

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI

MINUTES

FORTY THIRD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Held at 02.00 PM on 15th February 2011 in the Board Room,
Birla Tower, New Delhi

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sri C. K. Birla	-	Chairman	
Sri R. D. Sahay	-	Member	Nominee of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India
Smt. Sheila Rapaj Kisku, IAS	-	Member	Commissioner, South Chhotanagpur, Government of Jharkhand
Dr. H. C. Pande	-	Member	Nominee of HCT
Sri Rohit Saboo	-	Member	Nominee of HCT
Sri D. N. Patodia	-	Member	Nominee of General Council
Sri G. P. Lal	-	Member	Nominee of General Council
Dr. P. Ghosh	-	Member	Nominee of General Council
Dr. Ajay Chakrabarty	-	Member	Vice Chancellor
Dr. Gopal Pathak	-	Member	Institute Faculty
Sri Indrajit Mukherjee	-	Member	Institute Faculty

Sri S. S. Jajodia, Honorary Treasurer also attended the meeting.

Following Members could not attend the meeting:

Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra	-	Member	Nominee of UGC
Dr. Suresh Chandra Saxena	-	Member	Nominee of AICTE
Sri. Sudhir Tripathi ,IAS,	-	Member	Nominee of the Chancellor, Principal Secretary to the Governor, Govt. of Jharkhand
Smt Mridula Sinha, IAS	-	Member	Principal Secretary, Human Resource Development, Govt. of Jharkhand
Sri B. K Tripathi, IAS	-	Member	Principal Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Jharkhand.
Sri M. L. Pachisia	-	Member	Nominee of HCT

(43.01) CONFIRMATION

The minutes of the 40th meeting and 41st & 42nd special meetings of the Board of Governors of the Institute were confirmed.

(43.02) REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

The Board noted the follow-up actions taken on the minutes of the earlier meetings.

(43.03) ANNUAL REPORT 2009 – 10

The Vice Chancellor presented the Annual Report of the Academic Year 2009-10.

The Institute has been working as per its mission and vision to produce graduates, post graduates and Ph Ds of very high quality having global employability. It has been doing equally well in the area of research and has been regularly getting sponsored projects from various agencies of national repute such as, UGC, CSIR, DST, DAE, BRNS, ISRO, DRDO, ARDB, DBT, AICTE, NaMPET, C-DAC etc. There are 109 ongoing projects and has been able to get four patents registered last year. It has 443 International and 196 National publications as well as 13 books published during the year.

A few new programmes have been introduced and many labs have been modernized to keep pace with the technological changes.

The Institute was one of the 38 top ranking Deemed Universities satisfying all the criteria set by the MHRD, Govt. of India and got 37 out of a maximum of 45 in the evaluation by the Tondon Committee. The Institute secured 9.4 on a 10 point scale in the 7th audit of TEQIP (A World Bank Project).

The quality teaching and training imparted to the students are getting reflected in the campus placements. 74 premier organisations of the country had already visited the Institute by then and had made 1442 job offers with compensation ranging between Rs. 3.00 lacs to Rs. 12.70 lacs per annum.

The Board appreciated all round performance and growth of the Institute.

(43.04) ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REPORT: FINANCIAL YEAR 2009 – 10

The Annual Accounts and the Auditor's Report for financial year 2009-2010 were perused, recorded and adopted.

(43.05) BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2010 – 11 AND FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(43.05.01) BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR FY 2010-11

The Budget Estimates for the financial year 2010-11 were considered and approved. The proposed budget estimate envisages a deficit of Rs. 1512.94 lakhs comprising of Rs. 681.36 lakhs arising out of capital deficit and Rs. 831.58 lakhs arising out of recurring deficit. It is to be noted that a sum of Rs. 850.00 lakhs has been taken as estimated depreciation for the year 2010-11, leaving a gap of Rs. 662.94 lakhs as the net estimated cash deficit.

This estimated cash deficit is proposed to be met by the following measures:

- (a) By deferring construction and other development work.
- (b) By curtailing operational cost without sacrificing the quality of instruction.
- (c) By deferring payment of arrears (due to salary revision) of Pay & Allowances.

(43.05.02) REVISION OF FEE & ALLIED CHARGES FOR UG & PG PROGRAMMES:

The Board considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee that there has been substantial increase in the annual expenditure of the Institute due to implementation of revised pay scales as per 6th Pay Commission recommendations and overall cost escalation of the commodities & services. Also there is a need for the Institute to undertake annual modernization of its labs & academic facilities as well as large scale renovation of existing infrastructure which are now reasonably old.

The Board approved that fee & allied charges of all the UG courses should be increased by around 35% and that of PG courses by around 55%. The Board decided that the fee increase should be applicable to only new students (admission year 2011-12) and even after increase, the fee should remain lower than that of other similar reputed institutions.

The members were generally of the opinion that regular fee revision for any such institution has become unavoidable. The Board therefore, decided that from the subsequent academic years (2012-13 onwards) the Institute should plan the fee for the entire duration of the programme/course based on various relevant factors and market trend. Increased fee and allied charges payable by the students in subsequent years should be communicated to them prior to their admission.

(43.05.03) REVISION OF FEE FOR Ph D

The Board noted that the Ph D Regulations of the Institute have been revised as per UGC's Guidelines: 2009 on this subject. The revised regulations have been introduced with effect from Spring Semester 2011.

Fee for Ph D programmes has also been increased to Rs. 60,000/- per annum with adequate provision for free-ship of 80% for all the internal candidates with effect from Spring Semester 2011. This had the approval of the Chairman. The Board ratified the same.

(43.05.04) SALARY REVISION

The Board noted that the salary of all the employees of the Institute has been revised as per 6th Pay Commission / UGC recommendations to the extent applicable to the Institute. Payment of salary is accordingly being made with effect from 01st January 2010 and the arrear is to be paid in due course.

(43.06) XX CONVOCATION

The Board noted that the XX Convocation was held on 23rd March, 2010 and Hon'ble Chancellor of the University, His Excellency, the Governor of Jharkhand, Shri M.O.H. Farook presided over the occasion. Mr. Salman Khurshid, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Corporate and Minority Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi delivered the Convocation Address as the Chief Guest.

As per resolutions of the 40th & 41st meetings of the Board of Governors, the following Degrees / Diplomas were conferred on the Candidates during the XX Convocation:-

A. Ph. D. Degrees	18
B. Post-graduate Degrees / Diplomas	
Master of Engineering	94
Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences	44
Master of Technology	95
Master of Science	39
Master of Business Administration	242
Master of Computer Applications	393

C.	Under-graduate Degrees		
	Bachelor of Engineering	777	
	Bachelor of Pharmacy	33	
	Bachelor of Architecture	12	
	Bachelor of Business Administration	446	
	Bachelor of Computer Application	406	
	Bachelor of Hotel Management & Catering Technology	34	
	Bachelor of Science (NS, A. & MM)	188	
	Bachelor of Information Technology	39	
	Bachelor of Technology	08	
	Bachelor of Medical Lab. Technology	<u>37</u>	1980
D.	Under-graduate Diplomas in Technology		
	Automobile	16	
	Computer Science	24	
	Electronics	27	
	Manufacturing Technology	<u>21</u>	88
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(43.07) AWARD OF DEGREE / DIPLOMA

The Board considered and approved the Technical Council's recommendations for the award of Ph. D. Degree to the Scholars as well as award of Degree / Diploma to the students found eligible as per respective Rules & Regulations of the Institute.

Resolved that these Scholars / students be admitted to the Degree / Diploma in various disciplines in the ensuing Convocation.

The details are enclosed as Annexure - I

(43.08) OPENING / OPERATION OF BANK ACCOUNT

(43.08-01) The Board resolved that the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar be authorized to jointly communicate with the Bank for opening any new account and also for making changes in the signatories of any existing Bank account.

(43.08-02) The Board approved opening of new accounts and changes in the signatories of various bank accounts as per details enclosed as Annexure – II

(43.09) APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHANCELLOR

The Board noted that Dr. Ajay Chakrabarty, who was selected for appointment as the Vice Chancellor by the Board of Governors (Resolution No.42.02 of the 42nd meeting of the Board of Governors) has assumed the office with effect from 01st July, 2010.

(43.10) STAFF MATTERS

Extensions of Contract Appointments, New Contract Appointments, Re-employments, Resignations, Superannuation's and Study Leave in respect of staff were noted and approved.

Details are enclosed as under:

(a) Extension of Contract Appointments : Annexure - III

(b) Appointments on Contract : Annexure IV

The members observed that the number of employees on contract is reasonably large and appropriate action should be taken for reducing the same.

(c) Re-employments : Annexure - V

(d) Resignation : Annexure - VI

(e) Superannuation : Annexure - VII

(43.11) REPORTING OF APPOINTMENTS

The Board examined the existing clause 12(14) of the Regulation for reporting of all appointments as stated below:

As per Clause 12(14) of the Regulations, all appointments in the Institute in any cadre the maximum of pay scale of which exceeds Rs. 10,000/- per month shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting.

Over the years, the pay scales of the employees have been revised several times. The number of employees with salary above Rs 10,000/- pm is now very large and hence, there is a need to make necessary amendment in the clause.

The board resolved that in view of increase in salary of the employees over the years, the existing clause be amended to read as under:

“All appointments in the Institute of Assistant Professors, their equivalent and above in all the cadres shall be reported to the Board in its next meeting”.

(43.12) ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE INSTITUTE

The Board considered and approved the new organization of the Institute enclosed as Annexure VIII.

The Board also approved that the Vice Chancellor may in consultations with the Chairman, make change(s) in the organizations, without disturbing the basic structure to meet specific need as per availability of suitable manpower.

(43.13) APPOINTMENT OF DEANS

The Board considered and approved guidelines for appointment and term of office of the Deans of the Institute as under:

- (a) The Vice Chancellor may appoint any senior faculty/staff member as Dean of the Institute from amongst those who have been drawing the salary of a professor (or above) for at least three years.
- (b) Deans may be appointed for a period of not less than one year at a time. He/she will however, be ceased to be a Dean on being relieved from the Institute for any reason.

Vice Chancellor may re-assign the responsibilities of the Dean(s) at any time. The above sub-clauses should be suitably included in the Clause 10 of the Regulation.

(43.14) FORMATION OF INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (IMC) FOR EXTENSION CENTRES

BITEC, Patna has an IMC with VC as its Chairman and members from the Institute as well as State Government officials. It deals with academic and administrative issues exclusively applicable to that centre within the framework of the Rules & Regulations of the Institute. It has been formed as per the MoU between the Institute and the State Government.

It has been considered as a step forward in granting autonomy to the extension centre and may facilitate in getting financial support from Central Government under Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP - a World Bank supported programme).

The Board considered the above and accorded approval for forming similar Institute Management Committee(s) for other Extension Centers as applicable.

(43.15) REVISION OF AGE OF SUPERANNUATION

The Board approved revision of the age of superannuation of the employees of the Institute as per the new guidelines of UGC with effect from 01st July 2010 and directed that the relevant Clause 13(2) of the Regulation may be substituted accordingly with the following:

Subject to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations, all appointment(s) of the Institute shall ordinarily be made on probation for a period of one year after which period the appointee, if confirmed, shall continue to hold his/her office as follows:

(a) Academic Staff (Faculty) & Deans

Till the end of the month in which he/she attains the age of 65 years.

(b) Registrar, Librarian, Scientific Officers & Head of Physical Training & Sports Group

Till the end of the month in which he/she attains the age of 62 years.

(c) All Remaining Staff:

Till the end of the month in which he/she attains the age of 60 years.

Provided that where the Board considers that in the interest of the students and for the purpose of teaching and /or guiding the students registered for the Ph. D. Programme, any member of the academic staff should be re-employed, it may re-employ such a member till the end of the semester or the academic session in which he/she attains the age of superannuation as may be considered appropriate in the circumstances of each case.

Provided further that where it becomes necessary due to departmental need to re-employ any academic person, beyond the end of the semester or academic session in which he/she attains the age of superannuation, as the case may be, the Board may re-employ on contractual basis any such member for a period up to three years in the first instance and up to two years thereafter and in no case exceeding the end of the academic session in which he/she attains the age of 70 years.

Provided also that in no circumstances such member shall be re-employed for any purpose other than those of teaching and guiding the students registered for the Ph D programme.

Provided that the Board, in the interest of the Institute and in very exceptional cases may grant extension/re-employment to any non-academic (technical/administrative) staff but not beyond the age of 65 years.

(43.16) GRATUITY AND LEAVE ENCASHMENT

The Board approved the following guidelines in respect of Gratuity and Leave encashment :

- (43.16.01) An employee of the Institute shall be eligible for Gratuity payment only on completion of a minimum of five years uninterrupted service in the Institute.
- (43.16.02) An employee of the Institute shall be eligible for Leave Encashment only on completion of a minimum of five years uninterrupted service in the Institute.

(43.17) IMPROVEMENT IN SERVICE CONDITIONS

The Board considered and accorded approval as under for attracting & retaining quality faculty/staff for improving overall standard of the Institute:

- (a) The remunerations offered may be higher than the minimum recommended by UGC and comparable to that being offered by similar other institutions of repute. To make the package attractive, top-up salary based on research achievements may be introduced.
- (b) There may be provision for partial leave encashment while in service on completion of specified years of service as per standard norms prevalent in IITs/other institutions.
- (c) Performance based incentive may be introduced for faculty members with Ph D degrees by giving additional leave encashment benefit not exceeding 6 days per year and limited to maximum 120 days during entire service.

(43.18) APPOINTMENT OF VISITING FACULTY/ ADJUNCT FACULTY

The Board noted that comprehensive guidelines have been framed for appointment of Visiting Faculties in the Institute in various categories to meet short term needs as well as for utilizing available expertise in specialized disciplines. Such appointments may be for a year, one semester, for a subject or on per period basis. Visiting Faculty from industry covering part of a subject may be designated as Adjunct Faculty /Professor.

(43.19) INTRODUCTION OF THE POSITION OF EMERITUS PROFESSOR

The Board accorded its approval for introducing the position of Emeritus Professors in the Institute. This should be by nominations and should be selected after Peer Review.

The Emeritus Professor may be appointed initially for a period up to three years and subsequently for another two years However, the Emeritus Professor should not be employed beyond the age of 70 years. They will be able to take classes, act as Principal Investigators in sponsored projects and can guide Ph D scholars as internal guide.

(43.20) ACADEMIC CONSULTANCY

- (a) MoU has been signed between the Institute and Institute of Accountancy Arusha (IAA), Tanzania on 06th January 2011. Institute is to provide them academic consultancy/services as well as academic & administrative manpower on mutually agreed terms & conditions.
- (b) MoU was signed between the Institute and RAK Training Ship Sindbad, RAK (UAE) on 28th June 2008 for Nautical Science and Engineering courses.

The response for nautical science courses has not been very encouraging. Also, the Institute does not have any long term plan to develop expertise in marine engineering. The programmes presently being conducted are neither academically nor economically viable. The Board considered the above and directed that the MoU should be amicably concluded at the earliest feasible.

(43.21) INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: BAHRAIN

The Institute has been having its International Center at Bahrain since June 2000. The Ministry of Higher Education of the Kingdom of Bahrain has recently introduced new regulations. We are now required to have own building and the faculties should be Ph D. There is a mismatch between the academic regulations of the Institute and the new regulations of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Also, the lease agreement of the existing building has expired and the monthly rental has thereafter been increased by around three times. Due to the reasons stated above, it has become operationally and financially non viable to continue operation. The Board considered the above and approved that this international center be gradually closed down by February 2013 (by then last batch of the students would have passed out).

(43.22) INTERNATIONAL CENTRE: MAURITIUS

In view of the new UGC Regulations (2010) for Deemed University, further admission has been stopped because of non viability. Academic operations are to be closed after graduation of existing students.

(43. 23) INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROGRAMMES

The Board noted the introduction of new programmes as under:

A. PG Programme:

*** M. Tech.**

* Computer Science	BITEC, Kolkata
* Biotechnology	BIT, Mesra
* Energy Technology	BIT, Mesra
* Information Security	BIT, Mesra

*** M.Sc.**

* Information Technology	BITEC, Noida
* Transportation Planning & Management	BIT, Mesra
* Animation Design	BITEC, Noida

*** MBA**

* MBA (Part-Time)	BITEC, Jaipur & Kolkata
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* MBA	BITEC, Kolkata
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*** EMBA**

* Financial Management	BITIC, Muscat
* Materials Management	BITIC, Muscat

B. Under-graduate Programmes

* BE (Electrical & Electronics Engg.)	BITEC, Jaipur
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* B. Tech. (Polymer & Petrochemical Engg.)	BITIC, Muscat
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* B.Sc. (Animation & Multimedia)	BITEC, Noida
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*** Diploma**

* Automobile	BITIC, Muscat
* Environmental Engg.	BITIC, Muscat
* Polymer Engg.	BITIC, Muscat
* Electrical & Electronics Engg.(Part Time)	University Polytechnic
* Computer Engg. (Part Time)	University Polytechnic
* Mechanical Engg. (Part Time)	University Polytechnic

The members recommended that PG programmes in new & emerging field such as Energy Technology, Water Management and Disaster Management etc. should be considered. However, proper evaluations must be carried out to assess the viability of all such programmes prior to introducing them.

The members also recommended that course contents of all the existing programmes should periodically be updated.

(43.24) CHANGE IN THE FORMAT OF CERTIFICATE

Over the years, the students have been giving feedback that the format of the certificate that has both English & Hindi versions should be revised. It should only be in English as has been the practice in most of the reputed Institutions of the country.

The Board debated the proposal and finally resolved that the Hindi Portion of the Certificate being issued to the students of the Institute be discontinued.

(43.25) RENAMING OF POLYMER ENGG DEPT

The Board considered the recommendation of the Technical Council, that the Department of Polymer Engineering of the Institute be renamed as Department of Chemical & Polymer Engineering. An allied 4-Yr, UG programme “Chemical & Polymer Engg.” has been approved by Technical Council. Present 1st Year and 2nd Year students of ‘Polymer Engineering’ will have the option for mid course change to this new allied programme.

The Board accorded its approval.

(43.26) NBA MOCK DRILL

The Board appreciated that the Institute has been selected by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for conducting Mock Drill as a preparation for obtaining India’s Membership in Washington Accord. The UG programmes of Electronics & Communication Engineering as well as the Dept of Polymer Engineering have participated in the mock accreditation drill conducted during 28th – 30th January 2011.

(43.27) NBA ACCREDITATION

The Board noted that the Accreditation process has been revived by the NBA and the pending cases of the Institute are now being taken up. The Institute has been in communication with the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), New Delhi for finalizing the visit programmes of the Expert Committee.

(43.28) APPROVAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN DST- FIST

The Board considered the mandatory guidelines that Institute has to contribute 50% of the total amount for the FIST programmes of DST, Govt. of India for enhancement of infrastructure. Institute has applied for the same and is likely to be included in the programme.

The Board accorded approval for participation in the FIST programme with 50% financial contribution by the Institute.

(43.29) 1 GBPS CONNECTIVITY UNDER NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE PROGRAMME

The Board noted with appreciation that Institute has been selected as one of the beneficiaries of the National Knowledge Networking programme for providing 1 GBPS connectivity against the payment of Rs 49.00 lakh to BSNL for this purpose. It will enhance the internet connectivity by many folds in the main campus and will also facilitate in sharing resources with other extension centers including virtual class rooms facilities.

(43.30) AUTOMATION SOFTWARE / ERP

The Board considered the proposal for implementing a Pan-BIT Enterprise Solution for improving as well as integrating its organizational processes. Currently several critical processes are running on legacy systems in stand alone mode and it is getting increasingly difficult to meet both the challenges of scalability as well as the expectations that the stakeholders have from an Institution of this repute.

The main objective is to translate the existing students related academic business processes and procedures through fit/gap analysis to conform to the standard processes delivered with the application. The application should be state-of-art technology to improve the delivery of services through workflow and web-enabled access. It should be of international standard.

The Board accorded its approval for implementing Automation Software (ERP) in the Institute including all the Extension & International Centers and directed that the fund requirement should be included in the next year's budget.

(43.31) NEW ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

The Board noted the new academic structure for 3Yr, 4Yr & 5Yr UG Programmes and 2Yr PG Programmes that are being incorporated for making the syllabi broad based. Inter disciplinary subjects including humanities and social & bio science subjects are being introduced as per the guidelines of UGC.

(43.32) REVISED Ph D REGULATIONS

The Board noted that in view of the new UGC guidelines (2009), the Ph D Regulations of the Institute have been revised and the same have been brought into practice after getting approval from the Technical Council.

The Members expressed their view that the guide(s) should not have more scholars doing Ph. D under them than the maximum specified as per UGC guidelines.

(43.33) NEW PG PROGRAMMES AT BIT EC, PATNA / JAIPUR

The Board approved the proposal for commencing new PG Programmes at Extension Centers at Patna and Jaipur as they are now well established.

(43.34) ADMISSION AT BITEC, JAIPUR

The Board approved the proposal that BITEC, Jaipur should adapt the same admission procedure for all the Bachelor of Engineering programmes as that at BIT, Mesra and Extension Centres at Patna & Deoghar i.e. admission through Central Council Board (CCB) based on AIEEE ranking.

(43.35) CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN CLIMATOLOGY

The Board considered the recommendations of Scientists of different Government and other agencies for setting up a Centre of Excellence in Climatology at BIT, Mesra and accorded its approval for the same.

(43.36) EXTENSION CENTERS IN COLLABORATION WITH PUBLIC SECTORS

The Institute has been getting requests from a few public sector undertakings such as NTPC & BOKARO STEEL LTD, for conducting exclusive UG / PG programmes for the wards of their employees. They would like to set up Engineering Colleges in collaboration with the Institute on the similar lines as at Patna and Deoghar. The Board accorded approval in principle for negotiations and finalizing terms & conditions for setting up new extension centers as per new UGC Regulations.

(43.37) EXTENSION CENTER IN SOUTH INDIA

The Institute has been conducting a few life sciences programmes in collaboration with Lotus Clinical Research Academy, Bangalore (LCRA) and the same have been reasonably successful. It has potential for further growth. Also, to have our presence felt in the southern part of the country, it was proposed that the feasibility of setting up an Extension Centre for Bio & Life Sciences with LCRA (Bangalore) as strategic partner be explored. The Board accorded the approval.

(43.38) CORPUS FUND

It has been one of the observations of the Expert Team of the UGC that the Institute does not have adequate balance in its Corpus Fund. To build up the fund position, it was proposed that the overhead charges earned by the Institute from various sponsored research projects and consultancy services should, after deducting administrative expenses, be transferred to Corpus Fund of the Institute. The Board accorded its approval.

(43.39) WATER MANAGEMENT

The Institute has been facing water scarcity since last few years. Better water management including water harvesting / recharge is essentially required. The Board accorded approval for initiating various related schemes for resolving the water scarcity problems of the campus and directed that the requirement of fund should be included in the next year's budget.

(43.40) SAFETY & FIRE FIGHTING

The Board accorded approval for a one-time expenditure up to Rs. 20.00 Lacs during next year's for improving Safety & Fire Fighting Systems.

(43.41) MEDICAL FACILITY

The Board noted that expansion of the Institute dispensary building is almost ready and a sum of Rs. 60.00 lakh has been catered for in the budget for enhancing medical facility, procurement of new equipments, setting up of pathology lab, dental center with chair, modern ambulances, etc. The modernization of the dispensary as well as training and recruitment of manpower are to be done in collaboration with CMRI, Kolkata.

(43.42) MoU WITH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, BIHAR

As per the agreement signed on 27th June 2009 with the Central University Bihar, the Institute was to provide 10,000 Sq. feet of space on purely temporary basis exceeding in no case a period of two years for their use. Necessary NOC can be obtained from Govt. of Bihar for two years only. This was reported to the Board (Resolution No 40.14 - 01). The agreement period will be over in June 2011.

The above space is now required by the BIT Extension Center at Patna for conducting its own programmes and therefore, further extension of the agreement was not recommended by the Institute.

This issue was deliberated in depth. The Board was informed that the Central University has been provided with additional space in the Extension Centre - Patna. However, their final location has not yet been finalized.

Shri R. D. Sahay and Shri Sudhir Tripathi (Shri Tripathi could not attend the meeting but had conveyed his views) were of the opinion that BIT should continue to facilitate functioning of the Central University till the final arrangements are made for them for running new programmes. Other members were of the view that no clear direction has been received from the Govt. of Bihar on this issue.

The Chairman informed the Board that he had received a request letter on this subject from Smt. Vibha Puri Das, Secretary, MHRD, and Govt. of India. The Board finally resolved as under:

- (a) The Vice Chancellor and Sri R.D. Sahay should meet the Secretary MHRD, Govt. of India at the earliest feasible and resolve this matter.
- (b) Facilities presently being provided to the Central University may be extended by one more year on receipt of unconditional NOC from Govt. of Bihar.

(43.43) NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF STUDY AND RESEARCH IN LAW, RANCHI

The Board noted that an MoU was signed on 27th August, 2006 between the Institute and the Search Committee (formed by the Government of Jharkhand) for setting up National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL).

As per the MoU, the Institute is to provide the following:

- (a) Built up area for academic and administrative purposes on temporary basis
Hostel facility for their students on temporary basis.
- (b) 39 Acres of land (area / plot numbers have been identified) on long term perpetual lease.

The facilities at (a) & (b) were to be provided for initially three years and extendable by another two years. The above university has come into being after four years of signing the MoU.

The University has now been provided with limited accommodation for their academic and administrative purposes as well as hostel facility within the University Polytechnic premises of the Institute.

NUSRL has commenced its academic activities with effect from 01st December, 2010 and a formal function was held for the same wherein the Chief Justice of the High Court, Ranchi was the chief guest.

The Board noted the above and approved implementation as per the MoU.

(43.44) MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE (ITI), DIGHA (PATNA) AND WOMEN ITI, DIGHA

The Board was apprised that the Institute has signed two MoUs as an Industrial Partner with the Govt. of Bihar for managing ITI, Digha & Women ITI, Digha under PPP mode on 13th November 2008 and 16th March 2009 respectively.

The Institute is required to nominate Chairman & CEOs for the Institute Management Committees of the Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), Digha and Chairman for the ITI (women), Digha.

Massive renovation and construction works are to be undertaken in ITI (Digha) and ITI (Women) respectively and an amount of Rs. 5.0 Cr has been allotted for each of them. Also a Resource Center is to be set up at an estimated cost of 15.00 Cr to be funded by the Govt. at ITI, Digha. It has to be run like a small scale industry for generating funds and imparting training.

Responsibilities assigned to the Institute as Industry Partner does not appear to be in tune with our objectives and hence it was recommended that both the MoUs should be reviewed.

Generally the members were of the opinion that it was beyond the defined scope of the Institute to undertake this kind of responsibility. Also, the Institute should focus on higher education, new technologies and research.

While a few others opined that the Institute should contribute as social responsibility.

The Board finally resolved that the Institute should not take the responsibility as a contractor and should only provide technical support. The matter should therefore, be amicably settled in consultations with all the stake holders.

(43.45) ALUMNI ACTIVITY

The Board approved the proposal to introduce annual Distinguished Alumni Awards for outstanding public service that may be in the following areas:

- (a) Academic
- (b) Administration
- (c) Industry
- (d) Philanthropy

(43.46) BEST PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE STUDENT AWARD

The Board considered the proposal of LCRA, Bangalore for initiating an Award for best all round performer from the out-going students of the Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The Board accorded approval in principal. LCRA is however, required to make available at least a sum of Rs. 10.00 Lakh on permanent basis for this purpose.

(43.47) SYT B.M. BIRLA & SYT G. P. BIRLA LECTURE SERIES

The Board approved the proposal to introduce Syt B.M. Birla and Syt G. P. Birla annual lecture series.

(43.48) NEW UGC REGULATION 2010

The Board resolved that the Institute should adapt the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations 2010 as applicable.

(43. 49) Any other item(s) with permission of the chair.

(43.49.01) ARREAR FROM GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR

The Board noted that a sum of Rs. 6.72 cr. is due from the Government of Bihar on account of payment of 50% DA/ADA & difference of pay as per agreed terms & conditions for the period up to 14th November 2000 (prior to formation of Jharkhand) Government of Bihar is of the opinion that this arrear should be paid by the Government of Jharkhand. As the arrear was not being released by either of the state governments, a case was filed in Patna High Court in the year 2002.

This case was vigorously followed during last six months. The High Court has now given the direction on 27th January, 2011 to the Government of Bihar for making payment during this financial year after finalizing the claim amount in consultation with the Institute.

(43.49.02) FACULTY RECRUITMENT

The Board considered and approved the proposal to set higher qualification standards for recruitment of faculties than the bare minimum envisaged (by UGC) and higher compensation to deserving candidates may be given by properly constituted selection committee with external experts.

(43.49.03) **XXI CONVOCATION**

The Board noted with happiness that Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the Former President of India has very kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and deliver the convocation address during XXI Convocation of the Institute which has been scheduled to take place on 24th February 2011.

All members were cordially invited to attend and grace the occasion.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

(Col. R. K. Verma, Retd.)
Registrar & Secretary,
Board of Governors
BIT, Mesra, Ranchi

Date : November, 2011