

50th Meeting of the Board of Management VSSUT BURLA



MINUTES

Date: 15.01.2026

Time: 11.00 AM

Venue: Board Room, VSSUT, Burla.

MEMBERS PRESENT

- 1 Prof. Dipak Kumar Sahoo, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT, Burla, Chairman
- 2 Shri Pradeep Dang, OAS (SAG), Registrar, VSSUT Burla
- 3 Prof. Sarat Kumar Swain, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT: Nominee 1
- 4 Prof. Siddharth Panda, Vice Chancellor, VSSUT: Nominee 2
- 5 Prof. Rabindra Kumar Sahu, Academic Council Nominee 1
- 6 Prof. Sanjay Agrawal, Academic Council Nominee 2
- 7 Er. Brahmananda Mishra, Alumni Representative 1(Online)
- 8 Prof. Manoranjan Parida, Alumni Representative 2 (Online)
- 9 Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, Director, NIT, Rourkela (Online)
- 10 Prof. Sukumar Mishra, AICTE Nominee (Online)

MEMBERS ABSENT

- 11 Secretary to the Govt., SD&TE Dept. Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar
- 12 Additional Secretary to the Govt. (ES-II), Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
- 13 Director, Technical Education & Training, Odisha, Killa Maidan, Buxibazar, Cuttack – I.
- 14 Prof. Amiya Kumar Rath, Vice-Chancellor, BPUT, Odisha
- 15 UGC Nominee
- 16 Shri Irasis Acharya, Representative of the Government. : MLA -1
- 17 Shri Prakash Chandra Sethi, Representative of the Government. : MLA - 2

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOM:50-01	<i>To confirm the Minutes of the 49th meeting of the Board of Management held on 23.12.2025 in the Board Room at VSSUT, Burla.</i> Resolution: The Board approved the minutes of the 49th meeting with insertion of one sentence at the end of the 1st para in item BOM:49-03 (b), "Till a policy is formulated, the previous practice will continue."
BOM:50-02	<i>Finalisation of disciplinary action initiated against Prof. Debabrata Dhupal, Professor in the Department of Production Engineering.</i> Pursuant to the decision taken by the Board of Management vide Resolution No. 49-09 dated 23.12.2025, pending the final order of punishment, the order of suspension issued to Prof. Debabrata Dhupal has been lifted, and he is now reinstated in service. Hence, to conclude the Departmental proceedings, final punishment may be imposed on Prof. Debabrata Dhupal. Resolution: After due deliberation, the Board decided to impose the following punishment on Prof. Debabrata Dhupal, Professor of the Department of Production Engineering as per the statute 103(vi) of the 1st Statutes of VSSUT, Burla, 2010 – "<i>Reduction to a Lower post, i.e., from the current post of Professor (Academic Level-14, Cell-12 of the 7th Pay matrix) to the post of Associate Professor (Academic Level-13(A), Cell-12 of the 7th Pay matrix)</i>" The conduct of Prof. Debabrata Dhupal will be under observation for a period of six months from the effective date of the above penalty. The period of suspension from 13.08.2025 to 23.12.2025 will be treated as on duty.
BOM:50-03	<i>Disposal of the grievance petition filed by Dr. Santanu Sengupta, Associate Professor, Department of Physics.</i> Dr. Santanu Sengupta, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, had filed a writ petition vide W.P.(C) No. 36018 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, Cuttack, to consider him for the position of Head of Department of Physics. The Hon'ble High Court, while disposing of the writ petition, directed the Vice-



	Chancellor to take a call on the subject representation in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks. Accordingly, Dr. Sengupta was issued notice for personal hearing on 09.01.2026 at 11.00 AM before the Vice-Chancellor. During the hearing, Dr. Sengupta requested for his consideration for the position of Head of the Department of Physics on the basis of seniority. As an action is pending against Dr. Sengupta, which is subjudice now, he was not considered for the HoD position. He has been informed accordingly. Resolution: The Board approved the decision conveyed to Dr. Santanu Sengupta by the Vice-Chancellor vide letter No. VSSUT/VCS - WP(C) 36018/ 25/ 0005/ 2026 dated 13.01.2026.
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REGISTRAR
 Convenor-cum-Secretary,
 Board of Management, VSSUT, Burla


VICE-CHANCELLOR
 Chairman,
 Board of Management, VSSUT, Burla