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Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad

Minutes of the 26th Meeting of Board of Governors

Minutes of the Twenty-Sixth BoG meeting of the Indian Institute of Technology Palakkad held on 10th April 2026 at 11:30 AM at Nila Campus, IIT Palakkad is furnished below. The following members attended the meeting.

1.	Shri Ramesh Venkateswaran	Chairperson
2.	Prof A Seshadri Sekhar	Director
3.	Shri Raghu Verabelli	Member (through VC)
4.	Dr Subbiah Shanmugam	Member (through VC)
5.	Prof. L S Ganesh	Member
6.	Dr. Samarjeet Chanda	Member
7.	Dr. Jayakumar Balakrishnan	Member
8.	Dr B V Ramesh	Registrar, Secretary

Smt. Saumya Gupta, JS (TE), MoE, Dr.Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS and Principal Secretary (Education), Department of Education, UTLA could not attend the meeting due to prior commitments. No comments on the agenda items were received from the JS (TE), MoE.

Procedural Matters

BoG 26.1	Welcome address by the Chairman.
	<i>The Chairman welcomed the members to the 26th Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad and requested the Member Secretary to take up the agenda items for discussion.</i>
BoG 26.2	Confirmation of the minutes of the Twenty-Fifth Meeting of the Board of Governors of IIT Palakkad held on 16 th January 2026 at 11:30 AM.
	(Annexure - 1) Decision (BoG 26.2): <i>The Board considered the minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Board of Governors and confirmed the same.</i>
BoG 26.3	Presentation of the Director's overview report.
	<i>The Director presented a comprehensive overview report detailing the Institute's activities and milestones since January 2026. A significant portion of the briefing focused on the status of Phase 1-A construction in light of the Kerala High Court's recent judgement, which mandates completion by June 30, 2026. The Committee was informed that while the original case has been disposed of, the Institute has submitted a review petition to the Court.</i>

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	<p><i>Further, he informed the Committee that the financial implications resulting from this judgement are currently being evaluated and will be formally appraised in a subsequent meeting. Additionally, he highlighted the current student, faculty, and staff strength, as well as the Institute's recent publications and academic recognitions. The presentation concluded with an update on the progress of ongoing and newly sanctioned extramural research projects, the details of which were formally noted by the Chairman and the members.</i></p>
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Items for consideration and approval

BoG 26.4	<p>To consider and approve the Nomenclature of ICSR (Centre for Industry Collaboration and Sponsored Research)</p> <p>It has been observed that the current title does not fully reflect the scope and nature of activities undertaken by the Centre.</p> <p>In particular, the term "Industry Collaboration" is broad and may not adequately convey the specific functions of consultancy services and sponsored research projects, which constitute the core operational areas of the Centre. It was also noted that the term "Industrial Consultancy" is more precise, widely recognized in academic and institutional contexts, and better aligned with similar structures across leading institutions.</p> <p>Further, the revised nomenclature is expected to enhance clarity in communication with external stakeholders, more accurately reflects the Centre's core activities, and aligns better with institutional objectives in industry engagement, consultancy, and sponsored research.</p> <p>In view of the above, the Deans Committee recommended that the nomenclature of ICSR be revised to "Industrial Consultancy and Sponsored Research."</p> <p><i>Decision (BoG 26.4): The Board formally approved the revision of the nomenclature of the Centre for Industry Collaboration and Sponsored Research (ICSR) to "Industrial Consultancy and Sponsored Research" (ICSR).</i></p>
BoG 26.5	<p>To consider and approve the establishment of New Department - Materials and Metallurgical Engineering</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 2)</p>

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	Decision (BoG 26.5): <i>The Board, after thorough scrutiny and detailed deliberations on the proposal, considered and formally approved the establishment of a new Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering.</i>
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Items for Ratification

BoG 26.6	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Extension of appointment of Dean Academics (Annexure - 3)
	Decision (BoG 26.6): <i>The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the extension of appointment of Dean Academics.</i>
BoG 26.7	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Appointment of Associate Deans (Student Affairs and Admin) (Annexure - 4)
	Decision (BoG 26.7): <i>The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG, for the appointment of Associate Dean (Student Affairs) and Associate Dean (Administration)</i>
BoG 26.8	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Approval of Probation Confirmation of Faculty members (Annexure -5)
	Decision (BoG 26.8): <i>The Board noted and confirmed the approval accorded through circular resolution for the probation confirmation of faculty members.</i>
BoG 26.9	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Approval for the upgradation of the faculty members (Annexure - 6)
	Decision (BoG 26.9): <i>The Board noted and confirmed the approval accorded through circular resolution for the upgradation of the faculty members.</i>
BoG 26.10	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Probation Confirmation of Sports Officer (Annexure - 7)
	Decision (BoG 26.10): <i>The Board noted and confirmed the approval accorded through circular resolution for the probation confirmation of Sports Officer.</i>
BoG 26.11	The approval accorded by the Chairman, BoG for Approval for the appointment of Assistant Executive Engineer (Annexure - 8)

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	Decision (BoG 26.11): <i>The Board noted and confirmed the approval accorded through circular resolution for the appointment of Assistant Executive Engineer (Electrical).</i>
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Items for Noting/Reporting

BoG 26.12	To note the appointment of two members of staff in Group B and Group C positions (JA - 1, JE-1) (Annexure - 9)
	Decision (BoG 26.12): <i>The Board noted the appointment of two members of staff in Group B and Group C positions, comprising one Junior Attendant and one Junior Engineer (Electrical).</i>
BoG 26.13	To note the summary of proceedings of the 36th Senate meeting held on 06th April 2026. (Annexure - 10)
	Decision (BoG 26.13): <i>The Board noted the summary of proceedings of the 36th Senate meeting held on 6th April 2026.</i>
BoG 26.14	To note the summary of the 65th, 66th and 67th meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee for the permanent campus construction, held on 31.12.2025, 31.01.2026, 24.02.2026 and 11.03.2026 respectively. (Annexure -11)
	Decision (BoG 26.14): <i>The Board noted the summary of the 65th, 66th, 67th and 68th meetings of the Project Monitoring Committee for the Permanent Campus construction, held on 31.12.2025, 31.01.2026, 24.02.2026 and 11.03.2026 respectively</i>

Tabled Item for Consideration of Approval

BoG 26.15	To consider and approve the appointment request of Prof. Ravi KR, Professor, IIT Jodhpur, as Visiting Professor at IIT Palakkad through the Inter-IIT Faculty Exchange Programme for a period of one year from the date of joining. (Annexure -12)
	Decision (BoG 26.15): <i>The Board, following detailed scrutiny and deliberations, considered and formally approved the appointment of Prof. Ravi KR, Professor at IIT Jodhpur, as a Visiting Professor at IIT Palakkad under the Inter-IIT Faculty Exchange Programme. This appointment is approved for a period of one year, effective from the</i>



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	<i>date of his joining.</i>
BoG 26.16	<p>To consider and approve the recommendations of the 26th BWC meeting held on 02nd April 2026</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Construction of Permanent campus for IIT Palakkad under Phase B SH: External Development works, SW: Construction of 3.2 km long peripheral road from Kedaram (L1) to Residential block (YA2) amounting to Rs.37,52,65,000/-2. Construction of Mehta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (MFSDSAI) including E&M Works at Sahyadri campus amounting to Rs.39,42,22,900/-3. Revised preliminary estimate submitted by CPWD, PPZ for Construction of Permanent campus for IIT Palakkad under Phase B - Construction of 1 no. of 750 bedded hostel block (K03) at Sahyadri campus amounting to Rs. 105,31,84,000/-4. Construction of Permanent campus for IIT Palakkad under Phase B SH: External Development works, SW: Construction of Compound wall in the left out Portion (Forest area) on the northern side at Sahyadri campus amounting to Rs. 2,94,78,250/- <p style="text-align: right;">(Annexure - 13)</p>
	<p><i>Decision (BoG 26.16):</i> <i>The Board considered the recommendations of the 26th BWC meeting regarding various construction works for the Permanent Campus of IIT Palakkad. Based on the Finance Committee's recommendations, the Board approved the proposals for all the works as recommended.</i></p>

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