

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST (21<sup>ST</sup>) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE INSTITUTE HELD ON 05.10.2024 AT 11:15 A.M. IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM (FIRST FLOOR) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, IIT (BHU) VARANASI. (Confirmed by the Board vide Resolution no. 22.1 dated 03.04.2025).**

**Members Present:**

- |   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. Dr. Kota Harinarayana  | : Chairman        |
| 2. Prof. Amit Patra, Director, IIT(BHU) Varanasi  | : Member          |
| 3. Prof. Praveen Kumar, Dept. of Civil Engineering, IIT Roorkee (IIT Council nominee) <i>[Through video-conferencing]</i> | : Member          |
| 4. Prof. S.K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Rajasthan Technical University, Kota (UP Government nominee)                        | : Member          |
| 5. Prof. Rajeev Kumar Singh, Department of Electrical Engineering (Senate Nominee)  | : Member          |
| 6. Prof. Sandip Chatterjee, Department of Physics, (Senate Nominee)   | : Member          |
| 7. Prof. Vikash Kumar Dubey, Dean (R&D)   | : Special invitee |
| 8. Prof. S.B.Dwivedi, Dean (Academic Affairs)   | : Special invitee |
| 9. Prof. Hiralal Pramanik, Dean (Resource and Alumni)   | : Special invitee |
| 10. Shri Rajan Srivastava, Registrar (I/C), IIT(BHU)  | : Secretary       |

The Joint Secretary (Technical Education), MoE or his representative could not attend the meeting. However, comments on Agenda items from the Technical Section-I, MoE have been received which are placed as Annexure-I to these minutes. It was decided that the comments will be considered while taking up the concerned agenda item.

At the outset, the Director extended a warm welcome to Dr. Kota Harinarayana, Chairman, Board of Governors. The Director also welcomed other members of Board of Governors.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman expressed pleasure on significant improvement in the NIRF ranking this year. He further added that this achievement reflected our collective dedication, hard work and commitment to excellence in all spheres of teaching, learning and research. The Chairman called upon the Institute to continue to build on this momentum and strive for even greater heights in future.

The Chairman asked the Secretary to discontinue the practice of circulating printed Agenda to the members. This small step shall contribute significantly in Institute's efforts towards sustainability by saving paper, manpower and other inputs required in printing and circulation.

Then the Agenda items were taken up for discussion.

**BoGResol.No.21.1**  
**Item No.21.1**

**CONSIDERED** ratification of the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.06.2024.

**RESOLVED** that in terms of BoG Resolution No. 8.1 dated 26.04.2019, the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.06.2024 placed at Appendix - 21.1-B of the Agenda approved by the Chairman, be ratified.

**BoGResol.No.21.2**  
**Item No.21.2**

**CONSIDERED** recording of the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.06.2024.

The members perused the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.06.2024.

**RESOLVED** that the Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.06.2024, placed at Appendix 21.2-A of the agenda, be approved and recorded.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Registrar & Secretary shall prepare a consolidated report on Action Taken on the last ten BoG meetings and circulate to all the members.

**BoGResol.No.21.3**  
**Item No.21.3**

**TO APPRISE** the Board regarding the DO letter No. 3-23/2012-TS.1(Pt.3) dated 21.08.2024 of Smt. Saumya Gupta, Joint Secretary (TE) & Secretary, Council of IITs, regarding extension of tenure of Dr. Kota Harinarayana as the Chairperson, Board of Governors of the Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi for a period of one year w.e.f. 25.08.2024.

**RESOLVED** that the aforementioned DO letter No. 3-23/2012-TS.1(Pt.3) dated 21.08.2024 of Smt. Saumya Gupta, Joint Secretary (TE) & Secretary, Council of IITs, as per Appendix-21.3-A of the Agenda, be recorded.

**BoGResol.No.21.4**  
**Item No.21.4**

**CONSIDERED** recording of the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25.06.2024 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 25.06.2024 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi, as per Appendix-21.4-A of the agenda, be recorded.

**BoGResol.No.21.5**  
**Item No.21.5**

**CONSIDERED** recording of the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> (Emergent) meeting of the Building and Works Committee, IIT (BHU) held on 14.08.2024 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> (Emergent) meeting of the Building and Works Committee, IIT (BHU) held on 14.08.2024 at IIT (BHU), Varanasi, as per Appendix-21.5-A of the agenda, be recorded.

**BoGResol.No.21.6**  
**Item No.21.6**

**CONSIDERED** ratification of the order of the Chairman approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed between the Ministry of Education and the Institute for the F.Y. 2024-25.

Members perused the draft MoU along with the relevant Annexures duly filled in all respect placed at Appendix-21.6-B of the Agenda.

**RESOLVED** that the order of the Chairman approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed between the Ministry of Education and the Institute for the F.Y. 2024-25, be ratified

**BoGResol.No.21.7**  
**Item No.21.7**

**CONSIDERED** recording of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by IIT (BHU) with Foreign Entities/ Institutions.

The members were informed that the Institute has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with following foreign Entity/ Institutions under the approval of the Director:

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Date of Signing</i>
1.	Embassy of Denmark	22.07.2024
2.	University of Copenhagen, Denmark	14.09.2024
3.	Trumio Inc, USA	27.09.2024

**RESOLVED** that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by IIT (BHU) with Foreign Entities/ Institution, as per Appendix-21.7-A of the Agenda, be approved and recorded.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Dean (R&D) shall undertake a review of MoUs signed with foreign entities/Institution and highlight actual outcomes in terms of joint projects, student faculty exchange etc.

**BoGResol.No.21.8**  
**Item No.21.8**

**A. CONSIDERED** ratification of the orders dated 14.06.2024, 11.07.2024, 16.07.2024, 18.07.2024, 19.07.2024, 22.07.2024, and 20.08.2024, of the Chairman, Board of Governors, approving the recommendations of Selection Committees for faculty positions in the Departments of Architecture, Planning and Design, Mathematical Sciences, Ceramic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, and Physics.

**RESOLVED** that the aforementioned orders dated 14.06.2024, 11.07.2024, 16.07.2024, 18.07.2024, 19.07.2024, 22.07.2024, and 20.08.2024, of the Chairman, Board of Governors, approving the recommendations of Selection Committees for faculty positions in the Departments of Architecture, Planning and Design, Mathematical Sciences, Ceramic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, and Physics, as noted in agenda note, be ratified.

**B. CONSIDERED** ratification of the orders dated 10.07.2024 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendations of the respective IFACs at its meetings held on 10.07.2024 regarding confirmation of services of faculty members of different

Departments/Schools.

**RESOLVED** that the aforementioned orders dated 10.07.2024 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendations of the respective IFACs at its meetings held on 10.07.2024 regarding confirmation of services of faculty members of different Departments/Schools, as noted in agenda note, be ratified.

**C. CONSIDERED** ratification of the orders dated 10.07.2024 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendations of the IFACs at its meetings held on 10.07.2024, regarding placement of Assistant Professors (Grade-I) from Pay Level 12 (pre-revised PB-3 with AGP of Rs. 8000/-) to Pay Level 13A1 (pre-revised PB-4 with AGP of Rs. 9000/-).

**RESOLVED** that the aforementioned orders dated 10.07.2024 of the Chairman, BoG approving the recommendations of the IFACs at its meetings held on 10.07.2024, regarding placement of Assistant Professors (Grade-I) from Pay Level 12 (pre-revised PB-3 with AGP of Rs. 8000/-) to Pay Level 13A1 (pre-revised PB-4 with AGP of Rs. 9000/-), as noted in agenda note, be ratified.

**D. CONSIDERED** ratification of the order of the Chairman, BoG regarding placement/promotion of various Group-A positions in various cadres of the Institute.

Members perused the minutes containing the recommendations of the Selection Committee and approval of the Chairman, BoG.

**RESOLVED** that the aforementioned order of the Chairman, BoG regarding placement/promotion of various Group-A positions in various cadres of the Institute, as noted in agenda note, be ratified.

**BoGResol.No.21.9**  
Item No.21.9

**CONSIDERED** recording of the status Special Recruitment Drive of Faculty Position in the Institute.

**RESOLVED** that the status of Special Recruitment Drive of Faculty Position in the Institute in compliance with D.O No. 33-2/2021-TS-III (Pt.I) dated 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 of the Secretary, Ministry of Education, as noted in the Agenda note, be recorded.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Recruitment on faculty positions be accelerated so as to achieve tangible targets by the end of March 2025 by conducting assessment of at least fifty faculty positions.

**BoGResol.No.21.10**  
Item No.21.10

**CONSIDERED** ratification of approval of the Chairman, BoG vide email dated 15.07.2024 for Board's Nominee for selection of Group- A level positions in Library Cadre in the Institute.

**RESOLVED** that the approval of the Chairman, BoG vide email dated 15.07.2024 for Board's Nominee for selection of Group- A level positions in Library Cadre in the Institute, be ratified.

**BoGResol.No.21.11**  
Item No.21.11

**CONSIDERED** ratification of the order of the Chairman, BoG approving the Annual Report of the Institute for the session 2023-24.

Members were informed that the Annual Report of the autonomous organizations

are required to be laid on the tables of both the Houses of Parliament by the first week of December.

**RESOLVED** that the order of the Chairman, BoG approving the Annual Report of the Institute for the session 2023-24, be ratified.

**BoGResol.No.21.12**  
Item No.21.12

**CONSIDERED** ratification of the order of the Chairman, BoG regarding approval for issuance of Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for constructions of Boys Hostel-I (S+7) and Dining Block (G+4 floor) and Girls Hostel-II (S+7) at IIT (BHU), Varanasi.

Members were informed that as per resolution no. 5.23 dated 26.06.2019 of Finance Committee, IIT(BHU), the delegation of financial powers in respect of Institute Works Department, IIT(BHU) vide sl. no. 1 is as follows:

Nature of Power	Designation of Competent Financial Authority/Officer	Powers
Administrative approval and expenditure sanction for major capital works to be executed by Public Works Organisations (PWOs)	BoG  Director & Chairman, B&WC	Above Rs. 5 Crore  Up to Rs. 5 Crore (From Rs. 50,00,001=00 up to Rs. 5 Crore to be reported in BoG meeting through B&WC)

Members were further informed that the Institute has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) in respect of seven infrastructure projects. CPWD has submitted preliminary estimates for the following two projects. The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Preliminary Estimate (only Building portion) (In Rs.)
A.	Construction of Boys Hostel-I (S+7) and Dining Block (G+4)	84,37,71,336/-
B.	Construction of Girls Hostel-II (S+7)	59,11,58,400/-

The Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA & ES) for the aforementioned projects, was approved by the Chairman, BoG, vide email dated 12.09.2024.

**RESOLVED** that the order of the Chairman, BoG regarding approval for issuance of Administrative Approval and Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES) for constructions of Boys Hostel-I (S+7) and Dining Block (G+4 floor) and Girls Hostel-II (S+7) at IIT (BHU), Varanasi, be ratified.

**BoGResol.No.21.13**  
Item No.21.13

**CONSIDERED** recording of order of the Director approving the recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotions of Non-Teaching Staff of the Institute under various non-faculty cadres.

**RESOLVED** that the order of the Director approving the recommendations of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for promotions of Non-Teaching Staff of the Institute under various non-faculty cadres, as per Appendix-21.13-A of the

Agenda, be approved & recorded.

**BoG Resol. No. 21.14**  
**Item No. 21.14**

**A. CONSIDERED** recording of the status of outstanding audit paras of the Institute.

Members were informed about the Status of Pending Audit Paras as under:

**(a) Status till AIR 2021-22 :**

The Finance Committee in its last meeting held on 25.06.2024 had recorded the status of pending audit paras till AIR 2021-2 as under :

S. No.	AIR No.	No. of unsettled draft paras	Date of reply sent from Institute	No. of settled para after sending reply	No. Outstanding Paras till date
1.	08/2016-17	10	14.08.2023	9	1
2.	92/2017-18	8	14.08.2023	Entirely settled	Nil
3.	17/2020-21	4	14.08.2023	3	1
4.	AIR 2020-21 to 2021-22	11	11.07.2023	Nil	11

The Institute is regularly approaching to the Office of the Principal Director of Audit (Central), Lucknow, Branch-Prayagraj for settlement of outstanding paras on priority.

**(b) Status of AIR 2022-23 :**

The AIR audit for the F.Y. 2022-23 was recently conducted in the Institute by Audit Team. A total sixteen (16) numbers of draft audit paras were raised. The reply of these paras have been compiled and sent to the Office of the Principal Director of Audit (Central), Lucknow, Branch-Prayagraj from Institute vide letter no. IIT (BHU)/IAW/Draft AIR/2024-25/7105, dated 22.07.2024 for perusal and settlement. Any response from Audit Office, in this regard is awaited.

**(c) Status of AIR 2023-24 :**

The AIR audit for the F.Y. 2023-24 is yet to be conducted by audit team.

**RESOLVED** status of outstanding audit paras of the Institute, be recorded.

**RESOLVED FURTHER** that the efforts be made by the Institute to settle the outstanding para expeditiously in consultation with the office of the CAG, UP.

**B. CONSIDERED** recording of the status of pending vigilance cases with the Institute till 25.09.2024.

Members noted that there were no pending vigilance cases with the Institute.

**RESOLVED** that the status of pending vigilance cases with the Institute till 25.09.2024, be recorded.

**BoG Resol. No. 21.15**  
**(With the permission of the Chair)**

**TO CONSIDER** utilizing the department wise list of experts for Faculty Recruitment in the Recruitment/Promotion in Group-A positions of Technical Cadre.

**RESOLVED** that the proposal of utilizing the department wise list of experts for Faculty Recruitment in the Recruitment/Promotion in Group-A positions of Technical Cadre, be approved.

**CONSIDERED** Finance Committee Resolution no. 19.11 dated 05.10.2024.

Members were informed that the Finance Committee considered the following resolutions of Senate of the Institute:

- (A) Resolution No.-45.24-B dated 06.09.2024 regarding Proposal for the disbursement of additional amount of TA ship/Fellowship to the Ph.D students.
- (B) Resolution No.-45.24-C dated 06.09.2024 regarding "Challenge Grant".
- (C) Resolution No.-45.24-D dated 06.09.2024 regarding guidelines for Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow.
- (D) Resolution No.-45.24-G dated 06.09.2024 regarding guidelines for consultancy projects/sponsored research projects.

**RESOLVED** that

- (A) The following resolution of the Senate (Resolution No. 45.24-B dated 06.09.2024) approving the recommendation of the Institute Advisory Committee regarding the proposal for disbursement of additional amount of TA ship/Fellowship to those Ph.D. students who have completed 5 years and have not completed the 6<sup>th</sup> year be approved and recorded:

*RESOLVED to engage such Ph.D. students for TA duty, Lab duty, training to newly admitted students etc. in lieu of this financial support for the 6<sup>th</sup> year. This may be called as "Earn to Learn" scheme. A fixed amount of Rs. 20,000/- p.m. shall be paid for a maximum period of one year or up to submission of thesis whichever is earlier. The Departments/Schools/Centers to provide their requirements before every semester to DoAA and seek application from prospective students and provisionally select the requisite number for final approval by an empowered committee of the Institute.*

*RESOLVED FURTHER that Principal Investigators may engage such students in Project as project assistant and provide financial support to Ph.D. students through their project funds. Once engaged in the project, such Ph.D. students will not get support under Earn to Learn scheme.*

- (B) The Guidelines for the Challenge Grant approved by the Senate vide resolution No. 45.24-C dated 06.09.2024, as per Appendix- 19.11-A of the Agenda, be approved and recorded.
- (C) The guidelines for Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow approved by the Senate vide resolution No. 45.24-D dated 06.09.2024, as per Appendix 19.11-B of the Agenda, be approved and recorded with the following modification in Section 1:  
The age-limit for IPDF applicants shall be preferably 35 years as on the

*deadline for IPDF application submission.*

*Further, this Guideline be reviewed after a period of two years regarding its functioning.*

**(D)** *The Guidelines for Consultancy Projects/ Sponsored Research Projects approved by the Senate vide resolution No. 45.24-G dated 06.09.2024, as per Appendix 19.11-C of the Agenda, be approved and recorded. These Guidelines shall come into force from the date of approval by the Board.*

**RESOLVED FURTHER** *that these resolutions be taken as confirmed and placed before the Board of Governors for consideration.*

*With the permission of the Chair, the Director informed the Finance Committee members that the Institute provides a seed grant of Rs. 10 lakhs to a new faculty as a support for establishing basic laboratory facilities and initiating foundational work for writing projects etc. This amount needs to be reviewed and enhanced suitably.*

**(A) RESOLVED** *that the amount of seed grant be enhanced to Rs. 25 lakhs with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. Further, if required, upto 20% i.e. Rs.5 lakhs could be considered for recurring expenses from OH-31 within the overall ceiling of Rs. 25 lakhs. All the existing modalities for sanction of seed grant shall continue to be followed as at present.*

**RESOLVED FURTHER** *that in deserving cases the Director be authorized to consider higher amounts of seed grant on case to case basis.*

The Board considered the aforementioned resolutions of the Finance Committee.

**RESOLVED** that the Finance Committee Resolution No. 19.11 dated 05.10.2024 be approved and recorded.

**BoG Resol. No. 21.17**  
**(With the permission**  
**of the Chair)**

The Secretary informed members that the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education vide letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 has requested to re-examine the proposed amendment in Statute 12(2) (xv) of the Statutes of IIT(BHU) Varanasi in the light of advice of the office of the Visitor, to have a clear distinction and to prevent any overlap between the responsibilities of Director and Chairman in the interest of institutional accountability and transparency.

Members were apprised that the following amendment in Clause 12 (2) (xv) of First Statutes of the Institute had been sent to the Ministry vide letter no. IIT (BHU)/GAD/3(55)/Statutes/Comm./4387 dated 26.04.2024 under approval dated 26.04.2024 of the Chairman, BoG which was subsequently ratified by the Board.

Existing Provision	Proposed Amendment
In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairman of Board of Governors by reason of death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairman being unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other	In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairman of Board of Governors by reason of death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairman being unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, the Director may discharge any or all the functions assigned to the Chairman under



cause, the Director may discharge any or all the functions assigned to the Chairman under Statute 10.	<p>Statute 10.</p> <p>Provided further that, the Visitor may nominate one of the Chairmen of the Institutes of National Importance (INIs), to discharge any or all the functions assigned to the Chairman under Statute 10 for a period of six months or appointment of a regular Chairman, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>Provided still further that, in case of expiry of tenure, the Visitor may extend the term of the incumbent Chairman for a period of six months or till appointment of regular Chairman, whichever is earlier.</p>
---	--

The issue was deliberated at length. Members were of the view that while ensuring clear distinction and to prevent any overlap between the responsibilities of Director and Chairman, it was also necessary to incorporate an interim provision lest a vacuum is created in the office of the Chairman while he is unable to discharge his functions owing to the reasons detailed in the Statutes.

**RESOLVED** that following amendment be proposed in Statute 12(2) (xv) of the Statutes of IIT(BHU) Varanasi and sent for consideration to the Ministry for further needful action:

*In the event of the occurrence of any vacancy in the office of the Chairman of Board of Governors by reason of expiry of tenure, death, resignation or otherwise or in the event of the Chairman being unable to discharge his functions owing to absence, illness or any other cause, one of the Chairmen of the Institutes of National Importance (INIs), as nominated by the Visitor, may discharge any or all the functions assigned to the Chairman under Statute 10 for a period of six months or appointment of regular Chairman, whichever is earlier. In case of expiry of tenure, the Visitor may extend the term of the incumbent Chairman for a period of six months or till appointment of regular chairman, whichever is earlier.*

*Provided that, till such time the approval of the Visitor is communicated nominating one of the Chairmen of the Institutes of National Importance (INIs) or extension of tenure of the incumbent Chairman, the Director may discharge any or all the functions assigned to the Chairman under Statute 10.*

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

(RAJAN SRIVASTAVA)  
SECRETARY

(AMIT PATRA)  
DIRECTOR

(KOTA HARINARAYANA)  
CHAIRMAN