



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI (NITT)

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Minutes of the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board Of Governors of NIT, Tiruchirappalli held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 11.30 AM in Oom Room of NIT Tiruchirappalli

**Members Present:**

**Ms.Kumud M.Srinivasan**  
President-Intel India  
Chairperson, Board of Governors  
NIT Tiruchirappalli. **Chairperson**

**Prof. S. Sundarrajan**  
Director  
National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirappalli 620 015. **Member**

**Prof. K.Sankaranarayananasamy**  
Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering  
National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirappalli 620 015. **Member**

**Prof.K.Thirumaran**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Architecture  
National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirappalli 620 015. **Member**

**Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma**  
Director(NITs)  
Technical Education,  
Department of Higher Education,MHRD  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001. **Member**  
(Through Video Conference mode)

**Shri Satpal sharma**  
Under Secretary  
Integrated Finance Division  
Department of Higher Education,MHRD  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001. **Member**

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**Prof.G.Swaminathan**  
Officiating Registrar &  
Secretary, BoG  
National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirappalli 620015.

**Secretary**

**Prof.Rajaram Nityananda**  
Former Chairperson, BoG  
NIT Tiruchirappalli.

**Special Invitee**

**A1. WELCOME ADDRESS**

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. A1</b>	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b>
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Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan Chairperson, Board of Governors, welcomed all the members of the BoG of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT).

Prof.Rajaram Nityananda, attended the BoG meeting on invitation from the Chairperson BoG and the Director NIT Tiruchirappalli.

The Chairperson place on records the excellent services rendered by Prof.Rajaram Nityananda, the outgoing Chairperson of BoG. The BoG adopted a resolution thanking Prof.Rajaram Nityananda for his contributions to BoG , in the capacity as Chairperson. With the permission of the Chair, Secretary, BoG, began deliberations on the Agenda items. The agenda items were discussed.

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. A2</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup>BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING HELD ON 25.07.2014</b>
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The Board of Governors resolved to confirm the Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting held on 25.07.2014.

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<b>37<sup>th</sup>BoG NO. B3</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING HELD ON 25.07.2014.</b>
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(Item No. 3 B 3 of the  
Minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
FC, B 3.4 of 36<sup>th</sup> BoG  
and B3,3.1 of  
24<sup>th</sup> FC)

**Item No. 1: LETTER OF REQUEST FROM EXECUTIVE  
ENGINEER OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE  
TANGEDCO/EAST/TRICHY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 110  
/11 kV SUB STATION –ALLOTMENT OF 5 ACRES OF LAND IN  
NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**

The Board of Governors has taken note of the action initiated.

(Item No. 2 of D10 of  
the Minutes of  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> FC, 2 of D10  
of 36<sup>th</sup> BOG and  
B3,3.2 of 24<sup>th</sup> FC)

**Item No. 2: INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF Ph.D. SCHOLARS  
FROM 45 TO 90 AS PER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
SENATE**

The Board of Governors has taken note of the action initiated.

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG NO. C4</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REPORTING OF DETAILS OF GRANTS RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (MHRD) UNDER PLAN AND NON- PLAN FUNDS</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> FC C4</b>	<b>ITEM NO.</b>	

The details of the grants received from Ministry of Human Resources Development Under plan and Non-Plan funds were presented in the prescribed format. The Hon'ble member representing IFD, MHRD, advised to expedite the process of getting certification by C&AG, and to finalize the process of submitting the annual Report for 2013-14 to the Parliament at the earliest.

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG NO. C5</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REPORTING OF DETAILS OF GRANTS RECEIVED UNDER TEQIP II-STATUS REPORT OF EXPENDITURE</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> FC C5</b>	<b>ITEM NO.</b>	

The Board of Governors reviewed the status of TEQIP II –Status of Expenditure, and expresses satisfaction.



<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. C6</b>	<b>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR 2013-14-CERTIFICATION AUDIT BY STATUTORY AUDITOR</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. C6</b>	

The Board of Governors reviewed the Annual Accounts for the year 2013-14, which was audited by the statutory auditor. The Board of Governors, ratified and approved the process of placing the Annual Accounts 2013-14, before the statutory auditor.

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. C7</b>	<b>REVISION OF WAGES FOR NMRs' IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. C7</b>	

The Hon'ble member representing MHRD opined that, items like this needs to be discussed in FC and BoG , instead of getting approval of the Chairperson and placing for ratification. The Secretary, BoG, (with the permission of the Chairperson) and The Director NIT Tiruchirappalli, explained the circumstances under which, the decision was taken by the then Chairperson.

The BoG approved and ratified the action taken.

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. C8</b>	<b>OFFICE MEMORANDUM RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO.7 (1)/E.COORD/2014, MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE DATED 29.10.2014 AND CLARIFICATION DATED 10.11.2014</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. C8</b>	

The BoG took note of the OM NO. 7(1)/E.Coord/2014 dt.29.10.2014 and clarification dt.10.11.2014. The BoG was informed that agencies like DST and in other NITs , no strict compliance of the said office memorandum take place.

Under this circumstance, BoG resolved that status quo ante prevails.

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. C9</b>	<b>JUDGEMENT DELIVERED IN W.P. (MD) No.14385 of 2011 AND M.P. (MD) NO. 3 of 2011, W.P.(MD) No. 6289 of 2011 and M.P. Nos. 1 of 2011 and 2 of 2012 and W.P.. (MD) NO. 1132 of 2011 and M.P.(MD) No. 2 of 2011</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. C9</b>	

The BoG took note of the status of the judgment.

The BoG was informed that the Letter no. F. 38-7/2014-TS .III, Government of India, MHRD, Department of Higher Education, dated 06.01.2015, addressed to the Additional Solicitor General of India, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court has been sent to the addressee. The comments of the Additional Solicitor General of India, Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court is awaited

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<b>37<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. C10</b>	<b>COURT CASE WRIT PETITION (MD) NO.12750 OF 2014 FILED BY DR. M. UMAPATHY IN HON 'BLE MADURAI BENCH OF HIGH COURT OF MADRAS.</b>
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The BoG took note of the status of the Writ petition.

<b>37<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. C11</b>	<b>JUDGEMENT DELIVERED IN W.P. No.21620 of 2014, in THE WRIT PETITION FILED BY SRI P GURUVENDRAN</b>
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The BoG took note of the judgment delivered by the Hon'ble Madras High Court .

The BoG was also informed that the Senate, in its recent meeting has approved the process of Formative Assessment.

The Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli is permitted to seek legal opinion for proceeding further.

<b>37<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. C12</b>	<b>JUDGEMENT DELIVERED IN W.P. (MD) NOs 3811 to 3819 of of 2011 AND CONNECTED MISCELLANEOUS PETITIONS FILED BY R NAVANNETHAKRISHNAN AND OTHERS</b>
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The BoG took note of the judgment delivered by the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. The BoG was informed about the action initiated.

<b>37<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. D13</b>	<b>CAS 2012-REMOVAL OF ANOMALIES-ACTION PLAN</b>
<b>Item No. B3 3.2 of 36<sup>th</sup> BoG</b>	

A detailed presentation was made to BoG, by the Dean (Faculty Welfare) about the salient features of the recommendations of the four member committee, constituted by Board of Governors (Item. No. B3,3.2 of the 36<sup>th</sup> BoG) to look into issues of removal of CAS 2012 anomalies.

The Honourable members representing MHRD and IFD, MHRD suggested that the recommendations of the committee be forwarded to MHRD , seeking clarifications.

It was resolved that the recommendations of the committee be referred to MHRD and seek their valuable opinion in implementation.

<b>37<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. D14</b>	<b>COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO OFFER A FEASIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO NMRs'</b>
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The report submitted by the committee was tabled in the BoG . The Dean (FW) elucidated the recommendations of the committee. The Dean(ID) also presented the salient features like the educational Qualification of the serving NMRs , the correlation between the educational qualifications and

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the Recruitment rules and the way and means of solving the problems. The Chairperson , BoG was kind enough to allow one of the representative of NMRs' to be present inside the venue of the BoG meeting, when presentations were made to the BoG.

There were detailed discussions in this item.

It was resolved in the following way:

1. The Institute will advertise, calling for candidates to fill in the vacancies in different cadres of the Non-Teaching Staffs. For NMRs, who are qualified and eligible to apply for the post concerned, relaxation in age will be given , as a onetime opportunity to enable the individual to get a cadre position in NIT Tiruchirappalli through open selection process as per the Recruitment Rules in vogue.
2. For such cases of NMRs, who are not qualified as per the recruitment rules in vogue , will be referred to an Equivalence Committee (To be constituted by BoG).The deliberations of the Equivalence Committee will be referred to the forthcoming NIT Council meeting, so that the problems of such NMRs in the NITs system , may be discussed at large and a comprehensive solution may be arrived at.
3. The activity of recruitment through open selection process need to be expedited and completed within six months' time.

<b>36<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.D 15</b>	<b>WP (MD) NO. 16575 OF 2014 -WRIT PETITION FILED BY FACULTY ASSOCIATION OF NIT IN HON'BLE MADURAI BENCH OF HIGH COURT OF MADRAS.</b>
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The BoG took note of the status of the writ petition.

<b>37<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E 16</b>	<b>UPWARD REVISION OF ROOM RENT FOR THE HOSTEL</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. D10</b>	

The BoG took note of the fact that there were no upward revision of tariff for electricity charges and water charges since last five years. The fact that the committee meant for water and electricity charges revision in hostels, comprises student members, was elucidated to the BoG.

The BoG approved the revision of electricity and water charges in the Hostels.

The upward revision proposed is approved.



37 <sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E 17	<b>UPWARD REVISION OF LICENSE FEE/RENT FOR QUARTERS FOR THE PERSONNEL WORKING IN NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI AND OTHERS</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. D11	

The BoG approved the proposal and advised that the license fee may be charged as per the guidelines issued by the Directorate of Estates, Government of India.

37 <sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E 18	<b>EXTENSION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES TO THE RETIRED STAFF OF NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI ON PAYMENT BASIS</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. D12	

The BoG approved in principle and however advised to explore the idea of covering the existing and retired employees under comprehensive Medical Insurance plan.

37 <sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E 19 :	<b>RESEARCH MANAGEMENT FUND-CREATION- NORMS PROPOSED</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. D13	

The recommendations of the committee on the proposal for creating Research Development Allowance (RDA) fund by providing 20% of overheads from sponsored projects has been approved in one of the earlier BoG Meeting.

A bank account has been opened in the name of **Research Management Fund**. An amount of **Rs. 31,96,847** corresponding to 20% of the overhead amount received from the funding agencies during the years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 has been deposited into this account.

A committee was constituted to frame the guidelines for spending the research management fund.

The BoG felt that this will motivate the faculty members to win many R& D Projects from external agencies.

The Board of Governors approved the following:



1. Attending Conferences/Workshops/Training Programs/Collaborative research visits(both national and international) expenses including air/train fare, per diem expenses, insurance, registration fee etc.,
2. Reimbursement of taxi, telephone, health & accident insurance during visits in India and abroad.
3. Sending students for internship both in India and abroad and related expenses.
4. Providing internships for students from institutes within India including NIT, Tiruchirappalli and abroad. A stipend of Rs 5000/- may be paid for the entire duration of internship (six weeks).
5. In addition to stipend, RMF may be used by the PI for paying scholarships for their M.S./ Ph.D. students when their ongoing projects are completed.
6. Purchase of Equipment's through normal R&C Project Purchase procedures.
7. Expenses towards maintenance, repairs, services and spares of the equipment, including annual maintenance cost (AMC).
8. Purchase of technical & scientific books, journal and software for personal professional use.
9. Expenditure for support services, consumables, testing & characterization charges.
10. Membership of professional (scientific & technical only) bodies both National and International.
11. Travel, boarding and lodging expenses of the visitors/experts for official/specific collaborative purposes both from India and abroad.
12. Institution of awards / prizes within NITT, Patent filing and IPR charges.
13. Conducting seminars and conferences for the purpose of dissemination of information.

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ITEM NO.F20

**MATTERS RELATING TO DISCIPLINE, RTI AND  
VIGILANCE.**

References are made to the following:

1. Minutes of the Thirty first Board of Governors Meeting held on 10.08.2012. (Items E32 to E35)
2. Minutes of the Thirty fourth Board of Governors meeting held on 03.08.2013(Item No. F11,1)

Despite the sincere efforts by the administration, there are cases relating to discipline and Vigilance.

A professor of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Department, in the past has sent volley of complaints against officials of the Institute to MHRD, CBI, other Ministries, to Chairperson(s) BoG and other BoG members. The professor preferred to lodge complaints against the NITT officials (Registrar (Officiating), Deputy Registrar(s), some Ex.Dean(s), and Ex Registrar) to the aforesaid agencies through E Mails.

The MHRD has forwarded the hard copies of the mails sent by the complainant to the Director NIT Tiruchirappalli and asked for a detailed report.

The Director has referred the matter to the Chief Vigilance officer of the Institute and constituted a committee to study in detail and submit report, for onward transmission to MHRD.

The Chief Vigilance Officer has submitted his reports to the Under Secretary, MHRD along with the five member committee report (Committee report dated 30.09.2014).(Letter dated 01.10.2014 addressed to The Under Secretary(NITs),MHRD).

The five member committee also felt that the grounds on which the complaints were made are very flimsy and not rational.

The Chief Vigilance Officer, NIT Tiruchirappalli in the report has indicated that the complainant (Professor of MME) has not provided evidence/proof/exhibits for his complaints. The Chief Vigilance Officer, NIT Truchirappalli has also indicated that the complainant has a habit of purposefully sending mails to higher authorities without evidence.

The Chief Vigilance Officer's letter and the committee reports were submitted to the Board of Governors.

The BoG expresses its serious concerns.

A committee would be constituted with outside members (Experts) to Look into all cases (Referred above) and recommend remedial/punitive /corrective action for all the cases.

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The Chairperson, BoG, is at liberty to choose the Chairperson and other members of the committee.  
The administration should extend logistics and other supports so as to enable smooth conduct of enquiry.  
The recommendations of the committee will be discussed in the subsequent BoG meetings and to decide the future course of action.

**RTI FILED BY HON'BLE MEMBER AGAINST SELECTION OF A PROFESSOR TO HAG SCALE OF PAY(CAS 2012)**

One of the Hon'ble member, representing Senate of NIT Tiruchirappalli preferred and filed a RTI , seeking information about SCI Publications of the successful candidates of CAS 2012-Pertaining to HAG Scale of pay.

There were also RTI queries relating to information about publications of successful candidates of CAS 2003-04

The information about CAS 2012 was given to the RTI reveler and search is made in the archive(s) of NITT for information about CAS 2003-04.

The Hon'ble member has submitted a letter to the Director , raised doubt about the SCI publications.

The Director has constituted a committee in this issue.

On the advice of the then Chairperson, BoG, the professor of Management, against whom, the allegations were made, was requested to respond.

When this item was taken up for discussion,

Prof. K.Sankaranarayananasamy, Hon'ble BoG member opted to remain outside after presenting his views.

The Director, explained the selection process of CAS 2012.

The committee reports also was tabled.

The fact that in certain Departments like Management, Architecture etc, there were no much of SCI Journals was put forwarded by one another Hon'ble member representing the senate of NIT Tiruchirappalli.

The BoG resolved to treat the matter as closed.

37 <sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.F21	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO TREC STEP</b>
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The matter will be discussed in the subsequent Board of Governors meeting with sufficient literature.



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ITEM NO.F22

**MATTERS RELATING TO A THREE MEMBER  
COMMITTEE CONSTITUTED TO LOOK INTO THE  
SUICIDE ATTEMPT BY STUDENT.**

The BoG was narrated of the suicide attempt by a student and constitution of a Committee.

When this item was taken up for discussion, Prof. K.Sankaranarayananasamy, Hon'ble BoG member opted to remain outside after presenting his views.

The report of the committee is awaited.

The BoG advised the Director to seek legal opinion for deciding further course of action, in the light of the fact that the Hon'ble Court has given a verdict and given some observations.

**MATTERS RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR**

When this item was discussed the Officiating Registrar preferred to stay out.

Earlier an advertisement was released to fill up the post of Registrar. The interviews could not be held, since the Board of Governors need to nominate one external Member to be the member of the selection Committee Member for the interview panel. Moreover currently the BoG functions with six members and awaiting expansion with additional members representing State Government Nomination and NIT Council nomination.

It was resolved to call for fresh advertisement to fill up the post of Registrar. It was also decided that the applications which were received in response to the earlier advertisement will not lose its Validity and would be considered for processing.

The BoG meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Prof.G.Swaminathan**  
Registrar (Officiating)  
Secretary, BoG.

**Ms.Kumud M Srinivasan**  
President-Intel India  
Chairperson FC &  
Board of Governors