



भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर
Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur
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Minutes of the 2025-1/29th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur

The meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of IISER Berhampur (2025-1/29th) was held in hybrid mode in the Boardroom, First Floor, Block-1, IISER Berhampur at 11:45 AM on Friday, Jan 17, 2025. The following members/Chairperson were present:

• Professor (Retd.) Arvind A Natu, Chairperson, BoG IISER Kolkata	Chairperson
• Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Director, IISER Berhampur	Member
• Shri Priyank Chaturvedi, Director (Science), DHE, MoE (represented the Secretary, Dept. of HE, MoE)	Member
• Professor Govindan Rangarajan, Director, IISc Bangalore	Member
• Professor Joydip Mukhopadhyay, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences and Dean-International Relations, IISER Berhampur	Member
• Professor Prosenjit Mondal, Professor of Biological Sciences and Dean of Faculty Affairs, IISER Berhampur	Member
• Shri Udaya Kiran K. V., Under Secretary (Finance), IFD, Dept. of HE, MoE (represented Shri Sanjog Kapoor, Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE)	Member
• Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar & Secretary, BoG of IISER Berhampur	Secretary

Professor Arvind A Natu, Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli, Professor Joydip Mukhopadhyay, Professor Prosenjit Mondal 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 Manoj Ahuja, IAS, Chief Secretary to Govt. of Odisha
- Dr. V Narayanan, Secretary, Department of Space and Chairman, Space Commission, Govt. of India
- Shri Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Power, Govt. of India

1. Welcome to the Chairperson, BoG and other members by the Director, IISER Berhampur

The Director introduced and welcomed Prof. Arvind A Natu, the newly appointed Chairperson of the BoG and all members the BoG.

2. To take on record the appointment of Prof. (Retd.) Arvind A Natu as the Chairperson, Board of Governors of the Institute

The BoG noted the appointment of Prof. (Retd.) Arvind A Natu as the Chairperson, Board of Governors of this Institute as additional responsibility w.e.f. Nov 13, 2024, for a period of six months or till nomination of a regular Chairperson, whichever is earlier in terms of Section 11 A (a) of the NITSER Act, 2007 as amended from time to time, read with amended Clause 10(4) of the First Statutes of IISERs as communicated vide MoE vide Letter No. 34-04/2023-TS-VII (Pt 1) dated Nov 13, 2024.

3. Opening remarks of the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed the members present at the 29th 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.

4. **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 academic activities, 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-1**.

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 thanked the MoE representatives for moving the papers to the concerned Ministry. He also requested the process may kindly be expedited. Further, he requested to expedite the appointment of some other members of BoG which are vacant.

5. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2024-3/28th Meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur held on Sept. 30, 2024**

The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of the 2024-3/28th meeting held on Sept. 30, 2024.

6. **To consider the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the 2024-3/28th 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 2024-3/28th meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur held on Sept. 30, 2024.

7. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the Special BoG meeting of the Institute Berhampur held on October 29, 2024.**

The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of the Special meeting of the BoG held on October 29, 2024.

8. **Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decision taken in the Special BoG meeting of the Institute held on October 29, 2024**

The BoG noted the action taken report on the items requiring follow-up action on the decisions of the special meeting of the BoG, IISER Berhampur held on Oct 29, 2024.

9. **To consider and approve the recommendations of the 2024-3/27th meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Institute held on Sept. 30, 2024**

The Board resolved to approve the minutes of the 2024-3/27th meeting of the FC held on Sept. 30, 2024. The inadvertent typographical errors (suggested by Dr. Atul Vyas, Member, FC) in the minutes at para 2 (read 'FC' in place of 'BoG') have been corrected.

10. **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) Appointment of Deans and Associate Deans in accordance with Statute 14 of the First Statutes of IISERs

S. No.	Name and Designation	Responsibility
1	Dr. Ritabrata Sengupta, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mathematical Sciences	In-Charge, Office of the Dean, Academic Affairs
2	Dr. Ruthrotha Selvi Bharathavikru, Assistant Professor (G-I), Dept. of Biological Sciences	Associate Dean, Outreach

- (ii) Implementation of UGC (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal of Sexual Harassment of Women Employees and Students in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2015 at IISER Berhampur

- (iii) Constitution of Departmental Promotional Committee (DPC) for effecting Career Progression in respect of the Non-Teaching Officers in terms of RCPP 2024
- (iv) Syllabus for Group 'B' & 'C' Positions for effecting career progression as per RCPP 2024 through Limited Departmental Examination which will be part of RCPP 2024
- (v) Constitution of Review Committees, Representation Committee, Internal Committee under Rule 56 (j/l) for periodic review of Institute Non-Teaching employees for strengthening of Administration
- (vi) Constitution of Departmental Peer Review Committees in terms of MoE email dated Nov 18, 2024 and Letter No. 37-10/2015-TS-VII dated Jan 06, 2016

In this regard, the Secretary, BoG informed that there was an inadvertent typographical error in the Office Order issued for the constitution of the above committee for the Department of Mathematical Sciences and Computer Sciences. The following correction has been noted:

For: Prof. R Balasubramanian, Head of the Department, Mathematical Science, IIT Roorkee

Read: Prof. Balasubramanian Ramachandran, Former Director, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai

- (vii) Constitution of Selection Committee for the Position of Professor in the Department of Chemical Sciences as per Statute 16(3)(a) scheduled on Oct 24, 2024.
- (viii) Constitution of Selection Committee for the Position of Assistant Professor (G-I) in the Department of Computer Sciences as per Statute 16(3)(b) scheduled on Oct 21, 2024
- (ix) Constitution of Selection Committee for the Position of Assistant Professor (G-I) in the Department of Biological Sciences as per Statute 16(3)(b) scheduled on Oct 22, 2024
- (x) Constitution of Selection Committee for the Position of Assistant Professor (G-I) in the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences as per Statute 16(3)(b) scheduled on Dec 04, 2024
- (xi) Minutes of the Selection Committee held on October 21, 2024 for the position of Assistant Professor (G-I) in the Department of Computer Sciences against Advt. No. IISERBPR/DoFA/2024/02 dated August 08, 2024
- (xii) Minutes of the Selection Committee held on October 22, 2024 for the position of Assistant Professor (G-I) in the Department of Biological Sciences against Advt. No. IISERBPR/DoFA/2024/02 dated August 08, 2024
- (xiii) Minutes of the Selection Committee held on October 24, 2024 for the position of Professor in the Department of Chemical Sciences against Advt. No. IISERBPR/DoFA/2024/02 dated August 08, 2024
- (xiv) Minutes of the Selection Committee held on December 04, 2024 for the position of Assistant Professor (G-I) in the Department of Earth & Environmental Sciences Advt. No. IISERBPR/DoFA/2024/02 dated August 08, 2024
- (xv) Appointment of Prof. Prosenjit Mondal as a member of the Board of Governors for a period of two years w.e.f. Nov 21, 2024, till Nov 20, 2026, in line with clause 11A (h) of the NITSER Act 2007, as per the recommendation of the Chairperson, Senate of the Institute
- (xvi) Minutes of the Institute Faculty Affairs Committee (IFAC) Meeting held on September 19, 2024 for faculty upgradation from Pay Level 12 to higher Pay Level 13A1 as per the Faculty Recruitment Rules
- xvii) Amendment to the clause no. 10 of the CPDA Guidelines regarding availing of CPDA amount in advance




11. Ratification of the items approved by the Director

The BoG ratified the item approved by the Director for the Minutes dated Sep 28 and Nov 07, 2024 of the Selection Committee Meeting for the position of Junior Superintendent in the Pay level -6, Group B against Advt. No. NT-01/2024 dated Jan 17, 2024

12. To take on record and ratify the Minutes of the 2024-3/19th Meeting of the BW&C of the Institute held on October 22, 2024.

The Board took on record and resolved to ratify the Minutes of the 2024-3/19th meeting of the BW&C of the Institute held on October 22, 2024.

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

The Board noted the status of the regular teaching and non-teaching sanctioned posts as under:

Teaching Posts			
Sanctioned Post	In Position		Vacant Post
54	Professor	03	05#
	Associate Professor	10	
	Assistant Professor (G-I)	36	
	Assistant Professor (G-II)	00	
	Total	49	

Offer letter issued: 03

Non-Teaching Posts		
Sanctioned Post	In Position	Vacant
42	38	04@

@ The recruitment for 03 vacant positions namely, Assistant Engineer [Civil] (01 No.), Technical Assistant (01 No.) and Superintending Engineer (01 No.) is going on and an Offer of Appointment has been issued for the post of Junior Superintendent.

14. To consider and approve Constitution of External Peer Review Committees in terms of MoE email dated Nov 18, 2024, and Letter No. 37-10/2015-TS-VII dated Jan 06, 2016

The BoG resolved to approve the list of ten eminent persons suggested by the Institute (as listed in the agenda item) for recommending to the IISER Council to draw a list of five eminent persons to constitute the External Peer Review Committee.

15. To consider and approve the Annual Report and Separate Audit Report of the institute for the Financial Year 2023-24

MoE Comments: May be noted.

IFD Comments: May be considered, approved and forwarded to MoE for submission to the parliament.

As per the recommendation of the FC in its meeting held on the same day, the BoG resolved to approve the Annual Report and Separate Audit Report for the Financial Year 2023-24 of this Institute as presented to the BoG for submission before both Houses of the Parliament through the Ministry of Education.

16. To consider and approve the empanelment of IMS & SUM Hospital, Campus-III, Sitalapalli, Berhampur under CGHS tariff

MoE Comments: May be noted.

IFD Comments: Autonomous Bodies are covered under CS(MA) Rules. May be considered, if the facility is available as per the approved CGHS rates notified by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

As per the recommendation of the FC in its meeting held on the same day, the BoG resolved to approve the empanelment of IMS & SUM Hospital, Campus-III, Sitalapalli, Berhampur under CGHS tariff on credit facilities.

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

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

S. No.	Reference No.	Description	Amount (₹)
1	F.No. 51-03/2023-TS.VII Pt.I dt 08 Oct 2024	Geological Ultra High Temperature (UHT) stage for melt inclusion studies	19,00,000.00
2	F.No. 51-03/2023-TS.VII Pt.I dt 08 Oct 2024	Advanced Research Upright Polarizing Microscope (ARUPM)	33,63,000.00

18. To take on record of procurement of items exceeding ₹ 1 Cr. since the last 2024-3/28th meeting of the BoG held on September 30, 2024.

The BoG noted the following goods and services above ₹ 1.0 Cr. under procurement following GFR 2017 and Manual of Procurement of Goods and Services, as applicable:

S. No	Purchase Order No.	Name of the instrument	PO Value
1	P/PHY/2024-25/187 dated December 11, 2024	Spectroscopic Ellipsometer	Rs. 1,20,00,600 /-
2	P/CHM/2024-25/190 dated December 13, 2024	500 MHz NMR Spectrometer	USD 631800/-

19. To consider and approve the Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction Rs. 59.29 Cr. of the CPWD proposal for Preliminary Estimate for Supply, installation of Lab Furniture, Fume hoods including exhaust system and services and internal electrical works in Academic Block of the Institute

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: It may be informed if this work is within the approved DPR and the Cabinet approved category under which this falls. It may be informed if the said category has balance funds available.

IFD Comments: May be considered, if the work is part of the Cabinet approved DPRs within the approved cost. The Institute is still in project mode.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the subject work is within the scope of the approved DPR and the funds under furnishing head are available.

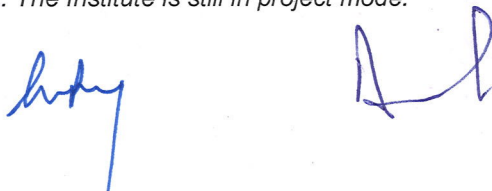
The BoG resolved to ratify the above proposal.

20. To take on record and ratify the Administrative Approval & Expenditure of Rs. 54.46 lakh Sanction for Construction of STM Lab in Academic cum Administrative Block of the Institute

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: It may be informed if this work is within the approved DPR and the Cabinet approved category under which this falls. It may be informed if the said category has balance funds available.

IFD Comments: May be considered, if the work is part of the Cabinet approved DPRs within the approved cost. The Institute is still in project mode.



The Secretary, BoG informed that the work is pertaining to the installation and commissioning of the equipment already procured. The expenditure has been already booked under IRG as no fund was available in Project Head (Cost of Construction) for taking up the work which will be added in the construction cost of the project while seeking additional fund from the MoE of after completion of the project.

The BoG resolved to ratify the above proposal.

21. **To take on record and ratify the Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction Rs. 72.06 lakh for Construction of Chain link fabric Fencing along with the outer periphery of CRZ area of the Institute**

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: It may be informed if this work is within the approved DPR and the Cabinet approved category under which this falls. It may be informed if the said category has balance funds available.

IFD Comments: May be considered, if the work is part of the Cabinet approved DPRs within the approved cost. The Institute is still in project mode.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the subject work is within the scope of the approved DPR of the boundary wall as the fencing has to be done for the allotted land of CRZ and the expenditure has been booked under the already sanctioned AA & ES for Boundary Wall works ongoing with CPWD.

The BoG resolved to ratify the above proposal.

22. **To take on record and ratify the Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction Rs. 3.10 Cr. for SITC of audio and video system in the 300 seater class room, 150 seater class room, 90 seater class room, board room, seminar room etc. of the Institute**

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: May be noted.

IFD Comments: May be considered, if the work is part of the Cabinet approved DPRs within the approved cost. The Institute is still in project mode.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the subject work is within the scope of the approved DPR under cost of the ICT infrastructure and the expenditure has been booked under IRG as there no fund was available in Project Head (Cost of ICT Infrastructure) for taking up the work which will be added in the appropriate head of the project while seeking additional fund from the MoE of after completion of the project.

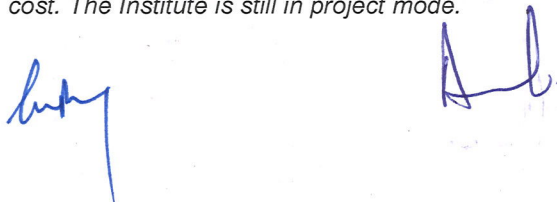
The BoG resolved to ratify the above proposal.

23. **To consider and approve release of balance fund under ICT infrastructure cost to CPWD as some ICT items have been executed in the construction project undertaken by the CPWD**

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: May be noted. The institute to ensure the funds allowed under the ICT category is not crossed.

IFD Comments: May be considered, if the work is part of the Cabinet approved DPRs within the approved cost. The Institute is still in project mode.



The Secretary, BoG informed that the Institute had informed this matter earlier that the CPWD incurred some of the ICT expenditure under construction head. The MoE had suggested to segregate the ICT expenditure from the construction and put up the matter to the FC/BoG. Accordingly, as confirmed by CPWD that ₹ 32.96 Cr has been incurred towards ICT expenditure under the construction project as executed by them, the Institute proposes to release the balance amount under ICT head, as available, to the CPWD towards construction over and above the earlier sanctioned amount of ₹ 843.09 Cr (Cost of construction+ Cost of escalation and contingencies) against the already incurred expenditure of Rs. 32.96 crore under ICT head in the construction. However, the Institute will include all these ICT expenditures under ICT infrastructure cost at the time of the completion of the project while seeking additional cost from the MoE.

The BoG resolved to ratify the above proposal.

24. To consider and approve Engagement of Consultant (Civil) and Consultant (Security) on contract basis for smooth management of newly operational IISER Berhampur Permanent Campus

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: May be noted.

IFD Comments: May be considered hiring through a third party agency.

The BoG resolved to approve engaging the above two consultants through advertisement.

25. To consider and approve amendment in clause 7(d) of Seed Grant Policy for faculty joining the Institute

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: May be considered.

IFD Comments: There are no approved guidelines of MoE on this subject. May be considered from IRG of the Institute in line with what other IISERs follow.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the Seed Grant Policy of the Institute was already approved by the BoG. The Institute proposes an amendment to the already approved policy and the same has been recommended by the FC for approval by the BoG during its meeting held earlier today.

The BoG resolved to approve the amendment in clause 7(d) to be read as follows: ***“Travel within India using Seed Grant may be allowed to Faculty and Students in the research group of the concerned Faculty within the allocated segment of the Seed Grant to cover the academic travel”***

26. To consider and approve deletion of point no. vi of para 4.6 (Other condition) of the existing approved Faculty Career Advancement Scheme (FCAS) due to typographical mistake

MoE Comments: May be noted. All provisions, existing or amended, have to be line with DoPT and other government guidelines.

IFD Comments: May be considered with the approval of competent authority that approved the initial FCAS Rules.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the FCAS guidelines of the Institute were approved by the BoG. The Institute proposes deletion of a clause due to inadvertent typographical error.

The BoG resolved to approve deletion of point No. vi of para 4.6 (Other Conditions) of the FCAS guidelines.

27. **To consider and approve taking up a case with MoE for a special sanction of Rs. 10 crores under equipment (OH-35.02) as Grant-in-aid pending completion of project**

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: The Cabinet approved limits under the individual category, as also the overall funds under non-recurring and recurring are to be adhered to. Any amount beyond that requires the approval of the Cabinet. So, this may be dropped.

IFD Comments: The normal process is that Institute has to complete the Cabinet approved DPR works within the approved cost and declare out of project mode duly submitting Project Completion Report. Works/ equipment which were not part of the approved DPRs, has to be taken up separately out of HEF A loan or other source. For completion of the approved DPR works, if the cost is escalated due to material/ labour cost hike, GST & other levies, that may be sought from MoE upto 20% of the original cost with the approval of Secretary (HE). This doesn't include works not the part of approved DPRs.

The matter was discussed at length. The Secretary, BoG informed that there is no approved list of equipment mentioned in the DPR other than department-wise allocated fund. However, the proposed expenditure is essential as the newly joined faculty would need basic minimum small equipment to start their research besides some essential items under equipment head for the day-to-day operation of the Institutional activity. Further, as the proposed expenditures are over and above the sanctioned amount under Equipment Head, a separate proposal regarding this may be referred to the Ministry for consideration.

The BoG considered the above and approved for forwarding a proposal on the matter separately to the MoE for due examination and consideration. Further, with the recommendation of the FC, the BoG approved to incur these essential expenditures under IRG now and then add to suitable head under project at the time of completion of the project while seeking additional cost from the MoE.

28. **To consider and approve expenditures committed from IRG of Rs. 3.85 crore**

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: May be noted.

IFD Comments: The normal process is that Institute has to complete the Cabinet approved DPR works within the approved cost and declare out of project mode duly submitting Project Completion Report. Works/ equipment which were not part of the approved DPRs, has to be taken up separately out of HEF A loan or other source. For completion of the approved DPR works, if the cost is escalated due to material/ labour cost hike, GST & other levies, that may be sought from MoE upto 20% of the original cost with the approval of Secretary (HE). This doesn't include works not the part of approved DPRs.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the expenditures for the listed works (Construction of STM lab, Construction of Cryo TEM Facility and Small animal research facility) have been booked under IRG, which will be included in appropriate head of the project at the time of completion of the project while forwarding the proposal to the MoE for additional cost. The amount so sanctioned will be recouped to the IRG.

The BoG resolved to approve the above proposal.

29. **To consider and approve the amount of Rs. 3,56,62,903/- for Supply, installation, Testing and Commissioning of Audio-Video system in the 500 pax Auditorium and 90 pax Lecture Hall-02 Nos in Auditorium Block of the Institute**

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: The Institute to ensure that the funds allowed under the respective categories are not crossed.

IFD Comments: May be considered, if part of the approved DPRs and approved cost by the Cabinet.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the subject work is within the scope of the approved DPR and the funds under cost of furnishing head are available.

The BoG resolved to approve the above proposal.

30. **To consider and approve the Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction to the CPWD for Preliminary Estimate for a sum of Rs. 13.21 Cr for Supply & Installation of Office Furniture for Administration Block & Faculty Rooms in Academic Block Parts, and in Health Centre and Guest House Buildings of the Institute**

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

MoE Comments: It may be informed if this work is within the approved DPR and the Cabinet approved category under which this falls. It may be informed if the said category has balance funds available.

IFD Comments: May be considered, if part of the approved DPRs and approved cost by the Cabinet.

The Secretary, BoG informed that the agenda was circulated to the B&WC for its consideration. Presently, some of the B&WC members have made certain comments on the proposal (specifications) and the same has been referred to the CPWD for clarification/ modification etc. The proposal will be sent to the B&WC again for consideration. Further, it has been informed that the funds are available in the furnishing head and the work is under the approved DPRs. In view of this, the Secretary, BoG requested the BoG to authorise the Chairperson, B&WC to approve the AA&ES for the subject item based on the approval of the B&WC through circulation.

The BoG resolved to approve the above proposal.

31. **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:

New Joining			
S. No.	Name & Designation	Department	w.e.f.
1.	Shri Konari Rama Rao, Superintendent	Academic Affairs	Dec 19, 2024
2.	Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Dehury, Assistant Professor (Gr-I)	Computer Science	Dec 23, 2024
Relieved from service			
1.	Dr. Vishwas Chavan, Professor	Biological Sciences and Earth & Environmental Sciences	Nov 05, 2024

The following additional agenda (under any other items) were discussed with the permission of the Chairperson, BoG

32. **To consider and approve utilization of unspent balance of private sponsorships and registration fees for Conferences**

The Institute conducts National/International Conferences for which the Institute gets sponsorship from various agencies including private sponsors.

The Institute proposes to transfer the unspent balance of private sponsorships for Conferences and registration fees to IRG or utilize the same in any other Conference.

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting).

The BoG resolved to approve the above proposal.

33. **To consider and approve erection of statue of the Mahamahopadhyaya Chandrasekhara Singha Harichandana Mahapatra Samanta, popularly known as 'Pathani Samanta' renowned Astronomer, Mathematicians & Scholar from Odisha during 19th Century in the IISER Berhampur Campus**

The Institute has now substantially shifted to its permanent campus and the construction work of the Institute as undertaken by the CPWD is expected to be completed by April 30, 2025. Being an Institute of National Importance imparting science education, we propose to erect the statue of eminent scientific scholars of the state to encourage the young students to know about them and instil National pride in their mind. In this connection, the Institute is proposing to erect the brass-metal statue of Mahamahopadhyaya Chandrasekhara Singha Harichandana Mahapatra Samanta, popularly known as 'Pathani Samanta' in the IISER Berhampur Campus. He was an astronomer, mathematician and scholar who measured the distance from the Earth to the Sun with a bamboo pipe, and traditional instruments. He was born on 13 December 1835 and died on 11 June 1904. His research and observations were compiled into a book called "Siddhanta Darpana", which was written in both Sanskrit and the Odia script. He earned the Mahamahopadhyaya Award in 1893, for his usage of traditional instruments for astronomical observations. He was born in the princely state of Khandpara, in the Nayagarh District of Odisha. An article on his life and works are enclosed.

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting). The FC recommended the same to the BoG for approval.

The BoG resolved to approve the proposal of erection of statue of "Pathani Samanta" on the Campus.

34. **To consider and approve the implementation of revised monetary ceiling for reimbursement of Briefcase/Office Bag/Ladies Purse etc. in terms of Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Expenditure OM No. F. No. 13016/1/2005-GAD dated May 01, 2024**

The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, vide their OM No. F. No. 13016/1/2005-GAD dated May 01, 2024 has revised the monetary ceiling for reimbursement of Briefcase/Office Bag/Ladies Purse. It is mentioned here that the BoG in its 2019-2/9th meeting held on July 26, 2019 had approved reimbursement of the above on the recommendation of the 2019-2/8th FC held on July 26, 2019.

The above agenda item was discussed in the 2025-1/28th meeting of the FC held on Jan 17, 2025 (earlier to the BoG meeting). The FC recommended the same for approval of the BoG for implementation.

The BoG resolved to approve implementation of revised monetary ceiling for reimbursement of Briefcase/Office Bag/Ladies Purse etc. in terms of Ministry of Finance, Dept. of Expenditure OM No. F. No. 13016/1/2005-GAD dated May 01, 2024.

Special Agenda Items

35. **Felicitation of Students and Faculty:** The Chairperson, BoG had suggested that some of the students and faculty need to be felicitated by the BoG in order to encourage them. Accordingly, the BoG felicitated the following students:



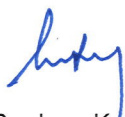
- **Mr. Bosco Jeo** (BSMS-2023) for winning Gold Medal in 200 Mtr run, Bronze Medal in 100 Mtr run held in IISM-2024 and Bronze Medal in Football held in IISM-2023
- **Ms. Missa Saril Bobonga** (BSMS-2020) for winning Gold Medal in Football held in IISM-2023 and 2024. She was Captain of Girls Football Team for both the years.
- **Mr. Jayantanuj Biswas** (BSMS-2022) for winning Gold Medal in script and direction, short film held in IICM-2024
- **Mr. Aniket Pramanik** (BSMS-2022) for winning Gold Medal in Design architect held in IICM-2024

The BoG felicitated the following faculty members:

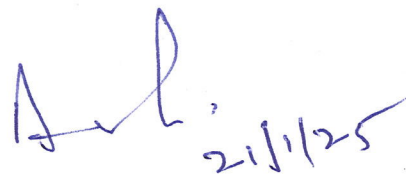
- **Dr. Shashi Bhushan Singh**, Associate Professor & HoD, Department of Physical Sciences for his recent research work on "application of strain affects the vibration properties of V2CTx MXene, a type of 2D material, using Raman spectroscopy and computer simulations". This study will help to understand MXene behavior and has potential applications in flexible electronic devices.
- **Dr. Senthil Raani K S**, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences for her paper "Distances in sparse sets of large Hausdorff dimension" in collaboration with Prof. Malabika Pramanik, (Professor, UBC and Director, BIRS Canada). The paper under review discusses Distance set problems which are helpful in understanding patterns in data sets. She was an invited speaker in American Mathematical Society Eastern Sectional meeting (2023, USA), Canadian Mathematical Society Winter meeting (2024, Vancouver Canada), annual Ramanujan Mathematical Society Conference (2024 Bangalore), and various other institutes for a series of research talks viz IIT Bombay, IIT indore, IISER Bhopal.
- **Dr. Malay Kumar Rana**, Associate Professor & HoD, Department of Chemical Sciences for his recent publication titled "Unmasking an Allosteric Binding Site of the Papain-like Protease in SARS-CoV-2: Molecular Dynamics Simulations of Corticosteroids". His research work demonstrates how specific and allosteric inhibition makes it less vulnerable to the host body's defense machinery. In addition, it rationalizes the prophylaxis effects of vitamin D3 and corticosteroids in the COVID-19 treatment with molecular insights.

The BoG congratulated the students and faculty on their achievement.

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



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