



School of Planning and Architecture Vijayawada

An Institute of National Importance, Min. of Education, Govt. of India, ITI Road,
Vijayawada – 520008, Andhra Pradesh, India

**Minutes of 46th Meeting of the
Board of Governors**

**Held on 17.04.2026 at 12:00 Hrs.
at Board Room, SPA Vijayawada
(dual mode)**



SCHOOL OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE, VIJAYAWADA
Survey No.4/4, ITI Road, Vijayawada-520008, AP

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Amogh Kumar Gupta	Chairperson
2. Prof.Dr. S. Ramesh, Director, SPAV	Member
3. Sh. Govind Jaiswal, JS, MoE	Member
4. Sh. Sanjog Kapoor, JS&FA, MoE	Member
5. Sh. Manish Thakur, Joint Secretary, MoUD	Member
6. Principal Secretary, Technical / Higher Education, GoAP	Member
7. Sh. Pradeep Kapoor, Nominee of ITPI	Member
8. Prof.Dr. M. Ramulu, Nominee of AICTE	Member
9. Prof. Virendra Kumar Paul, Nominee of UGC	Member
10. Ar. Gajanand Ram, Nominee of CoA	Member
11. Prof. D. Srinivas, Nominee of Senate, SPAV	Member
12. Dr. M. Rajakumari, Nominee of Senate, SPAV	Member
13. Sh. P.V.S.Shyam Kumar, Registrar I/c, SPAV	Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT (Physical Mode):

1. Dr. Amogh Kumar Gupta	Chairperson
2. Prof.Dr.S. Ramesh, Director, SPAV	Member
3. Sh. Pradeep Kapoor, Nominee of ITPI	Member
4. Prof. D. Srinivas, Nominee of Senate, SPAV	Member
5. Dr. M. Rajakumari, Nominee of Senate, SPAV	Member
6. Sh. P.V.S.Shyam Kumar, Registrar I/c, SPAV	Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT (Online Mode):

7. Ms.R.Mythili, Director(Budget), MoE (Representative of JS&FA, MoE)	Member
8. Sh. Pawan Kumar, Under Secretary, MoE (Representative of JS)	Member
9. Prof. Virendra Kumar Paul, Nominee of UGC	Member
10. Shri M.G.Vamsi Krishna, Nominee of AICTE (In place of Dr.M.Ramulu)	Member

The other members of the Board could not present due to pre-occupations. They were granted leave of absence by the Chair. As the quorum was complete, the meeting commenced.

The Internal Finance Division of MoE sent their comments vide letter dt.16.04.2026.

The Director welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors for the meeting.

The Chairperson advised the Registrar I/c to present the agenda items.

ITEM FOR CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 45th Board of Governors meeting held on 16.02.2026 at Board Room, SPA Vijayawada.

The Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 16.02.2026 stands approved except the item No.45.19.

Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Minutes of the 45th Board of Governors Meeting held on 16.02.2026.	
45.01	SPAV Campus Development Revised Project Closure.
Action Taken	The Revised Project Closure Report has been submitted to the Ministry of Education for ex-post facto approval vide letter dated 04.03.2026.
Decision	Board noted the same
45.02	Recommendations of Selection Committee for upgradation/promotion of faculty under APB as per Speaking Order
Action Taken	Office Orders have been issued implementing the Board's approval of the Selection Committee recommendations under the APB Scheme. The upgradations/promotions are effected from 16.02.2026.
Decision	Board noted the same
45.03	Release of Funds for SPA Council
Action Taken	An amount of ₹5,00,000/- has been released to the SPA Council from the approved budget. Necessary provisions have been noted to ensure recurring annual release in subsequent financial years.
Decision	Board noted the same
45.04	Minutes of the 28th Finance Committee held on 24.11.2025
Action Taken	The recommendations of the 28th Finance committee have been implemented.
Decision	Board noted the same
45.05	Minutes of the 30th Building and Works Committee to be held on 12.02.2026
Action Taken	The recommendations of the 30th BWC have been implemented.
Decision	Board noted the same
45.06	23rd Senate item through Circulation
Action Taken	The approved seat matrix for PG Programmes for AY 2026–27 has been implemented and communicated to the concerned authorities for necessary action under JAAP PG 2026.
Decision	Board noted the same
45.07	Approval of Delegation of Financial & Administrative Powers of the Director, Registrar and Other Officers of SPAV
Action Taken	As MoE forwarded the comments vide letter dated 11.03.2026 that it was decided in the meeting that the powers of the Director are already defined in the SPA Act and Statutes framed thereunder, so no further delegation is required. It was decided to reject the proposal.
Decision	Board noted the same
45.08	Advertisement for engaging Emeritus Professor, Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Professor
Action Taken	Notifying the Advertisement for engaging Emeritus Professor, Adjunct Faculty and Visiting Professor is under process.
Decision	Board noted the same



45.09	Procurement of Design Building Software
Action Taken	As the software is proprietary in nature and supplied exclusively by the OEM, and no equivalent alternatives are available on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) or through other vendors meeting the academic/research requirements. Since it is proprietary item, the item will be procured from OEM.
Decision	Board noted the same and 100% advance payment for an amount of Rs.6,17,000/- may be released by obtaining the Bank Guarantee as per GFR Rule 172(1).
45.10	Extension of tenure of engagement of Sh.K.Harish Kumar, Hindi Consultant
Action Taken	The tenure of Shri Harish Kumar as Hindi Consultant has been extended for a further period of six months w.e.f. 09.03.2026 on the existing terms and conditions, and necessary orders have been issued accordingly.
Decision	Board noted the same
	Items for reporting
45.19	Technical Resignation of Dr.D.Srinivas and Dr.Ch.Anil Kumar, to the post of Associate Professor and Assistant Professor.
Action Taken	The comments of the Ministry of Education conveyed vide letter dated 11.03.2026 have been noted. The Institute has apprised that the matter was duly considered and approved by the Board based on the majority decision of the members present, in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes under Item No. 42.05 in its 42nd Meeting, and subsequently noted in the 45th Meeting. It is submitted that due procedure as per Recruitment Rules and institutional norms was duly followed, and the matter had already been clarified to the Ministry earlier vide letter dt.10.07.2025. Further, as advised by the Ministry, the matter was brought to the notice of the Board and accordingly placed as a reporting item in the 45th BoG Meeting and the item clearly explained by the Hon'ble Chairperson BoG, and the earlier decision of the Board has been maintained.
Decision	The item is deferred as the case is under sub-judice in Hon'ble High Court of AP. However, the institute is advised to examine the matter of technical resignation and lien as per DoPT rules and take action accordingly.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

46.01	Adoption of Uniform Recruitment Rules for Faculty and Non-faculty
Discussion	The Board noted that the Ministry of Education has circulated Uniform Recruitment Rules (RRs), 2025 for adoption by all SPAs. Representations from Faculty and Non-Faculty were also considered, highlighting concerns related to promotion prospects, recruitment ratios, evaluation criteria, career progression, pay anomalies, and age relaxation for internal employees. The Board observed that a number of Non-Faculty have become overage due to administrative delays. It was also noted that similar relaxations are being provided by other CFTIs. After deliberation, the Board was of the view that the Uniform RR's may be adopted in totality; however, the issues raised require detailed examination by the Anomaly Redressal Committee. Accordingly, the Board suggested constitution of an Anomaly Redressal Committee to examine the representations and identify necessary modifications/clarifications. The Committee shall submit

	its recommendations to the Board, and thereafter the matter will be placed before the SPA Council for approval.
Decision	The Board resolved to adopt the Uniform Recruitment Rules (RRs), 2025 for Faculty and Non faculty. The Board approved the constitution of an Anomaly Redressal Committee by the Director to examine the concerns raised by Faculty and Non-Faculty and to suggest suitable recommendations, including the issue of age relaxation for internal employees.
46.02	Recruitment of vacant posts of Faculty and Non-faculty after adoption of New RRs
Decision	The Board approved the proposal to initiate recruitment for filling up the vacant posts in accordance with the Uniform Recruitment Rules (RRs), 2025 by issuing necessary advertisements and following the prescribed selection procedures including rosters.
46.03	Minutes of the 29th Finance Committee held on 16.02.2026
Decision	The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 29th Finance Committee meeting held on 16.02.2026.
46.04	Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2026-27
Discussion	The Board noted that the existing fee structure for the Academic Year 2025–26, covering UG, PG, and Ph.D. programmes including hostel and other charges, is currently in force with the approval of the competent authority. It was further noted that, as per the Statutes, tuition fees and related charges are to be determined by the School of Planning and Architecture Council and are to remain common across all SPAs. Accordingly, any revision in tuition fees is to be placed before the SPA Council. In the present case, as no revision is proposed and the Institute intends to maintain status quo for the Academic Year 2026–27, continuation of the existing fee structure does not require reference to the BoG or SPA Council.
Decision	The Board directed that any future revision in tuition fees, if proposed, shall be placed before the SPA Council as per the Statutes.

ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION

46.05	Technical Resignation of Ms.Monica Dayal for the post of Graphic Designer/Senior Technical Assistant (Publications)
Decision	The Board of Governors considered the matter and ratified the technical resignation of Ms. Monica Dayal from the post of Graphic Designer/Senior Technical Assistant (Publications), who was relieved on 05.03.2026 (AN) to join her new assignment at IIM Jammu. The Board further approved the grant of lien to Ms. Monica Dayal for a period of two years in accordance with the applicable DoPT rules.

ITEMS FOR REPORTING

46.06	Status of Court Cases in the Hon'ble High Court of AP
Decision	The Board noted the status of the Court Cases.
46.07	Extension of Tenure in r/o Ms.Neelam, Section Officer in MoE
Decision	The Board of Governors noted the extension of tenure of Ms. Neelam Bhatt, Section Officer, for a further period of one year or until further orders, whichever is earlier, as requested by the Ministry of Education.
46.08	Inspection Report on the accounts of SPAV (Period 2023-25)
Decision	The Board of Governors noted the receipt of the Inspection Report on the accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2025-26 from the Office of the Senior Audit Officer, CEA.
46.09	Technical Resignation of Mr.Sanjay Bhandari for the post of Assistant Professor.
Decision	The Board of Governors noted the technical resignation of Shri Sanjay Bhandari, Assistant Professor, who was relieved on 14.08.2025 to join his new assignment at SPA Delhi, with lien granted for a period of one year in accordance with the applicable rules.
46.10	Reporting of joining of Internal Auditor
Decision	The Board of Governors noted that Shri K. Malakondeswara Rao has reported for duty as Internal Auditor on 20.02.2026 FN.
46.11	Implementation of Aadhar Based Biometric Attendance
Decision	The Board of Governors noted the implementation of the Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) in the Institute with effect from 01.04.2026, in compliance with the instructions of the Department of Personnel & Training.
46.12	Achievements of SPAV
Decision	The Board noted the achievements of SPAV.

ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

Item 1	Accelerated Promotional Benefits (APB) - Faculty Pay- Upgradation/ Promotion for more than one level
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In continuation of the (1) Speaking Order No. 6-01/2024-TS.VI, dated:17.09.2024 of Ministry of Education; (2) MHRD Letter No.23-1/2008-TS.II, dated:18.08.2009; (3) MHRD Letter No.1-32/2006-U.II/U.I(i), dated: 31.12.2008; (4) Minutes of the Meeting of 44th BoG dated: 24.11.2025; (5) MoE`s Letter No.6-08/2025-TS.VI, dated: 08.10.2025; (6) MoE`s Instructions on the subject matter vide email dated: 27.11.2025; and (7) SPAV Circular No. SPAV/Reg/Admn./APB/2025-26, dated: 19.12.2025;

A notification vide Ref. SPAV/Reg/Admn./APB/2/2025-26 Dt: 24.12.2025 was released and applications were invited from the eligible faculty members from the Departments of Planning and Architecture under Accelerated Promotional Benefits to the following upward movement / Promotions:



Table 1

S.No.	Upward Movement / Promotion
1	Assistant Professor Level -10 (AGP 6000) to Assistant Professor Level -11 (AGP 7000)
2	Assistant Professor Level -11 (AGP 7000) to Assistant Professor Level -12 (AGP 8000)
3	Assistant Professor Level -12 (AGP 8000) to Associate Professor Level -13A (AGP 9000)
4	Associate Professor Level -13A (AGP 9000) to Professor Level -14 (AGP 10000)
5	Professor Level -14 (AGP 10000) to Senior Professor (HAG Scale)

The filled-in applications along with all the supporting documents were submitted by the candidates to the HoD of the concerned Dept. by the last date, i.e., 30.12.2025. There were candidates who as per their cumulative years of service in SPAV, had applied for upgradation for more than one level, i.e., for S.No. 1 as well as S.No. 2 (from AGP 6000 to AGP 7000 and from AGP 7000 to AGP 8000) and S.No. 2 as well as S.No. 3 (AGP 7000 to AGP 8000 and from AGP 8000 to AGP 9000). All the applications received were screened by a duly constituted Screening Committee.

Subsequently, Selection Committee, duly constituted for the faculty promotions/upgradation, had conducted the interviews on January 5 and 6, 2026 for all the faculty who were eligible for respective levels, as recommended by the screening committee. The recommendations of the Selection Committee which were contained in a sealed envelope were thereafter presented in and approved by the BoG in its meeting held on 16-02-2026. Accordingly, Office Orders were issued to the selected candidates about their respective successful upgradation for only ONE level.

However, there were candidates who had served the required number of years cumulatively (as per the provisions of the Speaking Order of MoE) as per which, the candidates are eligible and due for upgradation for more than one level as aforementioned. The list of faculty members eligible for more than one level of upgradation/promotion is placed below-

Table 2

S.No.	Name of the Faculty	AGP 6000 to AGP 7000 Due Date for Upgradation	AGP 7000 to AGP 8000 Due Date for Upgradation
1	Dr. Prashanti Rao	13-10-2021	13-10-2024
2	Dr. P.Siva Prasad	13-10-2021	13-10-2024
3	Dr. Faiz Ahmed C	13-10-2021	13-10-2024
		AGP 7000 to AGP 8000 Due Date for Upgradation	AGP 8000 to AGP 9000 Due Date for Upgradation
1	Dr. Nagaraju Kaja	23-01-2021	23-01-2024
2	Dr. G. Karteek	20-01-2021	20-01-2024
3	Dr. M. Kranti Kumar	05-03-2021	05-03-2024
4	Dr. RNS Murthy	19-11-2022	19-11-2025
5	Dr. Jagath Kumari	28-05-2022	28-05-2025

However, the above faculty members were given only one level of upgradation from the Date of approval of the Board of Governors, i.e. 16-02-2026. The candidates have submitted representations pleading that they may be considered for TWO eligible levels of upgradation based on the total years of their cumulative eligible service, rather than being considered for just one level of upgradation. Also, if the APB scheme had been implemented from time to time, they would have received the upgrade from time to time. Thus, they are aggrieved by losing the opportunity because of administrative delay in conducting the APB scheme from time to time.

The selection committee interviewed for the both the levels of upgradation, but these candidates were not rendered three years of service in that grade. So selection Committee not recommended for upgradation AGP 7000-8000 and AGP 8000-9000. Had the Selection Committee met at the appropriate time, the eligible faculty would have completed 3 years of service in the respective scale. In this regard, this is to propose that all the Candidates who are due for upgradation for more than one level may be allowed to consider on the basis of the interview held on January 05 and 06, 2026, as a one-time relaxation and thereby encourage the faculty who had put in their sincere efforts and services for the development of the institution from inception till date.

It is also learnt that MoE (MHRD, GoI, Order No.F.33-7/2011-TS.III Dt: 14.03.2012) categorically indicated that *"All Institutes shall strive to conduct annual selection process regularly in case of Institutes that have not conducted CAS interviews for 3 years or more. Selection Committees may, as a one-time measure, examine scholastic contribution of internal candidates made after the last interview and recommend a salary and AGP they would have earned now, had the Selection Committee met at the appropriate time"*.

In this context, it is to bring to your kind notice that NIT Agartala (W.P.(C) No. 124 of 2015) after considering the directive of Hon'ble High Court of Agartala, awarded TWO AGP's for its eligible faculty. Similarly, **NIT Kurukshetra** also had awarded TWO AGPs to its eligible faculty from the date of eligibility based on the directions given to NIT Agartala by Hon'ble High Court of Agartala and the order of the MoE (cited above), the copies are attached as annexure 1 and annexure 2.

Based on the above covering the content of their representation, it is presented their request to the BoG to give one more AGP i.e. AGP 7000-8000 and AGP 8000-9000 which is due as per the details provided in table 2 above to all the eligible faculty.

Decision	The Board noted that eligible faculty have been affected due career progression in conducting the APB process. The Board considered the proposal regarding grant of one additional AGP/upgradation for eligible faculty under the Accelerated Promotional Benefits (APB) scheme, as a one-time relaxation. Similarly, Prof.Dr.V.K.Paul, Director SPA Delhi informed that SPA Delhi will also submit a proposal to MoE in this regard. In view of the observations of the Ministry's representative, the Board resolved that the proposal, along with the recommendations of the Board, be forwarded to the Ministry of Education for consideration.
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The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.