COEP Technological University, Pune

(A Unitary Public University of Govt. of Maharashtra)

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Minutes of 14th BOG Meeting

The fourteenth (14th) meeting of the Board of Governance of COEP Technological University was held on Saturday, 27th June 2026 in hybrid mode. The following members were present at the meeting:

1.	Shri. Vinayak Pai	Chairman
2.	Prof. Sunil Bhirud	Member
3.	Dr. Vinod Mohitkar	Member
4.	Shri. Santosh Khorgade	Member
5.	Prof. Sunil Bhagwat	Member
6.	Mr. Bharat Gite	Member
7.	Shri. Amit Paranjape	Member
8.	Prof. Parag Sadgir	Member
9.	Prof. Suhas Mohite	Member (attended online)
10.	Dr. (Mrs.) Yashodhara Haribhakta	Permanent Invitee (attended online)
11.	Dr. Srinivas Mahajan	Permanent Invitee
12.	Dr. D. N. Sonawane	Member -Secretary

Members granted leave of absence:

1.	Prof. Milind Atrey	Member
2.	Prof. Ashish Lele	Member
3.	Mr. Anup Sable	Member

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The fourteenth (14th) meeting of the Board of Governance commenced with Prof. Sunil Bhirud, Vice Chancellor, welcoming all the BOG members.

At the outset, the Board placed on record its appreciation and gratitude to **Dr. Vinod Mohitkar, Director, Directorate of Technical Education (DTE), Maharashtra**, and **Mr. Santosh Khorgade, Joint Secretary, Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra**, on the occasion of their superannuation on **30th June 2026** and **31st July 2026**, respectively. The Board acknowledged their exemplary service, visionary leadership, and significant contribution towards the advancement of technical education in Maharashtra and extended its best wishes for their future endeavors.

The Board also welcomed and felicitated **Dr. D. N. Sonawane** on assuming charge as the **Regular Registrar of COEP Technological University**.

Chairman's Remarks:

The Hon'ble Chairman, in his opening remarks, informed the members that the University has recently recruited large number of highly qualified faculty members, including several Ph.D. graduates from premier institutions such as the IITs and NITs. He emphasized that the University must now focus on effectively utilizing this academic talent to enhance the quality of research, publications, innovation, and overall academic excellence. The Chairman further stated that institutional transformation through initiatives such as APNI LEAP and UTKARSH, along with the successful operationalization of the Chikhali Research and Innovation Park, would be key priorities in the University's journey towards becoming a globally recognized institution.

Agenda Item	Minutes and Resolutions	Action
Item No.14.1.1	**Action Taken Report**	
Agenda 14.1.1	**To confirm and approve the Minutes of 13th BOG meeting and the Action Taken Report (ATR) of 13th BOG meeting held on Sunday, March 29, 2026.**	
	Registrar informed the Board members that the minutes of the 13th BOG meeting, held on Sunday, 29th March 2026, were circulated to all the members for their review and suggestions. He also informed that, in the final minutes, the suggestions and inputs given by the Board members are incorporated. He then provided an update on key points from the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 13th BOG meeting.	**Registrar**
Resolution 14.1.1	The Board **NOTED** and **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes, and the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 13th BOG meeting, held on Sunday, 29th March 2026.	

Item No.14.2	Points for Approvals.	
<u>Agenda 14.2.1</u>	**Approval of appointment of Assistant Professor (Contractual), Assistant Professor (Tenured), Associate Professor (Tenured), and Professor of Practice (POPs) at various Departments of the University.**	
	The Registrar informed the Board about the faculty recruitment process undertaken for AY 2026-27 to meet the academic requirements of various departments of the University and strengthen the University's teaching and research ecosystem. **The Registrar informed the Board** that the appointments are against the **non-vacational dying cadre posts** created by the Board of Governance for a tenure of **three years**, comprising **03-Associate Professors** and **57-Assistant Professors**. He further informed that **130-Assistant Professors** have been selected for engagement on a **purely contractual basis** for a period of **11-months** on consolidated remuneration. In addition, **30-Professor of practice** are appointed for the academic year 2026-27. The Board members raised the concern about the pending case in Hon'ble SC, due to which the University cannot fill the vacant posts on regular basis. Also, the number of faculty members retiring in next 02 years. It was discussed and deliberated at length about the engagement of such an experienced faculty post-retirement as per his/her willingness. The Board observed that retired senior faculty members possess significant academic expertise and professional experience that can substantially contribute to the University's continued growth. Their engagement can play a vital role in further strengthening Research & Development activities, enhancing consultancy initiatives, fostering industry–institute interactions, and supporting academic excellence across departments. Their continued association with the university, in suitable advisory, mentoring, academic or strategic roles can also contribute to capacity building among younger faculty members and promote high-quality teaching, research, and innovation. The Board, therefore, felt that the University should formulate a structured policy for engaging retired faculty members in suitable roles	**Dean and Registrar**

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<tr><td><u>Resolution 14.2.1</u></td><td>The Board NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the faculty appointments against the tenured base, non-vacational dying cadre posts in various departments of the University, as recommended by the duly constituted Selection Committees.

The Board further RECOMMENDED to constitute a committee to frame a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or Policy for the engagement of retired faculty members of the University in suitable academic, research, mentoring, advisory, consultancy, and strategic roles.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Item No. 14.2.2</u></td><td colspan="2">Approval of appointment of Chief Administrative Officer (Hostel Campus), Career Guidance Officer, Rectors (male and female), and Medical Officers (male and female) on dying cadre for AY 2026-27.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>The Registrar informed the Board that, in order to strengthen the hostel administrative, residential, healthcare, and student support services, the selection process for the following posts are made through the duly constituted Selection Committees. He further informed that the selected candidates would be appointed on a contractual basis with consolidated remuneration for the Academic Year 2026–27. The appointments are aimed at ensuring efficient administration of the hostel campus, enhanced student welfare, career guidance, and healthcare services.

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<tr><td><u>Resolution 14.2.2</u></td><td>The Board NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE the appointments of the Chief Administrative Officer (Hostel Campus), Career Guidance Officer, Rectors (Male and Female), and Medical Officers (Male and Female) on contractual basis with consolidated remuneration for the Academic Year 2026–27, as recommended by the duly constituted Selection Committees.</td><td></td></tr>
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Agenda 14.2.3	**Approval for establishment of Thomas Kailath Center of Excellence in "Information & Communication Technology" at Department of E & TC of COEP Tech University.**	
	The Vice Chancellor presented the proposal for the establishment of the **Dr. Thomas Kailath Center for Information & Communication Technology (ICT)** in the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering. He informed the Board that the proposed Centre would serve as a hub for advanced research, innovation, experiential learning, technology transfer, and industry collaboration in emerging areas of Information and Communication Technology. He further highlighted that **Dr. Thomas Kailath**, a distinguished alumnus of COEP, **Padma Bhushan awardee**, recipient of the **IEEE Medal of Honor**, and Professor Emeritus at **Stanford University**, has made pioneering contributions to the field of Information and Communication Technology. The Vice Chancellor also informed the Board that **Prof. Kailath has been a longstanding supporter of the University** and had generously donated the **Dr. Thomas & Sarah Kailath** endowment in year 2010 for promoting student projects and academic activities.	**Registrar**
Resolution 14.2.3	**The Board NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE** the establishment of the **Dr. Thomas Kailath Center for Information & Communication Technology (ICT)** in the Department of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering using the **Dr. Thomas & Sarah Kailath** endowment along with mobilization of resources through alumni support, CSR funding, and industry partnerships.	
Item No. 14.2.4	**Approval of disbursement of 7th pay arrears to Board appointed faculty for the period of 1/1/2016 to 31/03/2019**	
	The Registrar apprised the Board regarding the proposal for disbursement of the 7th **Pay Commission arrears** to the Board-appointed faculty members for the period **1st January 2016 to 31st March 2019**. He informed the Board that the total arrear liability amounts to approximately **₹8.60 crore (≈ ₹9 crore)**, covering **94 faculty members**, and presented the category-wise details of eligible and non-eligible beneficiaries. The Board considered the background of the matter, the chronology of events, the decisions taken in the earlier meetings of the Board of Governance, and the recommendations of the	**Registrar**

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Committee constituted in September 2023.
The Board observed that the faculty members concerned have earned the arrears and, therefore, are entitled to receive the same. However, it was also noted that the earlier Board of Governors had, on three occasions, resolved to defer the disbursement of these arrears until the outcome of the matter pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
The Board further noted that, out of the total arrears of approximately ₹9 crore pertaining to 94 Board-appointed faculty members.

The arrears payable to the 53 eligible faculty members are ₹4.88 crore (≈ ₹5 crore). This amount is expected to be reimbursed by the Government; however, the reimbursement has not yet been received.
The arrears payable to the remaining 41 non-eligible faculty members, amounting to ₹3.76 crore (≈ ₹4 crore), are not eligible for Government reimbursement and would have to be borne entirely by the University.

After detailed deliberations, the Board was of the view that the University may consider the following alternatives:

To continue awaiting the final judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court before releasing the arrears;
To await the release of Government reimbursement towards the arrears payable to the eligible faculty members before taking any decision on disbursement.
If the University intends to proceed with the disbursement of the arrears before the pronouncement of the judgment and/or receipt of Government reimbursement, to do so only after obtaining an appropriate legal opinion from the Advocate representing the University before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

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<td><u>Resolution 14.2.4</u></td>
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The Board NOTED and RESOLVED to hold the decision on the disbursement of the 7th Pay Commission arrears to the Board-appointed faculty members for the period from 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2019 until the pronouncement of the Supreme court judgment and/or receipt of Government reimbursement.
The Board further directed to obtain an appropriate legal opinion from the Advocate representing the University before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
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Item No. 14.2.5	**Approval on construction of new Hostel Building at COEP Tech Campus and permission to submit the proposal to Govt of Maharashtra for further process of approval.**	
	The Vice Chancellor presented the proposal for the construction of a **new Hostel Building** at the North Campus of COEP Technological University with a proposed capacity of approximately **6,000 students**. He informed the Board that the project is intended to address the growing demand for quality hostel accommodation and support the University's long-term expansion plans. The estimated project cost of approximately **₹776.73 crore** has been technically scrutinized and approved by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Pune Region, while the architectural plans have been approved by the Chief Architect, Public Works Department, Government of Maharashtra. He further sought permission to submit the project to the Government of Maharashtra to obtain the necessary administrative approvals. During the deliberations, the members appreciated the University's vision to augment residential infrastructure but emphasized the need to adopt a financially sustainable approach for implementation of the project. The members also stressed that the funding model should be designed in such a manner that the hostel charges remain affordable and do not impose an undue financial burden on students. Accordingly, they suggested that the University should first submit a **Concept Note** to the Government of Maharashtra outline the project and seek guidance on the appropriate funding mechanism. The Board discussed various alternatives, including: (i) Complete financial support from the Government, (ii) Government support to the extent of at least one-third of the project cost to facilitate funding from external agencies, (iii) Mobilization of resources through alumni, industry, philanthropic sources and CSR contributions, and (iv) Raising the balance funds through financial institutions or other funding agencies.	**Secretary, BWC and Registrar**

Resolution 14.2.5	The Board **NOTED** the proposal for the construction of a new Hostel Building at the North Campus of COEP Technological University **and RESOLVED** that, before submitting the proposal for administrative approval, the University shall prepare and submit a **Concept Note** to the Government of Maharashtra seeking guidance on the appropriate funding mechanism for the project.	
Item No. 14.2.6	**Approval of the construction of Tennis court at COEP Playground financially supported by Maharashtra Tennis Association.**	
	The Registrar presented the proposal for the construction of a Tennis Court at the COEP Playground **entirely supported by the Maharashtra Tennis Association (Maha Tennis Foundation).** He informed the Board that the proposed facility would strengthen the University's sports infrastructure, promote tennis among students, and provide access to quality coaching and competitive sporting opportunities without imposing any financial burden on the University. During the deliberations, the members appreciated the initiative and welcomed the support being extended by the Maharashtra Tennis Association. However, the Board suggested that, before implementation of the project, the University should execute a **formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the Maharashtra Tennis Association after due consultation with the Government of Maharashtra, clearly defining the roles, responsibilities, and terms and conditions of the collaboration.	**Registrar**
Resolution 14.2.6	The Board **NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE** the proposal for the construction of a Tennis Court at the COEP Playground with entire financial support from the Maharashtra Tennis Association, subject to the execution of a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University and the Maharashtra Tennis Association after consultation with the Government of Maharashtra.	
Item No. 14.2.7	**To approve the minutes of 8th Academic Council committee held on Monday, 16th June 2026.**	
	The Dean informed the Board that the **8th Meeting of the Academic Council** was held on **16th June 2026** in hybrid mode. He presented the major recommendations of the Academic Council for the consideration and approval of the Board. The key recommendations included the following:	**Dean and**

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	• Approval of the **Academic Calendar** for the Academic Year **2026–27**. • Approval of the recommendations of the **Research Recognition Committee (RRC)** relating to Ph.D. admissions, coursework, doctoral committees, thesis evaluation, and revision of eligibility criteria for Ph.D. Co-Guides. • Approval of the recommendations of the **School Councils**, including curriculum revisions, introduction of the **Engineering Exploration Laboratory**, credit modifications, and new elective courses under the NEP framework. • Approval of the curriculum structure and syllabi of **Final Year B.Tech. (NEP Batch)**, **Honours**, and **Interdisciplinary Minors**. • Approval to commence **MBA for Working Professionals in FinTech and Financial Analytics** and establishment of the **Centre of Excellence in Finance & Technology**. • Approval to introduce **M.Tech. programmes in AI/ML Engineering** and **Data Science & Engineering** (Working Professional) from AY 2026–27. • Approval of amendments to the **Summer Term Policy** and other academic reforms recommended by the Academic Council.	**Registrar**
Resolution 14.2.7	The Board **NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Academic Council held on 16th June 2026, including the recommendations made therein. The Board further **RECOMMENDED** that the University should explore appropriate branding and positioning of the "Engineering Exploration Laboratory" to establish it as a unique and distinctive academic initiative, thereby enhancing its visibility among students, academia, and industry.	
Item No. 14.2.8	**To approve the minutes of 12th Finance Committee held on 20th June 2026.**	
	The In-charge Finance & Accounts Officer presented the minutes of the 12th Finance Committee Meeting held on 20th June 2026 for approval of the Board. He briefed the Board on the major recommendations of the Finance Committee mentioned as follows. • Approval of major purchases of equipment's as recommended by 9th Purchase Committee held on 12th May 2026 costing approximately of 4.41Cr.	**FAO**

	• To approve the payment of DA arrears of Rs. 9,35,700/- to all 117 BOG appointed employees (71- Teaching and 46- non-teaching) as per Govt GR of DA arrears for the period of 1st Nov. 2025 to 31st Jan. 2026 • Approval of extension of agreement with Sai Garden Café House and Boat Club Canteen for the next 02 more years i.e. up to 30th June 2028 with monthly rent of Rs. 75,000 + GST and Rs. 22,000 + GST respectively. • Transfer of long pending and unclaimed balances pertaining to TATA Samarth Scholarship of AY:- 2021-22 amounting Rs. 2.27 Lakh and PG Scholarship amounting Rs. 1.50 Lakh, and administrative charges of Rs. 12,025 received during the AY: 2014-15.	
Resolution 14.2.8	The Board **NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Minutes of the 12th Finance Committee Meeting held on 20th June 2026.	
Item No. 14.2.9	**To approve the minutes of 4th Fees Fixation committee held on Monday, 11th May 2026.**	
	The Registrar placed before the Board the **Minutes of the 4th Fees Fixation Committee Meeting** held on **11th May 2026** and briefed the members on the following major points discussed and approved by the of the Finance Committee. • Rise in the Overall fees of UG programs by 9.79% (increase in fees from Rs. 1,56,464/- to 1,71,790/-) in case of students admitted through CET and 9.03% (increase in fees from Rs. 1,79,564/- to 1,95,790) for the candidates admitted under JEE category. • For UG and PG students, change in Exam. fee from Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 5,000 effective from AY 2026-27 • Fees for the students admitted through CIWGC quota maintained same i.e. $6250 + Rs. 59,790/- and for the students admitted through NRI/OCI/FN is maintained same compared to previous academic year i.e. $6250 + Rs. 59,790/- • No change in the fees of PG programs in Engineering and Planning. • Change in fees of MBA programs i.e., from Rs. 3,00,000/- to 3,11,790/- • The fees of Rs.1,79,564/- for S.Y. B.Tech. Working Professional Category will be same as applicable for	**Registrar**

	candidates admitted under JEE Quota. • The fees for the M. Tech Automotive Systems and M. Tech in Data Science working professional's category maintained same as of Rs. 3,00,000/- per year • Regular Full-time PhD students as Rs. 48,790/- per year while Rs.59,750/- per year for regular SPONSORED category PhD students.	
Resolution 14.2.9	The Board **NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE** the Minutes of the 4th Fees Fixation Committee Meeting held on 11th May 2026, including the recommendations made by the Fee Fixation Committee.	
Item No.14.3	**Agenda Points for Ratification....**	
Item No. 14.3.1	**Approval of appointments of Finance & Accounts Officer (FAO) and Registrar as pe the advertisement published on 13th November 2025.**	
	The Registrar informed the Board that the statutory posts of Registrar and Finance & Accounts Officer (FAO) of COEP Technological University were advertised on 13th November 2025. He further informed that the recruitment process was carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Maharashtra COEP Technological University Act, 2022 and the applicable Statutes through duly constituted Selection Committees. Based on the recommendations of the Selection Committees, **Dr. D. N. Sonawane** was appointed as a regular **Registrar** and **Mr. Amit Ashok Bajaj** as a regular **Finance & Accounts Officer (FAO).** The recommendations had already been circulated to the members of the Board through e-mail and approved by circulation. The present agenda was placed before the Board for formal ratification of the appointments.	
Resolution 14.3.1	The Board **NOTED and RESOLVED to RATIFY** the appointments of Dr. D. N. Sonawane as Registrar and Mr. Amit Ashok Bajaj **as** Finance & Accounts Officer (FAO) of COEP Technological University in regular basis, made pursuant to the recommendations of the duly constituted Selection Committees against the advertisement dated 13th November 2025, and approved earlier by circulation amongst the members of the Board.	

Item No. 14.3.2	**Approval of sanctioning of "Lien" to Dr. D. N. Sonawane on his Govt sanctioned post of "Assistant Professor- Instrumentation (revised)" for 05-years duration as per his request to join the Tenure Post of Registrar of COEP Tech University.**	
	The Board was informed that, following the in-charge Registrar's appointment as the Regular Registrar of COEP Technological University for a tenure of five years, Dr. D. N. Sonawane, Assistant Professor, Department of Instrumentation & Control Engineering, had requested sanction of Lien on his substantive Government post. The Board was informed that Section 21 of the Maharashtra COEP Technological University Act, 2022, read with the applicable provisions of the Maharashtra Civil Services Rules and relevant Government Resolutions, permits retention of Lien on the substantive post by a person appointed to a tenure post. Accordingly, approval was sought for sanctioning Lien to Dr. D. N. Sonawane on his Government post of Assistant Professor – Instrumentation for a period of **Five Years** from the date of his assuming charge as a Registrar.	
Resolution 14.3.2	The Board **NOTED and RESOLVED to APPROVE** the **sanction of a Lien to Dr. D. N. Sonawane** on his substantive Government post of Assistant Professor – Instrumentation for a period of **FIVE YEARS** from the date of his assuming charge as Registrar, COEP Technological University, in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the Maharashtra COEP Technological University Act, 2022 and the applicable Government service rules.	
Item No. 14.3.3	**Approval of communicating the NOC received from Govt of Maharashtra to the Commissioner SRA to initiate further process regarding the Plot No. 65, Patil Estate area.**	

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	The Registrar informed the Board that the Government of Maharashtra had conveyed its **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** for implementation of the **Slum Rehabilitation Scheme (SRA)** on **Plot No. 65, Patil Estate, Shivajinagar, Pune**, subject to the stipulated terms and conditions. Pursuant to the approval obtained from the Board through circulation, the University had communicated the said NOC to the **Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer, Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA), Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Region**, to initiate the statutory process under the applicable provisions of the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971. The Registrar further informed the Board that, as per the proposed redevelopment scheme, the University is expected to receive an **equivalent in-situ built-up area of approximately 7,460 sq. m.** along with a financial consideration of approximately **₹21.00 crore**. In addition, the University would receive **₹5.73 crore** as compensation under the provisions of the **Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance and Redevelopment) Act, 1971**, resulting in a total financial benefit of approximately **₹26.73 crore**.	**Registrar**
Resolution 14.3.3	The Board **NOTED and RESOLVED to RATIFY** the action taken by the University in communicating the No Objection Certificate (NOC) received from the Government of Maharashtra to the Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer, Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA), Pune and Pimpri-Chinchwad Region, for initiating further statutory process in respect of Plot No. 65, Patil Estate Area. Also, board noted that as per the DPR prepared by consultant University will receive approximately **Rs. 26.73Cr.** as compensation.	

Item No.14.4	Agenda Points for Reporting...	
<u>Item No. 14.4.1</u>	**Reporting of COEP-Chikhali campus progress**	
	Dr. Avinash Joshi, OSD, Chikhali Campus presented the progress of the **COEP Chikhali Research Park** and informed the Board that the project had achieved a significant milestone with the receipt of the **Occupancy Certificate** in May 2026. He further apprised the Board that the Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared by KPMG was under final review, the Expression of Interest (EOI) process had received encouraging response from prospective organizations, and the Research Park is expected to commence operations shortly. During the deliberations, the members emphasized that the success of the Research Park would not depend solely on onboarding companies but also on creating a vibrant innovation ecosystem. The Board opined that the University should actively encourage passionate faculty members, students, research scholars, and innovators to work collaboratively with industry in solving real-world problems, thereby making the Research Park a centre for meaningful research and innovation. The members further suggested that the University should engage its existing industry partners, regular recruiters, CSR partners, donors, and organizations that have supported the University through infrastructure development, research funding, scholarships, and other collaborations, and encourage them to establish a presence at the Research Park.	**Dr. Avinash Joshi**
<u>**Resolution 14.4.1**</u>	The Board **NOTED** the progress made in the development and operationalization of the COEP Chikhali Research Park. The Board further **RESOLVED** that the University shall develop a comprehensive strategy for attracting industry partners, startups, and research organizations to the Research Park by leveraging its existing industry collaborations, alumni network, CSR partners, regular recruiters, and Professors of Practice. The University shall also encourage active participation of faculty members, students, and research scholars in undertaking industry-driven research and innovation projects, with special efforts to onboard SMEs and MSEs, thereby creating a sustainable and vibrant research and innovation ecosystem at the Chikhali Campus.	

Item No. 14.4.2	**Reporting of COEP-main campus infrastructure developments and Academic initiatives.**	
	The Vice Chancellor presented the progress of the following projects aimed at strengthening the University's academic, research, innovation, and student support ecosystem. • Chikhali Innovation & Research Park, • Operationalization of the Library and Computer Centre Building, • Development of the Experiential Learning Laboratory, • Completion of the Vascon Civil Drawing Hall, • Renovation of Seminar Hall-II through CSR support. The Vice Chancellor also informed the Board that the **COEP Alumni Association** has submitted a proposal for the establishment of a **Heritage Gallery** on the University campus to showcase COEP's rich legacy, distinguished alumni, landmark achievements, research contributions, and significant projects. The proposed Heritage Gallery is envisaged as a commemorative initiative to mark the **175th year of COEP** and it is proposed to be inaugurated at the hands of the **Hon'ble Prime Minister of India**. The members appreciated the proposal and noted that it would preserve and celebrate the University's glorious heritage while inspiring future generations. The Board further suggested to get the MOU freshly evaluated if required to have clear understanding of the deliverables and other conditions.	**Registrar**
Resolution 14.4.2	**The Board NOTED** the status of the infrastructure development projects undertaken by the University. **The Board further NOTED** the proposal received from the **COEP Alumni Association** for establishing a **Heritage Gallery** showcasing the University's legacy, eminent alumni, notable achievements, research contributions, and milestones.	
Item No. 14.4.3	**Reporting of internship and placement Status of various UG/PG programs of AY: 2025-26.**	
	The internship and placement statistics for the **AY 2025–26** for various Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes was presented before the Board. The Board noted that, as on **15th June 2026**, the overall **B.Tech. placement stood at 85.33%**, with **599 students placed out of 702 registered students**, while the overall **M.Tech. placement stood at 40.10%**, with **164 students placed out of 409 registered students**.	**Coordinator, Training and Placement Cell**

	It was further informed to the Board that students had secured internship and placement opportunities in several reputed organizations particularly in the core engineering branches, reflecting improved industry engagement and employability.	
Resolution 14.4.3	**The Board NOTED** the internship and placement status of various **UG and PG programmes** for the **AY 2025–26**. Board members appreciated the significant improvement in placements, particularly in the core engineering disciplines, and encouraged continued efforts to strengthen industry collaborations and enhance placement opportunities.	
Item No. 14.4.4	**Reporting of sanctioning of Centre of Excellence by Govt of Maharashtra in AI and Quantum Computing.**	
	The Vice Chancellor informed the Board that the Government of Maharashtra has sanctioned a **Centre of Excellence in Quantum Technology** under the **Maharashtra Quantum Technology Mission (MQTM)**. Under the Hub-and-Spoke model, **I-Hub Quantum Technology Foundation, IISER Pune** has been designated as the Hub institution, while **COEP Technological University**, along with **VJTI Mumbai, DBATU Lonere, and VNIT Nagpur**, has been identified as one of the Spoke institutions. He informed that the Government of Maharashtra has sanctioned **₹20 crore** for the implementation of Mission over a period of two years, of which **₹2.50 crore** has been allocated to COEP Tech under **Hub-and-Spoke model.** COEP Tech will focus on Photonic Quantum Computing and HPC-Quantum Hybrid Simulation and will facilitate faculty development, curriculum development, and research in collaboration with IISER and industry in emerging areas of Quantum Technologies. The Vice Chancellor further apprised the Board that, as part of the Mission, around 120 faculty members from the participating institutions will undergo structured training at **IISER Pune** in the areas of Quantum Computing, Quantum Sensing, Quantum Materials, Quantum Communication, and Quantum Algorithms. The trained faculty members will subsequently establish laboratories, develop curriculum, introduce minor courses in Quantum Technology, and strengthen research and innovation in these emerging domains within their respective institutions. Under IndiaAI Mission, The Government of Maharashtra proposes establishment of three **Artificial Intelligence Centres**	**Registrar**

	of Excellence (AI-CoEs) in the State in association with Department of Electronics and MahaIT at Navi Mumbai, Pune, and Nagpur under the prescribed 40:40:20 tripartite funding model. COEP Technological University is selected as a one of the Academic Partner for the AI Centre of Excellence at Pune (hereinafter referred to as "AI-CoE, Pune") under Government of Maharashtra's IndiaAI Mission. As an Academic Partner, COEP Technological University contribution to the AI-CoE will be through institutional, academic and research.	
Resolution 14.4.4	**The Board NOTED** the sanctions accorded by the Government of Maharashtra to COEP Tech University as a part of **Maharashtra Quantum Technology Mission (MQTM)** under the **Hub-and-Spoke model** and as an academic partner under **IndiaAI Mission**. The Board appreciated the efforts of the University in securing these prestigious initiatives.	
Item No. 14.4.5	**Reporting of the list of MOUs signed CSR, donations and scholarships received after last BOG meeting.**	
	The Director, Research, Innovation, Incubation and Linkages (RIIL), presented before the Board the details of the **Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed, CSR support received, donations, and scholarships received** by the University since the last Board of Governance meeting. He informed the Board that these collaborations and contributions would further strengthen the University's academic, research, innovation, infrastructure development, and student support initiatives through enhanced industry, alumni, and institutional partnerships.	**Director, RIIL**
Resolution 14.4.5	**The Board NOTED** the details of the **MoUs signed, CSR support received, donations, and scholarships received** by the University after the last Board meeting.	
Item No. 14.5	**Any other Point**	
Item No. 14.5.1	**Approval for creation of Chief Program Officer (CPO) post for ApniLeap and Utakrsh-Transformation initiative on contractual basis for 3-Years Tenure on dying post.**	
	The Vice Chancellor informed the Board that the University has embarked upon several strategic institutional transformation initiatives, including **APNI LEAP** and **UTKARSH**, aimed at strengthening academic excellence, institutional governance,	**Registrar**

	research, innovation, industry engagement, and overall organizational effectiveness. Considering the scale, complexity, and multi-stakeholder nature of these initiatives, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the need for a dedicated senior professional to provide strategic leadership, ensure effective programme management, monitor implementation, and facilitate timely achievement of the envisioned transformation outcomes. He further informed the Board that it is proposed to create the post of **Chief Programme Officer (CPO)** on a **purely contractual basis for a period of three years** against a **dying post**. The proposed incumbent should possess around **20 years of senior management experience** in leading large-scale organizational transformation programmes, preferably in reputed consulting firms or multidisciplinary organizations, with an annual compensation in the range of **₹25–35 lakh (CTC)**, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The members noted that appointing a Chief Programme Officer would help in the effective implementation and monitoring of the APNI LEAP and UTKARSH initiatives.	
Resolution 14.5.1	The Board **NOTED** and **RESOLVED to APPROVE** the creation of the post of **Chief Programme Officer (CPO)** for the APNI LEAP **and** UTKARSH Transformation Initiatives **on a** purely contractual basis **for a period of** three years **against a** dying post.	

The Meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

5.8.26

(Dr. D. N. Sonawane)
Registrar, Member Secretary

(Mr. Vinayak Pai) .
BOG-Chairman