

भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान दिल्ली
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DELHI

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD
ON 4th APRIL 2026 AT 04:00 P.M. IN THE SENATE ROOM / ONLINE**

A Special meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 4th April 2026 at 04.00 p.m. in the Senate Room / Online.

P R E S E N T:

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| 1. * Adv. Harish Salve | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Rangan Banerjee, Director | - Member |
| 3. Sh. Sanjeev Ahuja, IAS, Secretary (TTE), Govt. of NCT of Delhi | - Member |
| 4. * Prof. V. K. Tewari, Former Director, IIT Kharagpur | - Member |
| 5. Prof. U.P. Singh, Dy. Director, IIT Roorkee | - Member |
| 6. Prof. P.V.M. Rao, Deptt. of Design | - Member |
| 7. Prof. Vasant A. Matsagar, Deptt. Of Civil & Environmental Engineering | - Member |
| 8. * Prof. A.K. Nema, Dy. Director (Operations) | - Special Invitee |
| 9. Prof. Vivek V. Buwa, Dy. Director (Strategy & Planning) | - Special Invitee |
| 10. Prof. Shantanu Roy, Executive Director, IIT Delhi - Abu Dhabi | - Special Invitee |
| 11. Prof. Siddharth Pandey, Dean (Faculty) | - Special Invitee |
| 12. Mr. Atul Vyas, Registrar | - Secretary |

* Attended online

Ms. Saumya Gupta, Joint Secretary (TE), MoE, & Sh. Sumant Sinha, Chairperson & CEO, ReNew Power limited, could not attend the meeting.

The Secretary, Board of Governors welcomed the Chairperson and all the members to the Meeting. The Secretary thanked the outgoing Members for their valuable contributions to the meetings of the Board and welcomed the new Members to the Board. The list of the incoming/outgoing Members is given at **Appendix A**.

The Chairperson, Board of Governors shared his gratitude to all the members of the Board and called the meeting to order.

Item No. 1: To provide updates on the IITD Abu Dhabi campus.

Prof. Shantanu Roy, Executive Director, IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi, presented the status of the IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi campus, covering emergency response measures, academic continuity, campus operations, and other institutional developments.

Prof. Roy informed the Board that the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) was activated on February 28, 2026, immediately following the onset of hostilities. He apprised that timely communication was established with parents on the same day and has since been maintained regularly with students, faculty, and staff. In order to ensure academic continuity, all instructional activities were transitioned to the online mode with effect from March 02, 2026, and the same is presently scheduled to continue until April 17, 2026. The academic calendar was suitably modified, including the preponement of the Spring Break to the period March 09 to March 22, 2026, to facilitate safe travel of students and staff.

The Board was further informed that necessary arrangements were made to facilitate travel for Indian students to return to their homes, as well as for UAE national students and Indian expatriates to travel to the UAE. Faculty and staff who opted to travel were also duly supported, and the entire movement process was completed by March 10, 2026. Remote working arrangements for faculty and non-essential staff remain in force up to April 17, 2026. It was also noted that the undergraduate entrance test (CAET) has been postponed and is now proposed to be conducted in early June 2026. Prof. Roy stated that the on-ground situation continues to remain stable and that operations are effectively in a business-as-usual mode.

With regard to campus security and operations, Prof. Roy apprised that on-campus residential density has been minimized, with only a very small number of students, faculty, and staff presently on campus. Essential services, including security, medical facilities, and dining services, continue to be fully operational without interruption. Adequate emergency stocks of food and water have been secured. Measures to support mental well-being, including regular online counselling sessions and structured interactions through class committees, have been instituted. He further informed that complete backup of all institutional data, IT systems, and learning management systems has been ensured in accordance with international standards. Continuous coordination is being maintained with the Indian Embassy and relevant authorities in the UAE, and necessary emergency shelter arrangements have also been identified. The resumption of full in-person academic activities will be undertaken upon receipt of formal clearance from the UAE authorities.

The Board also noted that the Framework Agreement for the campus has been signed and that the land parcel for the permanent campus at Masdar City, Abu Dhabi has been approved.

The Board appreciated the prompt and effective response of the Institute in ensuring the safety and well-being of students, faculty, and staff, as well as the seamless continuation of academic activities. The Board also noted with satisfaction the coordinated efforts with the government and international agencies.

The Board advised that the situation may continue to be closely monitored and that periodic updates be provided. The Institute was also advised to prepare an appropriate plan for phased resumption of in-person activities and for normalization of the academic calendar in due course.

Item No. 2: Not for public domain.

Item No. 3: Not for public domain.

Item No. 4: Not for public domain.

Item No. 5: Not for public domain.

Item No. 6: Not for public domain.

Item No. 7: Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for Fact Finding / Preliminary Inquiries.

The Board noted that in its special meeting held on 11.11.2025, it had directed the formulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for Fact Finding / Preliminary Inquiries.

The Board further noted that the draft Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for Redressal of Grievances of SC/ST and OBC Students, Staff, and Faculty were presented in its 223rd meeting held on 20.12.2025, wherein the draft SoPs were approved in principle, with directions to forward the same to the Ministry of Education (MoE) for comments.

In compliance with the above directions, the draft SoPs were forwarded to the MoE for comments via email dated 29.01.2026, followed by reminders dated 20.02.2026 and 25.03.2026. However, no comments were received from the Ministry.

The Board, after discussions, resolved the following:

<u>RESOLUTION NO. BG/05/2026:</u>	RESOLVED THAT: the procedure for Redressal of Grievances of SC/ST and OBC Students/Staff/Faculty as given at [Appendix-2] be approved for implementation. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT: any comments received from the Ministry of Education at a later stage shall be duly incorporated, and the SoPs be modified accordingly.
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Item no. 8: Not for public domain.

Item No.9: To consider a proposal to facilitate Faculty Movement from an Academic Unit to Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence.

Prof. Siddharth Pandey, Dean (Faculty) presented the agenda regarding the facilitation of faculty movement to the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence (ScAI). The Board noted that ScAI, established in 2020, has demonstrated steady growth in its academic programs, student enrolment, and research activities, and is expected to expand further in view of the increasing global importance of Artificial Intelligence as a discipline.

The Board was informed that the Institute is planning to strengthen its AI footprint through new academic initiatives, including the proposed M.Tech program at the Abu Dhabi campus and a potential undergraduate program at the Delhi campus. However, the School presently faces a constraint in terms of an adequate critical mass of dedicated core faculty. While expertise in AI exists across various academic units of the Institute, much of it is currently engaged through joint appointments, which limits full-time commitment to ScAI.

The Board deliberated on the limitations of the existing mechanism for faculty movement, which requires applications through external advertisements and is time-consuming. In order to address this gap, a proposal was placed to introduce a streamlined internal mechanism to facilitate the movement of interested and eligible faculty members from their parent units to ScAI. The proposed mechanism retains academic rigor through a process of internal screening, external expert review, and approval at the appropriate levels.

After detailed deliberations, the Board resolved the following:

<u>RESOLUTION NO. BG/07/2026:</u>	RESOLVED THAT: the proposal to facilitate Faculty Movement from an Academic Unit to Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence as given at [Appendix-3] be approved.
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Item No. 10: To ratify the decisions taken by the Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Delhi on behalf of the Board of Governors.

The Board ratified the approvals accorded by the Chairperson, Board of Governors on behalf of the Board as per details below:

A. Confirmation of academic/non-academic staff members in their appointments.

S. No.	Name, Designation & Department / Centre	Date of Appointment	Period of Probation	Date of Confirmation
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1.	Ms. Rama Sharma 27419 Deputy Registrar	31.12.2024	One Year	01.01.2026
2.	Sh. Uday Dadwal 27450 Principal Technical Officer	31.12.2024	One Year	01.01.2026
3.	Sh. Anil R 27916 Technical Officer	11.10.2024	One Year	11.10.2025
4.	Sh. Ashish Kumar Vijay 27914 Technical Officer	17.10.2024	One Year	17.10.2025
5.	Sh. Sanjay Pande 27008 Deputy Registrar	27.11.2024	One Year	28.11.2025
6.	Ms. Shachi Mathur 27079 Senior Counsellor	28.11.2024	One Year	28.11.2025

B. Minutes of the Selection Committees / Standing Committee / Award Committee of the various posts at the Institute.

S. No.	Name of the Post	Name of the selected candidate (s)	Deptt./ Centre	Date of Meeting
(a)	<u>Selection Committee</u>			
1.	Associate Professor	Prof. Ishan Gupta	DBEB	10.12.2025
2.	Professor	(i) Prof. Mahesh P. Abegaonkar (ii) Prof. Prabhu Babu Prof. Pushparaj Singh	CARE	29.01.2026
3.	Associate Professor	Prof. Rahul Mishra	CARE	29.01.2026
4.	Associate Professor	Prof. Sonali Jain	DMS	06.02.2026
5.	Associate Professor	Prof. Gourab Kar	DoD	06.02.2026
6.	Associate Professor	Prof. Rahul Goel	TRIP-C	21.01.2026
7.	Professor	(i) Prof. Shravan Kumar (ii) Prof. Viswanathan Puthan Veedu	Mathematics	16.01.2026
8.	Associate Professor	Prof. Bodhaditya Santara	Physics	12.12.2025
9.	Assistant Professor	Prof. Nilam Kaushik	SOPP	13.01.2026
10.	Professor	Prof. Surajit Chakravarty	SOPP	15.01.2026
11.	Associate Professor	Prof. Debananda Misra	SOPP	15.01.2026
12.	Assistant Professor	None selected	SOPP	13.01.2026
13.	Assistant Professor	None selected	Mathematics	17.03.2026

14.	Assistant Professor	Prof. Harmender Gahlawat	Mathematics	17.03.2026
15.	Assistant Professor	Prof. Shambhavi Singh	Mathematics	17.03.2026
16.	Assistant Professor	None selected	CAS	11.12.2025
17.	Associate Professor	(i) Prof. Pradipta Ghosh (ii) Prof. Sujit Manna	Physics	12.12.2025
18.	Associate Professor	Prof. Yama Dixit	CAS	10.12.2025
19.	Assistant Professor	Prof. Chandra Kant Jat	Electrical	20.03.2026
20.	Assistant Professor	(i) Prof. Abhijit Kumar Kushwaha (ii) Prof. Rahul Gopalan Ramachandran	Applied Mechanics	18.03.2026
21.	Assistant Professor	Prof. Sumit Shaligram Diware	CS&E	19.03.2026
22.	Medical Officer	Dr. Jishu V. Kumar	Hospital Services	12.03.2026
23.	Assistant Programmer Coordinator	None found suitable	ETSC	06.03.2026
(b)	<u>Standing Committee</u>			
1.	Visiting Professor	Prof. Atul Kumar Jain	CAS	20.01.2026

C. Miscellaneous matters for ratification.

- (i) Not for public domain.
- (ii) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Sunny Kumar, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences for the post of Assistant Professor (G-I). (CBG-31)
- (iii) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Ankush Agrawal, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences for the post of Professor. (CBG-32)
- (iv) Minutes of the Selection Committee for the Women of Impact at IIT Delhi Awards 2026. (CBG-37)
- (v) Re-constitution of Governing Council of FITT-Nomination of member as representing the Financial Institution / Funding Agencies. (CBG-38)
- (vi) IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi final version of Framework Agreement.
- (vii) To decide nominee of the Board of Governors on the Finance Committee of the Institute. (CBG-5)
- (viii) Promotions, Direct Recruitment and Upgradations under the RPR – 2022. (CBG3)
- (ix) Minutes of the Selection Committee meeting held on 08.01.2026 for the 4 vacancies of Deputy Registrar post in level 12 of pay matrix as per 7th cpc advertised vide advt. No. E-II/14/2025 (deputation) dated 07.08.2025, on deputation basis. (CBG-4)

- (x) Approval for official visit of the Director to IITD Abu Dhabi during the period 02.03.2026 to 04.03.2026. (CBG-34)

** This visit was cancelled due to flight cancellations caused by recent developments in the Middle East.*

- (xi) Not for public domain.
- (xii) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Biplab Paul, Department of Mathematics for the post of Assistant Professor (G-I). (CBG-07)
- (xiii) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Divya Dwivedi, Department of Humanities & Social Sciences for the post of Professor. (CBG-47)
- (xiv) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Minati De, Department of Mathematics for the post of Associate Professor. (CBG-39)
- (xv) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Vikas Vikram Singh, Department of Mathematics for the post of Associate Professor. (CBG-40)
- (xvi) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Vijaykumar Narayandas Baheti, Department of Textile & Fibre Engineering for the post of Associate Professor. (CBG-41)
- (xvii) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Neeru Chaudhry, Department of Management Studies for the post of Associate Professor. (CBG-42)
- (xviii) Minutes of the Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Amlendu Kumar, Department of Management Studies for the post of Professor. (CBG-43)
- (xix) Minutes of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Chair Professors in the Institute. (CBG-35)
- (xx) Minutes of Selection Committee for Faculty Research Awards 2025. (CBG-16)
- (xxi) Minutes of the Selection Committee to consider the cases of superannuated Professor for appointment as Emeritus Professor & Honorary Professor and Extension of Emeritus Professor & Honorary Professor. (CBG-17)
- (xxii) Acceptance of resignation tendered by Prof. Nandana Sengupta, Associate Professor, School of Public Policy. (CBG-59)
- (xxiii) Minutes of Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Arya V, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering for the post of Associate Professor. (CBG-58)
- (xxiv) Minutes of Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Arnab Banerjee, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering for the post of Associate Professor. (CBG-57)
- (xxv) Minutes of Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Joseph Varghese Puthussery, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering for the post of Associate Professor (G-I). (CBG-56)

- (xxvi) Minutes of Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Rohith A N, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering for the post of Associate Professor (G-I). (CBG-55)
- (xxvii) Minutes of Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Sumeet Kumar Sinha, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering for the post of Assistant Professor. (G-I) (CBG-54)
- (xxviii) Minutes of Standing Committee for considering confirmation of Prof. Saikat Sarkar, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering for the post of Associate Professor. (CBG-53)
- (xxix) Regarding confirmation of services of Ms. Upasana Gupta (26776), Assistant Executive Engineer.

Item No. 11: To report certain matters for information of the Board of Governors.

The Minutes of the following meetings were noted by the Board of Governors:

Minutes of the Senate

236th meeting held on 19.11.2025

Minutes of the Finance Committee

136th meeting held on 25.04.2025

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Item No. 13: Not for public domain.

Item No. 14: Not for public domain.