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Minutes of Meeting of XXIVth Board of Governance

The meeting of the Board of Governance of Government College of Engineering, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar was convened on 08th March 2026. The meeting was conducted on the same day at 10:00 a.m. at the Training and Placement Office of the Institute in hybrid mode (Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/tmb-gczs-tjr>).

Following members and invitee attended the meeting

1. Prof. S. G. Deshmukh, Chairman, Board of Governance
2. Dr. V. M. Mohitkar, Member, Board of Governance
3. Shri. Prasad Kokil, Member, Board of Governance
4. Shri. Suraj Dumne, Member, Board of Governance
5. Dr. Mukund Kulkarni, Member, Board of Governance
6. Dr. S. R. Hirekhan, Member, Board of Governance
7. Dr. S. A. Sonawane, Registrar (Academics) & Teachers Representative- Online
8. Dr. S. S. Dambhare, Principal & Member Secretary, Board of Governance

Leave of absence was granted to the following member

1. Prof. Samir K. Maji, Member, Board of Governance
2. Dr. B. B. Waykar, Member, Board of Governance

Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare, Principal and Member Secretary, welcomed Prof. S. G. Deshmukh, Chairman, Board of Governance; Dr. V. M. Mohitkar, Director, Directorate of Technical Education; and all the Hon'ble Board Members and invitees. He expressed his sincere appreciation for the guidance, support, and approvals extended by the Board in previous meetings, and noted that, under the Board's direction, the Institute has made significant progress across several key performance indicators.

Dr. Dambhare requested Dr. A. R. Karwankar, Dean (Academics), to conduct the proceedings and Dr. V. R. Ratnaparkhe, Dean (R&D) to take the noting's in accordance with the agenda.

Thereafter, the following business items were transacted and noted by the Board of Governance.

Item No.	Description	Resolution
24.1	Confirmation of minutes of meeting of XXIII rd Board of Governance meeting held on 17 th January 2026 and Action Taken Report	Resolution No. 24.1: The minutes of the XXIII Board of Governance Meeting held on 17th January 2026 were duly confirmed. The Action Taken Report was reviewed and accepted. The Board provided the following suggestions on specific agenda items:

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item No. 23.9: The categories of Visiting Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, and Professor of Practice should be clearly distinguished, with their respective honorarium structures explicitly defined. 2. Item No. 23.13: Incentives shall be granted for patents that have been approved (granted), and not merely for patent filings. 3. Item No. 23.19: Hostels must maintain proper records of income and expenditure, ensuring that both are reconciled. Also, the institute should inform the bank that ours is a State Government institution and hence TDS should be exempted. If the current bank does not comply, a change of bank is recommended. 4. Item No. 23.20: Obtaining grants on a post-facto basis is discouraged. Prior approval from the Board is required and may be obtained via email in urgent cases. The Board also stated that, as and when required, guidance for matters related to the auditorium will be sought from Dr. Mukund Kulkarni and Mr. Prasad Kokil, while Mr. Suraj Dumne will provide guidance on matters pertaining to BWC. 5. Item No. 23.41: The Board appreciated the initiative and advised that such positive activities should be highlighted in the media to enhance the institute's visibility and rankings. FDPs conducted under Centre of Excellence should also be publicized. Dr. Kulkarni recommended in Maharashtra Times and Divya Marathi for the coverage.
24.2	<p>Proposal for continuation of faculty recruitment process from Academic Year 2026-27 for filling the post(s) of Professor of Practice and / or Professor Emeritus and / or Retired Adjunct Faculty and / or Adjunct Faculty and / or Professor (Adjunct) and / or Associate Professor (Adjunct) and / or Assistant Professor (Adjunct) and / or Visiting Faculty and / or Guest Faculty and / or Expert Faculty and / or Sessional Instructors as per the Resolutions no. 22.4, 22.51 and 23.9.</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.2:</u> Board approved the proposal for continuation of faculty recruitment process from Academic Year 2026-27 for filling the post(s) of Professor of Practice and / or Professor Emeritus and / or Retired Adjunct Faculty and / or Adjunct Faculty and / or Professor (Adjunct) and / or Associate Professor (Adjunct) and / or Assistant Professor (Adjunct) and / or Visiting Faculty and / or Guest Faculty and / or Expert Faculty and / or Sessional Instructors as per the Resolutions no. 22.4, 22.51 and 23.9 and as per the requirements of the institute. It was further recommended that their services be terminated in accordance with the appointment order, and that due process be duly followed before reappointing the same individual in a continuous capacity. Additionally, the nomenclature of these positions should be revised in line with the provisions outlined in Resolution No. 24.1 (Point No. 1).</p>

24.3	<p>Proposal for approval of institute budget of ₹ 2894.94 lakhs for Financial Year 2026-27.</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.3:</u> The Board approved the institute budget amounting to ₹2894.94 lakhs for the Financial Year 2026–27, subject to the following observations and recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The necessity of any proposed equipment or resource costing ₹5 lakh or above has to be recommended by the Board of Studies (BoS) and subsequently reviewed by the Academic Council. However, neither the BoS nor the Academic Council shall grant financial approval. Their role is limited to verifying technical specifications, assessing the necessity, and evaluating the utilization of the proposed resources. The cost details need not be included in their review. 2. The budget should always reflect both income and expenditure. While preparing the balance sheet, it is mandatory to include income generated from all sources including hostels and the examination cell. Dr. Mohitkar mentioned that, as the Government has empanelled a Chartered Accountant (CA) team recently, it is compulsory to complete the audit of the last five years through this team on their visits. This measure is essential to ensure financial discipline, which must be adhered to without exception. 3. For the interdepartmental Centers of Excellence (CoEs) proposed in the budget, 75% of the funding shall be provided by the institute, while the remaining 25% has to be mobilized through external sources. Enough efforts should also be made to involve industry partners in these CoEs. 4. The balance sheet should be prepared and presented in a clear, systematic, and professional manner, and its preparation should be carried out as a regular and consistent practice. 5. A comprehensive financial summary sheet should be developed, incorporating all sources of income and heads of expenditure. This summary should include financial details of the institute, hostels, and the examination cell.
24.4	<p>Proposal for the approval of the expenditure of ₹1685.89 lakhs incurred from the sanctioned budget of ₹3012.84 lakhs for the financial year 2024–2025.</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.4:</u> This item pertains to the budget for the financial year 2024–25, which has already been approved and to be incorporated in the expenditure statement. As the budget and expenditure has been duly approved, there is no requirement for reconsideration in the present BoG meeting. Accordingly, the proposal is withdrawn.</p>
24.5	<p>Proposal for the approval for the refund of the Earnest</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.5:</u></p>

	Money Deposit (EMD) to Nishnat Solutions (I) Pvt. Ltd. (Expert Solutions) amounting to ₹ 50,000/-	The Board approved the proposal for the refund of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amounting to ₹50,000/- to Nishnat Solutions (I) Pvt. Ltd. (Expert Solutions).
24.6	Proposal for the approval of a budget of ₹50 lakhs for the functioning of the Controller of Examinations office for the financial year 2026–27, to be met from the funds available with the CoE Office.	<u>Resolution No. 24.6:</u> The Board approved the proposal for a budget of ₹50 lakhs for the functioning of the Controller of Examinations office for the financial year 2026–27, to be met from the funds available with the CoE Office.
24.7	Proposal for the approval for the establishment of a Makers Space Lab with a budget of ₹50 lakhs for Financial Year 2026-27.	<u>Resolution No. 24.7:</u> The Board approved the proposal for the establishment of a Makers Space Lab with a revised budget of ₹40 lakhs for the financial year 2026–27, as per the Institute’s budget sheet. The Board stated that <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Maker Space Lab shall be considered a completely new initiative, and a detailed proposal should be developed in line with the initiatives of IIT Bombay. 2. Dr. Mohitkar mentioned that the Government is entering into an MoU with the Maker Foundation, which will support the institute in developing the Maker Space Lab in alignment with the provisions and guidelines of the said MoU. 3. An additional budget for the Maker Space Lab shall be prepared in accordance with Government norms, if required and submitted for approval.
24.8	Proposal for the approval for the allocation of a budget of ₹15 lakhs each for the Biomimicry Lab and the IKS Lab for the financial year 2026–27.	<u>Resolution No. 24.8:</u> The Board approved the proposal for the allocation of ₹15 lakhs each towards the Biomimicry Lab and the IKS Lab for the Financial Year 2026–27.
24.9	Provision of ₹42 lakhs for the financial year 2026–27 towards the payment of salary difference and arrears of Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare, Principal.	<u>Resolution No. 24.9:</u> The Board approved the proposal. The following discussions took place: <p>The Director, Dr. V. M. Mohitkar, stated that the proposal for pay protection of Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare has already been recommended to the Government, and the salary difference is to be drawn upon receipt of sanction from the Government of Maharashtra. He further indicated that the funds could be disbursed through the Treasury Office.</p> <p>However, Mr. Prasad Kokil emphasized that since the appointment of Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare as Principal was made by the Board, protection of his last drawn pay is essential to prevent the financial loss which he is bearing</p>

		<p>since joining this post over more than past two years. Accordingly, the required difference amount should be sanctioned from institute funds itself.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the disbursement of the salary difference to Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare from institute funds to avoid any more financial loss.</p>
24.10	<p>Proposal for the approval of remuneration of ₹225 per hour for the services rendered by visiting Technical Staff for conducting the labs and similar work of supporting staff.</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.10:</u> The Board approved the proposal to provide remuneration at the rate of ₹225 per hour for services rendered by visiting technical staff for conducting laboratory sessions, R&D activities and performing other work in support of various Institute functionaries and offices.</p>
24.11	<p>Proposal for approval of remuneration of ₹ 120/- per hour (beyond the working hours / holidays) for carrying out emergency maintenance work like electricity, water, data centre, auditorium, sports facilities to class-III staff.</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.11:</u> The Board approved the proposal. The following discussion took place: Dr. Mohitkar stated that such a practice is not prevalent in other institutes. However, with reference to the discussions in earlier Board meetings, it was agreed that remuneration at the rate of ₹120 per hour for Class-III staff is permitted for carrying out emergency maintenance work beyond regular working hours and on holidays with prior approval of Principal. This includes services related to electricity, water supply, data centre, auditorium, hostels and sports facilities, being the institute is autonomous in nature, resulting in continuous academic, non-academic and administrative activities. The volume of activities is substantial, often necessitating work beyond regular office hours and holidays.</p>
24.12	<p>Proposal for Clubbing of the EWC and BWC of the institute.</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.12:</u> The Board, in principle, agreed to merge the two committees, considering the interdependent nature of their functions. However, the Board further resolved that these committees shall function in coordination with the newly constituted “Facility Management Committee.” It was also suggested that the Facility Management Committee shall convene meetings on a quarterly basis. The Principal of the Institute shall serve as the Chairman of the Committee, and the members of the Facility Management Committee shall comprise of members of the BWC, EWC, and representatives from other related activities. The institute may appoint external agency to execute major projects.</p>
24.13	<p>Proposal for increasing the limit of expenditure for</p>	<p><u>Resolution No. 24.13:</u></p>

	individual work at institute level from Rs. 10 lakhs to 50 lakhs.	The proposal was referred back for further review and reconsideration.
24.14	Proposal for creating the new post of CEO, Ankur-GECA and Assistant Incubation Manager, Ankur-GECA.	<u>Resolution No. 24.14:</u> The Board approved the proposal for the creation of new posts of CEO, Ankur-GECA, and Assistant Incubation Manager, Ankur-GECA. It was further suggested that the CEO of Ankur-GECA may be appointed from among the Professors of Practice of the Institute if possible.
24.15	Proposal for nomination of Board representative as one of the Director of Ankur-GECA.	<u>Resolution No. 24.15:</u> The Board suggested Dr. Mukund Kulkarni for the position of Director, Ankur-GECA.
24.16	Proposal to approval of regular annual increment of Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare, Principal of Government College of Engineering Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar.	<u>Resolution No. 24.16:</u> The Board approved the proposal for granting the regular annual increment to Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare, Principal of the Government College of Engineering, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, with effect from the date of his joining as Principal, in accordance with the applicable rules.
24.17	Approval of minutes of meeting of 1. MoM of 31 st Academic Council 2. MoM of 22 nd Finance Committee, 3. MoM of BWC (27/02/2026) and 4. MoM of EWC (02/03/2026)	<u>Resolution No. 24.17:</u> The Board noted and approved the minutes of the meetings of the following statutory and non-statutory bodies: 1. MoM of 31 st Academic Council 2. MoM of 22 nd Finance Committee, 3. MoM of BWC (27/02/2026) and 4. MoM of EWC (02/03/2026)
24.18	Any other items with the permission of Chair 24.18.1: Report of the workshop conducted on self-awareness, wellbeing and work life balance at Chetana Happy Village, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar is presented 24.18.2: Summary of Academic Council decisions were presented	<u>Resolution No. 23.18.1:</u> The report of the workshop on self-awareness, wellbeing, and work-life balance conducted at Chetana Happy Village, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, was presented to the Board and duly noted. The Board appreciated this activity. <u>Resolution No. 24.18.2:</u> The summary of the Academic Council, with emphasis on relative grading, was presented to the Board. The Board noted the same and offered the following suggestions: 1. The policy on semester exchange should be implemented. 2. The concept of multiple entry and multiple exit with a provision for a gap of certain years should be implemented. Relevant use cases should be developed and presented. Mr. Kokil has expressed

		willingness to accommodate such students in his industry during the gap period. 3. The MDM in IKS was appreciated, and it was suggested to encourage more students to opt for this courses. 4. The MDM in Agronomics was also appreciated.
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The Board suggested the following points:

1. The report on the **Dnyan Parampara Lecture Series** shall be presented to the Board and included as an agenda item in the next BoG meeting.
2. The publication of the **Research Directory (Research Competence Book)** shall also be included as an agenda item for the next BoG meeting.
3. Preparedness related to **NIRF ranking** shall be deliberated in the next BoG meeting.
4. The discussion regarding establishing a **Unitary University** shall be placed as agenda point in forthcoming BoG meeting.
5. Presentations by young faculty members and students shall be arranged on the day of the Board meeting.
6. Key financial indicators shall be periodically assessed and presented to the Board at regular intervals.
7. A **Review Forum** for various institutional activities shall be constituted, and its summary shall be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis.
8. Key performance indicators (KPIs) of the Institute shall be regularly reviewed in the meetings of Heads and Deans.
9. UG and PG projects shall be aligned with the incubation center to promote innovation and development.
10. Students with strong academic potential shall be identified and nurtured to become future academicians. Such students may also be included in the **Board of Studies and Academic Council**, as appropriate.
11. The Institute shall adopt a vision of evolving into a **multidisciplinary university**.
12. Efforts shall be made to promote meaningful learning aligned with contemporary needs.

Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare, Principal and Member Secretary, BoG, expressed his sincere gratitude to Prof. S. G. Deshmukh, Chairman, BoG; Dr. V. M. Mohitkar, Director, DTE; and all the Hon'ble Board Members and invitees for approving the various proposals and policies placed before the Board, which will significantly contribute to the Institute's progress toward achieving higher standards of excellence.

He further conveyed his deep appreciation for the Board's unwavering commitment, guidance, and leadership. He acknowledged the Board's dedication, exemplary efforts, and strategic vision, which have consistently guided the Institute toward sustained growth and higher achievements. He emphasized that the Board has played a crucial role in fostering a culture of development, innovation, and inclusivity, and affirmed that the Institute continues to progress and excel through the collective wisdom, experience, and insights of its members.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Member Secretary.



Dr. Sanjay S. Dambhare
Member Secretary, BoG



Prof. Dr. S. G. Deshmukh
Chairman, BoG