



**भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर**  
**Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur**  
**Established by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India**

**Minutes of the 2023-2/23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur**

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of IISER Berhampur (2023-2/23<sup>rd</sup>) was held through Zoom at 12:00 hr on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The following members were present:

• Shri Sudhir Uttamlal Mehta, Chairman, Torrent Ltd.	Chairperson
• Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur	Member
• Shri Priyank Chaturvedi, Deputy Secretary (IISER), DHE, MoE (represented Shri K Sanjay Murthy, IAS, Secretary, Dept. of HE, MoE)	Member
• Shri Shankar V Nakhe, Director, RRCAT, Indore {represented Dr. Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary, DAE}	Member
• Professor Yogendra Sharma, Deputy Director & Dean of Faculty Affairs of IISER Berhampur	Member
• Professor Joydip Mukhopadhyay, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences IISER Berhampur	Member
• Dr. Ruchi Badola, Senior Scientist, Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Member
• Shri Anil Kumar, Director (Fin), IFD, DHE, MoE {represented Shri Sanjog Kapoor, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE}	Member
• Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, 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:

• Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc Bangalore	Member
• Professor Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, IIT Bhubaneswar	Member
• Professor Srivari Chandrashekhar, Secretary, DST, New Delhi	Member
• Shri Pradeep Kumar Jena, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha	Member
• Professor Raghavendra P. Tiwari, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Punjab	Member

**1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson**

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the BoG of IISER Berhampur. After a brief introduction by all members and his opening remarks, he requested the Director, IISER Berhampur to start the proceedings.

**2. To take on record the appointment of Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli as the Director, IISER Berhampur**

The BoG noted the appointment of Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli w.e.f. May 02, 2023 (F/N) and ratified the joining report, transfer of charge and schedule 'A' agreement documents.

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

An overview report was presented by the Director. The BoG was updated on the status of the construction of the permanent campus, the financial status of the Institute, and the status of the human resource (teaching and non-teaching). The overview report (enclosed herewith) was earlier shared with the BoG. He raised the following concerns while presenting the report:

With regard to the construction of the Permanent Campus, he informed that the physical progress is 79% and the date of completion is mentioned as Dec 20, 2023 (as given by the CPWD). Based on his site visit, the Director mentioned about his reservations regarding the date of completion of the project. Further, he informed that the deployment of workforce on site by the construction agency was decreased by 50% for the past five months as compared to the month of September 2022. Moreover, the actual workforce as observed on ground appears to be half of that is shown in the chart given by the CPWD.

The Director informed the BoG regarding an issue regarding 33KV power supply that the Institute recently got a letter dated March 31, 2023 from TPSODL informing the Institute to relocate the UG cable passing through the adjacent land to the Rangeilunda (Berhampur) airport, which is proposed for expansion. In this regard, the Institute submitted its inability to carry out this relocation work as the Institute has taken all approvals before laying the cable. The Institute has written a letter to the appropriate authority regarding clarification of the same. No response has been received so far. The Director requested the BoG and the Ministry representatives to help the Institute in case of further changes to our already laid 33KV underground cable.

The Director shared with the BoG the issue of human resource and the difficulty in managing the Institute. He informed that the number for sanctioned teaching and non-teaching positions are much less as compared to the number of students (10:1:1.1 as mandated in the DPR).

Shri Priyank Chaturvedi requested to forward the proposal for faculty positions and for non-teaching positions to the Ministry (Non-teaching posts should be requested along with the check-list for creation of posts shared by the Ministry).

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2023-1/22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur**

The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of the 2023-1/22<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on January 20, 2023, as circulated, in view of the fact that no comments were offered by the members.

**5. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 2022-3/21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur**

The Action Taken Report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2023-1/22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur held on January 20, 2023, was taken on record with a note of appreciation.

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

The Board resolved to ratify the following approvals of the Chairperson, BoG:

- (a) Appointment of Dean of Research and Development and Dean of International Relation and Outreach
- (b) Minutes of the Departmental Confirmation Committee for confirmation of service of Shri Shyam Sunder, Superintending Engineer
- (c) Prior permission of an official abroad visit i.e. Indo-French Scientific Council meeting during May 21-30, and International bilateral projects in USA during June 01-10, 2023 in respect of Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur and assignment of the charge of the Director to Prof. Yogendra Sharma, the senior-most Professor of the Institute during the above absence period of the Director as per the Statute

**7. Ratification of the items approved by the Director, IISER Berhampur**

The Board resolved to ratify the following approvals of the Director:

- i) Technical resignation of Shri Nagireddi V Mohanarao, Junior Superintendent and subsequent relieve w.e.f. April 12, 2023 to enable him to join IIM Vishakhapatnam and waiving off the notice period falling short to the extent.
- ii) Technical resignation of Shri Kalluri VVS Rajesh, Superintendent and to relieve w.e.f. May 31, 2023 to enable him to join IIM Sirmaur, HP and waiving off the notice period falling short to the extent.

**8. To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2023-1/21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the FC of the Institute held on January 20, 2023**

The Board resolved to approve the minutes of the 2023-1/21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the FC.

9. To consider and approve adoption of Gazette Notification No. 271 dated July 18, 2018 issued by the Gazette of India regarding grant of benefit of three non-compounded increment fixed at increment applicable at entry level in respect of persons in the post of Assistant Librarian/ College Librarian for acquiring PhD degree.

*MoE comments: May be noted. It must be ensured that all the associated conditions of the said notification/clause are adhered to.*

The same agenda item was discussed in the FC meeting held earlier to this meeting on the same day. As the FC didn't recommend the same item in the absence of some clarification with regard to the applicability of UGC norms to the Institute directly, the item was not considered.

10. To consider and approve enhancement of age of superannuation of Doctors other than Central Health Service Doctors to 65 years at IISER Berhampur

The above agenda item was deliberated and the BoG resolved to approve the proposal.

11. To take on record the nomination of Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS, JS(TE) by the MoE as member representative of Secretary (HE) in the Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur

The BoG noted the above.

12. To take on record the nomination of two members by the Hon'ble Education Minister

The BoG noted the above.

13. To take on record the status of manpower (Teaching and Non-Teaching)

The BoG noted the status of manpower of the Institute as appended below:

**Teaching Posts:**

Sanctioned Post	In Position	Vacant
54	39*	1+14#

\* Assistant Professors: 35; Associate Professor: 01; Professors: 03,

# Fresh sanction received in Jan 2023

**Non-Teaching Posts:**

Sanctioned Post	In Position	Vacant
42	37	05@

@ The positions are arising out of the resignation of selected staffs: Deputy Registrar, Technical Officer, Superintendent, Junior Superintendent and Hindi Translator.

14. To consider and approve nomination of a member of the BoG to the B&WC as per the Statute 9(1)(d) of the First Statutes of IISERs and nomination of special invitee to the B&WC

The BoG deliberated the proposal and opined that it is not prudent to nominate a Director of an IIT as a member of the B&WC. A member with expertise of Civil Engineering would be a good option. Further, the Board considered the proposal of the Institute for an additional member in the B&WC in view of the Institute being in the formative years and the construction of the Permanent Campus is underway:

The BoG resolved to nominate the following to the B&WC of IISER Berhampur for a period of two years:

Name & Affiliation	Remarks
Prof. Ashok Gupta, Former Professor, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Delhi, New Delhi Specialization: Structure Engineering	Nominated against "a person nominated by the Board of Governors from amongst its members" (The Board discouraged having any Director or such senior administrator of any institute as a member in the BWC)
Prof. K. Ramamurthy, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras Specialization: Construction Management	As an additional member

15. To ratify the issuance of Advertisement for recruitment of the vacant Non-Teaching Positions as per the existing Recruitment Rules

The Board ratified the above.

16. To take on record the list of faculty and non-faculty members who joined/ confirmed/ relieved

The BoG noted the following information regarding faculty and non-faculty members, who have joined and who have been confirmed since the last meeting of the BoG along with the details of the faculty / non-faculty members those who have resigned / were relieved / left the Institute service on completion of tenure:

#### Fresh Recruitment

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Joining Date
1	Dr. Prashanta Garain, Asst. Professor (Gr-I)	Mathematical Sciences	Feb 27, 2023

#### Confirmation of Service

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Confirmation Date
1	Shri Shyam Sunder, Superintendent Engineer	IWD	Feb 04, 2023

#### Relived from Service

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Relieving Date
1	Shri Nagireddi V Mohana Rao, Junior Superintendent	Store & Purchase	April 12, 2023

17. To take on record the approval of the Ministry of Education on the Global Tender Enquiry (GTE) for procurement of Research Equipment

The BoG noted the GTE approval of the MoE for the following items:

S. No.	Description	Qty	Total Cost (₹ in lakh)
1.	Laboratory LN2 Dewar Flasks	31	10.50
2.	Petrological polarizing microscope with transmitted and reflected light illumination with orthoscopic and conoscopy	20	150.00
3.	X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer with ED small spot mapping	01	265.00
4.	Electron Probe Micro Analyzer	01	1,100.00
5.	Advance model Petrological Microscope with high-resolution photomicrographic, image analysis and automatic point counting hardware and software	01	21.00
6.	Complete Rock and mineralogical Thin Section Preparation System	01	100.00
7.	Rock Grinder Pulveriser System	01	42.00
8.	Advanced Polarizing Microscope with LIBS	01	100.00
9.	Digital Polarizing Zoom Microscope with RL and TL Illumination	01	34.00
10.	Chemomx NMR Suite Pro Professional Base Licence, Ver 9.02	01	9.00
11.	PPM with 14T Superconducting Magnet	01	870.00
12.	Auto Dry Desiccator	04	3.57

18. To take on record and ratify the Purchase Orders valued above ₹ 25 Lakh

The BoG noted and ratified the following Purchase Orders:

S. No.	Name of the instrument	PO Value
1	Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction System	JPY 5,97,00,000
2	UPS, Liquid Nitrogen Dewar etc (Indigenous items for Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction System)	₹ 25,26,380
3	Microscope Platforms for Live Cell Imaging and other applications	₹ 10,64,75,058

19. To consider and recommend to the Ministry for extension of validity of the sanction SFC for ₹ 152.79 Cr. till March 31, 2024 in respect of continuation of the existing Transit Campus of IISER Berhampur

**MoE Comment:** *It is not clear if this would be a no-cost extension. Also, it is not clear as to how much expenditure out of the approved Rs.152.79 cr has been incurred by the institute till date.*

The proposal was discussed in the FC meeting held on the same day before the BoG meeting. The BoG resolved to approve that the extension of validity of SFC sanction of ₹ 152.79 Cr. till March 31, 2024 on no-cost extension basis. This proposal shall be sent to the ministry.

The Director once again invited all members to visit the Institute for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Convocation scheduled to be held in the third week of July 2023. He emphasized that visit of honourable Board members will encourage students, staff and faculty of the institute. In the end, the Chairperson thanked all members for their active participation.

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

  
(Pradeep Kumar Ray)  
Registrar

  
Minutes Approved

  
(Ashok Kumar Ganguli)  
Director

(Chairperson, BoG)