

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PATNA

Minutes of the 2017/25th MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

held on Saturday, the 5th August, 2017 at 10.00 hrs
in The Directorate, IIT Patna, Bihta, Patna (Bihar) 801 106.

Those Present:

1. **Shri Ajai Chowdhry** : Chairman
Founder Member, HCL
2. **Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharyya** : Member
Director, IIT Patna
3. **Prof. Ajay Chakrabarty** : Member
Former Vice-Chancellor, BIT Mesra
4. **Prof. Amitabha Ghosh** : Member
Former Director, IIT Kharagpur
5. **Dr. Nalin Bharti** : Member
Associate Professor
Department of Humanities & Social Sciences
6. **Dr. Karali Patra** : Member
Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical Engineering
7. **Dr. Asheesh Kumar** : Secretary
Registrar, IIT Patna

Leave of absence:

1. **Prof. Sriman K. Bhattacharya**,
Former Director, CBRI Roorkee, and
Professor, Civil Engineering, IIT Kharagpur
2. **Dr. T. Mukherjee**,
Former Deputy Manager, Tata Steel
3. **The Principal Secretary**,
Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of Bihar.
4. **The Principal Secretary**,
Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of Jharkhand.

Procedural Matters:

BOG 2017.25.01	To receive the opening remarks of the Chairman, Hon'ble Board of Governors, IIT Patna.
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At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members present and thanked them for being able to travel all the way to Patna and spare two consecutive days - one for the BOG meeting and other for the Convocation. The Chairman then apprised the members about the NIRF ranking of the Institute and solicited recommendations from the members in terms of actionable and time based items on which the Institute could undertake specific activities to make sure that the Ranking of the Institute stood improved over the year, under the able guidance and vision of the members of the Board.

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He was joined by the other members in requesting that a special Board meeting may be convened for discussion on critical issues about the development of the Institute, so that the meeting could be decluttered from various other administrative and disciplinary matters that usually form part of the agenda and end up consuming good amount of time and energy of the Board. It was also suggested that Institute should invite external faculty/expert(s) to give a fresh look into the ongoing activities of the Institute and thereafter suggest department wise actions. Attempts should also be made to invite Prof. Surendra Prasad, Chairman of NIRF framework committee, to the Institute for his guidance to the faculty members and staff of the Institute. A road map with short, medium and long term milestones may be then framed department wise and monitored on a monthly basis.

The members also took note of the joining of the new Registrar as The Secretary of the Board and upon brief appraisal about his past experience, welcomed him and desired him to get associated with the Institute deeply and assist the Board in taking the Institute to further heights.

BOG 2017.25.02	To confirm the minutes of the 2017/24th meeting of the Hon'ble Board of Governors, held on 23rd March 2017 at Noida, U.P.
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The minutes of 2017/24th as circulated were approved by the Board.

BOG 2017.25.03	To consider and approve the Action Taken Report on the outstanding items of the minutes of previous 2015/20th, 2016/21st, 2016/22nd, 2016/23rd and 2017/24th meetings of the Hon'ble Board of Governors.
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The Board reviewed the actions taken report and approved the same.

BOG 2017.25.04	To consider and approve the recommendations of the Senate at the Institute that met on 28th July 2017 for its 2017/19th meeting.
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The members reviewed the recommendations of the Senate and took special note of the MoU between the Wrights State University and IIT Patna, with appreciation.

The Board approved the senate recommendations.

BOG 2017.25.05	To consider and approve the recommendations made by the Building and Works Committee of the Institute that met on 20th June 2017 for its 27th meeting.
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The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Building and Works Committee of the Institute and approved the recommendations made thereof.

The institute was advised to remain very vigilant and proactive, while identifying the vendors at the stage of their being technically qualified.

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Items for discussion:

BOG 2017.25.06	To consider and approve of the conduct of 5th Convocation of the Institute on the 6th of August 2017 at the Institute and the arrangements thereof.
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After receiving update on the preparations, the Board approved the conduct of 5th Convocation of the Institute accordingly.

BOG 2017.25.07	To consider and approve the list of students to be awarded various Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral Degrees of the Institute during the 5th Convocation of the Institute.
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The Board approved award of degrees as proposed.

BOG 2017.25.08	To consider and approve the award of various medals and prizes to the eligible students of UG and PG programs of the Institute, those are graduating in 2017.
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The Board approved award of medals and prizes as proposed.

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BOG 2017.25.12	To consider and approve the engagement of Legal Counsel of the institute.
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The Board approved the engagement of Dr. Anshuman as the Legal Counsel of the Institute for a period of eleven months as per the terms of the agreement.

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BOG 2017.25.13	To consider and approve the Institute Policy for grant of permission for pursuing Higher Studies, outside normal office hours.
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The members appreciated the efforts put in by the Institute in the framing of the said policy and while requesting the Director to ensure that the normal functioning of the Institute did not get disrupted due to such generous provisions, approved the policy.

BOG 2017.25.14	To consider the request of Shri Mritunjay Anand, Assistant Librarian for financial upgradation after acquisition of Higher qualification, in view of GoI order No. 1-32/2006- U.II/U.I(i) dated 31.12.2008
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The Board approved the grant of three advance increment as per MHRD norms in the reference.

BOG 2017.25.15	To consider and approve the hiring of accommodation adjacent to the Institute campus, with a view to fulfill the accommodation needs of female students, on campus.
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The Board approved engagement of the premises as proposed.

BOG 2017.25.16	To consider and approve setting up of a Centre of Excellence on Earthquake Engineering in the Institute through MPLADS Fund.
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The Board approved the setting up of a Centre of Excellence on Earthquake Engineering and Research (CEER) by way of funding through MPLADS Fund.

BOG 2017.25.17	To consider and approve the operational and running costs for the various Centers of Excellence established by the Institute from external funding viz. with the MPLADS Funds to maintain the perpetuity of the centers.
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The Board accepted the following recommendations:

1. Annual expenditure of Rs. 20 Lakhs per annum from the Institute towards the operational cost of the Centre ONLY for period of three years initially.
2. Centers should become self-sustaining.
3. Attempts should be made to involve more than one department in each of the Centers of Excellence.

BOG 2017.25.18	To consider and approve the discontinuation of financial support to the few selected students in US/foreign university that was earlier approved by the Hon'ble Board of the Institute.
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The Board approved as above, with immediate effect.

BOG 2017.25.19	To consider and accord administrative approval for the implementation of ERP at the Institute
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While taking note of the current status of ERP implementation at the Institute the Board accorded its administrative approval for its quick implementation in a time bound manner.

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BOG 2017.25.20	To consider and approve the communication received from MHRD for the signing an MoU with it, linking the same to the receipt of funds by the Institute in future.
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Since the Board members had not looked at the proposed MOU deeply, it was decided to look at it in the next Board Meeting.

BOG 2017.25.21	To consider and approve issuance of credit card for Principal Investigators and others, at the Institute with a view to promote cashless transactions
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The Board approved the issuance of pre-paid cards of requisite value to the Principal Investigator/Heads/In-charges/Associate-Deans (Deans when such posts are filled) and other functionaries of the Institute who were eligible for maintaining an imprest amount.

BOG 2017.25.22	To consider the adoption of MHRD GO issued vide F.No. 32-14/2015-TS-I (PT.) dated 28.06.2017 regarding payment of sitting fee in respect of Non-officials of committee/panels/Boards etc., for implementation at the Institute.
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The members were concerned about the Government directive on non-payment of sitting fee and in view of the special needs of growing Institutions like IIT Patna resolved as follows:

1. To take up the matter in Council of IITs after it being discussed in all Directors meet.

Continue with the present practice pending the final decision in the Council.

Current status: vide MHRD communiqué F.No.32-14/2015-TS.I(pt.) dated 26th July 2017 received in the Institute on 9/8/17, the above GO is not applicable to autonomous institutes.

BOG 2017.25.23	To consider and approve the Annual Report for the year 2016-17
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Board approved the Annual Report for the year 2016-17 as presented before it.

BOG 2017.25.24	To consider the matter of regularization of contract appointment for faculty positions
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The Board considered the matter of regularization of faculty on contract and after detailed deliberations resolved as follows:

The CV alongwith the published work (together with copies of select publications) of the applicant for regularization, should be sent to at most five external experts. These experts shall be decided by the Director in consultations with the Head of the Department and Dean/Associate-Dean Faculty Affairs. In case of favourable comments by at least three of them a committee comprising of the Director and three Deans (Associate Deans *in lieu* of until Deans are appointed) of Faculty, Academic

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and R & D affairs, will then decide on the regularization of the On Contract faculty member.

The above arrangement shall become effective from the present ongoing round of regularizations, which started with those on-contract faculty members who joined the institute starting from the July 2017.

BOG 2017.25.25	To consider and approve the Selection procedure for various Teaching and Non-Teaching Positions at the Institute.
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After deliberations, the Board approved the selection procedure of teaching and non-teaching positions at the Institute, as proposed.

BOG 2017.25.26	To consider and approve the list of Board Nominees for being on the selection committees for various Non Teaching positions at the Institute.
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The Board approved the modality of appointing its Nominees (based on position and pay scale) for being on the selection committee of the various Non-Teaching positions at the Institute, as per proposal.

BOG 2017.25.27	To consider and approve inclusions in the existing Medical Policy of the Institute
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The Board approved the updations in the exiting medical policy of the Institute, as proposed.

BOG 2017.25.28	To consider the issue of travel by private airlines by examiner, experts, consultants etc. visiting the institute for various works
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The members were concerned about the Government directive on restriction on air-travel by private airlines by on-duty examiner/experts/consultant/officials and in view of the special needs of growing Institution like IIT Patna and its location.

The Institute would, through its appointed Nodal Officer, consider starting sending requests for permission from MHRD through the latter's nodal officer, as is being done in a few other IITs. This will be reviewed in the next BoG meeting.

Items for ratification:

BOG 2017.25.29	To ratify the movement of few faculty members from PB-3 to PB-4 in line with the Government of India Orders on the subject
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The Board ratified the movement of four faculty members from PB-3 to PB-4.

BOG 2017.25.30	To ratify the Selections done by the Institute on various Faculty Positions, in different departments, of the Institute
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The Board ratified the nine selections done by the Institute on various Faculty positions in Mathematics and HSS department of the Institute.

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BOG 2017.25.31	To ratify the appointments at the Institute on the various Administrative and Technical positions, that were advertised in the year 2016.
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The Board ratified the appointment of various Group-A officers, i.e., from Sl. No. 1 to 7 of the proposal, while receiving the information on appointments on positions as from Sl. No. 8 to 15 of the proposal.

BOG 2017.25.32	To ratify the adoption of G.O. issued vide F.No. 32-18/2016-TS.I dated 07.04.2017 from MHRD, Govt. of India regarding applicability of General Financial Rules 2017 in Autonomous Bodies.
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The Board ratified the adoption of GFR 2017 at the Institute.

BOG 2017.25.33	To ratify the payment of revised Dearness Allowance as applicable w.e.f. 01.01.2017 to the employees of Central Autonomous Bodies who continue to draw their pay as per 6th CPC, in line with MHRD Order vide F.No. 39-2/2016-TS.I (PT) dated 26.04.2017
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The Board ratified the payment of the revised Dearness Allowance to the employees of the Institute as application w.e.f. 01.01.2017.

Items for Information and Reporting:

BOG 2017.25.34	To report the meeting of the Director, IIT Patna with Hon'ble HRM on 28th April 2017
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The Director apprised the members about his having discussed with Hon'ble HRM the following:

1. Concerns of IIT Patna over weightages assigned by NIRF to various factors for computing rank as well as the formulae per se.
2. Opening of Kendriya Vidyalaya on the campus along side the fact that a private school was already operating in the campus to meet the immediate needs of faculty members and staff. The said private school has a lock-in period of five years.
3. The Institute song being in place.
4. Support required from MHRD for the IndoWordnet project that will link all the languages of India (preliminary structure created through a MEITY funded project led by Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharyya already exists).

The Board took note, with appreciation to the Director.

BOG 2017.25.35	To report the status of various statutory compliances by the Institute
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The Board took note of the various statutory compliances reported and advised to take required steps for adoption of GST also in future.

BOG 2017.25.36	To report the visit of The Director to U.S.A. during 26th June to 26th July 2017
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The Board noted with satisfaction, activities undertaken by the Director during his visit to U.S.A, especially his address to Indian students abroad who were apprised of the opportunities as prospective faculty member in IIT Patna.

BOG 2017.25.37	To report the status of Technology Business Incubator (TBI) at the Institute
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The brief presented by Dr. Karali Patra was noted by the Board with interest.

BOG 2017.25.38	To report the status update on Kendriya Vidyalaya on the Institute campus
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The Board while noting the status update on Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) on the Institute campus, advised the Institute to first have an expressed commitment from the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) that children of all the employees of the Institute would be admitted by the said KV in any number and at any time of the year upon the recommendation of the Institute without restricting such admission to any kind of quota etc. In principle, the requirement of funds as proposed was approved.

BOG 2017.25.39	To report student strength of IIT Patna
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The Board noted the student strength with interest and advised that Institute should be prepared for greater expansion in future.

BOG 2017.25.40	To report the grant of Sabbatical Leave to Dr Samrat Mondal, and Dr Sriparna Saha, both Assistant Professors, in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the Institute
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The Board noted the grant of sabbatical leave to Dr. Samrat Mondal and Dr. Sriparna Saha.

BOG 2017.25.41	To report the status of Joining/Leaving of Faculty Members, Officers & Staff members of the Institute
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The Board noted the statistics of joining/leaving of Faculty members, Officers & Staff as presented before it.

BOG 2017.25.42	To report the status of various Sponsored Research Projects in the Institute, those were approved by various sponsoring agencies earlier
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While receiving the report upon the various Sponsored Research Projects, the Board desired to have the number of research project increased and made in line with the expectations of the NIRF ranking.

BOG 2017.25.43	To report about various National and International Conferences/Seminars/Workshops etc. attended by the Faculty members / Officers and Staff of the Institute during the period
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The Board received the information on various National and International Conferences/Seminars/Workshops etc. as presented before it.

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BOG 2017.25.45 **To report about the current status of RTI at the Institute**

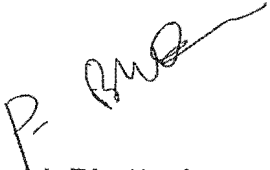
The Board noted the current status of RTI at the Institute as reported.

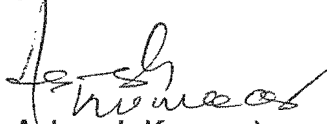
Others:


BOG 2017.25.46	Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
(i)	To consider and authorize the Chairman, BOG to act on behalf of the BOG The members resolved to authorize the Chairman, BOG to take decisions on behalf of the Board, as per the needs of the Institute. Such decisions shall however be put up in the subsequent regular meeting of the Board for ratification by the Board.
(ii)	To consider the matter of Institute Employees applying outside. The members took note of the situation where many employees were reported to be applying outside the Institute. In the context, keeping in view the growing needs of Institute, manpower retention was an issue before the Institute. It was therefore resolved that while applying to other Institutions/organisations was the choice of the employee concerned, grant of NOC was the prerogative of the Institute, which may be granted by the Institute at its discretion keeping the best interest of the institute in view.
(iii)	To consider and approve renaming of few posts to meet the Institute Requirements Taking into consideration the large number of Electrical and Electromechanical installations at the Institute, the Board approved converting an existing post of Executive Engineer (Civil) to that of an Executive Engineer (Electrical), on the earlier approved Grade Pay. Similarly, since the Institute had succeeded in engaging a legal counsel for itself, instead of appointing a person on the earlier approved post of "Assistant Registrar (Legal)", a Junior Superintendent, who could provide legal support, among other things, should be appointed. The post may also therefore be rechristened as "Junior Superintendent", at the usual grade pay of Rs.4200/-. Board approved as above.
(iv)	To consider the issue of telephone usage charges reimbursement. The Board agreed that telephone charges reimbursement should inter alia be done on functional basis.

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As there were no other items for discussion, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Prof. Pushpak Bhattacharyya)
Member, Board of Governors
& Director, IIT Patna


(Dr. Asheesh Kumar)
Secretary, Board of Governors
& Registrar, IIT Patna


(Sh. Ajai Chowdhry)
Chairman, Board of Governors
IIT Patna 11/09/17.