INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (INDIAN SCHOOL OF MINES), DHANBAD

MINUTES OF THE 38th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 29th JUNE 2026 AT 2.30 PM AT IIIF CENTRE, NEW DELHI

Members Present:

Prof. Prem Vrat, Chairperson, BoG, IIT (ISM)	: Chairperson
Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Director, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof. D K Singh, Vice Chancellor, JUT, Ranchi	: Member
Prof. Shailendra Singh, Ex-Professor, IIM Lucknow	: Member (Joined online)
Prof. Pallab Banerji, IIT Kharagpur	: Member (Joined online)
Prof. Chiranjeev Kumar, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof. Sagar Pal, IIT (ISM)	: Member
Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, IIT (ISM)	: Special Invitee
Shri Prabodh Pandey, Registrar, IIT (ISM)	: Secretary

Leave of absence:

Joint Secretary (TE), MoE, GoI	: Member
Shri Gautam N Mehra, CMD, Savita Oil Technologies Ltd.	: Member

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed the members of the BoG present at the meeting, either online or in person.

The Director greeted and welcomed the Chairperson and members of the BoG.

The Agenda of the BoG was circulated to all the members, including the JS (TE), MoE. However, no comments were received from the JS (TE), MoE on any of the agenda items.

The following agenda items were deliberated:

38/1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the 37th Meeting of the BoG of IIT(ISM) held on 24.03.2026

The minutes of the 37th BoG meeting held on 24.03.2026 were circulated to all BoG members, including the JS (TE), MoE. Since no comments were received from any member or MoE, and none were offered on the floor, the Board of Governors confirmed the minutes.

38/2 Actions taken on the decisions of the 37th Meeting of the BoG held on 24.03.2026

Actions taken on the decisions made at the 37th BoG meeting held on 24.03.2026 were presented to the BoG. The BoG noted the Actions Taken report. As regards item no. 37/4, the Board further resolved to send a letter to the JUT/ Govt of Jharkhand, asking for their specific proposal to introduce a quota for candidates belonging to Jharkhand for admission in M.Tech Programmes for further deliberation in the Senate.

38/3 To review the Status Report of various ongoing construction works undertaken by CPWD, WAPCOS Ltd, and ECMU at IIT(ISM), Dhanbad

Shri Manoj Kumar, Chief Engineer, and Shri Gurnam Singh, Chief Engineer from WAPCOS Ltd. presented the physical progress of the Centenary Building. While reviewing, the BoG found that WAPCOS has mentioned 31st March 2027 as the anticipated completion date, whereas in previous meetings, WAPCOS promised to complete the Auditorium by 31.7.2026. Based on the assurance from the WAPCOS, an invitation to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has been sent, inviting him as the Chief Guest of Convocation and requesting him to inaugurate the Centenary Building. Therefore, the BoG did not accept the new completion date and reiterated to complete the said building by the earlier given date i.e. 31.7.2026. The BoG noted that, as per the agreement, the completion date is 22nd March 2026. The BoG expressed its strong displeasure at WAPCOS's unprofessional approach and the poor progress of the work. The BoG advised the Institute to apprise the CMD, WAPCOS, of the entire incident by providing all facts in chronological order and to seek their intervention & suggestions in this matter. It may also be mentioned that the Centenary Building is to be inaugurated during the Centenary Year, i.e. 2026 itself. Completing this building after 2026 will not serve the purpose.

Shri. Ujjawal Kumar, Chief Engineer, CPWD, presented a progress report on CPWD projects. The BoG found that all the projects are witnessing time overrun and making slow physical progress. The BoG sought a crisp presentation from CPWD at all future meetings, inter alia detailing actual progress vis-à-vis the targeted progress as per the agreement.

38/4 Director's Report on the progress of various activities

The Director presented the Institute's all-around performance for the last six months. The BoG congratulated the Director and his team for achieving the following rank in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2027:

- Ranked in the 701–710 global band
- 11th among the IITs
- 21st in India

The BoG noted the Institute's progress on other fronts and appreciated it. The BoG emphasised increasing the resources generated at IIIF Centres and also advised incentivising the concerned employee suitably to motivate him/her to increase bookings for the facilities at these centres. The BoG reviewed the placement statistics and desired to increase the placement figures.

The BoG was informed that the Annual Performance Appraisal for faculty members has been introduced. The BoG advised presenting the summary of faculty APARs, after finalisation, at one of its meetings every year.

The Director also gave a brief report regarding his visit to France, Germany & Norway from 12th to 21st June 2026. The Institute participated in Bharat Innovates at Nice, France, during June 14-16, 2026, and showcased three Technology Projects, namely, Virtual Reality Mine Simulator (VRMS), AI-Based Air Quality Monitoring System, and Immersive HoloXperience Platform. Visited RWTH Aachen University, Germany, from

17-18 June 2026, and explored possibilities for collaborative work on mining, mineral processing, and advanced engineering, energy systems, and industrial research & innovation. Visited UiT Norway from 18-20 June 2026 to review the ongoing IIT (ISM) - UiT collaborative projects, namely, Bioscopy and CEER, also signed an MoU between UiT and TEXMiN.

38/5 Ratification of the approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BoG

The BoG ratified the approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BoG, as mentioned in Sl. Nos. 1-76 of the agenda notes. The BoG also ratified the following additional approvals accorded by the Chairperson, BoG, after circulation of the agenda:

1. Approved resignation of Prof. Jadab Majhi, Assistant Professor, Grade-I (Regular), Deptt. of Chemistry & Chemical Biology, w.e.f. 30.06.2026 [Approval dated 23.06.2026]

2. Approved minutes of the meeting held on 25.06.2026 for considering the case of up-gradation of Group "A" officer (Dr. Dhiraj Kumar, Horticulture Officer) from PL-11 to PL-12. [Approval dated 26.06.2026]

38/6 Reporting Items

The BoG noted the reporting items.

38/7 To consider and approve the recommendations made by the Finance Committee (38th meeting) held on June 29, 2026, at 10.00 AM

Recommendations made by the Finance Committee in its 38th meeting held on 29.06.2026 were received by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee as mentioned below:

FC Agenda Item No.	Particulars	Observations/Recommendations of the Finance Committee	Observations /Decisions of the BoG
38/1	Confirmation of the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Finance Committee of IIT (ISM) held on 24.03.2026	The minutes of the 37th Finance Committee meeting, held on 24th March, 2026, were circulated to all members. Since no comments were received and none were offered on the floor, the Finance Committee confirmed the minutes of the 37th FC meeting.	Approved by the BoG
38/2	Actions taken on the recommendations of the 37th meeting of the Finance Committee of IIT	Actions taken on the recommendations of the 37th Finance Committee meeting held on 24.03.2026 were presented to the Finance Committee. The FC noted the same. The Finance Committee reiterated that unless sufficient funds are available, the Institute should not begin any construction projects.	Approved by the BoG

	(ISM) held on 24.03.2026	Regarding the HEFA loan application, the FC expressed concern about the delay in sanctioning it and asked the Institute to follow up with the MoE for early sanction of the HEFA loan so that the proposed projects can start at the earliest.	
38/3	Reporting Items	Noted by the Finance Committee.	Noted by the BoG
38/4	To consider and approve the Acceptance of Arbitration Award in respect of Construction of Type-V & Type-VI Quarters at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and approval of financial implications thereof	The proposal was presented by Shri Ujjawal Kumar, Chief Engineer, CPWD & his team, along with Prof. A R Dixit, Dean (Infrastructure) and Shri Sanjeeb Mukherjee, SE, before the Finance Committee. *The FC took note of the comments* of the IFD, MoE: ***"Whether the work is being executed as per the specifications mentioned is the sole responsibility of CPWD as PMC. CPWD is duty-bound to protect the interests of the Institute in such cases. Losing the arbitration case results in the loss to the public exchequer. Hence, Institute may deliberate the issue in detail and examine facts/merits of the case before taking a decision safeguarding the interests of the Institute. Opinion of legal counsel of the Institute may be taken to proceed further whether to challenge the arbitration award based on the facts & merits before a higher court of jurisdiction or to accept the award.*** ***Advice of IIT Bureau of MoE may also be solicited".*** The FC expressed concern over the arbitration award of such a large amount for the project handled by CPWD as the PMC. The FC deliberated that CPWD must have protected the Institute's interests both during the execution of the project and in the arbitration case. The FC deliberated that the primary cause of the arbitration award is the delay in completing the project, which resulted from delays in the release of funds and the COVID situation. Neither condition was within the Institute's control, as the source of funding was from the	Approved by the BoG

		MoE/HEFA, and COVID was beyond anyone's control. The FC, after detailed deliberations, opined that it would challenge the arbitration award in the appropriate court. CPWD will be intimated in this regard to file the case challenging the award before the deadline i.e. 21.7.2026. Further, as the project was funded by MoE/HEFA, any arbitration award expenses, if payable, will be booked under OH-35. The MoE may be requested to release the funds for the same, if the need arises. In the meantime, to challenge the award, the requisite amount to be deposited with the court will be transferred from the institute's IRG on an advance/loan basis. The FC also resolved to send a letter to the IIT Bureau of the MoE to inform them of the arbitration award and convey the decision of the FC & BoG.	
38/5	Approval of taking a Temporary Loan of ₹ 20 Crore from R&D Fund of the Institute till HEFA is sanctioned for the timely execution of Sports Infrastructure Development Works	The proposal was presented by Prof. A. R. Dixit, Dean (Infrastructure), before the Finance Committee. ***The IFD commented that 'May be considered from IRG. Advice of the IIT Bureau may be taken.*** The FC deliberated that since IIT (ISM) is hosting the Inter-IIT sports meet 2026, scheduled to be held in December 2026, the completion of the sports projects is inevitable. It is clear that if CPWD does not receive the requisite funds from the HEFA/ Institute, the sports projects are unlikely to be completed before the scheduled date of the Inter-IIT Sports Meet. In light of the essentiality and the IFD's advice, the FC opined that a temporary loan of Rs. 20.00 crore be taken from the Institute's IRG to meet the immediate fund requirement and until the HEFA loan is sanctioned. The FC also advised following up with the MoE and requesting that they clear the HEFA loan proposal as soon as possible to enable the Institute to complete its essential infrastructure projects on time. Once the HEFA loan is sanctioned by the MoE, the loan amount will be repaid to the Institute. As the bureau has not offered any comments, a letter conveying	Approved by the BoG

		the decision may be sent to the IIT Bureau of the MoE, and any observations may be invited. The FC recommended the above proposal for consideration and approval by the BoG.	
38/6	To consider the engagement of Distinguished Professor at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad	The proposal for engagement of a Distinguished Professor at IIT (ISM), Dhanbad was deliberated by the Finance Committee. *The IFD commented that "May be considered within the sanctioned strength of the Institute and as per the guidelines of MoE for engagement of Distinguished Professor, Adjunct faculty, Professor of Practice".* The FC deliberated that the hiring of Distinguished Professors will be within the sanctioned strength of the faculty positions. Furthermore, based on the AICTE's policy, the following will be applicable: **Age & Tenure**: The applicant's appointment as Distinguished Professor shall be for a period of up to three years or on attaining the age of 75 years, whichever is earlier, extendable further subject to fitness. **Honorarium & Visits**: An honorarium of Rs. 15000/- for one day interaction with faculty/ students. A maximum of 02 visits per month and 12 visits per year (Academic Year) will be allowed. There will be a maximum of five working days per visit. The honorarium will be payable for five days per visit only, if the number of days per visit exceeds five. The Distinguished Professor will be treated as an Institute guest and will be provided with accommodation in the SAH/EDC/Transit Accommodation. Their appointment will be approved by the Director based on the recommendations of the HoD of the concerned departments/Dean (Faculty). With these modifications/ additions, the FC recommended the proposal for approval by the BoG.	Approved by the BoG

38/7	To receive and approve the recommendations of the 41st Senate meeting held on 08.06.2026: "To consider the proposal for conversion of Fee Structure for International Students from US Dollars to Indian Rupees"	The proposal to convert the Fee Structure for International Students from US Dollars to Indian Rupees, as recommended by the 41st Senate, was considered by the Finance Committee. ***The IFD commented that 'May be considered in line with what other IITs are following.'*** The FC noted that, since the request for the fee structure in INR was received from the ICCR, the sponsoring agency for foreign students, the FC recommended the proposed INR fee structure for foreign students to the BoG for approval.	Approved by the BoG
38/8	Establishment of DST, GoI Mandated Sophisticated Analytical and Technical Help Institutes (SATHI) at IIT (ISM) as the Lead Institute (LI) & Formation of the Section 8 Company in the name of SATHI FOUNDATION IIT(ISM) Dhanbad	The proposal regarding the establishment of DST-mandated SATHI at IIT (ISM) as the lead Institute & formation of a Section 8 company named SATHI FOUNDATION IIT(ISM) Dhanbad was presented before the Finance Committee. The FC noted that 25% financial support from internal resources for the SATHI project has already been approved by the FC/BoG at its 20th meeting held on 23.12.2021. External institutions and industry partners will also contribute to the committed 25% component, as per the agreement. Further, the FC noted the comments received from the IFD that "**may *be considered as advised by the Secretary, DST. However, a Section-8 Company should be self-reliant & self-sustainable".*** In line with the comments, the FC deliberated that the Section-8 company shall be a self-reliant & self-sustainable company, benefiting the Institute by establishing state-of-the-art equipment that will enhance teaching and research. With these deliberations, the FC recommended the proposal for approval by the BoG with two of the initial directors as mentioned in the proposal, with a provision to add more number of directors as per the SATHI requirements.	Approved by the BoG
38/9	To consider and approve the minutes of the	The Minutes of the Committee were placed and discussed by the Finance Committee. After due discussion, the Finance Committee	Approved by the BoG

	meeting recommending merging/ renaming/creation of Dean/ Associate Dean and recommending incumbents for the positions of Deans and Associate Deans	recommended the following proposed names for the positions of Deans and Associate Deans for approval by the BoG: **Proposed Name** / **For the position of** Prof M K Singh, Dept of M&C — Dean (Faculty) Prof Amit Rai Dixit, Dept of Mechanical Engineering — Dean (Academic) Prof Sanjoy Mandal, Dept of Electrical Engineering — Dean (SW) Prof Kalyan Chatterjee, Dept of Electrical Engineering — Dean (Infrastructure) Prof Alok Kumar Das, Dept of Mechanical Engineering — Dean (Innovation & Corporate Relations) Prof Rajni Singh, Dept of HSS — Dean (International Relations) Prof Saumya Singh, Dept of MS&IE — Dean (Career Development) Prof Umakanta Tripathy, Dept of Physics — Associate Dean (SW) Students' Activities Prof Sanjeev Anand Sahu, Dept of M&C — Associate Dean (SW) - Students' Wellbeing Prof Ejaz Ahmed, Associate Professor, Dept of Chemical Engineering — Associate Dean (Research & Development) Prof Pankaj Mishra Dept of Physics — Associate Dean (Academics) - PG Prof Abhishek Kumar Singh, Dept of M&C — Associate Dean (Career Development) Prof Jaisingh Thangaraj, Associate Professor, Dept of Electronics Engineering — Associate Dean (Infrastructure) The Director informed that Prof Vipin Kumar, Dept of ESE, Associate Dean (Faculty), has desired to be relieved from the said administrative position. Prof Sushrut Das, Dept of Electronics Engineering, has consented to be considered for the position of Associate Dean (Faculty). Accordingly, the FC recommended Prof Sushrut Das for the position of Associate Dean (Faculty). The tenure of new appointees will be initially for two years, w.e.f. 1.7.2026 and further extendable for the third year, based on performance. The duties, responsibilities & KPIs for the new positions will be presented at the next BoG meeting. The FC also recommended renaming Dean (Continuing Education Programme) to Dean (Continuing Education & Outreach), to be written as Dean (CE&O), without changing the already approved duties, responsibilities & KPIs. The proposal, as given in the agenda note with the above resolution, was recommended by the FC for approval by the BoG.	

38/10	To consider the proposal to extend financial assistance for running the Crèche in the Institute premises	The Finance Committee discussed the proposal. After due discussion, The FC recommended the proposal to extend the financial assistance for running the Creche for further periods of two years. The comments of IFD was in line with the proposal. The FC recommended the proposal for approval by the BoG.	Approved by the BoG from IRG fund.
38/11	Status report on filling up of backlog vacancies in compliance to the MoE letter D.O. No. 13-40/2022-TC dated 08 October, 2025	The Status Report was noted by the Finance Committee. The IFD commented that ***"Status may be reported and IIT Bureau of MoE may also be intimated".*** The status is intimated to the IIT Bureau through as the agenda & minutes are sent to them being the member of the FC and BoG.	Noted by the BoG
38/12	To consider and approve Insertion of a New Clause under 'Retention of Residence' in the Residential Accommodation Guidelines	The proposal was presented before the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee took note of the comments of the IFD, MoE ***"May be considered in uniformity with other IITs. However, 5 years seem to be too long, may consider 2 years subject to further review".*** The FC deliberated that since there is a scarcity of Type-VI quarters on campus, such a policy may jeopardise the interests of the internal employees. Accordingly, if a strong justification is available for those who have been/will be appointed as Directors of an IIT, the matter may be placed before the BoG on a case-by-case basis for such considerations. For other cases, the existing policy will continue. The same is recommended for approval by the BoG.	Approved by the BoG

38/8 To consider and approve the effective date for placement of faculty members in the HAG scale at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad

The proposal regarding the effective date for placing faculty members on the HAG scale was presented to the BoG. The BoG deliberated and decided that the HAG selection process will be conducted once a year, with the effective date set to 1st July for selections made until then. The cut-off for considering the eligibility will be 30th April. The recommendations of the selection committee will be approved by the Chairperson of the BoG and ratified at the subsequent BoG meeting.

38/9 To receive and approve the recommendations of the 41st Senate held on 08.06.2026:

38/9(i) MoU on Academic Cooperation between the IITs

The BoG approved the proposal.

38/9(ii) To consider and approve the proposal for initiating academic activities at the Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems and establishing it as an academic Centre

The BoG approved the proposal.

38/9(iii) To consider the proposal to award D.Sc. (Honoris Causa) degree to Shri Senapathy "Kris" Gopalakrishnam in the forthcoming Convocation

The BoG approved the proposal to initiate the necessary further processes to obtain the Visitor's assent through the MoE.

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38/11 Status report on filling up of backlog vacancies in compliance to the MoE letter D.O. No. 13-40/2022-TC dated 08 October, 2025

The BoG noted the status report on the filling of backlog vacancies for faculty and non-faculty.

38/12 Supplementary agenda "to consider and approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee for placement to Professor (HAG) scale

The Director placed before the BoG the recommendation of the Selection Committee meeting held on 05.06.2026 for placement of eligible officers on the Professor (HAG) scale. The BoG approved placement to the Professor (HAG) scale to the following Professors:

Sr. No.	Name	Department
1.	Prof Ajay Mandal	Department of Petroleum Engineering
2.	Prof Keka Ojha	Department of Petroleum Engineering
3.	Prof Subhashis Chatterjee	Department of M&C
4.	Prof Akhilesh Prasad	Department of M&C
5.	Prof Vikas Mahato	Department of Petroleum Engineering

The inter se seniority of the above-recommended incumbents will be maintained, and the effective date will be from 1st July 2026.

38/13 AOB: Nil

Concluding remarks:

The Director informed the BoG that Prof Dheeraj Kumar, Deputy Director, who has been a Special Invitee in all meetings of the Finance Committee and Board of Governors since April 2022, is completing his term as Deputy Director on 30.6.2026. The Chairman, BoG, thanked him for his valuable inputs during deliberations and the decision-making process at FC & BoG meetings. He appreciated his hard work, dedication, and promptness in responding to the matters forwarded to him. He conveyed his best wishes for his future endeavours. The Director and other members also thanked him for his contributions and sought his continued support for the Institute.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

[Prabodh Pandey] 2.7.2026
Registrar & Secretary,
Board of Governors