

**MINUTES OF THE  
TWENTY SECOND (22<sup>ND</sup>) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
HELD ON MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012**

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The twenty second (22<sup>nd</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on Friday, 20.04.2012 at 11.00 am at COEP and the following members were present.

1.	Dr. F. C. Kohli	Chairman
2.	Mr. Pratap Pawar	Member
3.	Mr. Atul Kirloskar	Member
4.	Dr. W.N. Gade	Member
5.	Mrs. Kanta Batra	Member
6.	Prof. A. D. Sahasrabudhe	Member – Secretary
7.	Prof. B.B. Ahuja	Member
8.	Prof. B.N. Chaudhari	Member
9.	Dr. S. G. Dhande	Invitee
10.	Commodore Anand Khandekar	Invitee
11.	Dr. G.B. Pant	Invitee
12.	Prof. (Mrs.) M.A. Joshi	Invitee
13.	Prof. S. D. Agashe	Invitee
14.	Prof. S. T. Vagge	Invitee
15.	Prof. B.G. Birajdar	Invitee
16.	Prof. M.S. Sutaone	Invitee
17.	Prof. M.J. Rathod	Invitee

Mr. Sanjay Kumar and Mr. Maitreya Doshi could not attend the meeting owing to their prior commitments and were granted leave of absence.

Dr. Kohli welcomed all the members.

Before taking up other agenda items, the Board decided to have presentations by Ms. Aditi Khanvelkar, Architect from M/S. Abha Narain Lamba & Associates, Mr. Abizar and Mr. Sathe, from M/S. Christopher Charles Benninger Architects Pvt. Ltd., and Mr. Madhav Pol from M/S. Joshi & Pol Associates.

Ms. Aditi was requested to report on the progress made on restoration of the Heritage building.

**Presentation by Ms. Aditi**

Ms. Aditi through her presentation informed the Board that restoration work of the main building was complete with the structural vulnerable areas being fully restored. She mentioned that Architect Mr. Miklo Corner, a stone specialist from UK was invited to COEP to study the deterioration of stone work and that with his advice corrective measures were taken to rectify pointing work. She said that M/S. Savani Constructions have executed the work with great finesse and detail and that they as architects have taken adequate care in ensuring quality restoration. She gave an account of the work undertaken while ensuring its completion.

The Board appreciated the work done and requested Ms. Aditi to provide a maintenance manual to preserve the building for posterity and decided that hereafter no alterations be done to the building without the prior approval of the Board.

While citing example of Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, as one of the best heritage academic buildings in the country, the Board also decided that the institutes' main building should have least offices and be used for academic activity to minimize maintenance issues in future and adequate staff be appointed for its maintenance.

The Board also decided to have the restored building filmed and that its pictures be sent to the alumni to draw alumni closer to institute.

Ms. Aditi left thereafter.

Mr. Abizar from M/S. Christopher Charles Benninger's office was requested to report on the progress made on Academic complex building and Girls hostel.

#### **Presentation by Mr. Abizar**

Mr. Abizar informed the Board that the academic complex building is structurally complete and minor finishing works are pending. The building was expected to be complete in a month's time. The girls hostel is also progressing well and would be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

The Board decided that during the next meeting they would undertake tour of the academic complex and the girls hostel.

Thereafter Prof. Birajdar informed the Board about the 3 proposed flyovers by Pune Municipal Corporation, which would be built bisecting the institute and going close to class rooms of the metallurgy department and the existing library building, causing vehicular sound and air pollution and making it difficult for the college to function. Prof. Birajdar presented an alternative to the Board through an animated clip of underpasses - to and from the college towards Mumbai and RTO respectively and a flyover from Mumbai towards Sancheti hospital all of which would be signal free, and also ease vehicular movement, catering to double the existing vehicle capacity in future. Prof. Birajdar mentioned that with the underpass for vehicular movement the institute's north and south parcel could be easily connected with a walking plaza making it convenient for both the college and the citizens.

The Board appreciated the proposed solution by Prof. Birajdar and resolved to write to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra seeking his help in solving the traffic issues at COEP junction.

Mr. Abizar and his colleagues left thereafter.

The Board then decided to have a presentation by Mr. Madhav Pol of M/S. Joshi & Pol Associates.



### **Presentation by Mr. Madhav Pol:**

Mr. Pol presented to the Board provisional balance sheet for the FY 2011-12 with a comparison of last three financial years. He explained that in the last FY 2011-12, the expenditure had gone up owing to expenses to the extent of Rs. 6 crores incurred on restoration of heritage main building and also on account of increased taxes paid to Pune Municipal Corporation for renting out the ground. On the income side he said grants during the FY 2011-12 were to the tune of Rs. 22 crores and the total receipts were about Rs. 50 crores.

Mr. Pol said that the final balance sheet would reflect the interest accrued from deposits with the banks as the banks had yet to issue interest accrued certificate to the institute.

On being queried by the Board about the satisfaction of maintaining the accounts, Mr. Pol informed the Board that he was satisfied with the accounting procedures. However there is scope for improvement in the processes and procedures involved to reach 100% mark. The Board expressed concern and stressed that no compromise be made as far as accounts are concerned.

The Board was also informed about Mr. Pawar's efforts in purchasing CISCO switches for the hostel at a price of Rs. 96 lakhs, the original tender price being Rs. 2.14 crores, resulting in a saving of Rs. 1.18 crore to the institute. Mr. Pawar also helped in negotiations for purchase of Ferrography machine under TEQIP at a discounted price of Rs. 51 lakhs, the initial tender price being Rs. 1 crore. The Board was appreciative of Mr. Pawar's efforts in negotiations and applauded his services to the college.

The agenda items for the day were taken up thereafter:

**Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 24.10.2011**

The Director informed the Board that the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Board were circulated to all the members and that no comments were received from any of the members.

The Board **CONSIDERED** the Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 24.10.2011 as confirmed.

**R-22/1/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Twenty first meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute held on 24.10.2011 be **CONFIRMED** as enclosed (**APPENDIX – 1**).

**Item No. 2: Actions taken on the decisions of the twenty first meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24.10.2011**

**2.1 Presentation about status of renovation of heritage building:**

The Board noted the same.

**2.2 Progress on the construction of Girls Hostel and Academic complex:**

The Board noted the same.

**2.3 Consultancy services for raising the level of institutes with potential for excellence:**

The Board while appreciating that Cummins College has come forward to receive help from COEP for raising their level, once again stressed the need for providing consultancy to potential, top 50-60 colleges in the country to help them raise their standards of academics to produce world class engineers.

Dr. Kohli felt that the experience of transformation of COEP be shared, and that the institute should support other top notch institutes in the country to achieve academic excellence.

Dr. Kohli felt that COEP must embark on brand building exercise and proper marketing strategies need to be evolved to be able to reach out to many more aspiring institutes.

**2.4 Progress of Bhau Institute of Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Leadership (BIEL):**

The work has not started on account of two major hurdles. First one is about permission for cutting a few trees in the site earmarked for construction of Bhau institute building and replanting a few trees at other place and the second one is about leaving a large green belt from the river.

The permission for tree cutting from High Court in Mumbai is awaited. The Board while noting the same felt that new trees that need to be planted be flowering trees. The Board was informed that permission was shortly expected from the Mumbai High Court as also from the Pune Municipal Corporation to commence work on BIEL building with reduced width of green belt to accommodate the building within available space.

Dr. Dhande informed the Board that during his days as a student at COEP, during 1965-69, when Dr. Ogale was the Principal, COEP had visiting Professors from the USA to teach COEP students and summer schools were organized for faculty of COEP, during that period. But, with the untimely death of Prof. Ogale most of COEP's surging glory was lost thereafter.

Dr. Dhande mentioned that time has come when COEP will have to adopt multi-locational functioning with no vacant land being available in the vicinity.

Mr. Pawar informed the Board that 13 acre land at Balewadi belonging to Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education (MSBTE), lying idle, can be made available to COEP and that he would speak to the Education Minister, Shri Rajesh Tope,



who is also the Chairman of MSBTE to transfer this land to COEP.

The Board appreciated Mr. Pawar's gesture in getting additional government land for COEP.

**2.5 Appointment of Physical Training Director:**

The Board noted and approved the same. Prof. Dhande mentioned that College of Engineering, Pune should work a proposal with the State Government, to legislate a state act on the lines of IIT act which will not only convert College of Engineering, Pune into

**2.6 Transfer of staff and faculty of College of Engineering, Pune to other colleges and vice-versa:**

The Board was informed that the Govt. of Maharashtra was intending to fill vacant posts through Maharashtra Public Service Commission.

The Board decided once again to write to the government not to transfer faculty and employees from COEP to other institutes and vice-versa since they have been trained to deliver in the autonomous set-up wherein particularly each faculty is asked to build their own resource material based on ever evolving curriculum. Such transfer would only affect the students at COEP.

The Board also felt that autonomy would be purposeful only if it is empowered to fill vacant faculty positions as was done in the past.

**2.7 Application for State University Status:**

The Board was informed about an application being already sent to the state Government for granting a status of University to COEP.

Prof. Dhande mentioned that College of Engineering, Pune should work out a proposal with the State Government, to legislate a state act on the lines of IIT act which will not only convert College of Engineering, Pune into a university, but will also get empowered to recruit its own faculty based on vacancies.

**2.8 Innovation Program by UNIKEN-CIIE IIM Ahmedabad:**

The Board noted the same.

**2.9 Performance based incentive to COEP faculty:**

The Board noted the same.

**2.10 Regularisation of Extra-ordinary Leave to Mr. C.T. Kunjir:**

The Board noted the same.

**2.11 Disciplinary action against Prof. Raval:**  
The Board noted the same.

**2.12 Repairs to subway:**  
The Board noted the same.

**R-22/2(a)/2012:** The Board **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the actions taken on the decisions of the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board held on **24.10.2011** as stated above.

**R-22/2(b)/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to pursue matter with the state Government and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra in having underpass for vehicular movement through COEP rather than having flyovers.

**R-22/2(c)/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to embark on brand building exercise and evolve appropriate marketing strategies to be able to reach out to many more aspiring institutes in the country and offer consultancy services through Centre for Promoting Academic Excellence to help them raise their standards and turn them into world class institutes.

**R-22/2(d)/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to write to Minister of Higher and Technical Education, M.S., requesting him to transfer MSBTE's 13 acre land lying vacant at Balewadi to COEP, for expansion of COEP's activities.

**R-22/2(e)/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Ms. Amruta Deshpande as Physical Director, on a consolidated salary of Rs. 25000/- p.m.

**R-22/2(f)/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to write to Govt. of Maharashtra to allow it to continue to fill vacant faculty positions as also not to effect transfers of faculty and staff of COEP to other govt. institutes and vice versa.

**Item No. 3: Progress on the construction of Girls hostel and Academic complex building:**

The item was taken up prior to the discussion of the agenda items.

**R-22/3/2012:** The Board noted the progress of construction work of two buildings.

**Item No. 4: Budget for Financial year 2012- 2013:**

The item was taken up prior to the discussion of the agenda items.

**R-22/4/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to follow best accounting practices to ensure fullproof system.



**Item No. 5: Continuation of appointment of Dr. Pradeep Waychal:**

The Board approved the continuation of Dr. Waychal and opined that he must be asked to take new courses and add value to the curriculum in the Computer Engineering/IT department.

**R-22/5/2012:** The Board **APPROVED** the continuation of Dr. Pradeep Waychal in the Computer Engineering/IT department.

**Item No. 6: Status of COEP Land occupied by slum:**

The Board deliberated on various options suggested by the advocate Anturkar. Mr. Pawar informed the Board that there are approximately 1200 tenements in the area occupied by slum dwellers and as per the slum rehabilitation act, each slum dweller needs to be provided with 300 sq.ft. constructed area. According to SRA act, an FSI of three would be available. If a developer is engaged for the development of this land under SRA, slum dwellers may have to be accommodated in one FSI, developer would seek one F.S.I for himself, in which case COEP is likely to get about 1 lakh sq.ft. of constructed area free of cost at its disposal, with a separate entrance and boundary. The Board felt that this land has been unutilized for about three decades and hence through SRA, at least it could salvage some portion of the land which can be put to purposeful use in short time.

The Board accepted this option and decided to request Mr. Pawar and Mr. Kirloskar to look into this possibility, which may be placed before the Board for its consideration.

The Board was also apprised of the attempt by the judicial department to establish Vahivat of the judicial department on the land owned by COEP adjoining the Mechanical Engineering Drawing Hall, which shares a common boundary wall between COEP and Pune District Judge's residence. The Board decided that the case be filed in the Mumbai High Court seeking justice as the land rightfully belonged to COEP.

**R-22/6(a)/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to develop the land belonging to COEP on Plot No. 65 presently occupied by slum dwellers through a developer and get maximum possible free constructed area, with separate entrance and boundary for its use.

**R-22/6(b)/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to file a writ petition through Advocate Anturkar in the Mumbai High Court seeking justice for protection of COEP's land from encroachment by the Judiciary Department for COEP's own development.

**Item No. 7: Presentation for setting up of Centers of Excellence in TEQIP phase-II:**

The Board approved the procurement plan and equipment worth Rs 6 crores under TEQIP-II and accepted the proposal for applying for three Centers of Excellence under TEQIP-II and felt that the COE in Signal Processing be more broad based.

**R-22/7/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the procurement plan worth Rs 6 crores and to submit proposals for three Centers of Excellence each in the area of Energy, Digital Signal Processing and Nanomanufacturing and Futuristic Materials under TEQIP- II for competitive bidding.

**Item No. 8: Confirmation of Faculty who have completed 2 years of satisfactory service:**

The Board noted the performance of all faculty members who were recruited and completed two years of service and probation period. The Board appreciated the performance of the faculty and confirmed their appointments. However the Board felt that performance being the criteria, faculty be reviewed every five years and that a human resources policy be put in place each for faculty, clerical/ministerial staff. The Board opined that faculty/staff be rewarded with incentives based on their performance.

The Board was also informed of Mr. Pawar's efforts in getting released VI pay arrears of faculty by interacting with the Government. The Board was appreciative of Mr. Pawar's concern and dedication.

**R-22/8/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to confirm faculty who have completed 2 years service.

**Item No. 9: Travelling Allowance and Dearness Allowance Rules:**

The Director informed the Board that as actual costs of traveling and lodging/boarding had gone up and since the Govt. of Maharashtra was not reimbursing travelling and dearness allowance bills of faculty/staff any longer (institute being autonomous), the rules as recommended by the institute be adopted by the Board. The Board after deliberations approved the same.

**R-22/9/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve the revised Travelling and Dearness Allowance rules for faculty/staff of COEP with immediate effect.

**Item No. 10: Supplementary bill of Maharashtra State Electricity Board:**

The Board while approving the payment of supplementary bill being the arrears for difference between commercial and residential rates advised that a note of protest be sent for charging from retrospective effect.



**R-22/10/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to pay the supplementary bill to MSEB under protest.

**Item No. 11: Medical Insurance and health check up of employees:**

The Director requested the Board that institute be permitted to negotiate with Insurance companies to get the best possible coverage for employees and their families and half the amount of premium be borne by the employees and balance be paid by the institute. Similarly, he mentioned that there have been several cases of faculty and staff suffering from heart attacks in the recent past. A routine medical check-up of all employees be made annually and 50% of the fee be borne by the institute as reimbursement.

The Board approved the same.

**R-22/11/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to approve 50% of the premium towards employees medical insurance and also 50% towards their medical check up each year from the institute funds.

**Item No. 12: Study Leave to Mr. S.V. Wagh, Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering:**

The Board approved the study leave of Mr. S.V. Wagh for three years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. The Director informed the Board that a five year bond will be taken from him to serve the institute from the date of completion of his Ph.D work.

**R-22/12/2012:** The Board **APPROVED** grant of study leave to Mr. S.V. Wagh for a period of three years w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 for completing his Ph.D.

**Item No. 13: Options from faculty and future recruitment by MPSC:**

The Director informed the Board of Government's decision that options will be exercised from amongst all MPSC selected faculty members in all Government Colleges and based on the choice of employees and the vacancies existing in different institutes, there would be transfer of employees.

The Board felt that we represent the case to the Government with a request that in last 6-7 years we have taken pains to train our faculty, upgrade their qualifications and hence all of them should be retained in COEP and for any other faculty from other Government institutes wishing to come to COEP, the institute would interview the candidates and if found suitable, permit transfer with the approval of the Board.

The Board also felt that since the institute had shown results in achieving academic excellence and done the Govt. of Maharashtra proud, the Board be permitted to continue to fill vacant faculty posts as is being done so far.

**R-22/13/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to appeal to the Govt. of Maharashtra that institute be permitted to continue to fill vacant faculty positions, because COEP has shown excellent results in the last 6-7 years through autonomy. Govt. appointed faculty be transferred to COEP only if they qualify through the interviews conducted by the Institute.

**Item No. 14: Fund raising for COEP Projects:**

Institute does need lot of funds to the tune of Rs 400 – 500 crores to meet all the requirements for future growth based on vision of the institute and the Master Plan prepared by Christopher Charles Benninger Architect (CCBA). Board felt the need to raise funds for its various projects from the alumni and the like minded. The Board also felt that though it is important for the development and growth of institute to raise funds through donations, a well formulated naming policy should be in place.

Board suggested that institute should prioritize its needs; and requirements be categorized into two categories viz., infrastructure (buildings) and academic (laboratory equipment, Chair professor etc) with indicative cost for each item of the wish list, and request alumni, industry and well wishers to support initiatives of their choices.

The board then suggested that we may explore any other possible avenues to raise funds for the development of the institute.

**R-22/14/2012:** The Board **RESOLVED** to raise donations for its growth and development projects on the basis of the Master Plan, as also to have a naming policy in place for individual/group of donors.

**Item No. 15: Items for reporting to the Board**

a) **23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**  
The Board noted the same.

b) **Ph.D. status of faculty recruited with conditional appointments:**

The Board was informed that while all faculty who were given conditional appointments have either completed their Ph. Ds or are on the verge of completion except Mrs. Iyer and Mr. Gosavi who could not register for Ph D because of changed rules for registration of Ph D. and certain personal problems. Further, the post (i.e. Assistant Professor in 6<sup>th</sup> pay/ Lecturer in 5<sup>th</sup> pay) held by them is at the entry level and does not entail requirements of a Ph. D degree. Hence, it was requested to waive this condition and they would be considered for higher post or scale only after they complete their Ph. D.

The Board accepted the same.



**c) Faculty deputed for training / participation in conferences abroad:**

The Board noted the same.

**d) MoUs with Academia/Industry:**

The Board was informed about various MOUs signed by the institute. It was also informed that with the increased research activities in the institute, there was a need for facilitating the faculty in filing patents. The institute has identified a reputed firm M/S. R.K. Dewan & Co, a Pune based organization for filing patents on behalf of COEP..

Institute be permitted to have tie-up with M/S. R.K. Dewan & Co, as COEP attorneys for filing patents.

The Board noted and approved the same.

**e) Director Vehicle Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), Ahmednagar, Ministry of Defence, have appreciated and placed on record contributions made by Dr. S.K. Basu, Dr. B. Rajiv, Dr. M.D. Jaybhaye and Dr. B.U. Sonawane of Production Engineering Department in assessing the System Reliability of Launcher Vehicle – “Agni IV Missile” which was successfully launched by the Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India.**

The Board noted the same.

**f) Budget Committee of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, visited the institute on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 to ascertain the progress made by the institute after receiving autonomy, and understand the hardships/difficulties faced by the institute in its functioning. They have applauded the progress of COEP and assured help for COEP for its impending issues.**

The Board noted the same.

**g) The institute received a letter from DTE for starting of additional divisions of B.Tech in Civil, Mechanical, Electrical/Electronics (60 students each as per AICTE norms) exclusively for minority students in second shift (evening full time second shift courses). On discussions with the Chairman Board of Governors, Dr. F. C. Kohli, Shri Pratap Pawar, Prof. B. S. Sonde, and representative sample of faculty and students, it was decided that shift work is not conducive, rather detrimental to the institute for various reasons and accordingly the proposal was declined and communicated to the Director of Technical Education, Mumbai.**

Based on all these inputs, a letter has been sent to the Director of Technical Education.

The Board noted the same.

- h) World Bank has acknowledged COEP as a role model for good institutional and state governance, that are key instruments for higher quality of technical education.

MHRD/NPIU and the World Bank are rolling out a program to enhance the effectiveness of the governing bodies of supported institutions. They have constituted an expert group comprising of national and international governance experts, notably Prof. Anandakrishnan, Prof. Natarajan, Mr. Ramadorai (former TCS), and Jannette Cheong (international consultant on governance and capacity building) and Sir Andrew Cubie (international consultant on governance). Further, they have teamed up with IIT Kanpur through Prof. Dhande for a full design and rolling out this program.

World Bank has prepared a draft set of guidelines for the roles and responsibilities of effective governing body for technical education institutions.

Notably, they have requested that they would be very interested to work with COEP, and the Chairman of the COEP Board or another senior board member to review the guidelines and evaluate how appropriate the good governance guidelines are to COEP's board.

Through COEPs experience and association, MHRD/NPIU and the World Bank would like to: (i) train a number of governance facilitators that conduct seminars on good governance for board members and directors, and (ii) test the relevance of the guidelines through application to a few institutions.

The Board noted the same.

- i) COEP is going to conduct one-credit course introducing a focused module on intellectual property (IP) for its M.Tech students, as a part of their curriculum in the course, wherein adjunct faculty experts from IBM India will interact with students.

IBM will also be conducting a faculty enablement programme for teachers at COEP so that they can deliver educational module to students that emphasizes on the need to protect intellectual property and means to register it.

This important announcement was made at a one-day intellectual property rights (IPR) awareness workshop organised by COEP along with IBM India and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on March 31 on COEP campus in the city.

This association will help leverage building synergy between organisations, trade associations and IPR cells of educational organisations in order to help inculcate the best practices of



protecting IP early in the careers of researchers and entrepreneurs.

The Board noted the same.

- j) **Prof. G.V. Parishwad** is invited to deliver an Expert Lecture on "Energy in India" at International Summer University (ISU) at **Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences Braunschweig**, Wolfenbittel, **Germany** on **May 12, 2012**. Other Guest Speakers for this summer school are from Purdue Univ, USA, Arcada, Finland, and other European Countries.

In addition to Prof. G.V. Parishwad, It is decided by the Director that this year following faculty will go to Ostfalia University of Applied Sciences Braunschweig, Wolfenbittel, Germany under DDAD exchange programme, as per the details given below:

1. Prof. M.S. Sutaone, Professor and Head Electronics and Telecommunication will visit the Ostfalia University for one week in May 2012 under DAAD Faculty Exchange program.
2. Prof. S.S. Dambhare Professor from Electrical Engineering Department and Dr. C.M Sevatkar Assistant Professor from Mechanical Engineering Department will attend the International Summer University 2012 during May 8-19, 2012 under Faculty Development Program through TEQIP Funding.

Student Exchange under DAAD Germany Academic Exchange Program:

At present three final year students are at **University of Applied Sciences Braunschweig**, Wolfenbittel, **Germany** for the period January to June 2012 two of them under DAAD expenses and third one under Self Sponsored mode but with some Research assistance from Ostfalia University.

1. Mr. Kanad Saha                      B.Tech. (Mechanical Engg.)
2. Ms. Kinnari K. Takavale        B.Tech. (Production Engg.)

3. Mr. Neeraj Joshi                    B.Tech. (Mechanical Engg.)

For next Semester July to December 2012, two Girl students from Mechanical Engineering discipline are coming from Germany to study at COEP.

1. Ms. Lena KASPEREIT and
2. Ms. Stephanie Lehnhoff

The Board approved the same.

- k) Prof. G.V. Parishwad's Ph.D. Student Mr. Harish Tiwari working on "**Design and Development of 1 TR Vapour Adsorption Air Cooling System for Truck Cabin using Heat from Engine Exhaust**" had applied for **National Gandhian Innovation Awards - 2012**. Out of total 488 applications

received from various institutes including IITs, NITs and other colleges from all over India, Prof. Parishwad's project is finally selected for **National Gandhian Innovation Awards 2012** and they will be receiving this award at the hands of Padmabhushan **Dr. R.A. Mashelkar**, President Global research alliance and Chairman, NIF at IIM-Ahmedabad on 5th April 2012.  
The Board noted the same.

- l) Dr. Mahesh Shindikar, Assistant Professor in Biology, is selected on the panel on Maharashtra State Coastal Zone Management Authority (MCZMA) by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi. The committee is composed of 12 members of subject experts and Government representatives.

The Board noted the same.

- m) Report of the Inquiry committee set up by the Board of Governors of COEP to inquire into the reported missing of mid semester examination answer books of the courses handled by Mr. C. T. Kunjir, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering:

The Board noted the same.

- n) Dr. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Director of the institute was awarded Maha entrepreneurship award by Praj Industries which carries a cash prize of RS 1 lakh, which was donated by him to the college for its new library building.

The Board appreciated the gesture and noted the same.

- o) Dr. F. C. Kohli, Chairman of the Board of Governors has been selected by IEEE society for Founders medal, which is a rare distinction for his services to the IEEE society, and field of electrical engineering. He is the first Indian to receive the award.

Members congratulated Dr Kohli for this unique distinguished achievement.

- p) **Purchase of new vehicles by the institute:**

The institute procured three vehicles in 2006, from TEQIP phase-I grants, one for the Director and the other two for faculty, staff and students of the institute.

One 18 seater bus has also been in use since 1993.

All the four vehicles are beyond economical repairs and it is proposed that permission be granted for procurement of four new vehicles in lieu of the old ones. Presently we have three drivers on the institute rolls for these vehicles.

Once the new vehicles are procured the old vehicles will be auctioned and funds credited to Institute's IRG account.



All the four vehicles if approved will be procured in phases over a period of time till they become totally unserviceable. Both Shri Pratap Pawar, Chairman, Finance Committee and Dr. F.C. Kohli, Chairman, Board of Governors have accorded approval for purchase of all the four vehicles.

The Board approved the same.

**R-22/15(a)2011:** The Board **APPROVED** the appointment of M/S. R. K. Dewan & Co, Pune, as attorneys for COEP to file patents.

**R-22/15(b)/2012:** The Board **APPROVED** the visit of Prof. G.V. Parishwad, and Prof. Sutaone to Ostfalia University, Germany, for one week in May 2012 under DAAD Faculty Exchange program and Prof. S.S. Dambhare and Dr. C.M. Sevatkar's training on Energy Systems at the International Summer University 2012, Germany, during May 8-19, 2012 under Faculty Development Program through TEQIP Funding.

**R-22/15(c)2011:** The Board **APPROVED** the purchase of four new vehicles by the institute, being beyond economical repairs, as each vehicle was over six years old and also each of these vehicles had crossed a mileage of over 1 lakh kilometers.

**R-22/15(d)2011:** The Board **NOTED** all other reported items under item 15 and **APPROVED** the same.

Item No. 16

**Revision of Hostel Fees:**

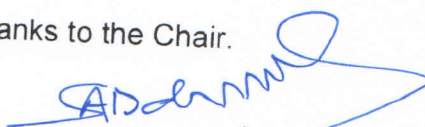
The Board approved the revision in hostel fees with 25% raise for both Indian and foreign students from the academic year 2012-13.

**R-22/16/2012:** The Board **APPROVED** the revision of Hostel fees from the academic year 2012-13 as under:

**Indian students:** Rs 10000/- per year

**Foreign Students:** Rs 37,500/- per year

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



(A. D. Sahasrabudhe)  
Member- Secretary  
Board of Governors, COEP