

**MINUTES OF THE
FORTY NINTH (49th) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON MONDAY, 9TH AUGUST 2021**

The Forty Ninth (49th) meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on Monday-9th August 2021, at 3.00 pm at College of Engineering Pune and the following members were present.

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| 1. | Shri. Pratap Pawar | Chairman |
| 3. | Shri. Sanjay Inamdar | Member (in VC mode) |
| 4. | Prof. Sanjay Dhande | Member (in VC mode) |
| 5. | Dr. Pramod Chaudhari | Member (in VC mode) |
| 6. | Dr. Anand Deshpande | Member |
| 7. | Prof. Nitin Karmalkar | Member |
| 8. | Prof. N.B. Pasalkar | Member (in VC mode) |
| 9. | Prof. Mrs. P. P. Rege | Member (in VC mode) |
| 10. | Prof. S. T. Vagge | Member |
| 11. | Prof. M.S. Sutaone | Invitee |
| 12. | Prof. B. G. Birajdar | Invitee |
| 13. | Prof. B. B. Ahuja | Member- Secretary |

Shri Vikas Rastogi, Principal Secretary Dept. of H & TE, Govt. Representative could not attend the meeting owing to his sudden meeting at Mantralaya, Mumbai at the same time and was granted leave of absence. Owing to the Covid-19 situation, a few members, as mentioned against their names above, preferred to join the meeting in Video Conferencing (VC) mode and thus the Chairman confirmed from all such members whether the proceedings, being transacted, were audible and visible and that they were seated alone in the room, and after their confirmation the meeting was called to order. At the outset the Chairman warmly welcomed all the members.

Item 1: Confirmation of the minutes of the 48th meeting of the BOG held on Tuesday-1st June 2021.

The draft minutes of the 48th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 1st June 2021, as were circulated to the members, were tabled during the meeting and after discussions the same were approved.

R-49/1/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the minutes of the 48th meeting of the Board held on **1st June 2021**.

Item 2: Action taken on the minutes of the 48th meeting of BOG held on 1st June 2021.

The Director apprised the members on the action taken on the Resolutions of the 48th Meeting of BOG.

The Board noted the actions taken on various resolutions/decisions in the 48th Board meeting.

2.1 Condolence for deceased faculty members

The Board noted the same.

2.2 Disbursement of Dues to Late Prof. J. V. Aghav

The Board noted the same.



- 2.3 **An Update on progress of Development on COEP's Chikhali campus.**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.4 **A Proposal by Shanti Creation, Kolhapur on "Implementation of Immersive Technologies for enriching Online teaching-learning experience":**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.5 **An Update on setting up a Centre of "Advanced Electronics Manufacturing & Skills Development" with the vehement support of MacDermid Alpha and Bajaj Foundation:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.6 **Retrofitting Work of Metallurgy Workshop:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.7 **An Update on follow-up with Social Welfare department of the Government of Maharashtra for disbursement of long-pending arrear amount on account of free-ships and scholarships for socially under-privileged categories of students:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.8 **An Update on (a) Follow-up with the Government on Recommendations of Dhande Committee Report (b) Draft "COEP State Institute of Technology" Act:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.9 **Approval for (a). Change in Nomenclature of Masters' Program in "Artificial Intelligence and Robotics" and (b) Establishment of THREE New Academic Programs:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.10 **Continuation of Appointment of the 16 teachers, on TENURE basis, originally appointed on Contractual basis since 2013:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.11 **Approval for initiating and conducting the Faculty Recruitment Process, on Institute created positions, on TENURE (FIVE years) basis:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.12 **Approval for creating new Institute-level positions of 'Laboratory Manager', 'Assistant Accounts Officer', 'Technical Assistant':**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.13 **Approval for Interview Process and Selection Lists of non-teaching staff on Institute created posts, on TENURE basis:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.14 **Appointment of Prof. B. B. Ahuja as an Officiating Director:**
The Board noted the same.

- 2.15 Approval for establishing a new functionary position "Dean/Associate Dean-Administration" with immediate effect:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.16 Approval for re-designation Dr. S. G. Sonar Associate Professor in Department of Civil Engineering:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.17 Disciplinary action against Prof. P. M. Raval, owing to his severe lapses in undertaking a Consultancy assignments**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.18 Purchase of Second bunch of Laptops in BUYBACK mode:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.19 Approval/Ratification for undertaking the "Booster Gestalt Psychometric Test" for Faculty members of the Institute:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.20 Up-gradation of Pay-scales of various administrative/office staff appointed on Institute created posts and have completed their services for 10/20/30 years:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.21 Appointment of PMC Agency for the Project of Library and Computer-IT Building:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.22 Disbursement of 7th pay arrears to the Board appointed regular full-time teachers:**
The Board noted the same.
- 2.23 Additional funds received in TEQIP-Phase-III:**
The Board noted the same.

R-49/2/2021: The Board **NOTED and APPROVED** the actions taken on the decisions/resolutions of the 48th meeting of the Board held on **1st June 2021** as apprised by the Director.

Item 3:

Recommendations for the award of B. Tech degrees, M. Tech degrees and Gold Medals to B.Tech Toppers:

The Director informed that the 15th batch of B.Tech students (2021 pass outs) and 17th batch of M.Tech students (2021 pass outs) have successfully completed their academic programs under autonomous status.

Prof. (Mrs.) Jibi Abraham, Dean-Academics and Dr. S. G. Sonar, Controller of Examinations were invited to present the program-wise lists of successful candidates, that were discussed in the 8th Academic Council meeting of COEP, held on 31st July 2021, along with the detailed results analysis in terms academic performance (average CGPA of the class) and success rate, i.e. roll out ratio, and list of UG branch-wise toppers, to be honoured with Gold medals. All such students are eligible for the award of B.Tech and M.Tech degrees of Savitribai

Phule Pune University. The corresponding Resolutions of the Academic Council were tabled at the Board meeting along with the Toppers list for the award of Institute Gold Medals to B.Tech graduates, discipline-wise. Dean (Academics) made a presentation to the Board. Due to pandemic situation, not only the Teaching-Learning but also the examination and evaluation process, as a whole, was conducted in online mode, with its own benefits and limitations, but with its obvious impact on the results, the Dean Academics added.

Dr. Anand Deshpande enquired about the placement scenario and number of students opting for Higher studies and whether such statistics aligns with the academic performance of students. He further suggested to present the placement and career related data of outgoing graduating batch of students along with the examination performance, so that the correlation between the two studied. The Director responded that the on-campus placements for all disciplines of UG & PG, except Metallurgy and Planning, and to some extent, Civil Engg., are excellent at COEP, with handsome salary packages, diversity and number of companies visiting the campus and number of multiple jobs offers for many students. He further added around 10% students opt for higher studies immediately after their graduation, and a new trend is observed of going for higher studies after couple of years of job, and in particular, opting to appear at national and state level public service examinations, with roaring success.

Prof. (Mrs.) Jibi Abraham and Dr. S. G. Sonar left thereafter.

Prof. (Mrs.) Archana Thosar, the Dean-R & D, was then invited to make her presentation on behalf of the R & D and Innovation sub-committee of the Board. She mainly presented the statistical information of the Institute, compiled from all academic departments, on quantifiable R & D & I outcomes, for the quarter, such as contributed research papers in reputed journals/conferences, filed and awarded patents, other IPRs, ongoing and completed externally funded R & D projects etc. The Chairman suggested to present the statistics department-wise, so as to identify which department is outperforming and which others are weak. The Dean- R & D, agreed to do the needful, next time. The Dean- R & D also emphasized on having more publications in trade journals and strengthening the industry supported/sponsored research, in every department. She further informed the members on institution of 'Best Paper Award', by Praj Industries. The Chairman queried on the nature of this award and suggested to tap the potential R & D opportunities available at institutes like Vasantdada Sugar Institute.

The Director informed about the collaborative R & D project on POS (Point of Sale) Machine's embedded Printer, with the company 'M/S Dataserve', which has market potential of around Rs. 600 crores, as projected by the company's promoter, Mr. Vishram Bapat. The Director further apprised the members about the Autonomous PhD Program initiated at the Institute, and the enrollment of 48 students in first round of admissions, under its realm. When he expressed the genuine aspiration of the Institute to enroll and support more of 'Full Time' PhD Scholars, and such limited number studying on campus through Government schemes such as QIP and ADF, Dr. Deshpande enquired asked about the quantum and mode of financial support needed for such scholars. When the Director answered that it around Rs. 3.5 lakhs per year per student, and such support for three years, the Chairman expressed his inclination to have an earmarked budgetary provision of Rs. 1.00 crore in the Institute's annual budget

for such Full Time PhD Fellowship program, and to challenge the departments to make the program self-sustained and rolling after a period of three years.

The Director thankfully acknowledged the sumptuous contributions for the PhD Fellowship program from corporate houses, namely M/S Finolex Cables Ltd. and Seagate for Rs. 3 Crores corpus for full time PhD Fellowship. Prof. Pasalkar suggested to explore the possibilities of support from the SAARTHI, a State Government Training and Support Institute for a particular category of students. Upon the information by the Director that the lists of standard journals is prepared, domain-wise, for students to publish their work in, the Vice chancellor of Savitribai Phule Pune University, Prof. Karmalkar, requested to share the lists with the University. The Director immediately consented on the same and expressed to organize the session of Dr. Deshpande on "Translation of Academic Research into commercializable Products and Services", in particular for PhD scholars. Dr. Deshpande, while agreeing for the same, suggested having weekly sessions by experts on 'R & D' and transmit the same on YouTube like medium. The Vice chancellor informed that around 350 such CXO series expert talks are available under the patronage of 'Atmasanman Bharat' scheme of Government of India. Dr. Pramod Chaudhari suggested on creating awareness about technological readiness, commercial readiness and carbon footprint, amongst the PhD scholars.

The Director also informed about the gamut one-year full time PG Diploma courses offered by the Institute and the new such programs which will commence from AY 2021-22, as tabulated below.

Sr. No.	Name of the Department	Name of the Course	Course Fee
1	Manufacturing Engineering and Industrial Management	Enterprise Resource Planning on SAP	3,79,000/-
2	Manufacturing Engineering and Industrial Management	Additive Manufacturing (3D Printing)	1,20,000/-
3	Manufacturing Engineering and Industrial Management	Integrated Product Design and Development	1,89,000/-
4	Civil Engineering	Rail & Metro Technology	2,45,000/-
5	Computer Engineering	Data Science & Artificial Intelligence	2,10,000/-
6	Mechanical Engineering	Electric Mobility	1,75,000/-
7	Instrumentation & Control Engineering	Industrial Automation	Proposed 1,55,000/-
8	Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering	Internet of Things and Embedded Programming	Proposed 1,85,000/-

Prof. Dhande suggested to think of a PG Diploma course on Material Characterization.

The Director informed that discussions are in progress with ARAI in the regards and soon MoU will be signed. The proposed course fee would be Rs. 1,20,000/- per candidate.

After these deliberations, the Board noted and approved the recommendations for the award of B. Tech degrees, M. Tech degrees and Gold Medals to B.Tech Toppers.

Prof. (Mrs.) Archana Thosar left thereafter.

R-49/3(a)/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the recommendations for the award of passing certificates to successful students of all B. Tech, all M. Tech and all PG diplomas and Gold Medals to B.Tech Toppers, for the academic year 2020-21, in the Virtual Graduation ceremony, scheduled to be held on the same day, post the Board meeting.

R-49/3(b)/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the earmarking of Rs. 1.00 Crore as a seed budgetary provision in the Institute's annual budget, for 'Full Time PhD Fellowship Program' in addition to the Rs. 3.00 Crores provided by M/S. Finolex Cables Ltd.

Item 4:

A Proposal for providing Technical Services to Yashada, Pune:

The Director apprised the members that Yashwantrao Chavan Institute for Administration Development (Yashada), Pune, an Autonomous Institute of Govt. Maharashtra, engaged in providing administrative training to the rural/urban officials/non-officials and other stakeholders of the Government of Maharashtra and thus meets the training needs of various Government departments in the State, is planning for the development of its Master Plan at Tathawde and upgrading its Main Campus at Baner Pune. In addition to this, a new building for "Center for Good Governance", is also being planned by them, he said.

The functioning of Yashada Pune being more or less similar to COEP, as an Autonomous Institute, and since they are impressed by the development of infrastructure and facilities created in COEP, they approached COEP with a proposal for providing Architectural Cum Project Consultancy and advisory services from COEP experts, he further added. COEP, having closely worked with the renowned Architectural Firm, M/s CCBA, Pune, since last 15 years, the expertise available with the firm in the domains of Civil works, Electrical works, Plumbing, HVAC, Fire safety, Site Development etc. can be deployed while working for and providing services to Yashada, with coordination and Monitoring delegated to the team of COEP faculty experts, the Director updated.

About the compensation for the assignment to be undertaken jointly with M/S CCBA, Prof. Birajdar informed that it is proposed to offer the services for the defined scope with professional fees of 3.5% of the project cost (2.5% for architectural services scope for M/S CCBA firm + 1% for technology/engineering services for COEP plus the GST as applicable). The Preparation of Master Plan by CCBA Designs Pvt. Ltd. Pune to Yashada is again on pro-bono basis, as was like to COEP's Chikhali Campus Pune, he said. Prof. Pasalkar suggested to increase the share of COEP by another 0.5%, which was concurred by the Chairman.

The Board consented for proceeding with such a joint assignment for yashada, the project being a dream project for this Autonomous organization, with strict timelines.

R-49/4/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to PERMIT** the undertaking of the assignment of providing "Architectural Cum Project Consultancy and advisory services" for development of Master Plan at Tahthwade campus and upgrading of the main campus of organization, Yashada, Pune, JOINTLY with the architectural firm M/S CCBA Designs Pvt. Ltd. Pune, with the professional fees of the 3.5% of the project cost.

Item 5:

Agreement and Rent for State Bank of India Branch Office at COEP:

The Director informed the members that the State Bank of India is the only Banker of COEP past so many years and currently all the funds including surpluses are parked with State Bank of India, branch on campus. All the **fee collection** of more than 4000 students is done through SB collect and also all the remittance for institute's functioning is through State Bank of India only, he added. In all, COEP is operating more than 30 Bank accounts with SBI for its various activities and average monthly balance is lakhs of Rupees, he further updated, with all the faculty, staff members and all the current students of the Institute holding bank accounts with SBI. However, till date, the Institute has provided **rent free place to State Bank of India in its campus with no Electricity charges** to undertake its transactions, he said.

He further pleaded that though most of the income of State Bank of India, COEP Branch is generated from the Institute, it is with no cost for the Bank, for the place used at the Institute campus for last few decades, with occupied space of about 1900 sq. ft.

Considering the increased cost of all the running expenses, he proposed that State Bank of India be charged with the Rent @Rs. 50,000/- p.m for using office space, with 3 months' rent as deposit and for Electricity charges as per units of sub-meter. The Institute would execute an agreement to this effect, for utilizing its premises, by the Bank, for a five years period, renewable thereafter, he said.

While the members consented on the proposal, Prof. Karmalkar suggested to request for a clause on the agreement on rise of rent by 10% every year.

R-49/5/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the charging of monthly rent of Rs. 50,000/- to the State Bank of India branch on campus, with 3 months deposit and request for a rise of rent by 10% every year, and electricity charges to be paid by the branch on actual consumption, by entering into a registered agreement with the Bank.

Item 6:

Up-gradation of Metallurgy Workshop – Part II:

The Director informed that the up-gradation of Metallurgy Work is underway and was initially planned for Basement, Ground and First floor, however, during the process of execution of this plan, while interacting with faculty and Head of Metallurgy and Material Science, a need of additional two floors was put for consideration over the existing building, he added. As resolved by the Board in its 47th and 48th meeting (1st June 2021- agenda no.7), the bids were invited on www.mahatenders.gov.in and after third call, the following bidders were successful, he further updated.

Sr.No.	Name of the agency	Quoted Price in Rs. Without GST	Quoted Price in Rs. With 12 % GST	Remark
1	M/s R. G. Deshmukh, Parbhani	3,98,24,741	4,46,03,710	L2
2	M/s Sai Krishna Construction, Aurangabad	3,56,49,765	3,99,27,737	L1

The estimated cost of the project is Rs.3,75,41,049 /- including GST.

After further negotiation with the bidder L1 -M/s Sai Krishna Construction, Aurangabad, the final offer by them is Rs. 3,35,46,645 + 12% GST= Rs. 3,75,72,243/-, the Director informed and requested for the approval of the Board on the same.

R-49/6/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the construction of additional two floors in the Metallurgy workshop, being upgraded, with the work order to be issued to the L1 in the bidding process, M/s Sai Krishna Construction, Aurangabad, at the cost of Rs. 3,35,46,645 + 12% GST, totalling to Rs. 3,75,72,243/-.

Item 7:

A Proposal on setting up a Center for "Advanced Manufacturing Technology" and Integrated Manufacturing Laboratory focused on "Robotics & Automation Applications" with the vehement support of WIPRO-PARI Ltd.

The Director informed that Precision Automation and Robotics India Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Wipro Enterprises (P) Limited, at Village Dhangarwadi, Dist. Satara, and jointly termed as WIPRO-PARI, has agreed to set up a 'Center on "Advanced Manufacturing and Automation Technologies" at COEP. WIPRO-PARI expressed their interest in sponsoring a new building in the Department of Manufacturing Engineering and Industrial Management, with two floors, with manufacturing technology labs on the ground floor and academic class rooms, computer labs & offices on both floors, he further updated.

The Director further debriefed on the agreements between COEP and WIPRO-PARI, and sought the approval of the Board on following:

- i. This building will be named **"WIPRO-PARI Center for Advanced Manufacturing Technology"**, with appropriate signages at the Entrance Arch of the complex and on the building wall.
- ii. The Naming & Branding will be perpetual, and can be changed at the discretion of WIPRO-PARI.
- iii. An integrated manufacturing lab focused on **"Robotics & Automation Applications"** will be sponsored in the present **"Vinod Doshi Memorial Workshop"** building, admeasuring about 5000 sq ft. including the existing lab areas. This lab will be named **"Mangesh Kale Robotics & Automation Lab"**.
- iv. WIPRO-PARI, has agreed to provide a donation of a sum of **Rs. 200.00 Lakhs (Rupees Two hundred Lakhs only)** to support this Project out of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds in FY 2021-22 and 22-23, and out of the plan, some of the donations can be in-kind, by way of donation of equipment, software, or other assets, if required for the agreed plan.

- v. Wipro-PARI will also have the right, but not an obligation to sponsor an Industry 4.0 Lab named "Wipro-PARI Smart Manufacturing Lab" with the following content:
- A virtual manufacturing system model, running on "Virtual Commissioning" simulation system like Siemens Process Simulate
 - A hardware in the loop control system of PLCs, CNCs, and a cobot interlinked with the Process Simulate System
 - A real-time data capture, and Data analytics system for IIoT applications If sponsored, Wipro-PARI will extend additional Rs. 50 lakhs in FY22-23, for funding of this lab

While thanking WIPRO-PARI for their generous gesture and vehement support, the Director further updated that such an established facility with the proposed Center, laboratory and classrooms, shall aim to promote interaction between COEP and WIPRO-PARI in mutually beneficial principal technical areas such as Automated Manufacturing systems solutions using cutting edge technologies like Robotics, Mechatronic systems, advanced sensory systems, and Smart Factories enabled with Industry 4.0. This will enable the students to intern with WIPRO-PARI and will also have job prospects at WIPRO-PARI.

R-49/7/2021: The Board, while acknowledging with gratitude the generous gesture and support of WIPRO-PARI, **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the establishment and naming of the "Center for Advanced Manufacturing Technology" and associated classrooms, equipment etc. and lab namely "Mangesh Kale Robotics & Automation Lab" for a donation of Rs. Two Crores and also APPROVED prospective associations between Institute and WIPRO-PARI.

Item 8:

Charge of the Head of Mathematics Department delegated to Dr. (Mrs.) S. P. Kavishwar:

The Director informed that the Government of Maharashtra has established a new Engineering College at Ratnagiri and Dr. Kiran Dalvi, Associate Professor (appointed by MPSC) and working at COEP since 19.10.2002 has been recently deputed to this new Govt. College of Engineering, Ratnagiri by the Directorate of Technical Education w.e.f. 23.06.2021. Dr. Dalvi was handling the charge of Head of the Department of Mathematics, in COEP, and in view of his deputation to Govt. College of Engineering, Ratnagiri, Dr. (Mrs.) S. P. Kavishwar, Associate Professor in Mathematics (also MPSC appointed) has been requested to hold the charge of Department of Mathematics as its Head, with immediate effect, for the remaining period (out of tenure, on rotation, of three years) till 30.06.2022. he further added.

While seeking the approval of the Board on this transit delegation, the Director mentioned about the payment of honorarium to Dr. (Mrs.) S. P. Kavishwar, as per practice of the Institute, for shouldering this additional responsibility.

The Chairman registered his dissent for such transfers/deputation of expert faculty members from COEP, from the Government's end, and on behalf of the members, approved the transfer of Head's charge to Dr. (Mrs.) S. P. Kavishwar.

R-49/8/2021: In light of deputation of Dr. Dalvi to Govt. College of Engineering, Ratnagiri, the Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the delegation



of charge of Head of the Mathematics Department to Dr. (Mrs.) S. P. Kavishwar.

Item 9: **Approvals/Ratification/Information on the RESOLUTIONS of the MEETINGS of various Statutory Bodies of the Board and other ASSORTED Issues:**

a) Minutes of the 1st Exam Committee Meeting held on 23rd July 2021

The 1st meeting of the Exam Committee Meeting was held on 23rd July 2021 and the minutes of this meeting, with resolutions therein, were perused.

Board took note of the same and **APPROVED**.

b) Minutes of 8th Academic Council Meeting held on 31st July 2021.

The 8th meeting of the Academic Council Meeting was scheduled on 31st July 2021. The minutes of this meeting were tabled at the Board Meeting, which were perused, along with resolutions therein.

Board took note of the same and **APPROVED**.

c) Appointment of the Senior Counsel and 'Advocate-on-Record' to represent the Institute in the Hon. Supreme Court of India:

d) Appointment of Adv. Rutuja Khivansara as a member on the Internal Complaints Committee (for all kinds of harassment to Women) of the institute on retention basis:

When the Director updated the members on such appointment, Prof. Karmalkar suggested that the services of Adv. Khivansara may be availed on retainer basis at professional fee of Rs. 10,000/- p.m. plus taxes, since the numbers of aggrieved cases of women harassment are typically exceptional on campus like COEP.

R-49/9-a/2021:The Board **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of the Senior Counsel and 'Advocate-on-Record' to represent the Institute in the Hon. Supreme Court of India.

R-49/9-b/2021:The Board **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of Adv. Rutuja Khivansara as a member on the Internal Complaints Committee, on Professional Fee of Rs. 10,000/- p.m. plus taxes.

Item 10: **Items for REPORTING to the Board.**

The Board considered and noted the nomination of Prof. Ahuja as a member of the CII National Committee on Technology, R&D and Innovation for the year 2021-22 and the MoU's with Academia/Industry and also **APPROVED** the reported items, wherever necessary.

Permission/Approval on Faculty Requests for Long Study-Leave:

The Director informed the members that Mr. Shirish Gosavi, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Engineering, has been selected for advance admission as a regular student to Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (IISc), with his PhD course work starting from 2nd August 2021. As requested by Mr. Gosavi to grant him the study leave without pay for the duration 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2025 to complete his Ph.D. at

IISc Bangalore, the Director appealed the members to consider his case. He further informed that Mr. Gosavi has completed 12 years of service till date and while at IISc, Mr. Shirish Gosavi will draw his Ph.D. fellowship from IISc Bangalore. The institute would take a bond from Mr. S. P. Gosavi to serve the institute for six years on obtaining his Ph.D. degree, as has been the practice, he added.

R-49/10-b/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the long study leave, without pay, to Mr. Shirish Gosavi, from 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2025, for undertaking his PhD studies as a regular full-time candidate at IISc, Bangalore, with a bond to serve the institute for six years on obtaining his Ph.D. degree.

Item 11: Any other item with the permission of the Chair:

(a) Purchase of Desktop

The Director informed the Board that requirement of 475 Desktops was processed on GEM Portal in February 2021 and that the lowest Bidder M/s HLBS Tech Pvt. Ltd Bhopal had quoted a price of Rs. 63411/- plus taxes, the total amounting to Rs. 3,55,41,875/- for procurement of 475 Desktops.

The chairman has suggested that a team visit the facility of the OEM i.e. M/s HLBS Tech Pvt. Ltd. in Bhopal to assure the competency of the vendor. Accordingly, two faculty one from Computer Engineering Department and one from Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering Department were deputed to Bhopal.

These faculty have submitted the report stating that M/s HLBS Tech Pvt. Ltd. is an established vendor and has facility to produce 100 Desktops per day and are capable of delivering of product as per our tender specifications.

The Board on deliberations approved the procurement of 475 Desktops from M/s HLBS Tech Pvt. Ltd. at a cost of Rs. 3,55,41,875/-.


(b) Award of Civil Work for Setting Up Advanced Electronics Manufacturing Lab and Skill Development in the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering

The Director informed the Board that tender were floated on Maha e Portal for this work in store masonry and the lowest bidder has quoted Rs. 99,89,383/- plus taxes totaling to Rs. 1,11,88,109/- for this 6618 Sq.ft. space of work.

R-49/11-a/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** procurement of 475 Desktops from M/s HLBS Tech Pvt. Ltd. at a cost of Rs. 3,55,41,875/-.

R-49/10-b/2021: The Board **RESOLVED to APPROVE** award of civil works admeasuring 6618 Sq.ft. for Rs. 1,11,88,109/-.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


(B. B. Ahuja)
Member Secretary
