

**Minutes of 125th Meeting of the
Board of Governors**



राष्ट्रीय उन्नत विनिर्माण प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान

(पूर्व नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ फाउंड्री एंड फोर्ज टेक्नोलॉजी)

हटिया, राँची - 834 003 (झारखण्ड)

National Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology

(Formerly National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology)

Hatia, Ranchi – 834 003 (Jharkhand)

06th May 2025 [Tuesday] at 04:00 PM

Through Hybrid Mode [Offline Venue – NIAMT, Ranchi]

Members of the Board of Governors

1	Shri Sachin B. Sabnis Managing Director Belgaum Ferrocast India Pvt. Ltd (BFPL)	Chair the meeting
Representatives from Government of India		
2	Shri Varun Bhardwaj Director, Representative of Shri Govind Jaiswal, IAS Joint Secretary Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001	Member
3	Shri Uday Kiran Section Officer, Representative of Shri Sanjog Kapoor Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001	Member
Representative of Ministry of Industry Government of India		
4	Shri Mohammad Isharar Ali Director, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry Room No.126, Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 011	Member
Representative of All India Council for Technical Education		
5	Professor M.K. Tiwari Director Indian Institute of Management, Mumbai Vihar Lake Road, Powai, Mumbai – 400087	Member
Representative of Industries including Public Enterprises		
6	Shri Pradeep Goyal, Founder Chairman & Managing Director, Pradeep Metals Limited, Mumbai	Member

7	Professor Markrand Shrikrishna Kulkarni, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay	Member
8	Vacant	Member
9	Vacant	Member

Representative of Technical Institutes/ Engineering Profession

10	Professor Pallab Banerji Professor Materials Science Centre Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	Member
11	Professor B. S. Murthy Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering NAC Rd, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras	Member

Co-opted members by the Board

12	Vacant	Member
13	Vacant	Member

Co-opted members from Faculty

14	Professor S. R. Kumar Dept. of Applied Science & Humanities, NIAMT, Ranchi	Member
15	Professor A. K. Pathak Dept. of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering, NIAMT, Ranchi	Member

Member Secretary

16	Professor P. P. Chattopadhyay Director, NIAMT, Ranchi	Member Secretary
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Invited Members

1	Professor Arvind Pandey Registrar-in-Charge, NIAMT, Ranchi	Invited Member
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The position of the Chairman, BoG being vacant, since August 2024, Shri Sachin B. Sabnis, Managing Director Belgaum Ferrocast India Pvt. Ltd. (BFPL) Chaired the meeting in accordance with the

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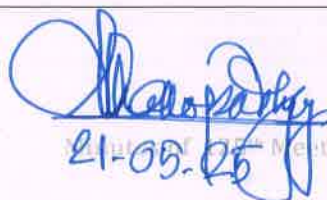
provision (Rule (12) (i) (vi)) in the MoA of NIAMT, Ranchi. The meeting commenced with a hearty welcome to all the members present at the meeting.

With due permission of the Chairman, the Director, NIAMT as the Member Secretary of the BoG, placed the agenda items in the meeting for discussion and resolutions were taken as mentioned under respective items.

Item No.: 125.BoG.I.1	To confirm the minutes of the last meeting(s) of the Board of Governors.
	The draft minutes of the 124th meeting of the BOG held on 20/12/2024 was circulated to all the members on 03/01/2025. Comments of the MoE was received vide email dated 27/01/2025. No specific comment was received from other members. Final Minutes was approved by the Chairman, BoG, vide his email dated 13/02/2025. The Minutes of the 124 th Meeting of the BOG is furnished as Annexure – I .
Resolution	Confirmed
Item No.: 125.BoG.I.2	Report on the action taken on the minutes of the last meeting of the AFC and BOG.
	Action Taken Report on the minutes of 124th meeting of the BOG held on 20/12/2024 is furnished as Annexure – II . Action Taken Report on the minutes of 124th Meeting of AFC held on 20/12/2024 is furnished as Annexure – III .
Resolution	Confirmed.
Item No.: 125.BoG.I.3	Report on registration of new MoA and Constitution of the NIAMT Society under the new MoA.
	The new Memorandum of Association of the Institute in accordance with the UGC (DBTU) Act was approved by the MoE, vide F. No. 17-7/2024-TS.VII, dated 05/08/2024. The same was later adopted by the BoG. After adoption of the new MoA by the BoG, an online application was filed before the Inspector General of Registration, Government of Jharkhand, for registration of the new MoA under the Societies Registration Act, 1869. Constitution of the NIAMT Society is given in Clause – 12 of the new MoA, which is reproduced below:- Hon'ble Minister of Education - Chairman Hon'ble Minister of State for Education (Higher Education) - Vice-Chairman An eminent scholar nominated by the Hon'ble Chairman of the Society. Secretary, D/o Higher Education, MoE, Gol - Member Chairman, UGC - Member Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary of MoE looking after the affairs of Deemed to be Universities. - Member Joint Secretary & Financial advisor, Government of India - Member



	Vice-Chancellor, NIAMT - Member-Secretary A copy of the Registration Certificate dated 05/05/2025 issued by the Inspector General of Registration, Government of Jharkhand is given as Annexure – IV and photocopy of the Certified Copy of the MoA downloaded from the Registration Portal of the Govt. of Jharkhand is given as Annexure – V.
Resolution	Noted
Item No.: 125.BoG.I.4	Report on finalization of DPR on CoE in Industry 4.0 under PMC of STPI.
	It was reported in the 114th meeting of the BoG held on 11/12/2021 that the Institute has signed an MoU on 04/10/2021, with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous society under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Govt. of India, to establish a multi domain Center of Excellence (CoE) on Industry 4.0 in the Institute. The DPR submitted by STPI at an estimated Project Cost of Rs. 22.72 crore was approved in the 115th meeting of the BoG held on 07/04/2022 and PMC Charges payable to STPI at 2% of the Project Cost was approved in the 117th meeting of the BoG held on 04/01/2023. In the meanwhile, the DPR submitted by STPI has been examined and modified by Prof. Sunil Jha, a renowned Professor of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Delhi, vide his email dated 08/03/2025. The DPR finalized by Prof. Jha has been communicated to STPI, vide email dated 23/04/2025 for initiation of further action for implementation. A copy of the final DPR is given as Annexure – VI.
Resolution	Noted
Item No.: 125.BoG.II.1	Proposal to approve MoU to be signed with MoE for the year 2025-26.
	As a requirement for receiving Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry of Education, an MoU is signed with the MoE as per the standard format prescribed by the MoE in this regard. A letter, vide No.F.No.16-3/2025-TS.VII, dated 09.04.2025 and email dated 15.04.2025 has been received from the MoE for submitting the MoU for the year 2025-26 after approval of the BoG. Accordingly, a draft MoU is being prepared, which will be placed on Table as Annexure – VII.
Resolution	Approved. The members desired that performance of the Institute against the parameters laid out in last year's MOU may be presented before the next BoG meeting.

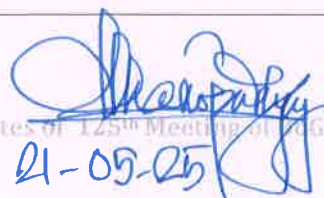


Item No.: 125.BoG.II.2	Proposal for Nomination of a (member to the Search-cum-Selection Committee for recruitment of Vice Chancellor of the Institute).
	As provided under Clause 24.1.1, the Search-cum-Selection Committee (ScSC) for the post of Vice Chancellor consists of the following:- A nominee of the MoE - Chairman A nominee of Chancellor, NIMAT - Member A nominee of the Executive Council, NIAMT - Member Pending constitution of the Executive Council, BoG may nominate one member for the Search-cum-Selection Committee (ScSC) for the post of Vice Chancellor, as intimated by the MoE, vide their letter, vide F. No. 2-8/2008-TS.VII, dated 23/04/2025 given as Annexure – VIII.
Resolution	Approved. Shri Sachin B Sabnis as the Chairperson of 125 th BoG meeting has been entrusted to nominate one member in the Search-cum-Selection committee for recruitment of Vice-Chancellor of the Institute.
Item No.: 125.BoG.II.3	Proposal to adopt constitution of Academic Council and Board of Studies as per new MoA.
	After conferment of the Deemed to be University status on the Institute, academic registration of the students from the previously affiliating University, i.e. Jharkhand University of Technology, Ranchi has been transferred to the Institute. Further, the process of transfer of credits earned by the students under affiliation of JUT, Ranchi has also been completed through their Academic Bank of Credit. In view of above, the academic governance for the course run by the Institute is to be taken care by the Academic Council and Board of Studies as per the new MoA. Provisions related to Academic Council are given in Clauses 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, and 15.4 of the MoA and provisions related to the Board of Studies are given in Clauses 18.1 and 18.2 of the MoA. It is proposed to permit the constitution of the Academic Council and Board of Studies and conduct the meetings as provided in the MoA. Director of the Institute may be authorized to chair the meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Studies till appointment of the Vice Chancellor.
Resolution	Approved.
Item No.: 125.BoG.II.4	Proposal to consider all the departments of the Institute as a single faculty and to authorize the Dean (Academic) to function as the Dean of Faculty, under the provisions of new MoA.
	Clause 29.1.1 of the MoA provides that the branches of study dealing with allied subjects are grouped into faculties/schools and a Dean will head each faculty/school. It is proposed to consider all the academic departments of the Institute as a single faculty for the purpose of Clause 29.1.1, and to authorize the Dean (Academic) to function as the Dean of Faculty, under the provisions of new MoA.
Resolution	Approved.

Item No.: 125.BoG.II.5	Proposal to authorize the existing Deans to function under the provisions of the new MoA.
	Clause 29.1.1 of the MoA also provides that Deans will also be appointed for specific responsibilities, viz. Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, Research and Development, Vocational Education and allied Schools which shall be established in future. For conducting the essential academic and allied activities, the following positions of Deans under the provisions of the new MoA may be permitted to continue till the appointment of Deans, after the constitution of the Executive Council. 1. Dean (Academic Affairs) [for all students, viz. ADC, UG, PG, and PhD] 2. Dean (Sponsored Research, Industrial Consultancy and Continuing & Vocational Studies) 3. Dean (Student & Alumni Affairs) 4. Dean (Planning & Development)
Resolution	Approved
Item No.: 125.BoG.II.6	Proposal to authorize the existing HODs to function under the provisions of the new MoA.
	Clause 22 of the MoA provides for Heads of Departments/Schools. All the existing incumbent HODs may be considered to have been appointed under the new MoA, after the constitution of the Executive Council.
Resolution	Approved
Item No.: 125.BoG.II.7	Proposal to authorize the Registrar In-Charge to function as the Registrar In-Charge under the provisions of the new MoA.
	Clause 26.1 and 26.2 of the MoA provides for the "Appointment" and "Duties and Functions" of the Registrar. Advertisement for appointment of a full time Registrar as per the new MoA has been released. However, further process for appointment may take some time. Currently, a Professor has been assigned to act as Registrar In-Charge. It is proposed to authorize the Registrar In-Charge to function as the Registrar In-Charge under the provisions of the new MoA till appointment of the first regular Registrar as per the new MoA.
Resolution	Approved
Item No.: 125.BoG.II.8	Proposal to authorize the Registrar to also function as the Finance Officer under the provisions of the new MoA.
	Clause 27.1 and 27.2 of the MoA provides for the "Appointment" and "Duties and Functions" of the Finance Officer. Sanction of the post of Finance Officer, framing the Recruitment Rules, and recruitment to the said post may take some time. It is proposed to authorize the Registrar to also function as the Finance Officer under the provisions of the new MoA till appointment of the first full time Finance Officer as per the new MoA.
Resolution	Approved

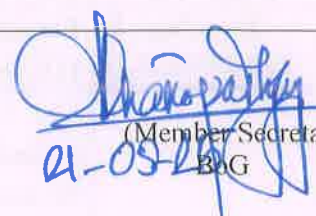
Item No.: 125.BoG.II.9	Proposal to authorize the Professor-in-Charge (Examination) to function as the Controller of Examination under the provisions of the new MoA.
	Clause 28 of the MoA provides for the Controller of Examination. Sanction of the post of Controller of Examination, framing the Recruitment Rules, and recruitment to the said post may take some time. A regular Professor has been assigned as the Professor-in-Charge (Examination) as an interim measure. It is proposed to authorize the Professor-in-Charge (Examination) to also function as the Controller of Examination under the provisions of the new MoA till appointment of the first full time Controller of Examination as per the new MoA.
Resolution	Approved
Item No.: 125.BOG.II.10	Proposal to consider the Study Leave application of Dr. M. G. Danish, SMO to pursue PG Course.
	An application has been received from Dr. M. G. Danish for grant of Study Leave of three years for pursuing a PG Course in Medicine after admission in RIMS, Ranchi through NEET (PG) – 2024. In consideration of his application, Dr. MG Danish, SMO was permitted to appear in the NEET (PG) – 2024 for admission to a PG course, and in-principle approval for availing Study Leave, subject to certain conditions, vide OO No. 176/2024, dated 25/03/2024, and amendment OO No. 575/2024-25, dated 11/02/2025 were issued. In the course of processing of the documents submitted by Dr. Danish alongwith his subsequent applications for NOC and Study Leave, the Institute has noted the following:- A. Dr. Danish, vide his application dated 10/02/2025, has sought for sanction of Study Leave without giving one month time as required as per Condition # 1 of the OO No. 176/2024, dated 25/03/2024. B. Meanwhile, Dr. Danish has taken admission in RIMS, Ranchi and has submitted a bond of Rs. 30.00 lakh to RIMS, Ranchi, before seeking permission for same from the Institute. In view of the above observations, legal advice from the Senior Counsel of the Institute in the High Court of Jharkhand has been sought on further action required to be taken by the Institute, which will be placed on the Table as Annexure – IX.
Resolution	To be considered as per Rules & legal advice from the Senior Counsel of the Institute.
Item No.: 125.BOG.II.11	Proposal to consider Foreign Tour application of Prof. A. K. Pathak under CPDA with additional funding from the Institute.
	An application dated XX has been received from Prof. Ajai Kumar Pathak, Professor (ME) to attend an international conference in Italy to present his accepted paper. Estimated expenditure on Registration, Travel, Visa, etc. for attending the conference is approximately Rs. 3,25,000/-.

	As per existing guidelines, faculty members are allowed to travel abroad to present paper with Institute funding from their CPDA Fund. Fund available in the CPDA Account of Prof. Pathak is Rs. 1,40,000/-. Thus, he has requested for additional funding of Rs. 1,85,000/- from the Institute Fund. International travels by any Institute employee were being approved by the Chairman, BoG. The same were later reported to the BoG in the next meeting. Since, the post of Chairman, BoG is vacant at present, his application may be considered by the BoG. A copy of his application is given as Annexure – X.
Resolution	Committee advised to Institute to grant the expenditure within the CPDA ceiling.
Item No.: 125.BOG.II.12	Proposal to participate as a Partner Institute in the DST SATHI Cluster with IIT-ISM, Dhanbad as the Hub Institute.
	The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has set up a shared, professionally managed, Science and Technology infrastructure facility, which can be readily accessible to academia, start-ups, manufacturing units, industries and R&D Labs. Such S&T infrastructure will be known as Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institute (SATHI). These Centers will be equipped with major analytical instruments and advanced manufacturing facility, which is usually not available at Institutes / Organizations. The Institute has received an invitation from the Director of IIT – ISM, Dhanbad to join as a Partner Organization in the DST SATHI Cluster, wherein IIT ISM has been invited by DST as a Hub Organization. Copy of the invitation from IIT-ISM, Dhanbad is given as Annexure – XI. As the Hub Institute, IIT ISM, Dhanbad will contribute Rs. 10.00 crores and rest Rs. 5.00 crores are to be contributed by the Partner Institutes. Share of the Institute as a Partner Institute shall be Rs. 50.00 lakhs, which need to be committed for payment to IIT ISM, Dhanbad.
Resolution	Approved
Extra Item No.: 125.BOG.III.1	To report creation of the Department of Environmental Engineering
	In consideration of the requirement of AICTE for the Extension of Accreditation (EoA) related to the M.Tech in Environmental Engineering, it was resolved to create a new department by the name of Environmental Engineering in the meeting of the HoDs and Dean (Academic), chaired by the Director, held on 19/12/2024. Accordingly, creation of the new department by the name of Environmental Engineering has been notified, vide Office Order No.635/2024-25, dated 25/03/2025 and Office Order No.18/2025-26, dated 24/04/2025. Copies of the MoM dated 19/12/2024 and above Office Orders are given in Annexure-XII.
Resolution	Noted



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Extra Item No.: 125.BOG.III.2	To consider provision of SWAYAM Courses for the students of the Institute as per AICTE/UGC guidelines.
	In compliance with the AICTE guidelines, in the meeting of HoDs and Dean (Academic) chaired by the Director, held on 09/08/2024, it has been proposed that the Institute may allow students to take SWAYAM Courses under the UGC/AICTE guidelines, i.e. up to 40% of the total credits being offered in a semester. Copy of the MoM dated 09/08/2024 is given in Annexure-XII . Individual departments may identify and prescribe the list of courses for the students of their respective departments.
Resolution	Approved


(Member Secretary)
BoG

Chairman, BoG