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MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE STUDIES AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION (IDSRF) HELD AT 12:30 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH OF DECEMBER OF THE YEAR 2024, AT OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR, GUJARAT UNIVERSITY, AHMEDABAD.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WERE PRESENT:

1. DR NEERJA A GUPTA
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University & Chairperson and Director General, IDSRF
2. DR PIYUSH PATEL
Registrar, Gujarat University & Director, IDSRF
3. DR DARAPUNENI PURNA CHANDRA RAO
President, IDST & Additional Director, IDSRF

THE FOLLOWING INVITEES WERE PRESENT:

1. MR SRINIVASA RAO SUREDDI
Group CEO
2. MR BISWAJIT ADHIKARI
Sr Vice President, AIC GUSEC
3. MR MANSINGH RAJORA
Sr Vice President, GUSEC

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

13.1 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

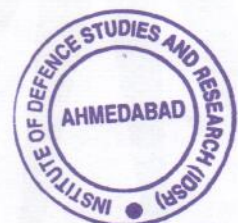
The Board noted that Prof. Mukesh Kumar Barua, Director General (I/C) of IITRAM & Director of IDSRF, was absent from the meeting.

13.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the minutes of the twelfth (12th) meeting of the Board of IDSRF and resolved as follows:

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"RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the twelfth (12th) Board Meeting of IDSRF is approved by the Board and copy attached as Annexure - 13.A."

13.3 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND RESEARCH UPDATES

The IDSRF personnel proposed a strategic initiative called the Defence Tech Accelerator program, jointly run by IDSRF, Gujarat University and India Accelerator (IA). This initiative will strengthen the IDSRF's reputation as a defence innovation and entrepreneurship hub and enhance our institute's contribution to the nation through technological advancement.

Furthermore, the 'Defence Tech Accelerator' program's proposed budget for this initiative is INR 20,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only). The board resolved the following:

"RESOLVED THAT The board acknowledged and agreed on the potential benefits of the new strategic initiative 'Defence Tech Accelerator' program in collaboration with India Accelerator. The proposed budget for the 'Defence Tech Accelerator' INR 20,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only) be considered and approved per the IDSRF and University norms.

In this regard, the following suggestions were received from the board members:

- A. The board suggested signing a MoU between IDSRF, Gujarat University and India Accelerator (IA).
- B. The MoU should cover the information regarding scope, financials, confidentiality and legal framework."

13.4 PROPOSAL FOR SETTING UP A BRAIN MAPPING LABORATORY

Dr. Neerja Gupta, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University & Chairperson and Director General, IDSRF, provided a briefing about the proposal to set up a brain mapping laboratory and procure equipment for the laboratory.

Furthermore, Dr. Neerja Gupta discussed how the entire university ecosystem can benefit from the development of laboratory infrastructure at IDSRF. For this development, the proposed budget is INR 14,00,00,000.00 INR (i.e., INR 4,00,00,000.00 for laboratory

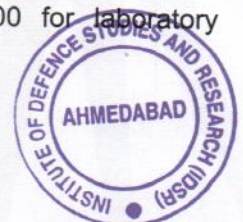
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infrastructure & INR 10,00,00,000.00 for procurement of minor and major instruments). The board resolved the following:

"RESOLVED THAT The board acknowledged and agreed on the potential benefits of establishing a brain mapping laboratory and allied facilities at IDSRF. The proposed budgets for the procurement of minor and major instruments as well as the development of research laboratories and allied facilities amounting to INR 14,00,00,000.00 (Rupees Fourteen crore Only) be considered and approved as per the IDSRF and University norms.

In this regard, the following suggestions were received from the board members:

- A. The board suggested the formation of a procurement purchase committee.
- B. The procurement should be as per the General Financial Rules 2017 and amendments from time to time.
- C. A detailed plan for the sustainability of the equipment should be submitted to the board. Also, a resource sharing model should be developed where other allied institutions can benefit."

13.5 REGARDING THE RESIGNATION OF THE DIRECTOR

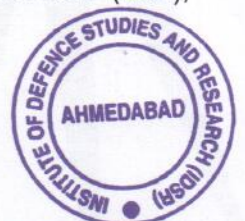
1. Prof. Bhrigunath Singh was appointed as a Director of IDSRF by virtue of his position as Director General of IITRAM, Ahmedabad, as per the Article of Association (AoA), IDSRF. The board noted that Prof. Bhrigunath Singh's tenure concluded on August 22, 2024, and he submitted a resignation letter as a director of IDSRF, which is attached as Annexure 13.B. It was noted that the director's resignation requires approval from the board of directors. The board resolved the following:

"RESOLVED THAT The board accepted the resignation of Prof. Bhrigunath Singh from his position as director, effective from August 22, 2024, and all necessary operational processes required for the same should be undertaken."

2. Prof. Mukesh Kumar Barua was appointed as a Director of IDSRF by virtue of his position as Director General (I/C) of IITRAM, Ahmedabad, as per the Article of Association (AoA),

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IDSRF. The board noted that Prof. Mukesh Kumar Barua's tenure concluded on November 20, 2024, and he submitted a resignation letter as a director of IDSRF, which is attached as Annexure 13.C. It was noted that the director's resignation requires approval from the board of directors. The board resolved the following:

"RESOLVED THAT The board accepted the resignation of Prof. Bhrigunath Singh from his position as director, effective from November 20, 2024, and all necessary operational processes required for the same should be undertaken."

13.6 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR

Pursuant to the Article of Association (AoA), IDSRF, the board had resolved to appoint Prof. Pramod Kumar Jain as a Director of IDSRF by virtue of his position of Director General, IITRAM, Ahmedabad. The board noted that the tenure of Prof. Pramod Kumar Jain started on November 21, 2024, and he submitted his appointment letter as Director General of IITRAM, attached as Annexure 13.D. It was noted that the director's appointment requires approval from the board of directors. The board resolved the following:

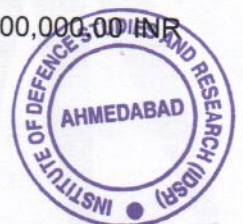
"RESOLVED THAT consent of the board be and is hereby accorded to appoint the new Director General, IITRAM, Prof. Pramod Kumar Jain, as the board of directors for IDSRF following the same terms and conditions as decided in Article of Association (AoA), IDSRF."

13.7 ORGANIZE AND HOST THE EVENT 'IKSHA SANGAM 2024'

Dr. Neerja Gupta, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University & Chairperson and Director General, IDSRF, provided a briefing about the proposal for the event 'IKSHA SANGAM 2024' and proposed to host the event from IDSRF, Gujarat University.

For this event, the proposed budget is INR 2,50,00,000.00 INR (Rupees Two Crore and Fifty Lakhs Only). The board resolved the following:

"RESOLVED THAT The board acknowledged and agreed to host the 'IKSHA Sangam 2024' from IDSRF, Gujarat University. The proposed budget for the event INR 2,50,00,000.00 INR



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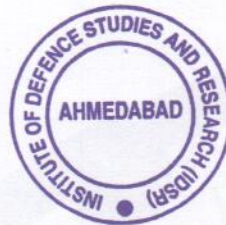


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(Rupees Two Crore and Fifty Lakhs Only) be considered and approved as per the IDSRF and University norms."

13.8 VOTE OF THANKS

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the members.



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Chairperson & Director General

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