

DEFENCE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
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MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE GENERAL BODY OF DIAT HELD ON
7TH MARCH 2016 AT ROOM NO 103, SOUTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI

The General Body Meeting of the Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) Society, funded by the Department of Defence Research & Development Organisation was conducted on Monday, the 7th March 2016 at 1030 Hrs, under the Chairmanship of Shri Manohar Parikkar, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, who is also the Chancellor of DIAT.

The following were present:

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| Dr S Christopher, Secretary, DDR&D | - | Vice President |
| Dr C P Ramanarayanan, DS & CC R&D, HR | - | Member |
| Air Marshal A S Bhonsale, AVSM, VSM, Offg CISC | - | Member |
| Shri R G Viswanathan, JS & Addl FA, DRDO | - | Member |
| Shri Ashok Kumar, Director, DHRD, DRDO | - | Member |
| Dr Surendra Pal, Vice Chancellor, DIAT | - | Member Secretary |
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| Dr Hina Gokhale, Director, DOP, DRDO | - | Invitee |
| Ms Anita Sehgal, Addl Director, DHRD, DRDO | - | Invitee |
| Dr S E Talole, Dean (T), DIAT | - | Invitee |
| Dr Balasubramanian K, Dean (AS), DIAT | - | Invitee |
| Shri Ramesh Jahagirdar, Finance Officer, DIAT | - | Invitee |
| Shri T V Ananthasubramanian, Registrar I/C | - | Invitee |

1. At the outset, the Secretary, DDR&D & Vice President of the General Body (GB) of the Society welcomed all for the meeting and requested the Vice Chancellor to commence with the presentation.
2. The Vice Chancellor thanked the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and the Secretary, DDR&D and commenced with his presentations.
3. The Vision and the modified Mission statements of DIAT, in view of the Make in India concept were presented to the General Body. The same was appreciated by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and accepted.
4. The DIAT facts and figures and academic programmes were noted by the GB. The list of current M.Tech, PhD and MS by Research programmes were presented, with the detailed break up of students for each programme, year-wise and subscription-wise (DRDO, Services, Self-Sponsored, Scholarship etc). The Secretary, DDR&D / Vice President, GB indicated that efforts are being made to increase the student intake.
5. Restructuring of the M.Tech programmes with the generic nomenclature and details of specialisations offered / proposed to be offered from this Academic Year were also presented by the VC. The VC informed that DIAT proposes to start 22 specialisations relevant to MoD. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri expressed concern over the low nomination by Army. He indicated that Army may increase their nomination to M.Tech Programmes at DIAT and in case of any requirement of vacancies, the case may be put up to the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri. He further directed that maximum number of students should be admitted and approved number of seats should be filled in. Hon'ble Raksha Mantri advised that in addition to

DRDO and Services, DPSUs, DGQA, Ordnance Factories and private industries working in defence sector should be encouraged to subscribe. He also opined that so long as there is no disclosure of strategic issues, there should not be a limitation in admitting students with scholarship to M.Tech programs. Unique specialisations viz., "Hacking" etc could be brought in. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri also added that DRDO and Defence students should also be charged for the education being imparted by DIAT and for Defence, DIAT should write to them and get the process cleared before implementing.

Action: DIAT, DRDO, HQ IDS

6. As regards PhD studies, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri indicated that Research should be serious and should have real measurable outcome. Any extension in tenure of PhD students should not be normally granted beyond 5 years, and up to 6 years through a review. In exceptional cases, with due reviews, a student could be continued for 7th year and beyond that, the case should be sent to the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri for any extension. Students should not be allowed to continue in the hostel beyond 5 years. However in respect to existing cases, case to case decision needs to be taken after proper review is taken.

Action: DIAT, DRDO

7. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri was appreciative of the publications, patents filed, MoUs, conferences and workshops and ongoing projects. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri expressed that he would like to review the targets set for each Project and the results during his visit to DIAT.
8. The significant developments in the Institute in the last one year were appreciated.
9. The action taken report, as presented by VC on the decisions of the 2nd meeting of the GB held on 5th Apr 2013, were noted and confirmed by the GB.
10. The GB resolved the adoption of the Audited Statements of Accounts for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.
11. The GB also resolved adoption of Annual Reports for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15.
12. VC briefed that DIAT came into existence in 1952 as Institute of Armament Studies. The Institute was renamed as Institute of Armament Technology in 1964. The Institute started functioning as a deemed to be university in 2006. All academic programs including the service training courses were conducted successfully under DIAT for more than 60 years (till 2012). MILIT was carved out as a DRDO lab in 2012 and then made as an AFTI under IDS in April 2015.
13. The Honourable Raksha Mantri enquired about the various aspects of bifurcation. It was reiterated that all the Training courses for Service Officers and DRDO were conducted successfully by IAT/DIAT in the past. On conversion of IAT into a Deemed to be University, there were issues about UGC recognising the qualification and tenure of Service Officers. The erstwhile IAT was headed by a Director from Army, Navy, Air Force or DRDO on rotation for tenure of 2 years each. However, as per the UGC Regulations, the Vice Chancellor, the Head of the Institution shall be an Academic / an eminent person meeting the Academic requirements, selected by a duly constituted Selection Committee. He was also informed that the bifurcation order was issued by the GoI on HQ, IDS file.
14. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri enquired about the original ownership of DIAT. He was informed that the property belong to DRDO. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri indicated that in

that case, only DRDO can authorise use of land held by DRDO. As such, the GoI order issued by the HQ IDS needs to be routed through DRDO for confirmation.

15. VC also submitted that at the time of creation of MILIT, the Ministry of HRD has given a conditional clearance, which reads as under:

“The UGC conveyed no objection to the proposal made by Dept of DR&D subject to the condition that the infrastructure and faculty for the MILIT may be created by DRDO separately without having any impact on existing faculty and academic resources/ facilities and the infrastructure of Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), deemed to be university as required under UGC (Institutions deemed to be Universities) Regulation, 2010 and relevant statutory council if any”.

16. The VC also pointed out that there is a danger of DIAT getting de-recognised as a Deemed University if the institute doesn't own dedicated classrooms, library facility, workshop, laboratory, conference halls, auditoriums, sports complex, medical facilities, hostels (boys and girls), cafeteria, gymnasium etc. VC added that it is mandatory for DIAT to have the existing full-fledged infrastructure as per UGC/ AICTE regulations. Otherwise, there is high probability of DIAT losing the Deemed University Status.

17. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri expressed that the original land and infrastructure as at the time of approval as a Deemed to be University are required for DIAT as per the mandates and suggested that DRDO may send a note for review. The issue will be discussed in a meeting at an appropriate level. Towards this RM asked DRDO to put up a note along with the order issued by HQ IDS as indicated in para 14 above.

Action: DHRD, DRDO

18. The Vice Chancellor proposed that hostel facilities are required for the DIAT students (boys and girls) and emphasised the urgency for a girls' hostel. The Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and GB agreed with the same in principle. He suggested to adopt a transparent and appropriate procedure for design / consultancy and construction. DIAT is a society and should act independently with autonomy and not as a Govt department while ensuring transparency and guidelines in this regards.

Action: DIAT, DRDO

19. The VC conveyed that the grievances of PhD students have been addressed and confirmed that the revised Institute Scholarships, along with arrears have been disbursed. It was also informed that the AGP anomaly of the three faculty members is being addressed as per the guidelines issued by Governing Council.

Action: DIAT, DRDO

20. To the issue of the representation on appointment to the position of Assistant Professor in Technology Management at DIAT, the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri informed that the Institute should not stop the process, in view of any representation unless there are specific orders in this regards from appropriate authorities/court.

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21. The meeting concluded with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


(S. Pal)

Member Secretary, GB