

Minutes of the HPC Advisory committee Meeting held on 7th May 2020(Thursday), starting 11:30AM

Members Present: Profs. A. R. Harish (DORD and Chair), Mahendra Verma, Sankar Ramakrishnan, Amalendu Chandra, Ashoke De, Nisanth Nair, Sumit Ganguly (DDIA and co-chair).

Prof. Sanjay Mittal could not join due to network connection related issues.

Members not present: Profs. Jayant K. Singh, Amey Karkare.

HPC related matters:

1. There was discussion on the genesis and continuance of HPC machines 2010 and 2013 and the creation of the HPC advisory committee and HPC advisory group and the evolution of work. The LDA project (originated in 2018) and the MHRD project on HPC Research and Education (originating in 2013) were also discussed at length. Some faculty members raised serious concern about the MHRD & LDA project utilisation to maintain transparency.
2. It was discussed that no regular meeting was held with HPC users' group or advisory groups in last 2 years.
3. HPC advisory committee and HPC group deliberations were not updated on the IITK intranet. It is suggested to put up the minutes of meeting on the intranet.
4. Minutes of meeting should be put up in the IITK intranet for all users to maintain transparency.
5. **The following issues were discussed and those incomplete were left for the following meeting.**
 - (a) The convener of the HPC advisory committee is currently Head CC, which no longer exists. A new convener may be appointed for the committee. New HPC convener to be selected on a rotational basis (2-3 years).
 - (b) A creation of institute level committee IDIADC along the lines of IRDC will be created, two of whose suggested members will be members of this advisory committee.
 - (c) Some concerns were raised regarding the procedures for the management and uses of LDA and MHRD projects. It was decided to address them in a fair and transparent manner with the committee advising all policies.