

Minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Council of IITs held on Friday, the 27th September, 2019 at IIT Delhi

The 53rd Meeting of the Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) was held on Friday, the 27th September, 2019 (11:00 am) under the Chairpersonship of Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' Minister of Human Resource Development in the Senate Room of IIT Delhi. The list of participants is at **Annexure-I**.

Shri R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Department of Higher Education and Dr. S.S. Sandhu, Additional Secretary (TE), and Ex-Officio Secretary, Council of IITs, and Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao, Director, IIT Delhi welcomed Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development and Chairman, Council of IITs and Shri Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Minister of State for Human Resource Development.

In his opening remarks, Hon'ble Minister and Chairman, Council of IITs welcomed all the Members to the 53rd Meeting of the Council and called upon all the IITs to analyse decisions taken in the past and the outcomes that have been achieved. He stated that the annual meetings of the Council are an excellent opportunity for all of us to take stock of our capabilities, challenges that we face in the changing world order and the way forward for further improvement. The successes and milestones that we achieve should not be relegated to the records but be disseminated to the public at large through various means and always strive to reach the highest standards in academics and research. We must also analyze our strengths and weaknesses and work towards removing the shortfalls. He also reviewed the position of IITs in terms of both national and international rankings and called upon the Directors to do all that is required for improving the ranking. He assured the IITs to provide all possible support from the Government in this regard.

Pursuant to the address of the Hon'ble Minister, Secretary, Council of IITs took up the agenda points for discussions and decisions.

Item No. 53.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Council of the IITs held on 20.08.2018

The Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Council of IITs held on 20.8.2018 were confirmed, as circulated.

Item No. 53.2: To Report Action Taken on the Minutes of the 52nd meeting of the Council of IITs held on 20.08.2018

The Council noted the status of Action Taken Report (ATR) on decisions taken by the Council in its 52nd Meeting held on 20.08.2018. The status reported and observations made during the meeting are as under:

52.2 (a): External Peer Review of IITs:

All IITs were requested to forward a list of experts for consideration of the Ministry. The finalised list of 40-50 experts will thereafter be shared with all the IITs for their use. In this regard, decision recorded under Item No.53.31 of the Minutes may be referred.

52.2 (b): IIT Council Web Portal:

All IIT Directors were requested to upload their data on the IIT Council web portal within a week. Further the data should be updated regularly.

52.2 (d): Approval of the Prime Minister's Research Fellows Scheme:

The Council took note of the approval to the PMRF Scheme and subsequent amendments made therein. The Council decided that all IITs will submit their suggestions to Director, IIT Delhi for further improvement in the PMRF Scheme as well as steps required to increase the enrolment into the scheme. IIT Delhi, which will take over as the National Coordinator of the PMRF in February, 2020 will examine the suggestions and submit a report for consideration of the Ministry within two months.

52.2 (e): IIT PAL (IIT Professor assisted learning):

The Council noted the status of the scheme.