



## Dr. AMBEDKAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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### Proceedings of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Governing Body (GB) meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Saturday

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#### Members Present:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Sri. S Mariswamy	Chairman
2	Dr. M Mahadeva	Member
3	Sri. S Shivamallu	Member
4	Sri. A R Krishnamurthy	Member
5	Dr. B N Umesh	Member
6	Prof. Arun Kumar Agrawal	Member, UGC Nominee
7	Dr. C G Krishnadas Nair	Member, Industrialist
8	Dr. M Girish Chandra	Member, Invitee
9	Dr. N C Shivaprakash	Member, Invitee
10	Dr. Siddaraju	Member
11	Dr. K N Anuradha	Member
12	Dr. G Rajendra	Member
13	Dr. M Meenakshi	Member
14	Dr. C Nanjundaswamy	Principal/ Member Secretary

#### Leave of Absence granted:

1	Sri. P L Nanjundaswamy	Member
2	Prof. H U Talwar	Member, GOK Nominee
3	Dr. N H Siddalinga Swamy	Member, AICTE Nominee
4	Dr. N V R Naidu	Member, VTU Nominee

Sri. S Mariswamy, Chairman Governing Body of Dr. AIT welcomed all the members, thanked for their continuous support for the improvement of Dr.AIT and informed the Principal to present the agenda of the meeting.

The Principal welcomed all the members to the 23<sup>rd</sup> GB meeting and briefed the agenda of the meeting. He introduced the new member Prof. Arun Kumar Agrawal, Member, UGC Nominee to the other members present.

The Principal presented the agenda in detail and following are the outcome of the meeting:

**1.1 Confirmation of proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> GB meeting held on 23-11-2019.**

The Principal requested the members for the confirmation of the proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> GB meeting held on 23.11.2019. The Governing Body after discussion confirmed and approved the proceedings of the 22<sup>nd</sup> GB meeting.

**1.2 Action taken report on the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> GB meeting held on 23.11.2019.**

Principal presented the action taken report based on the suggestions made by the members during the 22<sup>nd</sup> GB meeting.

The committee noted the action taken on the suggestions made by the members.

- The principal informed all the members that department level reunion of the Alumni will be held online during November 2020 and at the Institute level, the online Alumni meet will be held on 2nd Saturday of December 2020. The members suggested having a kind of webinar by arranging for an expert talk followed by Alumni meet.
- During the discussion, Dr. Krishnadas Nair suggested to publicize about the starting of a new programme in Aeronautical Engineering and to appeal Alumni to fund the establishing of new Laboratories and other facilities.
- A detailed report on the number of faculty members who are registered and certified by SWAYAM NPTEL online courses was presented by the Principal, the members appreciated the participation of students and faculty members. Also advised to persuade more students and faculty to get registered and certified through online Courses.
- While discussing on the support by Samsung Corporation to establish additional digital classrooms, Dr. Girish Chandra informed that the e-mail sent by Principal, Dr. AIT was forwarded to Samsung and the Senior Manager of Samsung was requested to sponsor digital boards to Dr. AIT. But it was informed that such sponsorship will be made only to colleges coming within hundred in NIRF ranking.
- As suggested by the Hon'ble members, Principal informed that video lectures were uploaded to the Institute website including Laboratory experiments to the benefit of students. This was appreciated by the



members and suggested to continue with online classes and to develop virtual laboratory experiments.

- While discussing on strengthening of R&D at Dr. AIT, the members suggested to have inter-disciplinary research cluster on common themes and to identify societal problems to solve them through students (UG, PG and PhD) project work. Members appreciated the establishment of Dr.AIT – RISE (Research, Innovation, Startup and Entrepreneurship) and its benefit to the faculty and students.
- Members appreciated the involvement of Dr. AIT in AICTE funded Margadarshan scheme for mentoring 10 nearby Engineering Colleges and to guide them to get NBA accreditation.

The members have noted the AICTE approval for starting of new programme in Aeronautical Engineering from the academic year 2020-21 with 60 intake and extension of approval to all other UG & PG programs including PIO and NRI quota.

## **2. Approvals**

### **2.1. 7<sup>th</sup> Graduation Day**

While discussing on the schedule of virtual 7th Graduation day during last week of October 2020, the members suggested to the Principal to submit a report on the arrangements to be made, number of students participation, the role of members of the GB etc. However, members agreed in principle to hold virtual Graduation day during the last week of October-2020 if all the arrangements are made available.

## **3. Ratification**

**3.1 Appointments:** The committee noted the same.

## **4. Information**

**4.1 Retirement:** The committee noted the same.

**4.2 Ph.D. Awarded:** The committee noted the same.

**4.3 Decease:** The Governing Body expressed heartfelt condolences to family members of the departed souls namely Dr. B Shivakumarswamy, Dean (III) and Professor of Civil Engineering Department and Sri. Hanumantharaju, Helper of Civil Engineering who passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 respectively.

### **4.4 Academic activities 2019-20**

The Principal briefed the academic activities carried out after 22nd GB meeting and during lockdown period about the induction program (extended) to first year students, online classes conducted during the lockdown, online Continuous Internal Evaluation, online/offline Semester End Examinations (SEE) and Online Academic Council Meeting and webinars organized by various departments. The members were happy to note about the development of software by the team members of autonomous examination section for conducting of online proctored SEE for terminal semester.

The principal informed the members about the procedure being followed to declare the results of intermediate semesters and commencement of online classes of higher semesters for the academic year 2020-21 from 1st of September, 2020.

Shri. Shivamallu, the member informed the principal to submit the list of GM, SC, ST and Rural students who have appeared for online examinations in the next GB meeting.

#### **4.5. National Board of Accreditation (NBA)**

The members noted the NBA Accreditation of Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering programmes and directed to review and submit a report on the comments/suggestions of experts in respect of Computer Science and Engineering and Electronics and Communication Engineering for declining Accreditation. During the discussion, Dr. Shiva Prakash informed to upload SAR of two PG (M.Tech) and Two UG departments within the due date.

#### **4.6. Career Guidance and Placement Cell Activities**

The placement statistics for the previous three years was presented by the Principal. While discussing placement statistics, Shri Shivamallu, questioned about the impact of introducing placement training from the first year onwards to BE students, because the placement numbers have come down year after year. In view of this, members have suggested to improve the training based on the strengths and weakness of students at different stages concerning essential skills including soft skills, interpersonal skills, problem solving and critical thinking, motivation, industry knowledge, analytical skills, teamwork abilities, leadership and management skills, Logical Ability and technical skill. Members also suggested to conduct a series of assessments during the training period to identify students need and accordingly training can be given.



Dr. Girish Chandra suggested to identify startup companies which are there in the Bangalore and to invite them for placement which increases the percentage of placement.

#### **4.7. Publications, Research and Faculty/Staff Development Programmes**

The principal presented the details of faculty research papers publications for the previous three years. After detailed discussion, the members suggested to faculty members and students to publish their research articles in reputed journals like Scopus index, Web of Science, SCI etc. Also suggested to make scrutiny of research papers at the department level by HoD and senior professors and then to publish in reputed journals.

**4.8. TEQIP-III progress:** The GB noted the same.

#### **4.9. AICTE Approval of UG & PG programmes for the academic year**

**2020-21:** The GB noted the same.

#### **4.10. NIRF result of 2019-20**

The members expressed their concern on the low ranking in NIRF and suggested to identify parameters which are responsible for lowering the rank and to take necessary action to improve them at different levels. After detailed discussion the members have suggested to strengthen the following:

1. Admission to PG courses needs to be improved.
2. UG students are to be encouraged to pursue higher education in reputed Institutions.
3. More number of full-time Ph.D research scholars are to be admitted and full-time Ph.D degrees are to be awarded.
4. Emphasis is to be given to increase the utilization of the amount on purchase of Library Books, New Equipment & Software, Engineering Workshops and other expenditures.
5. Sponsored funded projects to be increased.
6. Consultancy projects are to be undertaken.
7. Faculty and students are to be encouraged to receive National/International awards.
8. Quality of the research paper and research activities have to be increased in all the departments. Faculty member and research scholars shall publish papers in journals of high repute and better indexing like Scopus index journals, Web of Science, etc.

Peer Perception of the institution is to be showcased by advertising on YouTube, social media etc.

**4.11. AICTE/VGST programmes/ under various Schemes:** The Governing Body noted the same and suggested to apply for more R&D funded projects.

**4.12. Founders day and Shri. J. P. Narayan 93<sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary celebration:** The Governing Body noted the same

**4.13. Alumni Meet:** The Governing Body noted the same

**4.14. Induction Program (Extended):** The Governing Body noted the same

**4.15. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanthi Celebration and National Level Techno Exhibition 2020:** The Governing Body noted the same.

**4.16. 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration:** The Governing Body noted the same.

**4.17. Cultural Activities:** The Governing Body noted the same.

**4.18. Sports Activities:** The Governing Body noted the same.

**4.19. NSS Activities:** The Governing Body noted the same.

## **5. Proposals:**

- **Virtual Alumni Meet:** The Governing Body noted the same.
- **Formation of TELC:** The Governing Body noted the same.
- **Self-financed Certificate Courses:** The Governing Body noted the same and informed to submit the titles of certification courses in the next meeting.
- **Student Development Cell:** The Governing Body noted the same.

The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks to the chair.

  
**Principal/Member Secretary**  
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**Chairman**