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**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE  
(BITS) PILANI  
("INSTITUTE")**

**Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting**

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### **Board of Governors, BITS Pilani , 76th Meeting**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**

**Chairperson:** Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chancellor

**1. Welcome Address:**

- The Chancellor welcomed members and highlighted progress in research, startups, internationalization, and alumni funding.

**2. Key Approvals:**

- Appointment of Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao as Vice Chancellor (effective 10 March 2023).
- Renewal of Shri Akshay Poddar's membership on the Board of Governors.
- Revision of Faculty Superannuation Policy (extension up to 70 years).
- Extension of Prof. G Sundar's term as Director, Off Campus Programs and Hyderabad Campus.
- Appointment of faculty members in administrative roles.
- Revision of scholarships for Dubai Campus students.
- Increase in tuition fees for AY 2023-24 and enhancement of Ph.D. fellowships.
- Constitution of committees for Distinguished Alumnus Award, Distinguished Services Award, and BITS Ratna Award.
- Rationalization of fees for Ph.D. students.

**3. Achievements:**

- Rs. 55 Cr in external research grants.
- 195 PhDs graduated (highest ever).
- 574 companies participated in placements with an average salary of Rs. 20.8 LPA.
- Alumni funding reached Rs. 32 Cr, with a significant pledge of Rs. 15 Cr by Rakesh Verma.

### **77th Meeting (1st December 2023)**

**Chairperson:** Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chancellor

**1. Welcome Address:**

- The Chancellor highlighted recent achievements, including research initiatives, startup ecosystem development, and alumni contributions.

**2. Key Highlights:**

- Inauguration of Rakesh Kapoor Innovation Centre (Rs. 20 Cr).
- Launch of a Minor Program on Semiconductor Devices.
- Recruitment of Professors of Practice to enhance industry connections.
- Appointment of Prof. Soumyo Mukherji as Director, Hyderabad Campus (effective 1st January 2024).
- Pre-placement offers for BITSoM students from top companies.
- Progress on BITSoM's permanent campus in Kalyan, set to open in early 2024.

### 3. Key Approvals:

- Appointment of Dr. Saravanan Kesavan as Dean of BITSoM.
- Establishment of BITS Design School at the Mumbai Off-Campus Centre.
- Constitution of a sub-committee for the Design School to handle approvals, land acquisition, and other formalities.

### General Achievements Across 2023:

- **Admissions:** Increased BITSAT applications and higher cut-offs.
- **Infrastructure:** Expansion projects completed across campuses, including a dedicated startup facility.
- **Alumni Engagement:** Largest-ever funding of Rs. 32 Cr and scholarships benefiting 115 students.
- **BITSoM:** Strong placement outcomes and leadership transition.
- **BITS Law School:** Successful launch with 120 students and 75% women in the founding cohort.

The Board appreciated the institute's achievements and approved various resolutions to support its growth and innovation.



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**Minutes of General Body Meeting**

# Minutes of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the General Body of BITS Pilani

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Chairperson:** Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chancellor

## 1. Welcome Address

- Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla welcomed the members and expressed gratitude for their presence.
- He highlighted the substantial progress made by BITS Pilani in research, startups, internationalization, and alumni funding, emphasizing the institution's commitment to growth and excellence.

## 2. Key Updates and Discussions

### 2.1 Admissions

- **Indian Campuses:** 3254 First Degree (FD) students admitted in 2023 (vs. ~3000 normal batch size).
- **Dubai Campus:** 329 FD admissions in Semester 1.
- **BITSAT:** Conducted twice, resulting in 1.23 lakh unique applications and 1.93 lakh total applications (7% increase over last year). Cut-offs increased by 3%-8%.

### 2.2 Faculty Recruitment

- 118 offers made in AY 2022-23.
- 424 faculty members joined in the last five academic years.

### 2.3 Research

- Rs. 55 Cr external grants received in FY23.
- 195 PhDs graduated in AY 2022-23 (highest ever).
- Current PhD enrollment: 1826 (22% CAGR over 5 years).
- 221 patents filed to date; 41 granted. Target: 100+ patents/year in 2024.

### 2.4 Student Placement

- 574 unique companies participated in AY 2022-23 (vs. 540 in AY 2021-22).
- Average salary: Rs. 20.8 lakhs (13% increase, comparable to top 5 IITs).
- Summer internship program gaining traction.

### 2.5 Physical Infrastructure

- Expansion projects completed across Indian campuses.
- Pilani Incubation & Innovation Centre to be inaugurated next month.
- Renovation of hostels, mess, and academic blocks completed at Pilani.
- New faculty housing completed at Goa.
- Hyderabad expansion fully completed.

## **2.6 Alumni Relations**

- Alumni database: 66,200 on AlmaConnect.
- Largest-ever alumni funding: Rs. 32 Cr in FY23 (~Rs. 80 Cr in 5 years).
- Rakesh Verma pledged Rs. 15 Cr for Pilani Convention Centre.
- Scholarships benefiting 115 students across campuses.

## **2.7 BITSom (BITS School of Management)**

- First batch graduated in 2023 with a mean compensation of Rs. 23.85 lakhs.
- Top recruiters: McKinsey, Bain, EY, JP Morgan, etc.
- Third batch admitted with 154 students (45% gender ratio).
- Permanent campus at Kalyan nearing completion.

## **2.8 BITS Law School**

- Established in March 2023 in Mumbai; approved by the Bar Council of India.
- First academic year started on 1st August 2023 with BA LL.B. (Hons.) and BBA LL.B. (Hons.) programs.
- Interim campus in Powai; permanent campus in Kalyan by 2025.
- Advisory Council includes eminent legal and academic professionals.

## **3. Approvals and Appointments**

### **3.1 Vice Chancellor Appointment**

- Prof. V Ramgopal Rao appointed as Vice Chancellor from 10th March 2023 for five years.

### **3.2 Re-admission of General Body Members**

- Re-admitted for term ending 29th April 2027: i) Shri Sidharth Birla ii) Smt. Manjushree Khaitan iii) Shri Hemant Kumar iv) Shri P. Radhakrishnan

### **3.3 Selection Committees**

- **Distinguished Alumnus Award (DAA) and Distinguished Services Award (DSA):** Chairperson: Prof. Govindan Rangarajan, Director IISc, Bangalore. Members: Rakesh Verma, Pramad Jandhyala, Dilip Gaur, Prof. V Ramgopal Rao. Secretary: Prof. Arya Kumar.
- **BITS Ratna Award:** Chairperson: Prof. V Ramgopal Rao. Members: Shri Dilip Gaur, Prof. Arya Kumar.

### **3.4 Administrative Appointments**

- Prof. G Sundar: Director, Off Campus Programs and Industry Engagement (3-year term).
- Prof. S Gurunarayanan: Deputy Director, Off Campus Programs and Industry Engagement.
- Prof. P B Venkataraman: Dean, Work Integrated Learning Programs (WILP).
- Prof. Annapoorna Gopal: Dean, Practice School (PS).
- Prof. Srikanth Mutnuri: Dean, International Programs & Collaborations (IPC).

## **4. Financial Performance and Budget**

- Reviewed FY23 financial performance and FY24 budget estimates.
- Healthy accumulated surplus noted, with expected depletion due to Kalyan campus capex (Rs. 1500 Cr) and initial operating losses for new schools.

## **5. Reappointments**

- Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla re-elected as Chancellor for another five years (effective 14th September 2023).
- Smt. Shobhana Bhartia reappointed as Pro-Chancellor for another five years (effective 14th September 2023).

## **6. Adoption of Reports**

- Reports on research activities, collaborations, and financials adopted.
- Members expressed satisfaction with the Institute's progress and achievements.

## **7. Closing Remarks**

- Members congratulated Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla on his re-election and appreciated his leadership.
- The meeting concluded with a commitment to further growth and excellence.