021
Type II Residential Building 1	May 31, 2021	Aug 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2022
Type III Residential Building 1	May 31, 2021	Aug 31, 2021	Mar 31, 2022
Type IV Residential Building 1	Aug 31, 2021	Mar 10, 2022	Mar 31, 2022
Type V Residential Building 1	May 31, 2021	Mar 10, 2022	Aug 31, 2022
Type VI Residential Building 1	May 31, 2021	Mar 10, 2022	Aug 31, 2022
Guest House	May 31, 2021	Jul 31, 2021	Nov 30, 2021
Director's Residence	May 31, 2021	Jul 25, 2021	Nov 30, 2021
Utility Services Building	May 31, 2021	Jul 25, 2021	Nov 30, 2021
Indoor Stadium			Aug 31, 2022
Auditorium			Aug 31, 2022
Roads and Landscaping			Nov 30, 2021-Aug 31, 2022
STP & WTP			Jan 31, 2022

As is evident from the above table, the Academic-cum-Administrative Block (Classrooms and lab), Boys Hostel 1, Community Centre, Commercial Complex, Health Care Centre, and Dining Hall (shown in green) are expected to be completed by the end of December 2021. As of now the project delivery capability (PDC) of the project has drifted from March 2022 to August 2022.

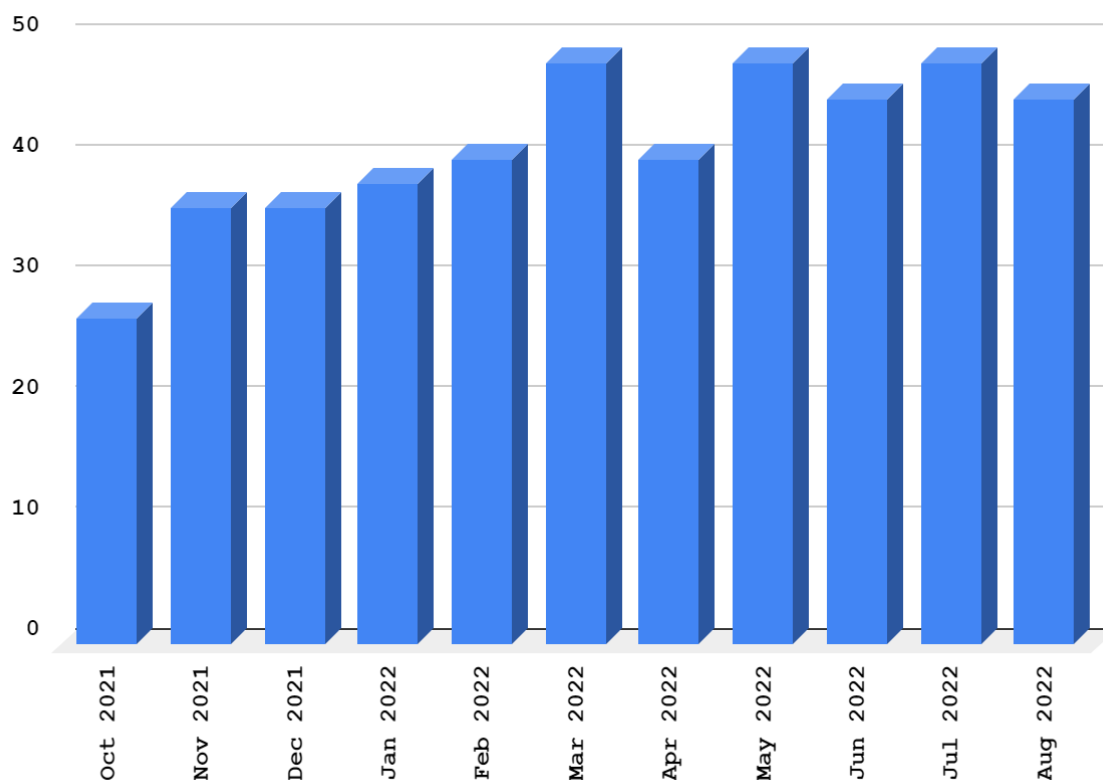
AVERAGE WORKFORCE ON SITE (PER MONTH)



MONTHLY EXPENDITURE (IN RUPEES; Crore)



ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURE (IN RUPEES; Crore)



CONFIRMATION OF FACULTY

S. No.	Name	Department	Confirmation Date
1	Dr. Vinay Bulusu, Assistant Professor	Biological Sciences	14/05/2021

RESIGNATION OF NON-TEACHING STAFF

S. No.	Name	Department	Date of Relieving
1	Sri Sunil Saraf, Technical Officer	Computer Centre	19/08/2021
2	Sri Satya Siva Sankar Rao K, ASO-cum-TM	Security Wing	13/10/2021

EXTERNALLY FUNDED R&D PROJECTS (AS ON 07.10.2021)

S. No.	Particulars	Number	Project Value (in ₹)
1	Projects as on 07.10.2021	25	8,59,69,505
2	Projects completed since last BoG meeting	01	6,60,000
3	Projects sanctioned since last BoG meeting	-	-

DETAILS OF THE EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS (AS ON 07.10.2021; Amount in ₹)

S. No.	Name of the PI	Sanctioned Amount	Research Grant	Fellowship	Overheads (in Rupees)
1	Dr. M. K. Rana	35,00,000	33,25,000		1,75,000
2	Dr. B. Nandy	35,00,000	33,25,000		1,75,000
3	Dr. R. K. Pathak	38,00,000	35,00,000		3,00,000
4	Dr. J. Sebastian	32,50,000	30,00,000		2,50,000
5	Dr. A. Perumal	52,76,233	47,96,576		4,79,657
6	Dr. S. Sahoo	10,05,000	7,50,000	1,80,000	75,000
7	Dr. G K.Viswanadham	19,37,342	17,61,220		1,76,122
8	Dr Shikha Gandhi	57,48,600	52,16,000	-	5,22,600
9	Dr R. K. Pathak	31,02,000	28,00,000	-	2,82,000
10	Dr. Rohit Soni	86,51,000	79,51,000	-	7,00,000

11	Dr S. Bhattacharyya	31,79,000	28,90,000		2,89,000
12	Dr Victor Mukherjee	4,49,790	4,08,900	-	40,890
13	Dr S. Chintapalli	35,00,000	33,25,000	-	1,75,000
14	Dr. M.K. Rana	32,82,400	29,84,000	-	2,98,400
15	Dr. B. Nandy	48,20,000	43,90,000	-	4,30,000
16	Dr. R. Sengupta	54,40,000	45,40,000	-	9,00,000
17	Dr. Vinay Bulusu	17,70,032	16,09,120		1,60,912
18	Dr. M. Ramakrishnan	32,96,502	29,96,820	-	2,99,682
19	Dr. Mukta V Limaye	26,44,500	1,20,000	25,24,500	0
20	Dr. R Selvi Bharathavikru	25,19,756	22,90,688	-	2,29,068
21	Dr. Prosenjit Daw	28,73,958	26,12,958	-	2,61,000
22	Dr. Ujjal Kumar Dey	13,78,872	12,53,520		1,25,352
23	Dr. Adinarayan Doddi	25,44,520	23,13,520	-	2,31,000
24	Dr. Vinay Bulusu	42,50,000	40,00,000	-	2,50,000
25	Dr. R Selvi Bharathavikru	42,50,000	40,00,000	-	2,50,000
TOTAL		8,59,69,505	7,61,59,322	27,04,500	70,75,683

TOTAL GRANT-IN-AID & EXPENDITURE (As on October 07, 2021)

Particulars	Amount ₹ in Crore	
	Released	Expenditure
Fund position as per SFC Sanction	333.48	317.26

STATUS OF EXPENDITURE OUT OF GRANT RELEASED FROM SFC SANCTION

S. No.	Head	Amount ₹ in Crore
		Expenditure
1	Capital Expenditure (Equipment, Furnishing, Computer & IT Infrastructure, Electrical Installation, Books, Machinery, etc.)	239.35
2	Recurring Expenditure (Salary, Administrative, etc.)	77.91
Total		317.26

BUDGETARY SANCTIONS AND EXPENDITURE DURING 2021-22 FROM SFC SANCTION

Head of Expenditure	Amount ₹ in Crore				
	Opening Balance 2020-21	Grant-in-Aid Released 2020-21	Grants Available	Expenditure	Unspent Balance
Recurring - 31	3.09	3.75	6.84	6.54	0.30
Capital - 35	34.99	50.00	84.99	*72.54	**12.45
Salary - 36	1.22	7.20	8.42	4.97	3.45
Total	39.31	60.95	100.25	84.05	16.20

* includes ₹12.68 Cr towards LC and ₹51.40 Cr towards construction of permanent campus.
** A bill amounting of ₹10.00 Cr is under process to be released to CPWD

PURCHASE ORDERS ABOVE 25 LAC SINCE OCTOBER 07, 2021

Date	Name of the Item	Value
03/07/2021	Toyota Innova Crysta	₹ 28,57,659/-

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY (HEFA)

Particulars	Amount ₹ in Crore			
	Sanctioned	HEFA Loan	Expenditure	Released by MHRD
Fund position	1582.78	525.00	178.25	172.62
Total	1582.78	525.00	178.25	172.62

PAYMENTS TO DIFFERENT AGENCIES (made between June 17 – Oct 06, 2021)

Date	Particulars	Amount in ₹
05/07/2021	To CPWD for construction works (RA-10)	13,90,00,000
20/07/2021	To CPWD for construction works (RA-11)	10,00,00,000
06/08/2021	To OPTCL for 33 KV power supply	61,80,710
10/08/2021	To bank for LC (purchase of HPC)	6,00,00,000
31/08/2021	To CPWD for construction works (RA-11)	10,00,00,000
22/09/2021	To Gram Panchayat Laudigam as Development Fee for Town planning approval	3,25,81,760
23/09/2021	To CPWD for construction works (RA-11)	12,00,00,000
	Total	55,77,62,470

MoE GRANTS UNDER RECURRING HEAD (31) TO PAY HEFA PRINCIPAL/INTEREST

Date	Received from MHRD	Amount in ₹
08/02/2019	1 st principal repayment	26,50,00,000
02/08/2019	1 st Interest repayment QE June 2019	2,53,00,000
06/08/2019	2 nd principal repayment	26,25,00,000
18/10/2019	2 nd Interest repayment QE Sep 2019	1,67,00,000
22/01/2020	3 rd Interest repayment QE Dec 2019	99,66,000
29/02/2020	3 rd Principal repayment	26,25,00,000
29/04/2020	4 th Interest repayment QE Mar 2020	1,93,43,970
16/07/2020	5 th Interest repayment QE Jun 2020	1,03,88,753
14/08/2020	4 th Principal repayment	26,25,00,000
26/10/2020	6 th Interest repayment QE Sep 2020	1,65,37,824
29/01/2021	7 th Interest repayment QE Dec 2020	1,98,35,183
01/03/2021	5 th Principal repayment	26,25,00,000
24/04/2021	8 th Interest repayment QE Mar 2021	1,67,90,382
30/07/2021	9 th Interest repayment QE Jun 2021	1,38,81,939
11/08/2021	6 th Principal repayment (Due on 15 Feb 2022)	26,25,00,000
Total Receipts		172,62,44,051

IISER LOAN PAYMENTS TO HEFA

Date	Particulars	Amount in ₹
01/05/2019	Interest paid to HEFA (Jan - Mar 2019)	81,20,172
02/07/2019	Interest paid to HEFA (Apr - Jun 2019)	1,69,52,269
14/08/2019	1 st Principal Instalment paid on 15.08.2019	26,25,00,000
19/10/2019	Interest paid to HEFA (Jul-Sep 2019)	1,44,64,401
28/01/2020	Interest paid to HEFA (Oct-Dec 2019)	1,22,02,345
14/02/2020	2 nd Principal Instalment paid on 13.02.2020	26,25,00,000
30/04/2020	Interest paid to HEFA (Jan-Mar 2020)	1,21,43,970
30/07/2020	Interest paid to HEFA (Apr-Jun 2020)	1,75,88,753
14/08/2020	3 rd Principal Instalment paid on Aug 14, 2020	26,25,00,000
29/10/2020	Interest paid to HEFA (Jul-Sep 2020)	1,65,37,824
30/01/2021	Interest paid to HEFA (Oct-Dec 2020)	1,98,35,183
14/02/2021	4 th Principal Instalment paid on Feb 14, 2021	26,25,00,000
30/04/2021	Interest paid to HEFA (Jan-Mar 2021)	1,67,90,382
30/07/2021	Interest paid to HEFA (Apr-Jun 2021)	1,38,81,939
14/08/2021	5 th Principal Instalment paid on Aug 14, 2021	26,25,00,000
Total		146,10,17,238

IMPLEMENTATION OF TREASURY SINGLE ACCOUNT (TSA)

S. No.	Date	Event
1	10/03/2021	MoE mandated implementation of TSA system in Autonomous Bodies
2	05/04/2021	Documents for opening of assignment account forwarded to RBI and MoE
3	20/04/2021	Training on implementation of TSA through VC
4	12/05/2021	TSA account number (10685601001) allotted
5	15/06/2021	Fund allotment through TSA commenced
6	02/07/2021	First payment released through TSA

STUDENT STRENGTH AS ON OCTOBER 07, 2021

S. No.	Program	Number of Students (on the roll)		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	BS-MS (Dual Degree)	254	179	433
2	Ph. D	35	21	56
3	I PhD	13	5	18
Total		302	205	507

The percentage of girl students is 40%.

- 7 BSMS students of 2020 batch have withdrawn from the programme in their 3rd semester.
- 45 students of BSMS 2016 batch have successfully completed their dual degree programme and the first convocation is scheduled to be held on October 28, 2021.

FACULTY/ NON-FACULTY STAFF STRENGTH

S. No.	Positions	Teaching	Post-Doctoral Fellows	Non-Teaching
1	Sanctioned Positions	40	-	42
2	In Position	34+1*	16	35

*Asst. Professors (Gr-I): 31; Professors: 03. One Asst. Professor to join soon.

NON-TEACHING STAFF RECRUITMENT STATUS (As on Oct 07, 2021)

The recruitment tests for the Advt. No. NT-01/20 dated May 16, 2020, and Advt No. NT-02/20 dated Aug 01, 2020 have been carried out in Jun-Aug 2021. The list of selected candidates is as follows:

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Level	No. of vacancies (as per roster)	Selected Candidate	Date of Joining
1	Superintending Engineer	13	01(UR)	Sri Bellam Srinivasa Rao	Did not join
2	Junior Translator	06	01(UR)	Sri Hemant Kumar Yadav	17/09/2021
3	Office Assistant (MS)	05	01(UR)	Sri V T R Manikanta Sarma	30/07/2021
4	Scientific Officer	10	01(UR)	Dr. Abhishek Rai	24/06/2021
			01 (OBC)	None found suitable	--
5	Scientific Assistant	06	01(UR)	Dr. Suman Sinha	30/08/2021
			01 (OBC)	Dr. Tapas Ghosh	31/08/2021
6	Laboratory Assistant	05	02 (UR)	Sri Akash Jain	09/08//2021
				Sri Pankaja Kumar Samal	01/09/2021
7	Junior Assistant (Accounts)	03	01(UR)	Sri Sameer Kumar Pattanayak	01/09/2021

Further, the recruitment tests/ interviews for the five (05) of the following six (06) positions advertised vide Advt. No. NT-01/21 dated May 23, 2021, have been scheduled between Oct 18-30, 2021:

S. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Level	No. of vacancies (as per roster)	Mode of recruitment	Schedule of Interview/ Written Test
1	Registrar	14	01(UR)	Contract /Deputation	26/10/2021
2	Librarian*	14	01(UR)	Direct Recruitment/ Deputation	--
3	Superintending Engineer	13	01(UR)	Direct Recruitment/ Deputation [@]	18/10/2021
4	Deputy Registrar	12	01(UR)	Direct Recruitment	29/10/2021 & 30/10/2021
5	Scientific Officer	10	01 (OBC)	Direct Recruitment	20/10/2021
6	Junior Superintendent	06	01 (PwD)	Direct Recruitment	25/10/2021

*Response of application has been very poor and below the minimum requirement to conduct interviews. Hence, the committee decided to re-advertise the position.

OTHER ISSUES

Augmenting the teaching and non-teaching staff.

The institute is now growing and expanding. Moreover, we shall be moving to the permanent campus. It is very urgently required to add to the required staff and faculty for smooth functioning and running the academic programmes. The Institute has requested the Ministry vide letter no. IISERBPR/RO/MoE/2021/2, dated March 03, 2021, for the sanction of 14 faculty positions and proportionate non-faculty positions, which the Ministry itself has indicated for IISER Berhampur (against the requirement of 34 additional faculty positions).

Budgetary requirements for permanent campus construction.

This is in continuation to our letter (IISERBPR/DO/2021/88 dated April 15, 2021) regarding the tentative allocation of funds for FY 2021-22. In our budget requisition, we had sought a sum of ₹ 786.46 Cr for the construction of the new campus against which ₹ 134.00 Cr only has been allocated to us vide MoE letter **No. 42-03/2021-TS-VII dated April 13, 2021**. As brought out in our letter dated April 15, 2021, the construction work of the permanent campus is in full swing and we will be requiring maximum funds during the current financial year.

Reconstitution of Senate of IISER Berhampur

The constitution of the present Senate of IISER Berhampur was approved by the BoG in the 2019-2/9th meeting of the BoG held on July 26, 2019. The tenure of the nominated members of the present Senate ended on October 06, 2021. The following needs to be nominated by the Board:

As per section 14 (d) of the NITSER Act 2007: Three persons, one of whom shall be a woman, not being employees of the Institute, to be nominated by the Chairperson in consultation with the Director, from amongst educationists of repute, one each from the field of science, engineering and humanities.

S. No.	Present incumbent	Proposed Names
1	Prof. Harapriya Mohapatra, NISER Bhubaneswar (Science)	Dr. Sanghamitra Pati, Director, RMRC Bhubaneswar (Science)
2	Prof. Pasla Dinakar, Associate Professor IIT Bhubaneswar (Engineering)	Professor P. Radha Krishna Department of Computer Science and Engineering NIT, Warangal (Engineering)
3	Sri B Venu Gopala Reddy, Ex-Visiting Professor, National Institute of Bank Management, Pune and MD and CEO, Coastal Local Area Bank Ltd. Vijayawada (Humanities)	Sri. V. Jaganmohan, Ex-Visiting Professor (Economics), IISER Berhampur and Ex Chairman and MD of Kakatiya Grameena Bank, Warangal, a subsidiary of State Bank of India, Ex-MD and CEO, Coastal Local Area Bank Ltd. Vijayawada; Ex-MD of AP State Cooperative Bank Ltd, Hyderabad and 42 years of Banking Experience including 14 years at board level (Humanities)

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As per the Statute 7 (1) (e) of the First Statute of IISERs: Not more than six other members of the academic staff for their special knowledge approved by the Chairperson, Board on the recommendations of the Director for a period of two calendar years or as may be specified by the Chairperson, Board in this behalf.

S. No	Present incumbent	Proposed Name
1	Prof. Bedangadas Mohanty, NISER Bhubaneswar	Prof. Bedangadas Mohanty, NISER Bhubaneswar
2	Prof. Saroj Kumar Nayak, IIT Bhubaneswar	Sri. Sandeep Ranade, Software Engineer, Hindustani Classical Vocalist, Composer and Teacher. He holds a Master's Degree in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University.
3	Prof. Radhakrishnan Jaikumar, TIFR Mumbai	Prof. Radhakrishnan Jaikumar, TIFR Mumbai
4	Prof. Chebrolu Pulla Rao, IIT Tirupati	Prof. C. Vijaya Kumar is a Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at University of Connecticut, USA)
5	Prof. Achanta Venugopal, TIFR Mumbai	Prof. Achanta Venugopal, Director, NPL, New Delhi
6	Prof. Srinivas V, TIFR Mumbai	Prof. C. S. Rajan, TIFR Mumbai

Plagiarism:

Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh, while functioning as Assistant Professor (Gr. I) (now under suspension) in Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Berhampur during the period from 20-03-2017 till date, has committed misconduct in as much as he failed to maintain high ethical standards and honesty and involved in an act of plagiarism and unethical means of data generation along with his co-authors and published a paper entitled "Sintered Aluminum–Graphene Nano-Bio Composite Materials for the Medical Application" in vol 59, of journal namely "Powder Metallurgy and Metal Ceramics" No 11-12 March 2021, DOI 10.1007/s11106-021-00198-1, and caused damage to the image and reputation of the IISER, Berhampur.

Thus, Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh, Assistant Professor (Gr. I) (now under suspension) has displayed a lack of integrity, devotion to duty and behaved in a manner unbecoming of an employee of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur in contravention to the provisions of Rule-3 (1) (i), (ii) and (iii) of CCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 as applicable to the service conditions of IISER employees.

The status of the disciplinary proceedings will be presented to the BoG during the course of meetings under separate agenda item.

These issues will be presented to the FC and BoG during the course of meetings under different agenda items.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Finally, I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation and thanks to the members of FC, BoG, the officials of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha, B&WC, and members of Senate and members of various Selection Committees, and also wish to acknowledge the support that I have received from the faculty and staff of the Institute and Visiting and Adjunct Professors running this Centre of Excellence well. The conspicuous growth and success of this institute are a testament to our coherent efforts.