



भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur
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Minutes of the 2024-2/27th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of IISER Berhampur (2024-2/27th) was held in hybrid mode in the Boardroom, Transit Campus, IISER Berhampur at 11:45 AM on Wednesday, Jun 26, 2024. The following members/Chairperson were present:

• Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur	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
• Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc Bangalore	Member
• Sri Tapan Kumar Satapathy, OAS, Addl. Secretary, SD&TE, Govt. of Odisha {represented Shri Pradeep Kumar Jena, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha}	Member
• Professor Joydip Mukhopadhyay, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences IISER Berhampur & Dean-International Relations	Member
• Professor Vishwas Chavan, Professor & Dean of R&D and Outreach IISER Berhampur	Member
• Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar & Secretary, BoG of IISER Berhampur	Secretary

Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Professor Vishwas Chavan and Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray attended the meeting in person (physically) whereas all other members (mentioned above) joined the meeting through Video Conferencing.

The following members couldn't attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence:

- Shri S. Somanath, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, Space Commission, Govt. of India
- Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Power, Govt. of India
- Shri Sanjog Kapoor, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE

However, the comments of IFD on the agenda items were received earlier.

1. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 27th meeting of the BoG of IISER Berhampur. After a brief introduction of all members and his opening remarks, he requested the Secretary, BoG to present the agenda items.

2. 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, important activities of the Institute, and the status of the human resource (teaching and non-teaching). The overview report was earlier shared with the BoG. The Director's Overview Report is enclosed at **Annexure-A**.

The Director mentioned about the difficulty and challenges being faced in the functioning of the Institute due to inadequate number of regular faculty and non-teaching staff and requested the MoE representatives to expedite the process for sanction of faculty and non-teaching positions for the Institute. Further, he requested to expedite the appointment of Chairperson, and some other members of BoG which are vacant. In this regard, the Director mentioned that during the meeting of the FC held before this meeting Shri Priyank Chaturvedi had given the status of the pending issue of sanction of faculty and non-faculty positions which is as follows: the case for sanction of non-faculty positions has been forwarded by the MoE to the Ministry of Finance for consideration and the same for the faculty positions is in consideration at the IFD, MoE.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2024-1/26th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur

The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of the 2024-1/26th meeting held on Feb 29, 2024, as circulated, in view of the fact that no comments were offered by the members.

4. To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 2024-1/26th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur

The BoG noted the action taken report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the 2024-1/26th meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur held on Feb 29, 2024.

5. To consider the Ratification of the items approved by the Chairperson of the BoG

The BoG ratified the following items approved by the Chairperson, BoG:

- (i) Nomination of the Board's Nominee, External Expert in following Non-Teaching Selection Committee.

Name of the Post & Date of Selection Test	Selection Committee as per First Statutes of IISERs
Superintending Engineer (Pay Level 13, Group A) June 05, 2024	- Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli Director, IISER Berhampur (Chairperson) - Shri B N Malhotra, Member, B&WC Former Spl. Director General, CPWD (Member, Board's Nominee, External Expert) - Shri Niranjana Singh, Retd. Chief Engineer, CPWD (Member, Board's Nominee, External Expert) - Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray Registrar, IISER Berhampur (Member)

- (ii) Minutes of the selection committee and selected candidates:

Name of the Post & Date of Selection Test	Selected Candidates
Superintending Engineer (Pay Level 13, Group A)/ June 05, 2024	Shri Subhas Chandra Maity

- (iii) Engagement of Shri Sabyasachi Roy as Project Management Consultant under Rule 178 of GFR on Temporary Basis for providing consultancy service for a period of four months (15 working days in a month) at a total cost of Rs. 3,00,000/- as per terms and conditions as contained in the offer of engagement no. IISERBPR/RO/2024/84 dated May 9, 2024.

- (iv) Minutes of the Performance Review Committee for Confirmation of Service in respect of the following faculty members:

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Confirmation Date
i.	Dr. Vyas Akondi, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Physical Sciences	August 02, 2023
ii.	Dr. Azhar M Shaikh, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Earth & Environmental Sciences	October 25, 2023
iii.	Dr. Prashanta Garain, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Mathematical Sciences	February 27, 2024

- (v) Acceptance of Technical resignation of Dr. Savita Devi, Assistant Professor (G-I), Assistant Professor (Pay Level 12) pursuant to her selection at IIT Hyderabad as Assistant Professor. She was relieved on May 14, 2024.
- (vi) Implementation of special provisions for Scientific Ministries/Departments in General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017 as communicated vide Ministry of Finance OM No. F.20/42/2021-PPD dated May 20, 2024 and endorse by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

- vii) Grant of Sabbatical Leave to Dr. Rakesh Kumar Pathak, Assistant Professor (G-I) in combination with Earned Leave, in anticipation of amendment to Clause No. 7 of guideline on Sabbatical Leave.
- iii) The calendar/schedule for effecting Career Progression as available to Non-Teaching Officers as per RCPP 2024 as follows:

In line with DoPT OM No. 35034/3/2015-Estt. (D) dated October 22, 2019 the Institute may follow a time schedule and meet twice in a financial year i.e. cases maturing during the first half of a particular financial year (April-September) shall be taken up for consideration by the Screening Committee/DPC in the first week of January of the previous financial year and cases maturing during the second half of the financial year (October-March) shall be taken up by the Screening Committee/DPC in the first week of July of the same financial year. This will form part RCPP 2024 as approved by the Chairperson, BoG.

- ix) Constitution of DPC for effecting Career Progression in respect of Non-Teaching Officers in terms of RCPP 2024 as under:

Name of the Officer under consideration	Name of the Committee Member	Capacity in the Committee
Dr. Balaram Mohapatra, Technical Officer (Lab)	Prof. Joydip Mukhopadhyay, Dean, International Relations	Chairperson
	Dr. Prosenjit Daw, Assistant Professor, Chemical Sciences	Member
	Dr. Vivek Tiwari, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences	Member
Shri Sanjay Majhi Executive Engineer (Ele)	Dr. Prosenjit Mondal, Dean, Academic Affairs	Chairperson
	Dr. Sulakshana P Mukherjee, HoD, Chemical Sciences	Member
	Dr. Prem Prakash Pandey, FIC, Mathematical Sciences	Member
Shri Korada Manjunath, Assistant Registrar	Dr. Ritabrata Sengupta, Assistant Professor (G-I), Mathematical Sciences	Chairperson
	Dr. Rohit Soni, Assistant Professor (G-I), Physical Sciences	Member
Shri Dharmendra Kumar Sahoo, Assistant Registrar	Dr. Bodhisatta Nandy, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences	Member

- (x) Engagement of contractual manpower in the absence of regular sanction.

The BoG in its 2024-01/26th held on February 29, 2024 vide resolution no. 21 while resolving to ratify the engagement of contractual manpower in the absence of regular positions directed that the support staff except Doctors/ any other specialized posts etc. (as decided by the Institute) be engaged through outsourcing agency.

In line with BoG directives the Institute will dispense engagement of personnel on Institute Contract w.e.f. July 01, 2024 and awarded a work order through GeM bidding for Manpower Outsourcing Services.

However, on the basis of a duly constituted committee's recommendation the below mentioned positions where the accountability, commitment etc. are high need to be engaged through Institute contract. All such positions will be engaged on Institute Contract will be filled up following extant recruitment rules for NT positions. These posts will be recruited on consolidated salary only and will be discontinued on receipt regular sanction positions: (a) Medical Officer, (b) Nurse, (c) Student Counsellor, and (d) Project Engineer.

In addition to the above, the committee as constituted for the above purposes has recommended the different positions along with wages to be engaged through the empanelled outsourcing agency w.e.f. Jul 01, 2024 and the same has been placed on the table of the BoG for ratification. The BoG ratified the same.

- (xi) Inclusion of one additional member in the committee constituted to examine the eligibility criteria of Prof. Vishwas Chavan, as per the decision taken vide resolution no. 24 of 2024-1/26th meeting of BoG, IISER Berhampur.

The Board of Governors, IISER Berhampur in its 2024-1/26th meeting held on February 29, 2024 vide resolution no. 24 constituted the following Committee to examine the matter of fulfilling of the eligibility criteria including prescribed educational qualification and experience in respect of Prof. Vishwas Chavan of this Institute for the post of Professor by taking into consideration the relevant recruitment rules, advertisement, First Statutes of IISERs, NITSER Act, 2007, Govt. of India instructions etc. as applicable on this matter and the whole facts and circumstances of the case:

S. No	Name of the Officer & Designation	Capacity in the committee
a.	Prof. K George Thomas, Dean, Faculty Affairs, IISER Thiruvananthapuram	Chairperson
b.	Prof. Pravin Ingole, IIT Delhi	Member
c.	Dr. C P Mohan Kumar, Former Registrar, IISER Tirupati	Member
d.	Dr. Sudip Barman, NISER Bhubaneswar	Member
e.	Deputy Registrar, Faculty Affairs, IISER Berhampur	Convener

However, the above committee has co-opted Shri Sudin B Babu, Deputy Registrar, Office of the Dean, Faculty Affairs, IISER Thiruvananthapuram in the above committee following approval of Chairperson, BoG, IISER Berhampur.

6. Ratification of the items approved by the Director

The BoG ratified the following items approved by the Director:

- (i) Technical resignation of Dr. Tapas Ghosh, Technical Assistant (Pay Level 06, Group B) w.e.f. May 21, 2024 pursuant to his selection at NISER Bhubaneswar as Scientific Assistant 'C' (IS) in the Pay Level 7.
- (ii) Issuance of Non-Teaching Advertisement vide no. NT-02/2024 dated April 29, 2024 for recruitment of the following positions:

S. No.	Name of the position	Group/ Pay Level	Number of Position / Category	Mode of Recruitment
1.	Assistant Engineer (Civil)	B / 7	1 / UR	Direct
2.	Technical Assistant	B / 6	1 / UR	Recruitment

- iii) Submission of proposal for creation of regular Non-Teaching positions in revised format of MoF to the MoE vide letter no. IISERBPR/RO/MoE/2024/05 dated March 20, 2024.

7. To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2024-1/25th meeting of the FC held on Feb 29, 2024

The Board resolved to approve the minutes of the 2024-1/25th meeting of the FC.

8. To take on record the Minutes of the 2024-2/18th Meeting of the B&WC, IISER Berhampur held on April 12, 2024

The BoG resolved to ratify the minutes of the 2024-2/18th meeting of the B&WC.

9. To take on record the Minutes of the 2024-1/20th Meeting of the Senate, IISER Berhampur held on May 06, 2024

The BoG took on record and ratified the minutes of the 2024-1/20th meeting of the Senate, IISER Berhampur.

10. To consider and take a decision regarding Uniform re-designation of Non-Teaching posts as per approved RCPP 2024

MoE Comment: May be noted as per the guidelines.

The proposal was discussed at length. In order to avoid dual nomenclature of such posts and to extend the benefits of financial upgradation as envisaged in the approved RCPP-2024, it was suggested that one more chance may be given to the employees who haven't yet opted for the RCPP-2024 as

approved by the BoG in its 26th meeting held on Feb 29, 2024. If they don't opt within a specified date, they would continued to be governed under old Recruitment Rules, as applicable to them at the time of their recruitment and they will not get any benefits as admissible under the RCPP-2024.

The BoG agreed to the above suggestion and resolved that one more chance be given to the employees to opt the RCPP-2024 within one month of such order to be communicated in writing to the employees who haven't yet opted for it and this will be treated as the final chance.

11. 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 Post		
Sanctioned Post	In Position	Vacant
54	49	5 [#]

recruitment for the vacant posts in progress.

Non-Teaching Posts		
Sanctioned Post	In Position	Vacant
42	37+1 ^{**}	04 [@]

@ The recruitment for 4 vacant positions namely Junior Superintendent (02 Nos.), Assistant Engineer [Civil] (01 Nos.), Technical Assistant (01 Nos.) is going on.

** The Offer letter has been issued on June 07, 2024 to the selected candidate for the post of Superintending Engineer.

12. To take on record conduct of Internal Audit of IISER Berhampur by Internal Audit Wing of Ministry of Education during May 20-31, 2024

MoE Comments: May be noted. The observations made and the reply of the institute may be tabled later in the FC and BoG meetings.

The Registrar informed that the Institute hasn't received the audit report from the Ministry. The same will be put up to the FC and BoG on receipt from the Ministry.

The BoG noted the above.

13. To nominate two Members to the Finance Committee of IISER Berhampur in terms of Statute 8(3) of the First Statute of IISERs

The BoG resolved to nominate the following personnel to serve on the Finance Committee of IISER Berhampur for a period of two years from the date of nomination as per the Statute-8(1)(3) and Statute-8(2) of the First Statutes of IISERs:

- Dr. Atul Vyas, Registrar, IIT Delhi
- Shri Pratap Keshari Das, Finance Officer, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh (CTUAP), Vizianagaram

14. To consider and approve the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the Financial Year 2023-24

The Annual Accounts for the FY 2023-24 was circulated to the BoG on Jun 15, 2024 as part of agenda items for its 27th meeting. The FC discussed the following comments from the IFD (vide email dated Jun 25, 2024) together with the reasons as presented by the Institute in its 26th meeting held on the same day prior to this meeting. The details are as follows:

IFD Comment	Institute Reply
Income from Academic Receipts for the FY 2023-24 is noticed to be less as compared with the previous FY.	The academic receipt for the FY 2022-23 was ₹7.14 Cr and for the FY 2021-22 was ₹4.43 Cr. The academic receipt for the FY 2023-24 is ₹6.97 Cr. This collection of fees during FY 2022-23 was more due to the collection of outstanding fees for the FY 2021-22.
Hike in expenditure in respect of Academic expenses (Schedule-16)	The academic expenses for the FY 2022-23 was ₹5.84 Cr and the academic expenses for the FY 2023-24 is ₹9.57 Cr. This is primarily due to increase in the faculty

	and student strength and hike in lab consumables, increase in student stipend and subscription of journals.
Hike in expenditure in respect of administrative and general expenses (Schedule-17)	The administrative and general expenses for the FY 2022-23 was ₹11.93 Cr and the same for the FY 2023-24 is ₹14.51 Cr. This is due to increase in Faculty as well as student strength. However, there is a hike of electricity bill, security, housekeeping and contractual employees' salary due to simultaneous operation of the Permanent Campus (partially) and Transit Campus.
Hike in expenditure in respect of Transportation expenses (Schedule-18)	The Transportation expenses for the FY 2022-23 was ₹1.69 Cr and the transportation expenses for the FY 2023-24 is ₹1.83 Cr which is very minimal (increased movement of personnel and students) as we are functioning in both transit as well as permanent campus.
Hike in expenditure in respect of Repair & Maintenance expenses (Schedule-19)	The repair & maintenance for the FY 2022-23 was ₹0.76 Cr and the same for the FY 2023-24 is ₹0.78 Cr which is very minimal as we are using high-end equipment for research purposes.

The BoG resolved to approve the Annual Accounts for the FY 2023-24 as per the recommendation of the FC.

15. To take on record the approval of the MoE for GTE

The BoG noted the approvals of MoE since last meeting held on Feb 29, 2024 for the Global Tender Enquiry for procurement of the following items:

S. No.	Reference No.	Description	Amount in ₹
i.	IISERBPR/DoRD/GTE/MoE/2024-25/01	X-Band Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Spectrometer with Liquid Nitrogen setup and Accessories	3,20,00,000
ii.	IISERBPR/DoRD/GTE/MoE/2024-25/02	Multifunction Heavy Duty MFM Printer	27,21,000
iii.	IISERBPR/DoRD/GTE/MoE/2024-25/03	ICP-OES (Bench top design , Dual view simultaneous inductively coupled plasma emission spectrometer)	88,50,000

16. To take on record procurement of items exceeding ₹ 1.0 Cr

The BoG noted the procurement of the following goods and services above ₹ 1.0 Cr.

S. No.	Date of Approval/ Purchase	Description of Goods and Services	Amount (₹ in Cr.)
i.	Oct 09, 2023	Petrological polarizing microscope with transmitted and reflected light illumination with orthoscopic and conoscopy	1.01
ii.	Nov 29, 2023	Complete Rock and Mineralogical Thin Section Preparation System	1.00
iii.	Mar 06, 2024	Electron Probe Micro Analyzer	10.45
iv.	Mar 07, 2024	4 kW wave length Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) Spectrometer with ED small spot mapping & its Indigenous item	1.22
v.	Mar 07, 2024	Indigenous item for 4 kW wave length Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF)	1.07
vi.	Mar 07, 2024	X-Ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy	6.98
vii.	Mar 14, 2024	A system to measure physical properties of materials with a 7T & 14T superconducting magnet	11.07
viii.	Mar 19, 2024	High Resolution Field Emission Transmission Electron Microscopy	12.65
ix.	Mar 30, 2024	FE-SEM	7.83
x.	Mar 31, 2024	Helium Recovery and Liquefaction System	2.55
xi.	Mar 31, 2024	Performance workstation with accessories	1.43

17. To take a decision on the matter of extension of probation period of Prof. Vishwas Chavan, Professor, IISER Berhampur

Prof. Vishwas Chavan being a member of the BoG recused himself from the meeting for this item only.

The Registrar presented the agenda item. The Director informed that the committee constituted in this matter met several times examining the matter and the Committee may take some more time to submit its report. Further, the extended probationary period of Prof. Chavan will be over on 08.07.2024. Under these circumstances, the probation period of Prof. Vishwas Chavan is required to be extended further as his eligibility for the post of Professor is yet to be decided in the absence of the committee report.

MoE Comments: *May be noted. The committee should try to submit the report in the matter at the earliest.*

IFD Comments: *May be considered, as per the Statutes of the Institute.*

The BoG being the Appointing Authority for this post resolved to extended the probation period of Prof. Chavan for another period of six (06) months w.e.f. 09.07.2024 as permissible under Statute No. 17(1) of the First Statute of IISERs and other applicable instructions, due to the following reasons:

- The report of the Committee constituted by BoG regarding detailed examination of Bio-data (submitted on 09.01.2024) and experience certificates/testimonials (submitted on 14.02.2024 & 19.02.2024, 06.03.2024) is yet to be received by this office.

The BoG authorised the Director to communicate the extension of probationary period of Prof. Chavan after the meeting well before 09.07.2024.

Further, the BoG advised the committee to expedite in this matter and submit the report at the earliest.

18. To take on record the official visit abroad in respect of Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur

The BoG noted the official visit abroad to France and the USA from June 09 - 21, 2024 in respect of Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli as per the following details:

- i. Indo-French Scientific Council meeting at the University of Toulouse in France from June 10 - 12, 2024.
- ii. Visit the USA from June 13 - 21, 2024 for international bilateral projects with the University at Buffalo, NY, and give lectures at IIT Chicago.
- iii. All expenses in connection with this visit borne by CEFIPRA, IRD of IIT Delhi and PDF of IIT Delhi.

19. To consider and approve revised guidelines for Grant of Sabbatical Leave for Faculty

The proposal was discussed at length.

MoE Comments: *per the extant guidelines.*

IFD Comments: *May be considered. Advice of the Technical Bureau may also be considered.*

The BoG resolved to amend the Clause No. 7 of the guidelines for grant of Sabbatical Leave to faculty, as under:

For existing entries under point no. 7: "Sabbatical Leave cannot be combined with any other leave".

Read: "The period of sabbatical leave shall not exceed one year at a time including vacations, if any, but the Board may grant, in addition any other leave up to a maximum of 120 days which the member might have earned during the service at the Institute".

20. To consider and approve taking up a case with the MoE for amendment in the First Statutes of IISERs

The above proposal was discussed. The BoG resolved to approve the proposal of the Institute in taking up a case with the MoE for the following amendments in the First Statutes of IISERs in accordance with section 26(3) & (4) of the NITSER Act, 2007:

In the First Statutes of the Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Berhampur:

(a) In Statute-1, after the word "(IISER)", the figures ", 2014" shall be inserted and shall be deemed to have been inserted with effect from 19th August, 2014. **(This date is the date when statutes were notified/published)**

(b) In Statute-10, after clause (3), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:

"(4) In the event of occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairperson of Board of Governors by reason of expiry of his or her tenure, death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairperson being unable to discharge his or her functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the Chairperson of an Institute of National Importance, may discharge the functions assigned to the Chairperson, for a period of six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier, with the approval of the Visitor and in case of expiry of tenure, the Visitor may extend the term of the incumbent Chairperson for a period of six months or till the nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier.";

(c) In Statute-11, clause (15) shall be omitted.

21. To consider and approve appointment of an Honorary Professor of the Institute

MoE Comments: May be considered as per extant guidelines.

The BoG resolved to approve appointment of Professor Venu Govindaraju, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, and Professor of Computer Science & Engineering at the University at Buffalo, New York, as Honorary Professor with the following terms and conditions as per the approved for such appointment:

- Tenure: 3 years w.e.f. the date of appointment
- Visiting the Institute for a few days at least twice a year for series of lectures to be delivered.
- Institute shall provide domestic travel costs, accommodation and honorarium as admissible as per the Institute rules.
- No salary shall be paid.

22. To consider and accord Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction of Rs. 8,68,73,017/- for auxiliary 33KV power supply to the Permanent Campus

As per the suggestion of the FC in its meeting held on the same day, the Institute dropped this agenda item.

23. To consider and accord Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction of Rs. 8.5 Cr. plus GST for setting-up of smart-classrooms at Permanent Campus

MoE Comment: Any expenditure beyond that specified in the scope of work already issued or beyond the expenditure limits specified in the Ministry's approval cannot be approved. The institute can either undertake this from IRG or once the project closure has been approved. The institute has to ensure that all expenditure is within the Cabinet approved category-wise/ head-wise limits also, besides being within the overall approved limit.

IFD Comment: Institute is in project mode. Cabinet had approved specific cost for specific works. All works envisaged in the approved DPRs are anyway are to be completed before the Institute declares 'project completion'. If Re-appropriation of expenditure from other works is done, how those works would be completed? One way out is Institute may meet additional expenditure from IRG for specific work and at the end of the project completion stage may reconcile and approach Ministry for Revised Cost with the approval of Competent Authority.

The proposal was discussed in the FC meeting held on the same day prior to this meeting. On the recommendation of the FC, the BoG resolved to accord Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction of ₹ 8.5 Cr. plus GST for setting-up of smart-classrooms at Permanent Campus. Further, the BoG approved to book the above expenditures temporarily under equipment head for processing the procurement and include as an expenditure under ICT head, as additional fund requirement is to be forwarded to the MoE for approval of the Competent Authority.

24. To consider and approve the revised fee structure of BS-MS, IPh.D and PhD program for AY 2024-25

As per the recommendation of the Senate of IISER Berhampur, the BoG resolved to approve the revision of the fee structure of BS-MS, IPh.D and PhD program for AY 2024-25 as under:

Revised Fee Structure for AY2024-25					
(Amount in ₹)					
S. No.	Particulars	BS-MS	iPhD	PhD	Remarks
I.	One Time Fees (First Semester Only)				
1	Admission Fee	3,000	3,000	3,000	
2	Alumni Fee	500	500	500	
3	Convocation cum Degree Fee	2,000	2,000	2,000	
4	Hostel Allotment Fee	1,000	1,000	1,000	
5	Caution Money (Refundable)	5,000	5,000	5,000	
II	Fee per Semester				
A	Tuition Fee *	40,400	36,700	22,000	10% increase in tuition fee from last year. Rounded of 100 has been done.
B	User Charges/Fee per semester				
1	Semester Registration	1,500	1,500	1,500	
2	Academic Evaluation Fee (including examination/ thesis) and grade card	2,000	2000	2000	
3	Student Activities (SAC)	1,500	1,500	1,500	
4	Library usage	1,500	1,500	1,500	
5	Laboratories and computer facilities	2,000	2,000	2,000	
6	Student Amenities	2,500	2,500	2,500	Increase of Rs.500. This includes transportation, medical, security, housekeeping services.
7	Gymkhana/Sports	2,000	2,000	2,000	
8	Student Welfare	500	500	500	New head has been added.
9	Hostel Seat Rent	2,000	2,000	2,000	Made uniform for all programmes
10	Electricity and Water Charges & maintenance	2,200	2,200	2,200	₹ 200 has been increased due to increase in expenditure in this head.
11	Students' Health Insurance per semester	As per actuals	As per actuals	As per actuals	
12	Mess Charges per semester	As per actuals	As per actuals	As per actuals	
	Overall Total	69,600	65,900	51,200	

*: SC, ST, PwD students are exempted from paying the tuition fees.

25. To consider and approve grant of Institute fellowship to project students registered for PhD program supported by extramural research fund, on completion of the project tenure

MoE Comments: May be noted. Any fellowship amount proposed to be given in excess of MoE specified limits, shall be given from IRG.

IFD Comments: May be considered in line with what other IISERs follow.

The proposal was discussed at length. The Director informed that the proposed fellowship won't be excess of MoE specified limits (i.e. fellowship for five years in case of Institute supported PhD) as only two years' fellowship is proposed to be incurred from the Grant-in-Aid. The Registrar suggested that point no. (ii) in the agenda item regarding the terms of granting this fellowship may be dropped as the Institute earnings from the overheads are not sufficient to cater for this fellowship.

The BoG resolved to approve grant of Institute fellowship to project students registered for PhD program supported by extramural research fund, on completion of the project tenure with the following terms and conditions:

- i. In order to convert the fellowship from project to the Institute, students should have completed the comprehensive examination and PhD coursework with CGPA/CPI of 7.0 and above;
- ii. At any given time, the Institute supports two students of a PI for a maximum of two years;
- iii. The detailed criteria shall be mentioned in the advertisement so as to avoid any inequality.

26. To take on record of the employees who joined/relieved/confirmed

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:

I. New Joining:

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Joining Date
a.	Dr. Savita Devi, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Biological Sciences	February 19, 2024
b.	Dr. Tanmoy Modak, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Physical Sciences	March 18, 2024

II. Confirmed in Service:

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Confirmation Date
a.	Dr. Vyas Akondi, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Physical Sciences	August 02, 2023
b.	Dr. Azhar M Shaikh, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Earth & Environmental Sciences	October 25, 2023
c.	Dr. Prashanta Garain, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Mathematical Sciences	February 27, 2024

III. Relieved from Service:

S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Relieving Date
a.	Dr. Savita Devi, Assistant Professor (G-I)	Biological Sciences	May 14, 2024
b.	Shri Ammanola Praveen Kumar, Assistant Engineer (Civil)	IWD	May 02, 2024 (A/N)
c.	Shri Tapas Ghosh, Technical Assistant	Physical Sciences	May 21, 2024 (A/N)

27. Any other item with the permission of the Chairperson

The following two items are placed as table agenda on the day of meeting with prior permission of the Chairperson, BoG:

- [I] To take on record the Ministry of Education Letter no. 51-10/2017-TS.VII dated June 20, 2024 and implementation of the same which will form part of RCPP 2024 as approved in the 2024-1/26th Meeting of Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur held on February 29, 2024.

The Ministry of Education vide Letter No. 51-10/2017-TS.VII dated June 20, 2024 (placed at **Annexure-B**) directed to implement the contents of the said letter in the Uniform Recruitment Rules adopted by the Institute. The BoG resolved to approve implementation of the contents of the aforesaid letter of the Ministry, to be formed part of the RCPP-2024, which was approved in the 2024-1/26th meeting of the BoG held on Feb 29, 2024.

- [II] To ratify the minutes approved by the BoG dated June 25, 2024 on the single point agenda on circulation basis i.e. 'Recommendation of Board of Educational and Research

Planning (BERP) Committee on endowment fund & subsequent recommendation by the Senate IISER Berhampur”

The BoG resolved to ratify the minutes of single point agenda on the recommendation of the Senate of IISER Berhampur on the policy for endowment fund of the Institute. The minutes are placed at **Annexure-C**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the members of the BoG.



(Pradeep Kumar Ray)
Registrar and Secretary, BoG



(Ashok Kumar Ganguli)
Director

Minutes Approved

(Chairperson / BoG)


3/7/24