



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
K K Birla Goa Campus

**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE BIOSAFETY
COMMITTEE (IBSC), BITS, PILANI – K K BIRLA GOA CAMPUS**

Meeting held on 04/05/2019 (Saturday), 1100-1140 hrs. at the Conference Room, BITS.

Attendance:

Members Present			
Prof. G. Raghurama (Chairperson)	Dr. Samir Damare (External Expert)	Prof. Utpal Roy (Internal Expert)	Dr. Sumit Biswas (Internal Expert)
Prof. Sunil Bhand (Member Secretary)	Prof. Sanjeev Ghadi (DBT nominee)	Dr. Angshuman Sarkar (Internal Expert)	**Dr. Steffi Soares, Biosafety Officer

****Member absent: Dr. Steffi Soares, Biosafety Officer, due to exigency.**

1. This was the first meeting of the new committee approved by RCGM.
2. The meeting was chaired by the chairman, Prof. G. Raghurama, Director, BITS, Pilani – KK Birla Goa Campus
3. The new committee was welcomed by the Director and the committee members introduced.
4. The rules, regulations and processes adopted by the previous committee were tabled and the current committee deliberated and consented on continuing with the same in essence. The Chairman suggested an addition in the IBSC self-declaration form which was unanimously adopted.
5. The committee discussed and deliberated on providing IBSC approval to the proposal from Dr. Sumit Biswas (who was recused during the course of the discussion). The proposal was approved by the IBSC.
6. The committee members reiterated the use of class II A2 Biosafety Cabinets for the exclusive use of designated biosafety level organism(s), whereas dedicated facilities for routine microbiological work be created to avoid contamination issues in A2 cabinets.