



**MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
MANAGEMENT HELD ON 02 JULY 2012 AT 11:00 HRS AT THE CONFERENCE  
ROOM**

The thirteenth meeting of the Board of Management was held on 02 July 2012 at 11:00 hrs at the Conference Room.

**PRESENT:**

The following were present:

Dr R K Pachauri	Chairman
Dr Leena Srivastava	
Dr Rajiv Seth	
Dr Akhilesh Gupta	
Dr Prateek Sharma	
Prof Vinod Tewari	
Mr T N Thakur	
Mr Shri Prakash	
Prof S Sundar	
Mr Arun Seth	

Mr V J Rao attended the meeting on behalf of Mr Tulsi Tanti.

Mr Anurag Behar, Dr Pradipto Ghosh, Dr Arabinda Mishra, Mr Prabir Sengupta, Prof VVN Kishore and Prof Parthasarathi Shome were unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting started with a welcome by the Chairman to the newly appointed member Dr Akhilesh Gupta, who has been appointed as the Government of India representative to the Board of Management.

**Item No. 1 To confirm the minutes of the twelfth meeting of the Board of Management held on 23 December 2011.**

The minutes of the twelfth meeting of the Board of Management held on 23 December 2011 were confirmed, as circulated.

**Item No. 2 Matters for information**

- (i) The Board was informed about the status of the MSc, MBA, MA (PP&SD), MA (SDP), MTech and the doctoral programmes at the TERI University.

It was suggested that a larger number of executive development programmes, involving both the public and the private sectors, be initiated at the University. It was also suggested that an effort be made to reach out to the corporate sector for sponsoring candidates to the Ph.D programme at the University.

- (ii) The Board was informed that the fifth convocation of the TERI University will be held on 30 January 2013, and that approval for honorary doctorates to be awarded will be taken in the next meeting of the Board.
- (iii) The Board was informed about the MoU signed with Queensland University of Technology, Australia and that one would be signed with the University of Technology Sydney, Australia, shortly.

**Item No. 3 Action taken on previous points**

Actions taken on points suggested by the Board in the previous meeting were discussed.

It was suggested that a five year perspective plan be drawn up by the end of August and circulated to the Board members before the next meeting.

**Item No. 4 New programmes.**

The Board was briefed on the MBA (Urban Management) programme and that it has been postponed to July 2013 because of a very low number of applications received.

It was suggested that the outreach for this programme be started from now itself, so that awareness is created. The focus could be on developers, municipal

corporations and consultants. It was also felt that since placements must be given due importance, it might be best to focus on working professionals/sponsored candidates for the first few batches.

**Item No. 5 Chairs/Scholarships**

The Board was briefed on the academic chair setup by HUDCO. This has been setup to support and undertake capacity building activities of Urban local bodies.

**Item No. 6 To report the decisions taken by the Chancellor on behalf of the Board of Management.**

- (a) The Board approved the appointment of Prof S Sundar as HUDCO Chair Professor.
- (b) The Board approved the appointment of Ms. Debdatta Saha as Lecturer at the TERI University.
- (c) The Board approved the nomination of Mr. Shri Prakash as its nominee for the Vice Chancellor Search cum Selection Committee at the TERI University.
- (d) The Board approved the inclusion of Dr. Sukumar Mishra in the panel of outside experts for selection committees for faculty members.

**Item No. 7 To discuss increased links with universities overseas.**

The Board discussed strategies that the TERI University could adopt in order to attract international faculty. It was suggested that the possibility of including foreign academicians on the Board of Management may be explored.

Mr. Arun Seth indicated that he would look for academicians in the Pan-I IT network who might be looking for spending short spells in India. Dr. Akhilesh Gupta indicated that there was an existing alliance of the Department of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Human Resource Development, where funding could be given for supporting short stints of foreign faculty to teach in India. He would give more information about this alliance to the University, so that a proposal could be sent from the University.

**Item No. 8 To discuss strategies to increase the number of international students.**

The Board discussed strategies to increase the number of international students at the TERI University.

It was suggested that meetings be held with the Ministry of External Affairs to explore possibilities of scholarships for students from Africa, the Middle-East, as well as from neighbouring countries eg. Myanmar. It was also suggested that organisations / initiatives like SAARC, BIMSTEC, ASEAN, be approached for possibilities of scholarships for foreign students.

The Chairman indicated that he would follow up with the Princess of Thailand for scholarships for Thai students.

**Item No. 9 Improving the Financial status of the University.**

The Board discussed ways in which the University can improve its financial status.

It was suggested that the five years perspective plan must have indications on how the proposed plans would be financed. The Chairman informed the Board that TERI had acquired land in various places in the country. After discussions it was suggested that Hyderabad and Mysore could be the priority areas where a TERI/TERI University presence could be initiated.

The Chairman put-forth a suggestion of TERI University getting into the area of medical research. This would include areas related to Environment and Health, Climate Change and Health, Preventive and Social Health etc. There would also be a need to setup a hospital along with the research facilities.

It was suggested that discussions could be initiated with groups which are already in the medical field eg. Fortis. Mr. Arun Seth indicated that he could fix up meetings with Dr. Sangeeta Reddy, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw and Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty for taking this idea forward.

**Item No. 10 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

There being no other points, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.