



MINUTES OF THE 78th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 16TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 04:00 PM IN OOM ROOM, NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sl No	NIT Act/Statute	Name and Designation	Position
1.	NIT First Statutes 17(15).	Dr. (Mrs.) G. Aghila, The Director, NITT	Officiating Chairperson, BoG
2.	Section 11 Clause (c)	Ms. Veena Dunga Deputy Secretary, MoE	Member*
3.	Section 11 Clause (c)	Mr Harihara Sundaram S. Under Secretary, MoE	Member*
4.	Section 11 Clause (f)	Dr. N Sivakumaran	Member
5.	Section 11 Clause (f)	Dr. V Satheesh Kumar	Member
6.	Section 11 Clause (g)	Dr Krishnan Balasubramanian, Professor, IIT, Madras	Member*
7.	Section 18 Clause (2)	Dr. N. Thamaraiselvan, Registrar i/c	Secretary
* Through Video Conferencing			

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Dr G Aghila, Officiating Chairperson, Board of Governors and Director, NIT-T, welcomed the members to the meeting and confirmed the quorum for the meeting. The Registrar (i/c) - Secretary initiated the deliberations on the agenda items.

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ITEM NO. 78.1	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 77TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 18TH JULY 2024	
	The Minutes of the 77 th Meeting of the BoG was circulated to the Members of the Board. The minutes was concurred by all the members. The Board may confirm the Minutes.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/1	RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 77 th meeting of the Board of Governors is confirmed.

ITEM NO. 78.2	ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOG	
	The details of Action Taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board of Governors were discussed and noted.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/2	RESOLVED THAT the action taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board be noted.

ITEM NO. 78.3	DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG.	
	The Director presented the major achievements and developments that took place in the Institute since the last meeting of the Board of Governors and also reviewed the performance parameters as per the MoU signed with Ministry for the AY 2024-2025.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/3	RESOLVED THAT the Director's report on the major achievements and developments be noted.





APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 78.4	SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR VARIOUS NON-TEACHING GROUP-A POSTS
	<p>Based on the approval of BoG in its 74th , 76th and 77th meeting, institute has advertised for 13 Group A posts under Deputation and Direct Recruitment vide NITT/R/RC/NT/2024/01-04 dated 09 Oct 2024 and addendum dated 25 Oct 2024.</p> <p>Applications were invited from Indian nationals possessing excellent record and relevant work experience through Samarth portal for the said posts till 09 Nov 2024 (online) and 16 Nov 2024 (Hard copy submission).</p> <p>Further, the applications were scrutinized in two levels – at a first stage the scrutiny was done by the members of the Recruitment Cell. At a second stage two Scrutinizing Committees were formulated and the applications were scrutinized based on the qualifications and other eligibility criteria mentioned in the RR for Non-teaching Positions - 2019.</p> <p>The written test (where ever applicable) and Interview have been scheduled from 11 Dec 2024 to 13 Dec 2024 for the shortlisted candidates. The Institute has followed all the prescribed formalities and procedures as laid down vide Recruitment Rules for NITs and other relevant OMs of the DoPT in the recruitment process.</p> <p>Also, no complaints from any applicants has been received with regard to this recruitment.</p> <p>The recommendation of Selection committees was presented to the Board.</p> <p>The details are as follows:</p>

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S. No	Post	Mode of Recruitment	Vacancy	Category	Selected Candidate
1	Registrar	Deputation	1	UR	Shri Senthil Kumar SA
2	Assistant Librarian	Deputation	1	UR	No eligible applications received.
3	Assistant Registrar	Deputation	1	UR	
4	Deputy Librarian	Direct Recruitment	1	UR	Shri Shameer KK
5	Senior SAS Officer	Direct Recruitment	1	UR	Shri A Solomon Raja
6	Principal SAS Officer	Direct Recruitment	1	UR	No eligible applications received
7	Senior Medical Officer	Direct Recruitment	1	UR	None Found Suitable
8	Superintending Engineer	Direct Recruitment	1	UR	None Found Suitable
9	Assistant Librarian	Direct Recruitment	1	UR	Shri Sanmati Jitendran Jain
10	Assistant Registrar	Direct Recruitment	2	2-UR	1. Shri Maniarasan B 2. Shri Ravula Chandrashekar
11	Technical Officer	Direct Recruitment	2	1-UR 1-OBC	1. None Found Suitable (UR) 2. Shri Kanagaram K (OBC)
	Total		13		7

Also, the Board authorized the Director to facilitate the new recruits to receive the offer of appointment in Rozgar Mela which is scheduled to be held on 23 Dec 2024, without waiting for confirmation of Minutes of this meeting. Further, authorized the Director, to take appropriate decision regarding the joining time and other relevant matters.

RESOLUTION
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RESOLVED THAT selection committee recommendations for Group A posts are approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Director be authorized to facilitate the new recruits to receive the offer of appointment prior to the confirmation of the Minutes of this meeting and to take appropriate decision regarding the joining time and other relevant matters.

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ITEM NO. 78.5	EXTENSION OF DEPUTATION OF DR SAMSON MATHEW, PROF, AS DIRECTOR, NATPAC, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM	
	<p>Dr Samson Mathew, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering was permitted to take up the assignment of The Director, National Transportation Planning and Research Centre (NATPAC), Thiruvananthapuram on deputation basis for five years wef 01 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2024. Accordingly, he was relieved from Institute on 31 Dec 2019 (AN).</p> <p>Now a communication from Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment dated 29 Nov 2024, has been received with a request to issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) for extending the tenure of Dr Samson Mathew, as Director of NATPAC, for an additional period of one-year ie for 6th year, effective from 01 Jan 2025 on deputation basis.</p> <p>The faculty has conveyed his willingness for the said extension subject to approval of Board of Governors of NITT.</p> <p>The Board discussed the matter with reference to DoPT OM F No 2/6/2018-Estt (Pay II) dated 18 May 2018 and instructed to refer the matter to Ministry of Education to get the approval of the Secretary as per the clause 8.2 of the OM.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/5	RESOLVED THAT the matter shall be referred to Ministry of Education to get the approval of Secretary for extension of deputation of Dr Samson Mathew, for 6 th year.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 78.6	CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS OF THE MEDICAL OFFICERS FOR GRANT OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCE AND POST GRADUATE ALLOWANCE	
	<p>The Medical Officers of the Institute have submitted requests for the grant of Annual Allowance and Post-Graduate Allowance as per the OM No. A.45012/03/2017-CHS.V dated 29.08.2017 & 30.08.2017 issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.</p> <p>In support of their request, they have enclosed the communication F.No.11-6/2019-TS.III dated 25.02.2020 issued by the Ministry of Education to the VNIT Nagpur for sanctioning the Annual Allowance, Post-Graduate Allowance to the Medical Officer of VNIT.</p> <p>The Finance committee has recommended to sanction of Annual allowance and Post Graduate Allowance to the Medical Officers of Institute as per norms notified by MoHFW with effect from date of approval of the Board of Governors.</p> <p>The Board discussed and considered to approve the sanction of Annual allowance and Post Graduate allowance to the Medical officers with effect from date of approval of Board of Governors ie wef 16 Dec 2024, as recommended by FC.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/6	RESOLVED THAT the sanction of Annual allowance and Post Graduate allowances to the Medical officers of NITT wef the date of approval of BoG be approved as recommended by FC.

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ITEM NO. 78.7	SUBMISSION OF REPLIES TO AUDIT QUERY ON PAYMENT OF AD-HOC BONUS	
	<p>The C&AG Audit in the year 2017 objected the payment of Ad-hoc Bonus paid to the employees & NMR workers of the Institute during the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 since the Ministry of Finance not issued extension orders for employees of Autonomous Bodies. Based on the objection, the payment of ad-hoc bonus was stopped from the year 2017-18 onwards and the matter was referred to the Ministry for further directions. The Ministry of Education vide Letter No.1-10/2021-CU-V dated 09.04.2024 has forwarded the copy of the observations/recommendations of Public Accounts Committee on the payment of Ad-hoc Bonus.</p> <p>The Finance Committee deliberated the matter in detail along with the instructions from DoPT vide OM No.18/03/2015-Estt. (Pay-I) dated 02.03.2016 on recovery of excess payments. The Finance Committee recommended the Board for the recovery of ad-hoc bonus paid to the employees except the retired employees, Group-C (incl. NMR Workers) employees.</p> <p>The Board discussed and approved the recovery of ad-hoc bonus paid to the employees except the retired employees, Group – C (including NMR workers) employees and to settle the audit query.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/7	RESOLVED THAT the recovery of ad-hoc bonus paid to the employees during 2015-16 & 2016-17 except Retired employees and Group-C (incl. NMR Workers) employees, be approved, as recommended by FC.

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RATIFICATION ITEM(S)

ITEM NO. 78.8	ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FY 2023-2024	
	The Annual Report for the FY 2023-2024 has been compiled and forwarded to Ministry to place before the Parliament. The Board discussed and ratified the annual report for the FY 2023-2024.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/8	RESOLVED THAT the annual report for the FY 2023-2024 be ratified.

ITEM NO. 78.9	FOREIGN VISIT OF FACULTIES	
	The foreign visits of faculty members were placed before BoG. The BoG ratified the foreign visits of faculty members.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/9	RESOLVED THAT the foreign visits of the faculty members be ratified.

REPORTING ITEM(S)

ITEM NO. 78.10	IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE NATION ONE SUBSCRIPTION (PHASE-I)	
	The Ministry of Education vide DO Letter No. 8- 16/2024-TEL dated 05.11.2024 has intimated not to renew the Journal Subscriptions till further instructions of the Ministry in view of the implementation of One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) Phase 1. Further the Ministry vide letter dated 13.12.2024 has intimated that that (1) the Union Cabinet has approved that for the 30 publishers included	

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<p>in ONOS Phase-1 and (2) The institutions, on their own, will continue subscribing to the publishers, databases, standards and ebooks which are not part of PM-ONOS Phase-1.</p> <p>It is further stated that the fund for all the HEIs for ejournal subscription e-database of the year 2025 with respect to these 30 publishers, be transferred centrally through the nodal Institute (NIT Surat) immediately. The journal subscription cost for these 30 publishers in respect of NIT Tiruchirappalli, as provided by INFLBINET, is Rs.3,43,09,732/-.</p> <p>The list of 30 publishers perused. The list of (1) annual subscription of e-journals/databases not covered under ONOS and (2) other common software/equipment is worked out as below amounting Rs.2,15,71,648/- (attached separately as Annexure).</p> <p>The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the payment of Rs.3,43,09,732/- to the nodal institute towards the subscription fund for ONOS (Phase-1) and for the approval of procurement of other e-journals / databases / common software of library for Rs.2,15,71,648/-. The list of journals under ONOS and other e-journals/common software for Library are annexed to this minutes.</p> <p>The Board deliberated the matter and approved the payment of Rs 3,43,09,732/- to the nodal institute towards subscription fund for ONS (Phase I) and Rs 2,15,71,648 towards procurement of other e-journals / databases / common software of library.</p>	
<p>RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/10</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the payment of Rs.3,43,09,732/- to the nodal institute towards the subscription fund for ONOS (Phase-1) be approved as recommended by FC.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the procurement of other e-journals / databases / common software (not covered under ONOS) of library for Rs.2,15,71,648/- be approved as recommended by FC.</p>





ITEM NO. 78.11	MINUTES OF THE 58th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.	
	The Minutes of the 58 th Meeting of the Finance Committee is placed for the information of the Board of Governors.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/11	RESOLVED THAT the minutes of 58 th meeting of FC be noted.

ITEM NO. 78.12	INFORMATION ON GRIEVANCES WITH RESPECT TO NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	
	There is NIL grievance with respect to NIT, Tiruchirappalli in the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS). The Board noted the status of CPGRAMS.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/12	RESOLVED THAT status of Grievances in the CPGRAMS be noted.


ITEM NO. 78.13	INFORMATION ON RTI WITH RESPECT TO NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	
	There are nine RTI requests and one first appeals under progress with respect to NIT, Tiruchirappalli in the RTI Request and Appeal Management Information System (RTI-MIS) as on 06 Dec 2024.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/13	RESOLVED THAT the status of RTI requests in RTI MIS be noted.


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ITEM NO. 78.14	MOU / MOA SIGNED BETWEEN INSTITUTE AND INDUSTRIES	
	<p>(a) Institute has proposed to execute MoA with National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan, R.O.C under Study Abroad Program. The agreement will remain in force for a period of five years from date of signing. as per the agreement. The agreements cover the exchange of students between both the Nations under Study Abroad Program.</p> <p>(b) An MoU between Illinois Institute of Technology and NIT Tiruchirappalli, originally signed on 20 Nov 2023 for six months starting 01/12/2023. Now the MoU has been further renewed for an additional three years, wef 26 Nov 2024. The agreement covers collaboration in student exchange, joint master's degrees, priority admissions with scholarships, research, curriculum development, faculty mobility, and joint academic publications.</p> <p>The Board deliberated and approved (a) the execution of MoA with National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan, ROC & (b) extension of MoU with Illinois Institute of Technology.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/14	<p>RESOLVED THAT the execution of MoA with National Chung Cheng University, Taiwan under Study Abroad Program for 5 years be sent to Ministry as per Statute 8(xiii)(amended in 2017) for approval, before signing.</p> <p>RESOLVE FURTHER THAT the extension of MoU with Illinois Institute of Technology for three years wef 26 Nov 2024.</p>

ITEM NO. 78.15	OFFICE MEMORANDUMs RECEIVED FROM MOE
	<p>The following Office Memorandums received from MoE:</p> <p>(i) F.No 35-1/2020- TS III dated 12 Nov 2024 on the subject – <i>Ministry's nominee on Selection Committee for recruitment of non teaching staff in NITs and IEST.</i></p>





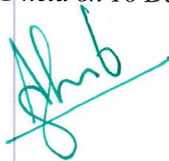
	(ii) F.No 33-9/2022-TS III dated 29 Nov 2024 on the subject – <i>Appointment of Academic staff in NITs and IEST as per Schedule E of the Statutes.</i> The Board noted the OM received from MoE.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/15	RESOLVED THAT the OMs received from MoE be noted.

ITEM NO. 78.16	LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING.	
	The details of Court cases which were filed/came up for hearing and order passed, subsequent to the previous Board were furnished for the information and direction of the Board. The Board noted the cases details.	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/16	RESOLVED THAT the court cases filed/heard subsequent to the last Board meeting be noted.

TABLED ITEM(S)

ITEM NO.78.17	CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME ON DESIGN AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (CBDE).	
	The Ministry of Education, Government of India has launched the ‘Capacity Building Programme on Design and Entrepreneurship (CBDE)’ programme under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Program (MMTTP). The objective of the program is to enhance the capacity of faculty and HEIs for creative transformation with a specific focus towards design and entrepreneurship development. IIITDM Kancheepuram is one of the Malaviya Mission Centers which	

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	<p>is nodal center for the program for coordinating and managing the program. NIT Tiruchirappalli has also been selected to be the part of the programme. This Institute is entered with the tripartite agreement on 04.10.2024 with IIITDM Kancheepuram (Nodal Centre) and the Mentors under the Capacity Building Program on Design and Entrepreneurship.</p> <p>A total budget of ₹98.7 lakhs has been committed by NITT for the five years towards (1) Mentor Travel and Accommodation, (2) financial support for targeted students teams (3) Event and Partnership management costs and (4) contingency. The year-wise budget distribution is furnished below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ First Year: ₹26.25 lakhs➤ Second Year: ₹26.775 lakhs➤ Third Year: ₹14.7 lakhs➤ Fourth Year: ₹15.225 lakhs➤ Fifth Year: ₹15.75 lakhs <p>The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and decided to recommend the expenditure of Rs.98.7 Lakhs for CBDE programme for five years under OH-31.</p> <p>The Board deliberated the matter and considered to approve the expenditure of Rs 98.7 lakhs for CBDE programme for five years under OH 31 as recommended by FC.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/17</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the expenditure of Rs.98.7 Lakhs towards the conduct of CBDE programme for five years under OH-31 be approved, as recommended by FC.</p>

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ITEM NO.78.18	REPORT FROM NIT WARANGAL RELATED TO DR T SRINIVASA RAO, PROF (HAG) AND EX DIRECTOR, NIT WARANGAL	
	<p>The reports received from NIT Warangal related to DR T Srinivas Rao was placed before Board of Governors in its 76th meeting. The BoG suggested the institute to study the reports in detail and place the matter in the next meeting.</p> <p>Accordingly, Institute constituted an Internal committee to study the reports received from NIT Warangal in connection with Dr T Srinivas Rao. The Chairman of the committee presented the findings to the Board.</p> <p>After due deliberation, the Board suggested that the Institute to make arrangement to communicate with NIT Warangal through CVO to obtain the information under the intimation to Ministry. Further, suggested that to conclude the proceedings, in time bound manner, as the faculty's superannuation is approaching.</p> <p>The final proceedings by the CVO may be placed before upcoming Board meeting.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 78/BoG/2024/18	RESOLVED THAT the Institute to make arrangements to communicate with NIT Warangal through CVO to obtain information and to conclude the proceedings. The final proceedings be placed before upcoming meeting.

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


Secretary


Chairperson (Officiating),
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