

VJTI/ 61- BoG/ MINUTES
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वीरमाता जिजाबाई तंत्रज्ञान संस्था, मुंबई

VEERMATA JIJABAI TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE (VJTI), MUMBAI

**MINUTES
OF
61st MEETING
OF
BOARD of GOVERNORS (BoG)**

Held on: 26th March 2024 at 10:00 am

VENUE: BOARD ROOM, VJTI MUMBAI in Hybrid Mode

VEERMATA JIJABAI TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

MINUTES OF 61st BOG MEETING

The 61st meeting of Board of Governors of Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI), Mumbai was held on Tuesday, 26th March 2024 @ 10:00am in Hybrid mode when the following were present.

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| 1. Dr. Anand Deshpande | : Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Makarand Kulkarni | : Member (absent) |
| 3. Dr. Sudhir Mehta | : Member (absent) |
| 4. Dr. Shreyas Khachane | : Member (present in online mode) |
| 5. Shri. Jahangir Petit | : Member (absent) |
| 6. Shri. Suhas Mehta | : Member (present in online mode) |
| 7. Prof. R.P. Singh | : Member (absent) |
| 8. Dr. V.M. Mohitkar | : Member (absent) |
| 9. Dr. B.N. Choudhari | : Member |
| 10. Dr. Sachin D. Kore | : Member Secretary |

Leave of absence was granted to Dr. Makarand Kulkarni, Dr. Sudhir Mehta, Dr. Jahangir Petit, Prof. R.P. Singh and Dr. V.M. Mohitkar.

At the outset the Director welcomed the BoG Chairman and member.

Director VJTI presented a brief status of VJTI in terms of academic, research, student's activities, infrastructure. Formal Agenda items were taken up and following matters were deliberated and discussion taken.

| Item No. 1 | Items of Confirmation |
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| Item no. 61.01.01 | To confirm the minutes of the 60th meeting of the BoG held on 09.01.2024. |
| | The Board of Governors noted and approved the minutes of the 60 th BoG meeting held on 9 th January 2024, as enclosed in Annexure 61.01.01. |
| Item no. 61.01.02 | To note Action taken report on 60th BoG meeting |
| | The Board of Governors noted and approved the actions taken on the minutes of the 60 th BoG meeting held on 9 th January 2024, as enclosed in Annexure 61.01.02. |
| Item No. 2 | Items of Approval |
| Item no. 61.02.01 | VJTI Diploma and Degree Certificate of the year 2022-23 will be honored during the Diploma Convocation ceremony scheduled for 26th March 2024 |
| | Diploma will be conferred to Diploma students, and Degree will be distributed to students to B.Tech., M. Tech., MCA during "VJTI Convocation Function for the batch of 2022-23". Summary of the students eligible for award of Diploma, B.Tech. Degree, M. Tech. & MCA is as shown in the table below: |

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| Sr. No. | Course | No. of students eligible | Note |
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| 1 | Diploma | 287 | Diploma will be conferred to students during the function. |
| 2 | B. Tech. | 725 | Degree's will be distributed to students during the function. |
| 3 | M. Tech. | 176 | |
| 4 | M.C.A. | 61 | |
| <p>The list of eligible students prepared by Controller of Examination and approved by Dean Academics Programmes & Academic Council is placed for approval. (attached as Annexure 61.02.01). The Board of Governors has approved the list of eligible students for the award of diplomas to Diploma students and the distribution of degrees to students of B.Tech., M. Tech., and MCA programs during the "VJTI Convocation and Degree distribution function for the batch of 2022-23."</p> | | | |
| Item no. 61.02.02 | To approve enhancement of salary of faculty to be recruited on Tenure basis from year 2024. | | |
| | <p>The Board of Governors approved an increase in proposed salaries for candidates with Ph.D. qualifications, ranging from Rs. 90,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/- per month, for tenure positions spanning three years starting in 2024. BoG further advised to match salary same as salary for regular Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor as per DTE, AICTE scale. Higher salary can be offered for exceptional candidates based on the recommendation of Expert Panel. Based on the performance the term can be extended maximum for five years. This enhancement aims to attract highly qualified individuals and bolster research output at VJTI.</p> | | |
| Item no. 61.02.03 | To approve changing the name of M. Tech. Course from Computer Engineering (Specialization Network Infrastructure Management System (NIMS)) to Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI and DS). | | |
| | <p>The Board of Governors has approved the decision to rename the course from M. Tech. Computer Engineering (Specialization NIMS) to Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI and DS).</p> | | |
| Item no. 61.02.04 | Reservation policy for Ph.D. admissions at Institute level and stipend to be given for full time Ph.D. students/ scholars. | | |
| | <p>The Board of Governors has approved the proposal to adhere to the reservation policy for Ph.D. admissions and stipends for full-time Ph.D. students in accordance with the 100 points rosters provided by the State Government of Maharashtra, as referenced in the GR dated 6th July 2021. BoG advised to fill appropriate number of reservation candidates as per Gol guidelines in each PhD selection cycle. 50 % seats for open and 50 % seats for reserved candidates to be maintained.</p> | | |
| Item No. 61.02.05 | Approval to establish Central Testing Facilities (CTF) centre. | | |
| | <p>The Board of Governors has approved the allocation of Rs. 5 Crore for the</p> | | |



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| | <p>establishment of Central Testing Facilities (CTFs) as recommended by the committee.</p> <p>Additionally, considering inflation and the procurement timeline, an additional 10% of the allocated amount, is also approved. The establishment of the Central Testing Facilities Centers is essential for enhancing research and consultancy and testing capabilities.</p> |
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| Item No. 61.02.06 | Report of new recruited faculty |
| | <p>In accordance with the approval from DTE as per letter no. 4(2)/ Aastha/ anu. niyukti manyata/ 2023/ 112 dt. 11.03.2024, VJTI dispatched appointment letters to all newly recruited faculty candidates.</p> <p>The appointed candidates are required to join within one month of receiving their appointment letters. However, recognizing that some candidates may need to adhere to a 3-month notice period before getting relieved from their current positions, it is recommended that their requests for an extension of the joining period be accommodated, allowing them to join within 3.5 months after the acceptance of their request. BoG approved the report on Faculty recruitment and extension in the joining period upto 3.5 months.</p> |
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| Item No. 61.02.07 | Approval to Convocation budgetary expenditure amounted Rs. 23,75,000/- |
| | <p>The Board of Governors has approved the budgetary expenditure for the Convocation ceremony, totalling Rs. 23,75,000, which encompasses various necessary expenses for the event, as outlined in the attached budgetary expenses document (Annexure – 61.02.07).</p> |
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| Item No. 61.02.08 | Utilization of New Infrastructure Budget |
| | <p>The Board of Governors has approved the allocation of accumulated income towards infrastructure development, encompassing various areas such as research infrastructure, academic classrooms and laboratories, student hostels, faculty cabins, office infrastructure for staff members, and purchase of academic and research equipment to enhance teaching and research facilities.</p> |
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| Item No. 61.02.09 | Payment of Advance Tax on income accumulated income during FY. 2018-19 |
| | <p>The Board of Governors is requested to approve the payment of Rs. 7 Crore as an advance tax against the income accumulation from FY 2018-19, totalling Rs. 25.1 crore, in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Despite efforts to utilize the accumulated amount within the stipulated five-year period for asset creation, the unspent balance of Rs. 21,24,02,936/- is now subject to taxation.</p> <p>The institute plans to disclose all relevant details and take a defensive stance in the return of Income for FY 2023-24, citing reasons such as the absence of the Board of Governance for crucial decisions and the Supreme Court's extension of the limitation period. While acknowledging potential litigation from tax authorities, the institute aims to mitigate tax liabilities by disclosing expenditure plans and</p> |



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| | actual expenses incurred. Moreover, the Trust is committed to ensuring proper monitoring and documentation of expenditure from the accumulated income, emphasizing capital nature and accurate debit transactions. The approval of the Board is sought for these actions. The Board of Governors approved the request for the payment of Rs. 7 Crore as an advance tax against the request. |
| Item No. 61.02.10 | Payment of Tax on accumulation of Rs. 15,00,00,000/- for FY 2016-17 |
| | The Board of Governors has approved the institute's decision to appeal against the disallowance of the accumulation of Rs. 15,00,00,000/- under Section 11(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, due to delayed filing of Form 10. The order issued under Section 143(3) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, resulted in a demand of Rs. 7,09,28,035/-, including interest. Despite the expiration of the time limit for expenditure in FY 2016-17 and the subsequent demand raised, no expenditure was made nor taxes paid in the succeeding years. The institute awaits the outcome of the appeal and the condonation request filed with the Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions) for the FY 2016-17, keeping the payment of taxes on hold until a resolution is reached. |
| Item No. 61.02.11 | Earned Leave application of Dr. D.K. Shinde, Associate Professor in Production Engineering Department |
| | The Board of Governors has approved Dr. D.K. Shinde, Associate Professor in the Production Engineering Department, to avail 50 days of Earned Leave (EL) from 16.01.2024 to 13.05.2024, in order to serve as a Visiting Professor in the Mechanical Department at North Carolina A & T State University NC, USA. The remaining 58 days requested will be granted as Leave Without Pay (LWP). |
| Item No. 61.02.12 | VRS Application of Shri. Khalid A. Barmare, Hamal, Electrical Engineering Department |
| | The Board of Governors has approved the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) application of Shri. Khalid Abdulhamid Barmare, on medical grounds and instructed to forward his application for further approval from the Regional Office Mumbai / Govt. of Maharashtra. |
| Item No. 61.02.13 | VRS Application of Shri. Rajesh Tanaji Bachhav, Draftsman, Mechanical Engineering Department. |
| | The Board of Governors has approved the voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) application of Shri. Rajesh Tanaji Bachhav, who has served as a Draftsman in the Mechanical Engineering Department. |
| Item No. 61.02.14 | 2 years Lien application of Dr. Rahul R. Ingale, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering Department |
| | The Board of Governors has approved the request of Dr. Rahul Ramadas Ingle, who has been selected for the position of Assistant Professor in Electronic Engineering at VJTI, to be granted a lien of two years on the post of Lecturer (Diploma) in Electronics Engineering at VJTI. This decision is in accordance with Rule 20 of the Maharashtra Civil Service Rules (General Conditions of Service) |



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| | 1981, where Dr. Ingle shall be considered to have acquired a lien in his original post as per Rule 25, sub-rule 1. |
| Item No. 3 | Any other items with the permission of the chair |
| 1 | Approval to VJTI Technology University Committee's |
| | The Board of Governors has approved the constitution of the VJTI Technology University Committee's, comprising both internal and external members, as established by the institute. |
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The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. Sachin D. Kore
Director, VJTI
Member Secretary, BoG



Chairman, BoG, VJTI