



MINUTES OF THE 53RD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 26TH MARCH 2019 AT 03.00 PM IN NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, NEW DELHI.

PRESENT:

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| 1. Dr. (Mrs.) Mini Shaji Thomas | Director & Chairperson In-charge |
| 2. Shri. Madan Mohan
DDG, TS III, MHRD | MHRD Representative |
| 3. Shri Dhananjay Kumar Singh
Deputy Secretary (Finance),
MHRD | MHRD Representative |
| 4. Dr. Vinod Krishan | Member |
| 5. Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian | Member
(Through Video Conference) |
| 6. Dr. P. Jayabalan | Member |
| 7. Dr. K. Muthukkumaran | Member |
| 8. Shri. A. Palanivel | Secretary |

Shri. Karumuttu T. Kannan and Dr. Gagandeep Kang expressed their inability to attend the Meeting due to their prior commitments elsewhere and hence leave of absence was granted to them

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON IN-CHARGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli & Chairperson In-charge, BoG welcomed the Members to the Meeting. She specially thanked the Ministry officials Shri. Madan Mohan and Shri Dhananjay Kumar Singh for sparing time and attending the Meeting in person.

Thereafter, the Registrar initiated the deliberations on the Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 52ND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2018.

The Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Board of Governors as given in Annexure I in the Agenda were circulated to the Members. No comments were received. The Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes.

RESOLUTION 53/BoG/2019/1	RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 52 nd Meeting of the Board of Governors be confirmed.
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ITEM NO. 2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOG.

51/BoG/ 2018/4 - Matters relating to the Arbitration:

Regarding the Writ Petition WP No 4670 of 2019 filed by M/s URC Constructions (P) Ltd, the Board agreed the recommendation of Finance Committee to request the Additional

Solicitor General of India to draft an affidavit on behalf of the Institute and MHRD. The affidavit will be sent to MHRD for final vetting and will be filed as counter affidavit against the Writ Petition.

The MHRD communication to CPWD in this regards was discussed and the Institute was directed to obtain a specific reply of DG, CPWD with respect to the MHRD D.O. letter No.19-7/2018-TS.III dated 21.2.2019.

Further the Institute will solicit the opinion of the Additional Solicitor General of India regarding the arbitration amount and the interest component to be paid by the Institute as claimed by CPWD.

51/BoG/ 2018/6 - Commissioning of Roof top Solar Photo Voltaic Power Plant:

The Board agreed the recommendation of Finance Committee that the institute should get in touch with the SECI for the announcement of new scheme.

**RESOLUTION
53/BoG/2019/2**

RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken on the decisions of the previous Meetings of the Board as recommended by the Finance Committee be noted with the following remarks:

- i) To request the Additional Solicitor General of India to draft an affidavit on behalf of the Institute and MHRD and the affidavit

will be sent to MHRD for final vetting before filing as counter affidavit against the Writ Petition.

- ii) The Institute was directed to obtain a specific reply of DG, CPWD with respect to the MHRD D.O. letter No.19-7/2018-TS.III dated 21.2.2019.
- ii) To solicit the opinion of the Additional Solicitor General of India regarding the arbitration amount and the interest component to be paid by the Institute as claimed by CPWD.
- iv) The Institute should get in touch with SECI for the announcement of new scheme regarding the installation of Roof top Solar Photo Voltaic Power Plant.

ITEM NO. 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2018.

The Director gave a presentation on the major achievements and developments that took place in the Institute since the last Meeting of the Board of Governors:

- Strategic Plan for 2019 - 2024 has been formulated with aspiration to be in the Top 500 Institutions in the World.
- Substantial increase in the number of publications and citations in Scopus and WoS.
- Sponsored projects of total value Rs. 14.32 Cr. has been obtained in 2018-19 (till date).

- 7 faculties have been sanctioned projects under SPARC valued at Rs. 4.41 Cr.
- Achieved consultancy amount of Rs. 2 Cr. for 2018 - 2019 (till date) and patents applied for 30 and 2 has been awarded for 2018 - 2019 (till date).
- Solar Photovoltaic powered cold storage facility has been developed in collaboration with IIFPT and inaugurated on 2nd February, 2019.
- MoU has been signed with AAI on 16th January 2019 to promote joint venture for air traffic management and control.
- NIT Tiruchirappalli was the only Institution among 15 Institutions to participate in LEAP program.
- Students achievements, 55 MITACS this year, Won 2 prizes in Software Smart India software hackathon and hosted Smart India Hackathon – 2019 Software Edition
- NIT Tiruchirappalli has engaged a Team to help 3 widows of martyrs of Pulwama Attack with all kinds of support.
- Hosted All India Inter NIT Sports - 2019 and emerged as overall winner in the event.
- The Six-day National seminar on "Women in Science & Technology: Breaking the Glass Ceiling," organized by the Women's cell and TEQIP start-up cell of the NIT-T on 18th March, 2019.
- Facilitated visit of Dr. S S Sandhu, Additional Secretary, Higher Education & Dr. Ajay Kumar, Secretary, Defense Production to NITT.
- New T & P building was inaugurated by Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia on 15th March 2019.
- Public Relations and Media: 384 new articles from various newspapers has been compiled during last six months.
- Various alumni activity like meeting with
- Director was Awarded – IEEE Best Teacher Award, Kerala Section 2019.

**RESOLUTION
53/BoG/2019/3**

RESOLVED THAT the Director's report on the major achievements and developments be noted with appreciation.

APPROVAL ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 4 RESERVATION FOR ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS (EWS) FOR ADMISSION IN CENTRAL EDUCATION INSTITUTES.

The Board discussed the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Senate regarding the implementation of the EWS reservation at the Institute and approved the following:

- a) To implement EWS reservation in all the UG and Ph.D programmes from Academic Year 2019 – 2020.
- b) To redistribute the DASA scheme seats among the UG programme as per demand, so that the number of seats under DASA, 15% of the sanctioned strength, is completely filled.
- c) To implement EWS reservation in MCA, MBA & M. Arch from the Academic Year 2019 – 2020. For all other PG programmes (M.Tech & M.Sc) it was decided to implement the EWS reservation from the Academic Year 2020 – 2021 as some programmes require revision & reorientation.
- d) To start a new PG programme in M.Sc Mathematics from Academic Year 2019 – 2020 without any additional faculty, laboratory & other financial commitment from the Institute with an initial intake of 25 (inclusive of EWS reservation).
- e) The seat matrix with EWS reservation for the Academic Year 2019 – 2020 and Academic Year 2020 – 2021 with the proposal for additional post and funds is communicated to Ministry for the implementation of the 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section.

- f) The Institute submitted its proposal for additional fund requirement for implementation of EWS reservation and it was felt to be on a higher side. It was informed that the Institute may be provided with additional fund for implementation of EWS reservation only at the rate approved by the Cabinet.

**RESOLUTION
53/BoG/2019/4**

RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the Senate and the Finance Committee be approved:

- a) To implement EWS reservation in all the UG and Ph.D programmes from Academic Year 2019 – 2020.
- b) To redistribute the DASA scheme seats among the UG programme as per demand, so that the number of seats under DASA, 15% of the sanctioned strength, is completely filled.
- c) To implement EWS reservation in MCA, MBA & M. Arch from the Academic Year 2019 – 2020. For all other PG programmes (M.Tech & M.Sc) it was decided to implement the EWS reservation from the Academic Year 2020 – 2021 as some programmes require revision & reorientation.
- d) To start a new PG programme in M.Sc Mathematics from Academic Year 2019 – 2020 without any additional faculty, laboratory & other financial commitment from the Institute with an initial intake of 25 (inclusive of EWS reservation).
- e) To implement the seat matrix with EWS reservation for the Academic Year 2019 – 2020 and Academic Year 2020 – 2021 with additional post and funds as

communicated to Ministry for the implementation of the 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Section.

- f) As the projected additional fund requirement for implementation of EWS reservation was on a higher side, it was informed that the Institute may be provided with additional fund for implementation of EWS reservation only at the rate approved by the Cabinet.

ITEM NO. 5 FINAL PROPOSAL FOR AVAILING LOAN FROM HEFA

The Board discussed the recommendation of the Finance Committee and noted that MHRD has accorded the approval to avail HEFA loan for the projects submitted by NIT Tiruchirappalli which amounts to Rs 61.8465 Cr vide MHRD letter no. F.No.19-10/2018-TS III dated 22nd Nov, 2018. The approved loan under HEFA shall be financed under Window (i) as detailed in para 2(i) of MHRD letter No. 16-2/2017-TC dated 16.07.2018. Against the said MHRD approval, NIT Tiruchirappalli has finalized the projects amounting to **Rs 51.6010 Cr** which has to be submitted to HEFA Board to avail HEFA loan.

The Board approved the projects amounting to Rs.51.6010 Cr as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the project worth Rs **51.6010 Cr** as recommended by the Finance Committee be approved under Window (i) of HEFA funding, as the finalized project amount is within the MHRD approved HEFA Budget.

ITEM NO. 6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 19TH & 21ST BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Board discussed the recommendation of the Finance Committee on 19th and 21st B&WC, for creating additional Infrastructure to meet the increase in student strength due to implementation of EWS reservation and suggested the following:

MHRD will allocate funds to the institute based on the approval of the Cabinet for EWS implementation. The Institute may prioritize the works recommended by B&WC as per the allocation. If there is shortage of funds, the Institute will request MHRD and the Ministry will provide additional funds for this purpose.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the works to be prioritized by Institute depending on the fund allocation by MHRD based on the approval of the Cabinet for EWS implementation be approved as recommended by the Finance Committee.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Shortfall of funds for EWS implementation, be provided by MHRD on the demand of the Institute.

ITEM NO. 7 ENHANCEMENT OF NPS EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION

This item is withdrawn by the Finance Committee and hence no discussion.

ITEM NO. 8 REVISION OF FEES (OTHER THAN TUITION FEE) FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 - 2020.

The Board approved the following recommendations of the Finance Committee to revise the various fees (other than the tuition fee) to be collected from the Students from the Academic Year 2019-2020.

RESOLUTION 53/BoG/2019/7 **RESOLVED THAT** the following recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved:

- i) To revise the various fees (other than the tuition fee) to be collected from the Students from the Academic Year 2019-2020.
- ii) 10% increase on all fee components (other than the Tuition Fee) every year to the students admitted in that year.
- iii) 50% of the campus development fee may be transferred to Institute Corpus Fund.

ITEM NO.9 DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED/OBSOLETE ITEMS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE INSTITUTE.

The Director appraised the Board about the Old / Obsolete / Unserviceable articles / Equipment in the department / sections which needs clearing. The Board appreciated the efforts taken by the Institute to identify & consolidate the items. The list of disposal items was prepared as per GFR 2017 Form 10.

The Board approved the recommendation of FC for the disposal off items as in annexure and also instructed the institute to

follow the E-Waste Policy while disposing the Old / Obsolete / Unserviceable equipment.

RESOLUTION 53/BoG/2019/8 **RESOLVED THAT** disposal off the list of condemnation / obsolete items as in Annexure be approved as recommended by Finance Committee.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the E-waste policy be followed by the Institute while disposing the Old / Obsolete / Unserviceable Equipment.

ITEM NO.10 REVISION OF QUARTERS LICENSE FEE AND OTHER RENTS.

The Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee to revise the licence fee for quarters under General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) allotted to employees of the Institute and various other categories.

RESOLUTION 53/BoG/2019/9 **RESOLVED THAT** the revision of license fee for quarters under General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) allotted to employees of the Institute and various other categories as recommended by the Finance Committee be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the revision of the license fee to the staffs be effect from Jul 2017 as per the Ministry of Urban Development OM No 18011/2/2015-Pol-III dated 19th Jul 2017 as per the Ministry of Urban Development OM No 18011/2/2015-Pol-III dated 19th Jul 2017.

ITEM NO.11 REVISION OF ALLOWANCES OF TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFF AS PER RECOMMENDATION OF 7TH CPC

The Board approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee on the revision of allowances of teaching and non-teaching staff as per recommendation of 7th CPC in accordance with the MHRD OM No:15-4/2017/TC dated 31st January, 2019 and Corrigendum 01st February, 2019, amounts to Rs.2.58 Crores.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the implementation of revision of allowances of teaching and non-teaching staff amounts to Rs.2.58 Crores as per recommendation of 7th CPC be noted.

B. OTHER ITEMS

ITEM NO. 12 IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR REMOVAL OF ANOMALIES OF NON-TEACHING STAFF AND REVISED RECRUITMENT RULES (RRs) FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN THE NITs.

As per the MHRD OM No. F. 35 – 5/ 2018 – TS.III dated 20th February 2019, the recommendations of Oversight Committee for removal of anomalies of non-teaching staff and revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Non-Teaching in the NITs was discussed and the Board approved the same for implementation.

**RESOLUTION
53/G/2019/11**

RESOLVED THAT the recommendations of the Oversight Committee for Non-Teaching staff and revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Non-Teaching as per MHRD OM No. F. 35 – 5/ 2018 – TS.III dated 20th February 2019 be approved for implementation in the Institute.

**ITEM NO. 13 REVISED LEAVE RULES OF THE INSTITUTE AS PER
THE CCS (LEAVE) RULES 1972 WITH LATEST
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Leave Rules that was followed by the Institute was last updated in the year 2004. In accordance with NIT Act and Statutes, governed by Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972, the Institute has revised the Leave Rules in compliance with the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972, incorporating the 7th CPC recommendations.

The service conditions for applying Sabbatical Leave was discussed and the Board advised to refer to the Standing Committee of NITSER Council.

**RESOLUTION
53/BoG/2019/12**

RESOLVED THAT the proposal for implementation of revised Leave Rules of the Institute in compliance with the Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972 be adopted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the service conditions for applying Sabbatical Leave be referred to the Standing Committee of NITSER Council.

RATIFICATION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 14 INSTITUTE POLICY FOR EMAIL, INTERNET AND TELEPHONE USAGE

The Board discussed the Institute policy regarding email, internet and telephone usage in line with the provisions of the Data Protection Act (IT Act 2000) and the protection of Human Rights Act (1993) and approved it.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the Institute policy for Email, Internet and Telephone usage as per the provisions in the Data Protection Act (IT Act 2000) and the protection of Human Rights Act (1993) be approved.

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ITEM NO. 15 SHIFTING OF IIIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI TO AN ALTERNATE CAMPUS

With the implementation of EWS reservation scheme from academic year 2019 - 2020, the excess space is required by NIT Tiruchirappalli. The Director briefed the Board about the space crunch due to hosting of IIIT Tiruchirappalli and the need for shifting IIIT Tiruchirappalli from NIT campus due to EWS implementation. The Board agreed with the views of the Director and approved the proposal.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the decision for shifting of IIIT Tiruchirappalli to an alternate place outside the NIT campus be approved.

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ITEM NO. 16 FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

The Board approved the foreign visit of the following eight faculty members.

S.No	Name of the Faculty Member	Conference/Work shop/Training	Dates	Place
1	Dr. L. Cindrella Professor Department of Chemistry	Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)	04 th February 2019 to 24 th February 2019	NTU, Singapore
2	Dr. K. Murugesan Professor Department of Mathematics	Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)	04 th February 2019 to 24 th February 2019	NTU, Singapore
3	Dr. M. Umopathy Professor Department of ICE	Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)	04 th February 2019 to 24 th February 2019	NTU, Singapore
4	Dr. R. Jeyapaul Professor Department of Production Engineering	Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)	17 th February 2019 to 24 th February 2019	NTU, Singapore
5	Dr. S. Suresh Associate Professor Department of Mechanical Engineering	To visit and do collaborative research work at National University of Singapore	19 th February 2019 to 25 th February 2019	National University of Singapore
6	Dr. S. Saravanan, Assistant Professor Department of Civil Engineering	Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development at Asia Institute of Technology	7 th March 2019 to 08 th March 2019	Thailand
7	Dr. T. K. Radhakrishnan Professor & Dean (Faculty Welfare) Department of Chemical Engineering	Leadership Development Programme for Academicians (LEAP)	11 th March 2019 to 15 th March 2019	Penn State, University Park, Pennsylvania, USA
8	Dr. J. Sarat Chandra Babu Professor Department of Chemical Engineering	Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP)	17 th March 2019 to 24 th March 2019	NTU, Singapore

RESOLUTION
53/BoG/2019/15

RESOLVED THAT the foreign visits of eight Faculty Members be noted.

REPORTING ITEM

ITEM NO. 17 MINUTES OF THE 41ST & 42ND MEETING OF THE SENATE

The Board noted the decisions of the 41st & 42nd Senate for converting 36 seats of full time M. S. (Research) Programme into 17 full time Ph. D seats (with scholarship) without any additional financial burden.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the decisions of the 41st & 42nd Senate for conversion of 36 seats of full time M. S. (by Research) seats into 17 full time Ph. D seats (with scholarship), without any additional financial burden, be approved as recommended by the Senate.

ITEM NO. 18 MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER 2018.

The Board noted the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10th December 2018.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10th December 2018 be noted.

ITEM NO. 19 MINUTES OF THE 20TH MEETING OF BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2018.

The Board noted the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 14th November 2018.

**RESOLUTION
53/BoG/2019/18**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 14th November 2018 be noted.

ITEM NO. 20 LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING

The Board noted the legal matters subsequent to the last meeting and suggested that while issuing appointment order to the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, Clause 29 of NIT Act, 2007, i.e. “The request of the employee concerned or at the instance of the Institute, be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration, the decision of the Tribunal shall be final and shall not be questioned in any Court” should be included.

**RESOLUTION
53/BoG/2019/19**

RESOLVED THAT Legal Matters subsequent to the last Meeting of the Board be noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT while issuing the appointment order to the Teaching and Non-Teaching staff, Clause 29 NIT Act, 2007, i.e. “The request of the employee concerned or at the instance of the Institute, be referred to a Tribunal of Arbitration. The decision of the Tribunal shall be final and shall not be questioned in any Court” be added.

ITEM NO. 24 ANY OTHER ITEMS

The following item was discussed under this heading:

1. Donation of obsolete items and store items to Educational Institute:

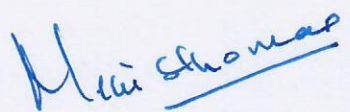
As per the First Statute of NIT Act 2007 clause 17 (6), “the Director shall have the power to donate obsolete equipment or store items, as identified by a Committee constituted for this purposed by the Director, to any educational institutions in the vicinity of the institute up to such limits as may be decided by the Board time to time”.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance committee to donate the obsolete items to educational institutes situated within 50 Kms radius of the NIT Tiruchirappalli.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the Director is empowered to donate obsolete items in accordance with Clause 17 (6) of First statute of NIT Act, to educational institutes situated within 50 Kms radius of the NIT Tiruchirappalli be approved as recommended by FC.

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


Secretary


Chairperson In-charge, BoG