

## Minutes of 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management

The 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Board of Management of Manipal University Jaipur was held on October 18, 2024, at Manipal University Jaipur.

Following members were present.

### Chairperson:

Mr S Vaitheeswaran, Chairperson, MUJ

### Members:

Dr Ranjan Pai, Chairman, MEMG

Dr N N Sharma, President, MUJ

Dr Vishwa Mohan Katoch, NASI-ICMR Chair on Public Health Research at RUHS, Jaipur

Dr Aravind Chinchure, Founder and CEO QLeap Academy.

Ms Revathi Kasturi, Founder Laqsh Jobs Skills Academy Pvt Ltd

Mr Nishith K Mohanty, Group President HR & Academia, MEMG

### Member Secretary:

Dr Nitu Bhatnagar, Registrar, MUJ

### Invitee Present

Dr H P Khincha, Chief Mentor - MUJ

Dr Karunakar A Kotegar, Pro President Designate, MUJ

CA Shridhar Hegde, Sr Vice President - Finance, MEMG

CA Pradeep Chaturvedi, CF&AO, MUJ

### Members Granted Leave of Absence:

Shri Abhay Jain, Advisor, MEMG

Shri TV Mohandas Pai, Chairman - Aarin Capital Partners, Bangalore

Mr Somnath Das, Group President - Special Projects, MEMG

Mr Pukhraj Sen, IAS, Commissioner College Education, Govt. of Rajasthan

Cmde (Dr) Jawahar Mal Jangir, Pro President, MUJ



### 37<sup>th</sup> Board of Management Meeting of MUJ

The 37<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management began with the Chairperson, MUJ, extending a warm welcome to all the members present. After the confirmation of the quorum by the Registrar, MUJ, the agenda were taken up for discussion. The discussion on the different agenda and decisions taken thereon during the meeting are as mentioned below.

#### 37 BoM (A) Nomination of BoM Members; Confirmation of Minutes and Action Taken

##### 37 BoM (A-1) Nomination, Extension and Conclusion of Members of the Board of Management (BoM):

Registrar informed all the members about the nomination of new member in the Board of Management - Dr N N Sharma, President, Manipal University Jaipur, by the sponsoring body in accordance with the provision under section 13 (1) of the Manipal University Jaipur Act 2011 (Act No. 21 of 2011), with effect from August 01, 2024.

All the members welcomed Dr NN Sharma to the Board of Management and conveyed their best wishes to him.

It was informed regarding conclusion of membership of Dr G K Prabhu, Former President, Manipal University Jaipur, from the Board.

The Chairperson and the members applauded and appreciated Dr G K Prabhu for his contributions to the Board.

##### 37 BoM (A-2) Confirmation of Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management

Registrar informed all the members that the minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management held on July 10, 2024, was circulated among members and no comments were received. The Board was requested to confirm the same.

*Resolved that the minutes of 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on July 10, 2024, are hereby confirmed.*

##### 37 BoM (A-3) Review of action taken on minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management:

The action on the suggestions and the resolutions passed in the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management were briefed to the Board members by the Registrar.





### 1. Directorate of Admissions - update

Registrar presented the data received from Director, Admissions, on the total number of students admitted from within and outside the State of Rajasthan and also the list of few strategies to improve student diversity in the campus.

Members made the following suggestions:

- The presented data needs to be processed, and it should reflect the trend in students' admissions over the years based on various parameters.
- It was suggested to avoid bringing major changes in the curriculum. It was pointed out that having different curricula for different student groups might have a negative impact. However, more multidisciplinary courses through Open Electives can be offered to attract student diversity.
- To identify a person who can take the responsibility to look into the inputs given by the Board in this regard, drive it, set desired target, create milestones and step to achieve those targets, report it to the Board and close it.

### 2. Student Counselling - DSW

Registrar informed that as suggested by the Board members, one male counsellor has been appointed who will work along with three other existing female counsellors.

### 3. Professors of Practice - Update from HR

Registrar informed that as suggested by the Board members, Professors of Practice is being pursued with all Faculties. She further informed that talks are on with two Professors of Practice in FoMC, one in FoE and there is one already appointed in FoL. Moreover, five Professors of Practice has been onboarded in Center for Distance and Online Education.

Members suggested the following:

- To have a strategic plan for having Professors of Practice on a need-based model.
- To take the help of the Board member, Dr Aravind Chinchure, in identifying Professors of Practice from industries through his connections.
- Recruitment of Professors of Practice must be a smooth process as most of them will be of very senior people with rich experience.

### 4. Research @ MUJ - Status and Way forward

Registrar informed the Board that 1290 number of publications in journals other than Scopus had been listed and research related to Materials Science and applications, Computing



research with societal impact (mainly research related to disease identifications and prevention), have been identified as niche areas in research @ MUJ.

#### **5. Report on the Workshops organized by Board Members**

Registrar informed the Board and thanked the Board Members for having engaging and thought-provoking sessions with various faculty groups as listed below:

Sessions by Dr Aravind Chinchure:

- 2 hrs session on “Industry Research” focussing on the importance of having industry connect in research and academics on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- One day session on “Patent Database” for faculties on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

Sessions by Dr H P Khincha:

- Interactive session on the Curriculum review of B.Tech programs @ MUJ with Dean and Directors of Faculty of Engineering.
- Interaction with ERP team of MUJ on the functioning of various verticals in the ERP.

Members suggested the following:

- To take the help of the Board member, Dr Aravind Chinchure, to explore the possibilities of having research collaboration with industries which are keenly interested to have a partnership with MUJ.
- To identify faculties who are really interested in industry-oriented research projects.

*The action taken report on the 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Management held on July 10, 2024, is hereby noted.*

#### **37 BoM (B) Discussion and Decision**

**37 BoM (B-1) Approval of the Award of Degrees and Medals in different categories to be awarded to Graduating students in the 11<sup>th</sup> Convocation to be held from October 19-20, 2024.**

Registrar presented the data on the number of graduating students along with the Gold Medalists in the 11<sup>th</sup> Convocation of MUJ.

*Resolved that the agenda presented by the Registrar is hereby noted.*





### 37 BoM (B-2) Vision 2030 and Strategic Intervention

President, MUJ, placed the agenda before the Board based on National and International rankings which MUJ has secured within a short span of 13 years; Industry partnership; Research and Publications; Consultancy and extramural grants; MUJ in SDGs; Student, Faculty & Staff strength; UG:PG; Programs @ MUJ; Online students; International Collaborations, University's growth projected for 2027 & 2030 on various vitals; increase in the numbers of Dr Ramdas Pai Fellowship for PhD scholars; research track faculty policy; administrative restructuring, PoP; PAS 2024; Futuristic Curriculum; formation of 5 major Committees & it's importance.

Members suggested the following:

- To identify one or more Faculty which has the potential to grow other than FoE.
- The vital of strategic International Collaborations can be relooked into as the numbers are too high to achieve.
- Total investment required in the growth of various Labs should be part of vision 2030.
- To start multidisciplinary Virtual Research Groups @ MUJ which shall be converted into physical Research Centres in the near future, has to be strategically planned keeping administrative restructuring in mind.
- To focus on starting PG programs particularly in Engineering stream which are more industry relevant.
- Incubation Centre & Faculty Entrepreneurship must be given a thought.
- To identify top 5 key areas where MUJ has to strategically invest so that MUJ will be known for those niche areas.
- To explore the possibility of offering high end Online programs through CDOE.

*Resolved that the agenda from President, MUJ is hereby noted with above suggestions.*

### 37 BoM (B-3) Starting of Bachelor of Pharmacy @ MUJ in AY 2025-26

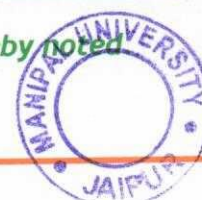
Dr NN Sharma, President, MUJ, placed the agenda before the Board to start B.Pharm at MUJ.

*The Board gave in principle approval to start B.Pharm.*

### 37 BoM (B-4) Admissions Status - AY 2024-25

| Name of Faculty                          | AY:2024-25 |
|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Faculty of Engineering (FoE)             | 3491       |
| Faculty of Management & Commerce (FoM&C) | 710        |
| Faculty of Science (FoS)                 | 451        |
| Faculty of Arts (FoA)                    | 395        |
| Faculty of Law (FoL)                     | 312        |
| Faculty of Design (FoD)                  | 122        |
| Grand Total                              | 5481       |

*Resolved that the agenda from Director, Admissions is hereby noted*





### 37 BoM (C) Reporting and Ratification

#### 37 BoM (C-1) Important Events in the University - AV Clip

The event details from July 2024 to October 2024, was placed before the board through AV mode.

*The Board members noted the details.*

#### 37 BoM (C-2) Ratification of minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Committee.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 17, 2024. She further informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated among members, and no observations were received for the minutes.

She requested the members for ratification of the same.

*Resolved that the minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting held on September 17, 2024, are hereby ratified.*

#### 37 BoM (C-3) Ratification of minutes of Meeting of 41<sup>st</sup> Academic Council.

Registrar briefed the salient features of the minutes of 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Academic Council held on October 07, 2024. She further informed that the minutes of the meeting were circulated among members and no observations were received for the minutes.

She requested the members for ratification of the minutes.

*Resolved that the minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of Academic Council held on October 07, 2024, are hereby ratified.*

#### 37 BoM (C-4) Minutes of Meeting of 33<sup>rd</sup> Finance Committee

Registrar shared the recommendation of the Finance Committee of Manipal University Jaipur held on July 08, 2024, for approval. She further informed that the same were circulated to BoM members and no comments were received.

She requested the Board for the ratification of the minutes of 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on July 08, 2024.

*Resolved that the minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Finance Committee held on July 08, 2024, are hereby ratified.*





### 37 BoM (C-5) Update on rankings and awards received by the University

Registrar presented an update on the ranking and awards received from different regulators and agencies to the members.

#### National Institutional Ranking Framework 2024

| Ranking Body | Institution Category | Rank 2024 |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------|
| NIRF         | Overall              | 101-150   |
|              | University           | 64        |
|              | Engineering          | 64        |
|              | Management           | 73        |
|              | Law                  | 29        |
|              | Architecture         | 33        |

#### Times Higher Education International Rankings

- Manipal University Jaipur has ranked in Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 in the band 1201- 1500 in its first attempt.
- Quality Research - Manipal University Jaipur has ranked 990 globally.
- National ranking- Manipal University Jaipur has ranked 59.

#### Sustainable Development Goals Ranking

| SDG wise Ranking                               | 2024 Rank            |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Overall                                        | 601-800 (69.8 score) |
| SDG 2: Zero Hunger                             | 401-600 (39.6)       |
| SDG 3: Good Health and Wellbeing               | 801-1000 (47.3)      |
| SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation              | 101-200 (68.2)       |
| SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy             | 401-600 (49.8)       |
| SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | 301-400 (57.9)       |
| SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities     | 101-200 (72.9)       |
| SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production | 101-200 (80.3)       |
| SDG 15: Life on Land                           | 65 (82.6)            |
| SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions | 301-400 (66.7)       |
| SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals              | 401-600 (73.1)       |

#### INDIA TODAY RANKINGS 2024

| Magazine                     | Category                               | Ranking (University/Stream) | Rank 2024 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| India Today-MDRA Survey 2024 | Top Engineering Colleges in India 2024 | Engineering                 | 51        |
| India Today-MDRA Survey 2024 | Top 10 Emerging Engineering Colleges   | Engineering                 | 9         |

