



S. Ramakrishnan Centre of Excellence for Research in Fluid and Thermal Sciences

(ISRO - IITM Collaboration)



No. SR-CoE/RFTS/MOM/3/26

09/02/2026

Minutes of Meeting

(Ref: Office Order No.SC/CH/A.22/137/2024 dt. 19th Dec 2024 issued by Chairman, ISRO/ Secretary, DOS)

Meeting No.	3
Date	29 th January 2026 [Thursday]
Time	11:00 – 12:00 hr
Mode	Online
Agenda	1. Review of Budget Utilisation for BE 2025-26

Shri M. Ganesh Pillai, Chairperson, JMC & Prof. C. Balaji, Co-Chairperson, JMC, welcomed the members and invitees for the 3rd meeting of Joint Management Council (JMC).

DTDI/ ISRO HQ informed that as part of annual expenditure review at ISRO/ DoS, details of budget utilisation for 'S. Ramakrishnan Centre of Excellence for Research in Fluid and Thermal Sciences at IITM' for the year BE 2025-26 needs to be provided to the department for necessary budget/ expenditure planning. Accordingly, JMC reviewed the budget utilisation for the CoE and the summary is given as follows:

Sl. No.	Description	Total Amount (Rs, lakhs)				
		Assigned by DoS to IITM	Expenditure as on date	Commitment upto Mar 2026	Total can be spent by Mar 2026	Balance to be spent after Mar 2026
1	Initial grant for establishing CoE	184.00	6.81	177.19	90	87.19
2	75% of 1 st year centre-maintenance	44.45	5.57	6.13	6.13	32.75
	Total	228.45	12.38	183.32	96.13	119.94

Following points were noted by the JMC:

- ▶ Even though the amounts were targeted for BE 2026-25, actual fund assignment from DoS to IITM happened only during Aug-Sep 2025. Hence, project activities, mainly procurement activities could be initiated only after Sep 2025.
- ▶ At present, procurement of major equipments is in progress and expected to receive by Q4 2025-26 or Q1 2026-27. Payment to the vendor shall be made accordingly.

- Regarding project no. 2 i.e. 'Effective spacecraft thermal management through passive phase-change based device', PI from IITM and Focal Point from URSC informed that they are in the process of revising the project proposal in line with the current mission priorities of URSC. Since preparing a new proposal may take some time, they propose to surrender the operating budget of Rs. 39.89 lakhs pertaining to that project. No capital equipments are attached with this project.

JMC noted the proposal and 'in-principle' agreed. JMC advised that above change in project proposal to be thoroughly assessed by the concerned Task Team wrt change in scope, reasons, advantages, budget etc., and submit recommendations to the JMC at the earliest, for taking a decision in this regard.

Action: Task Team, Project-2

Chairperson, JMC and Co-Chairperson, JMC have thanked all the participants for the active participation and valuable contributions during the meeting.

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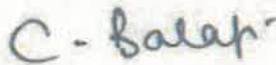


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To:

Chairperson, Co-chairperson & Members, JMC and Invitees

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Director, IITM
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Participants:

A) Joint Management Council (JMC):

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| 1. Shri M. Ganesh Pillai, Director, DTDI, ISRO HQ | - Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. C. Balaji, HoD, Mech. Engg., IITM | - Co-Chairperson |
| 3. Prof. P. A. Ramakrishnan, Aerospace Engineering, IITM | - Member |
| 4. Prof. V. Raghavan, Mechanical Engineering, IITM | - Member |
| 5. Prof. Arvind Pattamatta, Mech. Engg., IITM | - Mem. Secretary (IITM) |
| 6. Shri A. Mohamed Sathik, DD, DTDI, ISRO HQ | - Mem. Secretary (ISRO) |

B) Invitees:

ISRO	IITM
1. Dr. A.R. Anand, URSC, ISRO	1. Dr. P.V. Venkitakrishnan- POP, IITM
2. Smt. Nirupama Tiwari, CBPO, ISRO HQ	2. Dr. V. Arumugam, ICSR, IITM
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	6. Prof. Balaji Srinivasan, IITM
	7. Prof. Sateesh Gedupudi, IITM
	8. Dr. Regulagadda Kartik, IITM
	9. Prof. Shaligram Tiwari, IITM
	10. Prof Ganapathy Krishnamurthi, IITM