



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, KANCHEEPURAM

MINUTES OF THE 68th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date	: 11 th February 2026 (Wednesday)
Time	: 11:30 AM
Venue	: Board Room/Hybrid Mode

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Dr. Sridhar Vembu	:	Chairman
2. Prof. MV Kartikeyan	:	Member
3. Shri. B Santhanam	:	Member
4. Shri. Krishna GV Giri	:	Member
5. Dr. Tulika Pandey	:	Member
6. Prof. M D Selvaraj	:	Member
7. Prof. Naveen Kumar	:	Member
8. Shri. A. Chidambaram	:	Secretary

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED TO:

1. Shri. Brajendra Navnit, IAS
2. Prof. V Kamakoti
3. Shri. Priyank Chaturvedi

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting. The Board placed on record its appreciation to Prof V. Kamakoti for being conferred with Padma Shri award by Government of India for his significant contribution in the fields of Science & Engineering.

The Dean (FA) presented the proposal for establishing a Semiconductor Fabrication (SEMFAB) Facility at the Institute, with an estimated capital expenditure of ₹6.00 crore, aimed at strengthening advanced R&D infrastructure and semiconductor workforce development in alignment with the Government of India's Semicon India Programme.

The Board acknowledged the strategic importance of semiconductor capability development. However, members observed that a full-scale fabrication facility involves substantial capital investment and long-term operational commitments. The Board therefore advised that the Institute may initially focus on establishing a Testing and Packaging (OSAT-type) facility, which could deliver immediate value in skill development, industry relevance, and sustainability.

The Board further suggested that the Institute may engage with leading industry players such as CG Power, Tata Electronics, and other semiconductor ecosystem partners, as well as reputed academic institutions having established facilities, to obtain detailed technical inputs and assess long-term viability. The proposal may be refined and vetted through such consultations before further consideration.

During the discussion, it was emphasized that any facility established at IIITDM Kancheepuram should aim to serve not only the Institute's students but also students from other CFTIs/IIITs and the broader semiconductor ecosystem. The facility should be conceptualized in a manner that enables collaboration with industry, supports prototype testing and packaging needs, and works towards a sustainable operational model. It was noted that if strong industry partnerships are established, there may be a scope for support under relevant MeitY initiatives.

The Director concurred with the observations of the Board. The Director informed that the Institute will:

- Engage with major semiconductor industries and domain experts.
- Explore a phased approach beginning with testing and packaging capabilities.
- Develop a collaborative model enabling access to students from other institutions and industry users.
- Present a revised, technically vetted and sustainability-oriented proposal in the next meeting of the Board.

The Board deliberated the rapid transformation of AI in the technology space and desired to know the research being carried out in the field of AI & Robotics at the Institute and the details may be presented in the next board meeting.

Thereafter, the agendas were taken up for discussion.

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	<p>The minutes of 67th meeting of Board of Governors held on 08/10/2025 was circulated to all the members of the Board (Annexure A). No comments were received from the members.</p> <p>The Board confirmed the minutes of 67th Meeting of Board of Governors held on 08/10/2025.</p>																										
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It is submitted that the Institute has released the recruitment notification vide Advt. No: IIITDM/NT/R/01/2025 dated 10.07.2025 and invited ONLINE applications for Non-teaching posts (Group B&C) of Junior Technical Superintendent (CSE), Junior Technical Superintendent (Design), Junior Superintendent (Library), Junior Assistant, Junior Technician (CSE), Junior Technician (ME), Junior Technician (ECE), Junior Technician (Design) and Junior Technician (Physics).

The advertisement was uploaded in the Institute website in both English and Hindi and was also published in the newspaper including employment news for a wide publicity.

The applications were invited online through the recruitment portal of the Institute. The last date of receipt of application was 14/08/2025 till 08:00 PM.

Screening committee was constituted for the scrutiny of applications received within the due date and the committee recommended the eligible candidates for the further recruitment processes.

The list of shortlisted candidates recommended by the screening committee were published in the Institute website and a window was given for representation. The representations received were scrutinized and disposed accordingly and were intimated to the candidates and published in the Institute website.

The schedule of examination and syllabus for the examinations were published in the Institute website and call letters were sent to the shortlisted candidates to their registered e-mail address.

The detailed scheme of examination is as under:

- **Level-1 General Ability Test (OMR based)** followed by **Level-2 Subject Knowledge Test (Descriptive)** and **Level-3 Skill/Trade/Computer Proficiency Test** for the candidates shortlisted in Level-1.
- The weightage of 10%, 50% and 40% marks obtained in levels 1, 2 & 3 respectively were taken into account for the preparation of final merit list.

The examinations (Level 1, 2 & 3) were conducted in the month of November and December, 2025.

- The following selection committee was constituted as under as per the statutes of the Institute for **Junior Assistant:**

1.	Prof. NVSN Sarma, (Former Director, IIIT Trichy), NIT Warangal	Chairman (<i>Director's Nominee</i>)
2.	Prof. S Narayanan, Emeritus Professor, IIT Madras	Member (<i>Nominee of the Board</i>)
3.	Sh. P V Karunakaran, Joint Registrar, IIT Madras	Member (<i>Board Expert Nominee</i>)
4.	Prof. MD Selvaraj, Dept. of ECE, IIITDM Kancheepuram	Member (<i>Senate Expert Nominee</i>)
5.	Sh. A Chidambaram, Registrar, IIITDM Kancheepuram	HoD/Registrar

- The following selection committee was constituted as under as per the statutes of the Institute for **Technical Posts:**

1.	Prof. NVSN Sarma, (Former Director, IIIT Trichy), NIT Warangal	Chairman (<i>Director's Nominee</i>)
2.	Prof. S Narayanan, Emeritus Professor, IIT Madras	Member (<i>Nominee of the Board</i>)
3.	Prof. R Jayaganthan, Dept. of Engineering Design, IIT Madras	Member (<i>Board Expert Nominee</i>)
4.	Prof. MD Selvaraj, Dept. of ECE, IIITDM Kancheepuram	Member (<i>Senate Expert Nominee</i>)
5.	Prof. Binsu J Kailath, Dean-FA, IIITDM Kancheepuram	HoD (<i>Representing all departments</i>)

The details of the applications received, report of the scrutiny committee, the marks obtained by the candidates in Level-01, 02 & 03 were presented to the selection committee. The selection committee verified the details and recommended the following candidates.

The details are as under:

S#	Name of the Post	Application No.	Name of Candidate	Category of the Candidate	Selected Category
1.	Junior Technical Superintendent (CSE)	2502JTSC0067	VIGNESH S	GENERAL	GENERAL
2.	Junior Technical Superintendent (Physics)	2502JTSP0021	MERCY M	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
3.	Junior Assistant	2502JA0956	KAMALESHMUTHU B	OBC-NCL	General
4.	Junior Assistant	2502JA0247	APPALA JAYACHAITANYA	General	General
5.	Junior Assistant	2502JA1322	ARIVARASI U K	General	General
6.	Junior Assistant	2502JA0886	PAVITHIRAA S M	General	General
7.	Junior Assistant	2502JA0844	VAISHNAVI SR	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
8.	Junior Assistant	2502JA1207	DHIVAKARAN G N	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
9.	Junior Assistant	2502JA1276	MUTHURAMAN K	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
10.	Junior Assistant	2502JA1364	MAHALAKSHMI M P	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
11.	Junior Assistant	2502JA1183	SREEHARI V P	SC	SC
12.	Junior Technician (ME)	2502JTM0121	GADDE GANESH KUMAR REDDY	EWS	EWS
13.	Junior Technician (ME)	2502JTM0122	DHINESH B	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
14.	Junior Technician (ME)	2502JTM0083	ABHISHEK MEENA	ST	ST
15.	Junior Technician (ECE)	2502JTE0079	KOYYANA DHARANI	OBC-NCL	GENERAL
16.	Junior Technician (ECE)	2502JTE0022	VIRENDRA KUMAR	SC	SC
17.	Junior Technician (Design)	2502JTD0032	SARAVANAN V	GENERAL	GENERAL
18.	Junior Technician (Design)	2502JTD0104	YESWANTH D	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
19.	Junior Technician (Design)	2502JTD0043	PURUSHOTH A	SC	SC
20.	Junior Technician (CSE)	2502JTC0061	DIPANJAN KARMAKAR	GENERAL	GENERAL
21.	Junior Technician (CSE)	2502JTC0044	ANURAG KV	OBC-NCL	OBC-NCL
22.	Junior Technician (ICC)	2502JTI0029	DIPANJAN KARMAKAR	GENERAL	GENERAL
23.	Junior Technician (Physics)	2502JTP0016	ARUL RUBAN J	OBC-NCL	GENERAL

As per clause 32 of IIIT Act, the Director is the appointing authority for all Group B&C posts and with the approval of Director, offer of appointments were issued to the recommended candidates and details were updated in the mission recruitment portal of the DoPT, Govt. of India

The Board noted the same.

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To inform about the promotion of Non-Teaching staff at the Institute.

It is submitted that the Institute vide its notification No. IIITDM/ADMN/DPC dated 14/11/2025 has invited applications from eligible staff for promotion vacancies (who have completed the residency period as per the per Recruitment and Promotion Norms (RPN) approved by the IIIT Council.) The staff members in the Senior Technician grade and Senior Assistant grade who are found eligible and meeting the residency period was considered by the DPC.

The residency period for those posts is as under:

Junior Technical Superintendent (Pay Level 6) to Technical Superintendent (Pay Level 7)	05 years
Senior Assistant (Pay Level 5) to Junior Superintendent (Pay level 6)	05 years

The eligibility of the applicants was verified by the administration and the applicants were administered a written test on their domain knowledge. The Departmental Promotion Committees (selection committees) were constituted as per the statutes. The committees met to consider the candidature of staff for promotion and the evaluation was based on the performance in the written test, Annual Performance Appraisal Report and personal interaction. The committees recommended the following candidates to the next level of promotion as per the details given below:

S#	Name	Incumbent Post	Promotion Post	Date of offer of appointment
1.	N. Krishna Prasad	Junior Technical Superintendent	Technical Superintendent	31/12/2025
2.	G. Venkatesh	Senior Assistant	Junior Superintendent	31/12/2025

The Director, being the appointing authority has accorded the approval for their promotion and Based on the approval of Director, the promotion orders were issued to selected candidates and they have joined duty.

The Board noted the same.

To inform about Admission status of B.Tech./ Dual Degree/M.Tech/M.Des /Ph.D Programs for the Academic Year 2025-26

It is submitted that the Admission for B.Tech, Dual Degree, and M.Tech and Ph.D . Programs for the years 2025- 26 were carried out through JoSAA/CSAB/DASA/SII/CCMT. For the M.Des program, the selection process was conducted internally among CEED-qualified candidates.

The physical reporting of B. Tech/Dual Degree students took place from August 21, 2025, to August 23, 2025 followed by Orientation Program. Their academic session commenced on August 29, 2025 and the admission status is as follows:

B. Tech			Dual Degree			M.Tech.		
Degree	Approved Intake	Students Admitted	Degree	Approved Intake	Students Admitted	Degree	Approved Intake	Students Admitted
JoSAA	438	424	JoSAA	155	147	CCMT & Spot	120	CCMT - 51
DASA	42	21	DASA	12	3			Spot - 6
SII	25	3	Total	167	150	DASA	6	0
Total	505	448				Total	126	57

B Tech	Approved Intake	Students Admitted
Computer Science and Engineering	102	96
Computer Science and Engineering with a Major in Artificial Intelligence	57	50
Electronics and Communication Engineering	141	127
Mechanical Engineering	96	85
Smart Manufacturing	70	57
Engineering Physics	17	15
Design Engineering	22	18
Total	505	448
DD	Approved Intake	Students Admitted
B.Tech and M.Tech in Computer Science and Engineering	74	66
B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering and M.Tech in Communication Systems	22	20
B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering and M.Tech in VLSI Design	23	20
B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering and M.Tech in AI and Robotics	48	44
Total	167	150
M Tech	Approved Intake	Students Admitted
Computer Science and Engineering with Specialization in Data Science and AI	21	19
Electronics and Communication Engineering with Specialization in Communication Systems	21	09
Electronics and Communication Engineering with Specialization in Microelectronics and VLSI Systems	21	20
Mechanical Engineering with Specialization in Intelligent Mechanical Systems Design	21	04
Mechanical Engineering with Specialization in Smart Manufacturing	21	02
Electronics and Communication Engineering with Specialization in RF and Microwave Engineering	21	03
Total	126	57
M. Des.	Approved Intake	Students Admitted
Integrated Product Design	25	11+07(spot)

Department/Mode of Admission	HTRA	PEE	Project	Visvesvaraya	Total
Computer Science and Engineering	01	-	-	01	02
Electronics and Communication Engineering	09	03	01	01	14
Mechanical Engineering	07	-	01	-	08
School of Interdisciplinary Design and Innovation	04	-	-	-	04
S&H (Mathematics)	02	-	-	-	02
S&H (Physics)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	23	03	02	02	30

The Dean (Academics) presented a detailed report on current admission status. The Board noted with satisfaction, the improvement in the opening ranks of admitted students, viewing this upward trend as a positive indicator of the Institute's growing reputation.

The Board noted the vacancy levels in core engineering branches in PG programmes in ME department and

	<p>sought the status in other CFTIs. The Institute clarified that, with the exception of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) and ECE/VLSI etc. there is a general nationwide decline in postgraduate (PG) enrollment. The Institute is admitting the students through Spot admission also to address the vacancies. However, the Dual Degree (B.Tech. + M.Tech.) programmes in ME continue to show strong demand, as evidenced by admission statistics.</p> <p>To address the vacancies in PG programmes, the Board advised the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch industry-sponsored programmes specifically designed for working professionals, given the high industrial demand for these core specializations. • Conduct a comprehensive survey to better understand student needs and evolving preferences and adopt a strategy to market the programme to students.
BOG-68(2026)- 09	<p>To ratify the relief of Sh. Gunasekaran R, Joint Registrar from the Institute to join Pondicherry University as Registrar</p>
	<p>It is submitted that Sh. Gunasekaran R was appointed as Deputy Registrar (Pay level 12) on 01.01.2015 and later moved to the designation of Joint Registrar (Pay Level-13) on 01.01.2020 as per the RPN.</p> <p>He has applied for the post of Registrar (L-14) at Pondicherry University through proper channel and NOC was issued by the Institute for attending the selection process. Now, the officer has got the offer of appointment from Pondicherry University as Registrar, requesting him to join the post not later than 18th December 2025.</p> <p>The officer has submitted his technical resignation on 04th December 2025 with a request for relief on 16th December 2025.</p> <p>It is submitted that as per Clause 10(7) of the statutes of the Institute: <i>“An employee of the Institute may resign from his or her service by giving the appointing authority three months’ notice: Provided that the appointing authority may for sufficient reasons, either reduce this period or call upon the employee concerned to continue till the end of the academic session in which the notice is received.”</i></p> <p>The Board is the appointing authority for his case and it is submitted that joining other CFTI/GFI/Central University as Registrar or Director etc. is honor to the Institute and since the officer is joining Pondicherry University as Registrar, the shortage in the notice period of 78 days may be waived as a special case and may be relieved from the Institute on 16th December 2025 (AN) as requested.</p> <p>Due to urgency, accordingly, the proposal was placed before the Chairman, BOG for approval and chairman has accorded for approval for the same. Based on the approval of the Chairman, BoG, the technical resignation submitted by the officer was accepted by the Institute and the officer was relieved from the Institute on 16.12.2025(AN).</p> <p>The terminal benefits of the officer will be determined and released in accordance with the norms for technical resignation.</p> <p>The Board noted the approval accorded by Chairman, BoG in this regard and ratified the same.</p>
BOG-68(2026)- 10	<p>To discuss and approve the fixing of water charges for faculty quarters at IIITDM Kancheepuram Campus</p>
	<p>It is submitted that the occupants of the faculty quarters are charged with electricity charges as per actuals and there is need to charge for the supply of water to the residents as per the norms. The water charges are recovered from residents of all CFTIs and the proposal for fixation of water charges were considered and recommended by the BWC and were presented before Finance Committee.</p> <p>The Finance Committee referred back the matter to BWC for consideration and re-fixing the water charges taking into account the actual expenses incurred by the institute.</p> <p>The proposal was again examined and recommended by BWC and the Finance committee in its 43rd meeting held on 08th October 2025 had deliberated the matter and recommended a recovery of water charges of Rs.100/- for 2 BHK and Rs.150/- for 3 BHK per month.</p> <p>The Board discussed and approved the same.</p>

BOG-68(2026)- 11	To discuss and approve the guidelines on investment of surplus funds at the Institute
	<p>It is submitted that the Institute regularly deposits the corpus fund, IRG, any other funds in the term deposits offered by the nationalized banks to earn better rate of return. In order to streamline the investment procedures, the Director constituted a committee for formulation of investment guidelines in line with the guidelines followed by other CFTIs and Ministry guidelines.</p> <p>The recommendation of the committee was examined by the Finance committee in its 41st meeting held on 05th June 2025 and 43rd meeting held on 08th October 2025.</p> <p>The Finance committee has recommended the proposal of Investment guidelines on investment of surplus funds of the Institute and enclosed as (Annexure-E).</p> <p>The Board discussed the guidelines on investment of surplus of funds and directed that only PSU banks may be considered for investment by the Institute and advised that the deposits of surplus funds may be made in top 6 PSU banks.</p> <p>Accordingly, the board approved the Investment guidelines on investment of surplus funds of the Institute.</p>
BOG-68(2026)- 12	To discuss and approve the new recruitment norms for faculty members of the Institute.
	<p>It is submitted that the Board in its previous meeting has advised the Institute that, <i>“with important roles played by the faculty in shaping the future growth of the Institute (considering the Institute is 15 years old), formulation of additional recruitment criteria beyond Ministry notified recruitment norms is required to ensure and attract quality faculties from India/abroad.”</i></p> <p>Accordingly, the Board directed the Institute to constitute an expert committee to formulate the guidelines and present the same to the Board for consideration.</p> <p>In this regard, an expert committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Y Narahari, IISc-Bangalore was constituted and the committee deliberated the matter and submitted its report. (Annexure F)</p> <p>The Board appreciated the Institute for bringing up this well prepared document of new faculty recruitment norms. The Director explained that this initiative was taken by the Institute as a first among the IIITs to leap frog the Institute in terms of research/ quality publication etc.</p> <p>The Board appreciated the same and nodded that the quality and caliber of the faculty members becomes paramount in developing the full potential of the students and providing solution to the industry in terms of sponsored research etc. The Director informed that the terminology will be modified as Faculty Search cum Selection Committee. (FSSC)</p> <p>The Board after discussion approved the new recruitment norms for faculty members of IIITDMK and these shall be in addition to the four tier flexi cadre recruitment norms notified by the Ministry for IIITs.</p>
BOG-68(2026)- 13	To discuss and approve guidelines of Professional Development Fund (PDF) for the faculty members of the Institute
	<p>It is submitted that faculty members apart from their teaching and research, undertake sponsored and consultancy projects from R & D agencies like DST, SERB, ARB, CSIR and private companies for addressing specific research problems and some of the agencies while providing the grant include a sum of money as overhead charges to cover the efforts put in by the faculty, infrastructure facility given by the Institute and the overhead charges are taken as receipt to the corpus funds of the Institute.</p> <p>However, IIT/NITs earmark/allot certain portion of overhead charges to the faculty members themselves as Professional development fund (PDF) which enables faculty members to enhance their research work and the amount is accumulated by the SRICCE office in the name of concerned faculty for each project obtained by him and the faculty is permitted to use the accumulated money for procuring research items, attending conference, support to scholars etc. On similar lines, the Institute proposes to have the Professional Development Fund (PDF) for the faculty members of the Institute.</p> <p>The guidelines prepared by the SRICCE office has been presented to the Research council and the RC had</p>

	<p>examined the proposal in-depth in its meeting held on 28th July 2025 and the research council has recommended the creation of PDF for consideration by the FC/BoG.</p> <p>The proposed PDF allocation guidelines, applicable to all faculty members, are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PDF Allocation: Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Overhead amount received may be allocated as PDF to individual Principal Investigators (PI) of this Institute. ➤ Multiple PIs: In cases where there are multiple PIs, the allocated 25% PDF may be equally shared among all PIs of this Institute. ➤ PI and Co-PI Sharing: Where there are Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs) of this Institute, the allocated PDF may be distributed as follows from the 25% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixty percent (60%) to the PI • Forty percent (40%) to the Co-PI(s) • In cases of multiple Co-PIs, the 40% allocation shall be shared equally among them. <p>The matter has been deliberated in the 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 08.10.2025, and FC has recommended the proposal for consideration by the Board.</p> <p>The Board noted that this fund is proposed to be created from corpus fund share of the Institute income from the sponsored /consultancy money generated by the faculty members. The board discussed the guidelines of professional development for the faculty members(PDF) and emphasized that these expenses should be incurred only for teaching and research purposes and no personal gains/payment should be made.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Board approved the guidelines of Professional Development Fund (PDF) for the faculty members of the Institute. (Annexure-G)</p>
BOG-68(2026)- 14	<p>To discuss and approve the increase in Intake of Ph.D. Admission under the Half Time Research Assistance (HTRA) Category</p>
	<p>It is submitted that the Board in its 62nd meeting held on 17th July 2024 has approved the increase in intake of Ph.D. scholars from 40 to 60 based on the increase in faculty strength. However, the actual admission is subject to the maximum numbers prescribed by the Senate, based on the level of faculty members. On account of an increase in faculty strength to 103, there is a requirement to enhance the intake level, as scholars play a crucial role in research activities and conducting lab sessions, any shortage will affect academic- research activities which will have bearing in publication of research papers etc. affecting the NIRF ranking. They also support the new faculty joining the Institute in their research endeavors.</p> <p>The proposal regarding increase in intake of Ph.D. Admission under the HTRA Category was placed in the Senate meeting and Senate after deliberation approved the increase in strength from 60 to 90 per academic year. Thus, it is proposed to increase the Ph.D. intake to 90 per year from the AY 26-27 under HTRA category. The expenditure will be met from Ministry grant (OH-31) and the estimated annual expenditure will be Rs.1.33 crore. The proposed increase in intake will be implemented from AY 26-27.</p> <p>The Board noted the admission statistics presented by the Dean-AC and the current filled up strength of the research scholars under HTRA category. The Board noted the recommendation of the Senate in this regard.</p> <p>The Board discussed the matter and advised that scholars strength may be increased gradually over a period of time and scholars' strength may be increased to 75 per Academic year till AY 28-29 and further increase in strength can be considered thereafter based on the filled up scholar strength and the faculty strength at the Institute.</p> <p>Accordingly, the Board after discussion approved the increase in scholar strength to 75 under HTRA scheme from the Academic year 26-27.</p>
BOG-68(2026)-15	<p>To discuss and recommend Solar Generation Plant under RESCO mode through SECL, MNRE</p>
	<p>It is submitted that based on the recommendation of the 31st Building & Works Committee (BWC), the proposal for installation of a rooftop solar power plant was placed before the 65th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 05.06.2025. The Board observed that the proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) tenure of 25 years appears to be on the higher side and advised the Institute to explore the feasibility of limiting the PPA period to 5–7 years.</p>

Accordingly, the Institute approached M/s Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for clarification. SECI informed that no PPAs with a tenure of 5–7 years have been executed so far and further clarified that the standard industry practice is to enter into PPAs with a tenure of 25 years. (Email copy enclosed)

It was also noted that a 25-year PPA tenure aligns with the typical operational life of solar PV systems and is an established practice under various Central and State Government rooftop solar programmes. Such a tenure enables developers to recover capital investments and facilitates lower tariffs, which ultimately benefits the consumer institution.

The above clarification was placed before the 66th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11.07.2025. The Board observed that the indicative tariff of ₹5.15 per unit appeared to be on the higher side and advised the Institute to approach IIT Madras Research Park to gather comparative details.

Accordingly, the Institute Engineering Team visited IIT Madras and interacted with IIT Madras, who informed that IIT Madras executes solar projects only under the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) mode.

Further on enquiry with IIT Madras Research Park, informed that the Research Park is a society (Non-Government institution, supported by IIT Madras) had installed roof top solar plants of 286 kW and 800 kW capacities 7 years before and entered into a separate maintenance AMC with a private firm, M/s Cigny, through direct nomination for a period of five years. The AMC cost per month is Rs. 1,06,819/-.

Subsequently, the Institute also contacted EE (Electrical), CPWD, from whom the PPA details were obtained. As per the available records, a 257 kW solar plant was installed at Rajaji Bhavan, Chennai, in the year 2016 by M/s Hero Solar Energy Ltd. under a PPA period of 25 years, with a tariff of ₹5.68 per unit. Further the data collected for indicative tariff and the tariff at which work awarded recently compared with the tariff of power distribution companies is as tabulated below:

Sl No.	Name of the institutions / Organizations	Indicative tariff in Rs. per kwh	Work awarded tariff in Rs. per kwh	Tariff as per power distribution companies in Rs. per kwh
1.	IIIT Guwahati	5.00	3.01	8.19
2.	SPA, Vijayawada.	5.00	3.54	7.95
3.	IIITDM Kurnool	4.48	3.78	7.95
4.	IIM Visakhapatnam	5.00	3.54	7.95
5.	NIT Surathkal	5.15	3.78	7.10
6.	Central University of Punjab	5.00	3.54	6.78

The proposal was again placed in the BWC meeting held on 09.02.2026 and the details of the indicative tariff /work awarded value was considered by the BWC and even though indicative rate is in the order of Rs.5.00 per kwh, the awarded rate is less than the indicative rate. Further, Ministry also requesting the institute for early implementation of the solar roof top programme.

BWC discussed that matter and recommended the proposal for consideration by the Board.

The Institute presented the details to the Board and after discussion, the board approved the proposal of Solar Generation Plant under RESCO mode through SECL, MNRE.

The final tender/award details etc. may be presented to BWC/FC for consideration and recommendation for approval by the Board.

BOG-68(2026)-16

To discuss and approve the declaration of Completion of Probation Period for Faculty members

It is submitted that the following faculty members, who were appointed in various faculty positions as per the details given below, have successfully completed their prescribed period of probation.

As per the Institute norms, an Expert Committee was constituted to evaluate the performance of the faculty members during their probation period. The faculty members appeared before the duly nominated committee and made presentations on their teaching, research, and other academic contributions during the probation period.

Based on the assessment of their overall performance, the Expert Committee has recommended the declaration of completion of probation in respect of the faculty members listed below. The details of the faculty members, including date of appointment, period of probation, and the recommendations of the Expert Committee, are placed before the Board for consideration. **(Annexure -H)**

S#	Name	Present Designation	Level	Department	Date of Joining	Probation period	Probation Completed on	Review Completed on
1	Dr. Rahul Raman	Assistant Professor	12	CSE	24.08.23	2	23.08.25	17.09.2025
2	Dr. Preeth R	Assistant Professor	12		24.08.23	2	23.08.25	17.09.2025
3	Dr. Bhukya Krishna Priya	Assistant Professor	11		24.08.23	2	23.08.25	17.09.2025
4	Dr. Srijith K	Assistant Professor	12	ECE	24.08.23	2	23.08.25	18.09.2025
5	Dr. Parvathy Das	Assistant Professor	11	S&H (English)	24.08.23	2	23.08.25	18.09.2025
6	Dr. M Subramani	Assistant Professor	12	S&H (Mathematics)	24.08.23	2	23.08.25	19.09.2025
7	Dr. Manjusha Battabyal	Associate Professor	13A2	S&H (Physics)	19.06.24	1	18.06.25	22.09.2025
8	Dr. Shubhakar Chakraborty	Assistant Professor	12	Mechanical Engineering	24.08.23	2	23.08.25	19.09.2025
9	Dr. Avinash Kumar	Assistant Professor	12		24.08.23	2	23.08.25	19.09.2025
10	Dr. N Rino Nelson	Assistant Professor	12		24.08.23	2	23.08.25	19.09.2025
11	Dr. Jayachandra Bingi	Associate Professor	13A2	SIDI	10.10.24	1	09.10.25	23.01.2026
12	Dr. M Raguraman	Associate Professor	13A2		10.10.24	1	09.10.25	23.01.2026
13	Dr. Vivek Kumar	Associate Professor	13A2	S&H (Physics)	10.10.24	1	09.10.25	27.01.2026
14	Dr. Debolina Misra	Assistant Professor	12		24.08.23	2	23.10.25	27.01.2026
15	Dr. Shalu M A	Professor	14A	S&H (Mathematics)	10.10.24	1	09.10.25	02.02.2026
16	Dr. Jagannath Bhanja	Assistant Professor	11		20.10.23	2	09.10.25	02.02.2026

The Board perused the report of the committee and after discussion approved the same.

BOG-68(2026)-17

To discuss and approve the acceptance of Adjunct Professor position at Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City (VNU-HCM), Vietnam by Dr. Chitti Babu.

Dr. Chitti Babu, Associate Professor (ECE) has joined the Institute on 14.06.2018 as Assistant professor (Grade I). Subsequently appointed as Associate professor on 01.08.2023. Dr. Chitti Babu has submitted an application to apply for the Adjunct Professor at Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City and was accorded approval /NOC by the Director subject to Institute norms in case of his selection.

Now, Dr. Chitti Babu has received the offer for the position of Adjunct Professor at Vietnam National University, Ho Chi Minh City (VNU-HCM), Vietnam for a period of two years, from 21-11-2025 to 20-11-2027. Dr. Chitti Babu plans to visit during the summer vacation from 15-05-2026 to 15-06-2026 and 15-05-2027 to 15-06-2027, and to engage in academic activities including delivery of invited lectures and seminars, research collaboration, and guidance of postgraduate and doctoral students. The engagement is purely academic in nature and does not involve any conflict of interest with his duties at the Institute.

The host institution (VNU-HCM) will bear the expenses towards round-trip airfare, visa fee, accommodation, and living expenses during the visit. There is no financial commitment from the Institute for the visit. The faculty member has further confirmed that no honorarium or remuneration shall be received for the said engagement.

The Board discussed and accorded approval to Dr. Chitti Babu to accept the Adjunct Professor position at VNU-HCM Vietnam and permitted to undertake the trip during the vacation period by availing the vacation leave.

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