



**Minutes of Twenty Seventh Meeting of Board of Governors**

<b>Date</b> : 20 <sup>th</sup> March, 2024
<b>Time</b> : 11:30 A.M.
<b>Venue</b> : DELNET, JNU, New Delhi

The 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIIT-Allahabad was held on 20.03.2024 from 11.30 AM in the DELNET Guest House, JNU Campus, New Delhi. The members in attendance were as follows:

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| <b>1. Dr. Anand Deshpande</b><br>Founder, CM and MD, Persistent System Pune  | - | <b>Chairman</b>  |
| <b>2. Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone</b><br>Director, IIIT Allahabad   | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>3. Sh. A.K. Pipal</b><br>Scientist G and Group Coordinator<br>Representing AS, MeitY, New Delhi                             | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>4. Prof. J. Ramkumar</b><br>Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering<br>Representing Director, IIT Kanpur                 | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>5. Prof. Arvind Choubey</b><br>Director, NIT Durgapur   | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>6. Prof. Anand Bulusu</b><br>Professor, Dept. of Electronics and Comm. Engg.<br>Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee      | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>7. Prof. Manindra Agrawal</b><br>Professor, Dept. of CSE<br>Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur                           | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>8. Sh. Ravi Ranjan (IAS)</b><br>Representing Additional Chief Secretary,<br>Dept. of IT & Electronics, Govt. of UP, Lucknow | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>9. Prof. Shekhar Verma</b><br>Professor, Deptt. of IT, IIIT Allahabad   | - | <b>Member</b>    |
| <b>10. Dr. Satish Kumar Singh</b><br>Registrar (Acting), IIIT Allahabad  | - | <b>Secretary</b> |

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Director IIM Lucknow, Sh. Rahul Singh Managing Director GAPL, and Prof. T. Lahiri could not attend the physical meeting due to their preoccupation and were granted Leave of Absence. The Joint Secretary (TE), MoE communicated the comments on the agenda item vide F.No. 45-3/2024-TS-I dated on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for consideration. These comments were placed on table by the Secretary before the Board of Governors.

Sh. O. P. Srivastava Joint Registrar (FA) was the Special Invitee for Agenda Item No 27.07, 27.09, and 27.10 and Dr. Pavan Kumar Saini, Joint Registrar (Establishment) was the Special Invitee for Agenda Item No 27.05, 27.06, 27.08, and 27.11.

The meeting started with the welcome address of the Director IIIT Allahabad, and various agenda items were considered by the BoG, one after the other, with the permission of Chair.

<b>Item no. 27.01</b>	<b>To get apprised of the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 14.08.2023</b>
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**R. No. B-27.01:** The members NOTED and RECEIVED the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 14.08.2023 which were already approved by the Board by "way of circulation." The Secretary informed that the signed minutes are already uploaded on the Institute's website.

<b>Item no. 27.02</b>	<b>To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 14.08.2023</b>
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**R. No. B-27.02:** The Board RECEIVED the ATR on the Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> BoG Meeting held on 14.08.2023. The BoG ADVISED the Director IIIT Allahabad to expedite the execution on some of the resolutions of the BoG, which are still pending, such as completing the process of nomination of the Deans against the FIVE BoG-approved port folios, post their 'Roles and Responsibilities' also approved by the BoG in its subsequent meetings, establishing the 'Annual Performance Appraisal' system, with its articulated format, and implementing it for faculty & staff, nominations and on-boarding of external experts on the Senate, changing titles of 'faculty I/Cs' to 'Officers' for important Institute-level port folios, etc.

<b>Item no.</b>	<b>To get apprised of the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting</b>
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<b>27.03</b>	<b>(Convocation Specific)of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 09.09.2023</b>
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**R. No. B-27.03:** The members NOTED and RECEIVED the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting (Convocation Specific) of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 09.09.2023 which were already approved by the Board by "way of circulation." The branch-wise graduands and medal and certificate awardees of various UG, PG and PhD programs, as per lists approved by the BoG received the degrees and accolades in the Convocation Ceremony, held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The Secretary informed that the signed minutes are already uploaded on the Institute's website.

<b>Item no. 27.04</b>	<b>To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting (Convocation Specific) of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 09.09.2023</b>
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**R. No. B-27.04:** The Board RECEIVED the ATR on the Minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> Special BoG Meeting (Convocation Specific) held on 09.09.2023.

<b>Item no. 27.05</b>	<b>To get apprised of the Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 17.11.2023</b>
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**R. No. B-27.05:** The members RECEIVED the Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 17.11.2023, which were already APPROVED by the BoG, by way of circulation, under the provisions of IIIT Statutes, and already confirmed by the Chairperson BoG on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023, along with various relevant documents. The BoG RATIFIED the signed minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> Special BoG meeting.

Item no. 27.06	To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 26 <sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 17.11.2023
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**R. No. B-27.06:** The Board RECEIVED the ATR on the Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Special BoG Meeting held on 17.11.2023 and ADVISED the institute to initiate the faculty selection process on the 15 vacant positions of Assistant Professor, out of the total 109 earlier sanctioned positions of faculty for IIITA.

The BoG further ADVISED the Director to communicate the external experts, who were nominated by the BoG in its 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting on the Senate of the Institute, immediately about their nominations and on-boarding.

Item no. 27.07	To get apprised on the proceedings of the Committee constituted vide Office Order No. IIIT-A/RO/035/2024 dated 24.01.2024 in compliance with the orders of Hon. High Court, Allahabad in W.P. No. Writ (C) No. 40309 of 2023, to examine the appeal of Mr. Mayank Verma (Enroll No. IMB2022042) and Mr. Rajeev Kumar (Enroll No. IMB2022045), against the decision of Proctorial Board and Senate regarding violation of the student's code of the conduct
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**R. No. B-27.07:** The recommendation of three-member sub-committee consisting of,

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| 1) | <b>[Confidential]</b> | , External Members of BoG | - Chairperson         |
| 2) | <b>[Confidential]</b> | , Internal Members of BoG | - Member              |
| 3) | <b>[Confidential]</b> | , OIC Legal               | - Member and Convener |

is as reproduced hereunder:

*"That the appeal of the students for declaring their result of 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester (C-3) may be considered by the BoG. It will be subject to leave of the Hon'ble High Court. The petitioner may be informed about the decision of the appellate authority. The Decision of the appellate authority i.e.BoG IIITA may immediately be placed before SENATE in compliance to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court."*

The report of the Sub-committee and the recommendation in particular, as above, were ACCEPTED by the BoG of IIIT Allahabad.

Item no. 27.08	To consider and approve the reorganized new distribution of Posts of Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor as per SFR = 12:1, with adherence to the CEI 2019 Act and relevant Gol norms
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**R. No. B-27.08-(A):** The BoG APPROVED the following distribution of the faculty positions:

S.No	Total Posts	Assistant Professor	Associate Professor	Professor	Created Under Rule / Clause
1	109	63	28	18	Created through various sanction letters from MHRD till 2009
2	116	32	32	52	Created through the resolution of the BoG vide R. No. B-26.03 of 26 <sup>th</sup> BoG meeting held on 17.11.2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>	

**R. No. B-27.08-(B):** The BoG further RESOLVED to mandate the Institute on articulating and adhering to the reservation roster cadre-wise i.e. Assistant Professor Grade (I), Assistant Professors Grade (II) Associate Professor, and Professor levels as per relevant G.O.I rules and CEI Act 2019.

However to honor the true spirit of Flexi Faculty cadre structure as applicable to IIIT Allahabad, the BoG further APPROVED to empower the Director to review and redefine the number of faculty positions at each grade/level with the prior approval of the BoG, time to time, so that updated reservation roster shall be prepared for such changed numbers and adhered to by the Institute, before initiation of each iteration of faculty recruitments.

The BoG further APPROVED to empower the Director to study the concerned practices of other CF-IIITs and adopt them amicably for smooth conduct of prospective rounds of recruitments.

**R. No. B-27.08-(C):** The BoG further suggested that the Schedule (E) of the NIT Act be studied in breadth and depth by the Institute's administration towards its possible adoption at appropriate levels.

**R. No. B-27.08-(D):** The BoG further ADVISED the Director to proceed for recruitment rounds in multiple phases by considering the newly created faculty positions, in coordination with the Ministry and other statutory authorities.

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Item no. 27.09	To consider and approve the opening of the SBI FCRA Bank Account
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**R. No. B-27.09-(A):** The BoG APPROVED to go ahead with the formalities required for opening of FCRA Account and the resolution may be submitted to SBI towards enabling the FCRA account opening.

**R. No. B-27.09-(C):** The BoG RESOLVED that the Institute shall report the grants received in FCRA account along with the expenditure incurred therein, to the BoG from time to time.

**R. No. B-27.09-(B):** The BoG RESOLVED to initiate the formation of the Alumni Foundation/Association of IIIT Allahabad as its Section-8 Company with appropriate MoA and MoU duly approved by the BoG.

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## ITEMS FOR REPORTING/RATIFICATION

<b>Item no. 27.10</b>	<b>Ratification of the (i) items already approved through circulation, (ii) the Minutes of Meetings of other statutory bodies of the Institute and (iii) a few other issues:</b>
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**R. No. B-27.10-(A):** The BoG noted, and ratified following items already approved through circulation:

- a) Annual Report for the F.Y. 2022-23, which was already approved through circulation on 16.11.2023,
- b) NEP Ordinance for B.Tech, MTech, and MBA Programs (as the amendments of prevailing respective CCLCAA Ordinances) at IIIT Allahabad already approved through circulation on 28.12.2023
- c) The 'Functions, Duties, and Responsibilities of Deans at IIITA approved by way of circulation.
- d) The Minutes of the 26<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting held on 07.08.2023
- e) The Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting of Senate held on 22.01.2024
- f) The Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Building Works Committee held on 08.01.2024
- g) The Director IIIT Allahabad informed the BoG that all CFTI IIITs Director's held at IIITA, on 9th March 2024, and various items were discussed and were agreed upon. The minutes are under preparation and could not be finalized till the current BoG meeting.

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<b>Item no.</b>	<b>To apprise the present statistics of Teaching &amp; Non-Teaching</b>
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27.11	Positions
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**R. No. B-27.11:** The Board NOTED the statistics of teaching and non-Teaching positions.

Item no. 27.12	To apprise about the Legal Issues (Court Cases) of the Institute
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**R. No. B-27.12:** The Board TOOK A NOTE of all and further advised to minimize the litigations as early as possible.

Item no.	Any other item with the permission of the Chair
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With the permission of the Chairperson BoG the following four items viz. SI, SII, SIII, and SIV (annexed herewith), were taken up by the BoG.

The BoG was informed about the two recent FIRs vide FIR No. 0035 and FIR No. 0029 logged u/s 154 Cr.P.C. through **Agenda 27.13.SI and 27.13.SII.**

FIR No. 0035: The 6<sup>th</sup> Inter IIITs Sports Meet 2024 was organized at IIIT Allahabad from 9-12 March 2024, where 21 IIITs participated from all over the country. On 9<sup>th</sup> March around 02:20 P.M. one of the participants from IIITDM Jabalpur was injured in his right thigh with a deep wound and was taken to the Swaroop Rani Medical College Prayagraj, where the doctors reportedly said it was a bullet injury. The matter was reported to the Prayagraj Airport Police Station on 10.03.2024 and the Police have registered the First Information Report u/s 154 Cr.P.C. vide FIR No. 0035

FIR No. 0029: On 14.01.2024, an email was received by Mr. Joginder alias Deep Prakash regarding concocted allegations against IIIT Allahabad and Ministry. In the above email, many baseless allegations regarding irregularities, etc. were mentioned without any proof. Mr. Joginder has also mentioned objectionable, indecent, and appropriate remarks against lady teachers and senior authorities/officers. The matter was reported to the Prayagraj Airport Police Station on 29.02.2024 and the Police have registered the First Information Report u/s 154 Cr.P.C. vide FIR No. 0029.

The BoG perused the same.

Additional **Agenda Item SIII** was related to increasing the number of PhD fellowships per faculty across various departments of IIIT Allahabad. After hearing to the submission by Prof. Shekhar Verma, the Board decided as follows:

**R. No. B-27.13.SIII:** On the issue of increasing the number of PhD positions (per faculty) with fellowships from Ministry's Block grant, under appropriate head of expenditure, the BoG DECIDED to defer the item and advised to put-up the same, with more details, in the next meeting.

Additional **Agenda Item SIV** was related to the reduction of tuition fees for various PG and PhD programs, on par with other Institutes of National Importance. After hearing to the Director on such parallel fee structures in other CFTIs, and with an intent to attract

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the better-quality candidates, with larger numbers, to the PG and Research programs, the BoG decided as follows:

**R. No. B-27.13.SIV:** On the issue of reducing the tuition fees for PG and PhD programs, the BoG, in-principle, APPROVED to reduce the semester fees for M.Tech and PhD students of IIIT Allahabad, and to make them consistent with the other CFTI IIITs. The reduction in fee with the new fee structure for M.Tech and PhD students shall be routed through Finance Committee of the Institute.

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The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to respected members and Hon'ble Chairman.

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