



**MINUTES OF THE 59TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON 23RD JUNE 2020 AT 03:30 PM IN THE OOM ROOM, NIT
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**

PRESENT:

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| 1. | Dr. (Mrs.) Mini Shaji Thomas | Director & Chairperson In-charge |
| 2. | Shri. Madan Mohan
ADG, MHRD | Member* |
| 3. | Smt Darshana M. Dabral
Joint Secretary and Financial
Advisor, MHRD | Member* |
| 4. | Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian | Member* |
| 5. | Shri. Karumuttu T. Kannan | Member* |
| 6. | Shri. P.R. Venketrama Raja | Member* |
| 7. | Dr. S. Kumanan | Member |
| 8. | Dr. S. Jerome | Member |
| 9. | Shri. A. Palanivel | Secretary |
| 10. | Dr. L. Cindrella | Special Invitee |

* Through Video Conferencing

GENERAL MATTERS

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

Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli and Chairperson In-charge, Board of Governors welcomed the members to the meeting. She specially thanked the Ministry Officials, Shri Madan Mohan, Additional Director General and Ms Darshana Dabral, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, for sparing time and attending the meeting. Thereafter, the Registrar - Secretary initiated the deliberations on the Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 57th and 58th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2019 AND 21st MARCH 2020

The Minutes of the 57th and 58th (Special) Meeting of the BoG were circulated to the Members of the Board. No comments were received from the Members. The Board confirmed the Minutes.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes of the 57th
59/BoG/2020/1 and 58th (Special) Meeting of the Board of
Governors be confirmed.

ITEM NO. 2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOG

The Action Taken Report of the previous meetings of the Board of Governors were discussed and noted with the following observations.

- (i) **Resolution No. 58/BoG/2020/1:** The offers of appointment to 71 selected candidates for the post of Assistant Professors (Grade II - Level 10, equivalent to AGP 6000 in VI CPC) were issued as per the resolution. Out of 71, two candidates got selected both in CSE and CA departments. All the 69 had accepted the offer of appointment and 45 reported for duty till 01.06.2020. The last date for joining duty was extended till 30.06.2020 and may be extended further due to COVID-19.
- (ii) **57BoG/2019/5:** The first installment (one-third) of the total cost of two projects namely, vertical expansion of Lecture Hall Complex (Rs. 17.57 crores) and Opal (Girls Hostel, Rs.14.49 crores), amounting to Rs.10.63 Crore was released to CPWD on 17.02.2020 from the Internal Revenue savings of the Institute.
- (iii) **57/BOG/2019/8,** regarding the implementation of EWS, due to COVID-19 pandemic, MHRD is contemplating to request Institutes to defer the implementation of EWS during the academic year, 2020-2021.
- (iv) **57BoG/2019/12:** Librarian, one Deputy Librarian, two Senior

Technical Officers and four Technical Officers have joined the Institute.

(v) **57BoG/2019/21:** The list of additional Board nominees for Faculty selection held in Feb/March 2020 were ratified.

RESOLUTION 59/BoG/2020/2 **RESOLVED THAT** the Action Taken on the decisions of the previous Meetings of the Board be noted with the following remarks:

- In the recent recruitment of Assistant Professors in Feb/March 2020, all the 69 candidates had accepted the offer of appointment and 45 reported for duty till 01.06.2020. The last date for joining duty was extended till 30.06.2020 and may be extended further due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The first installment (one-third) of the total cost of two infrastructure projects namely, vertical expansion of Lecture Hall Complex (Rs. 17.57 crores) and Opal (Girls Hostel, Rs.14.49 crores), amounting to Rs.10.63 Crore was released to CPWD on 17.02.2020 from the Internal Revenue savings of the Institute.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic, MHRD is contemplating to request Institutes to defer the implementation of EWS during the academic year, 2020-2021.
- Librarian, one Deputy Librarian, two Senior Technical Officers and four Technical Officers have joined the Institute.
- The list of additional Board nominees for Faculty selection held in Feb/March 2020 were ratified.

ITEM NO. 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG.

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

The Director elaborated the following achievements and activities of the Institute.

- NIT Tiruchirappalli is selected to be part of the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) by GOI, DST Sanctioned a 650 TF Super Computing System worth ~ 17.11 Crores
- The Institute is a PMRF Granting Institution from 2020-21 as we are in the top 25 in 'Overall' Ranking in NIRF 2019!
- NIT Tiruchirappalli has been appointed as a National MOOCs coordinator for UG & PG Engineering programs.
- NIT Tiruchirappalli retained its No.1 position among all NITs, 5th year in a row in the "India Rankings 2020" released by NIRF, MHRD Government of India. NIT Tiruchirappalli moved to 9th Rank in Engineering, improving from last year's 10th rank, with an overall score of 64.1, compared to 61.62 in 2019.
- In 'Teaching-Learning Resources', with the recruitment of new faculty, improvement in student strength and better utilization of financial resources, the score improved considerably from 68.36 to 72.11.
- In 'Research and Professional Practice', there is a substantial increase in score from 46.64 to 50.04, due to surge in number of publications and improvement in the quality of publications. 25.88% of the publications are in Q1 journals and 42.33 % are in Q2 journals. The Institute gave a strong push to Intellectual Property Rights and filing of patents and this proved to be a game changer in enhancing this parameter. 26 patents were published and 2 granted in 2019. The emphasis on submitting more projects and receiving grants, Consultancy and Continuing Education Programs also brought in credits.
- In 'Graduation Outcome', there was improvement in placement and the median salary offered to graduates and the number of Ph.D. scholars graduated also improved substantially.

Due to COVID-19 lockdown, the Institute suspended classes from 15th March and the primary concerns were as follows:

- Ensuring the health, safety and security of the students, faculty & staff.

- Continuation of academic activities- Face to Face/Digital mode- the semester was completed with online classes, doubt clearing sessions and uploading material on a portal created by the Institute.
- The examinations were conducted successfully for final year UG and PG, using an online portal developed by the Institute and the results will be declared on 3rd July after the Senate meeting. The examinations for junior students also will be conducted using the same portal in late July/August 2020.
- Continuing the Research process- PhD- reviews/synopsis/thesis submission/evaluation/final Viva- moved completely online - including final Viva-Voce.
- Conducting classes with COVID -19- since it is not practical to bring students back to campus soon, the Institute will be going for online classes for the next semester from 25th August 2020.
- The Institute is trying austerity measures due to the prevailing situation and is looking at Industry and Alumni for funding support for Research.
- Running the offices is going on smoothly, as the Institute had moved to digital filing system in 2019.
- The Institute created a benevolent fund to help the needy, who were dependent on the campus, who lost the jobs and also made and distributed face shields, sanitizers etc.
- Physical and mental health well-being committee has been formulated to interact with students during COVID-19 situation. Faculty advisors interact with the students allotted to them, to boost the morale. Meetings are arranged with all Class Representatives to appraise the various steps initiated by the institute in teaching-learning process and safety measures for effectively engaging the students. Hostel Administration Committee (HAC) made all efforts to evacuate the students safely from the hostel and enabled them to stay with their parents. Few students, who stayed back in the hostel were taken care well and were provided with healthy and hygienic food by the HAC.
- 59 of the newly recruited Faculty joined the Institute out of the 69 recruited in Feb/March 2020.
- The Director also elaborated the plans to improve the performance of the Institute in all respects.

The members congratulated the Director, Faculty, Staff and students for the stellar performance in NIRF 2020. The Board advised the Institute to keep up the efforts to sustain and improve the scores and rank.

RESOLUTION 59/BoG/2020/3 **RESOLVED THAT** the Director's report on the major achievements and developments be noted with appreciation.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the efforts of the Director and her team, Faculty, Students and Staff in improving the Rank in NIRF 2020 be recognized.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the appointment of the Institute by MHRD, as the National coordinator for MOOCs for UG and PG Engineering Courses be noted.

APPROVAL ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 4 ESTABLISHMENT OF SPONSORED CHAIRS BY CORPORATES AND ALUMNI - TERM CHAIR FOR YOUNG FACULTY FUNDED BY THE INFOSYS FOUNDATION.

(i)The Institute, through the Office of the Dean (Institutional Development & Alumni Relations (ID & AR)), and after due deliberations in the meetings of Deans, had floated the concept of establishment of sponsored Chairs. Varieties of sponsored Chairs to be established from external resources – such as from alumni, from corporates and from Foundation. The Sponsored Chairs may be established for the purpose covering stipend for Ph.D. scholars, certain research expenses recurring expenses, and a Chair honorarium for the faculty appointed to the Chair, and overhead expenses. The sponsor shall be given naming rights and the option to define the area and the department in which Chair is to be created. The Institute shall, in consultation with the sponsor, identify the faculty to be appointed to the (proposed) Chair. In exceptional cases, where the sponsor is keen on honoring a particular faculty (by name) with a sponsored Chair, on professional grounds, the same shall be permitted. The Institute shall evolve guidelines for monitoring the progress of any Chair (work performed by the Chair faculty and the PhD student supported by the

Chair).

(ii) In line with the above, Institute is keen to have a Chair sponsored by the Infosys Foundation in NIT Tiruchirappalli. The sponsor shall offer a sum of Rs.36.54 Lakhs (Rupees Thirty-Six Lakhs and Fifty-Four Thousand only), to establish the above Chair. The proposed Chair may be named as “The Infosys Foundation Chair for Young Faculty In Computer Science And Applications”.

The proposed Chair shall encourage faculty working in the areas (identified jointly by the sponsoring Foundation and by NIT Tiruchirappalli) like “Cloud Analytics, Edge Computing, Data analytics near the Edge (and an application area for a particular industry to take the research to market)”.

The FC while discussing the proposal, opined to explore initiating Institute Chair positions for Senior Faculty members also, with stringent selection criteria, as it is a matter of prestige for Senior Faculty, those who have contributed immensely to the Institute. The Board agreed the recommendations of the FC.

RESOLUTION 59/BoG/2020/4 **RESOLVED THAT** the proposal for the establishment of Sponsored Chairs by Alumni/Corporate/Foundations etc., be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the proposal for establishment of Infosys foundation Chair for Young Faculty in CSE and CA, as per the guidelines in Annexure III of the BOG agenda be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Chair Position for Senior faculty be initiated by the Institute.

ITEM NO. 5 OPENING & OPERATION OF FCRA ACCOUNT

The Government of India vide Gazette notification no S.O.459(E) dated 30 Jan 2020 has modified the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act,2010 and exempt organizations constituted or established under a Central Act or a State Act and required to have their amounts compulsorily audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), from the operation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act 2010. NIT Tiruchirappalli being established under NITSER Act 2007, and the Annual accounts of Institute is being audited by C&AG, the exemption is applicable to NIT Trichy. Considering the modification in policy, Institute may be permitted to open and operate a Foreign Currency account in a Nationalized Bank and Director and Registrar of the Institute may be appointed as authorized signatories. MHRD may be intimated in this regard. The Board approved the proposal, as recommended by the FC.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the opening of the FCRA ACCOUNT as per the Gazette Notification No S.O.459 (E) dated 30 Jan 2020, with intimation to MHRD, be approved.

ITEM NO. 6 SETTING UP OF STUDIOS FOR ONLINE CONTENT DEVELOPMENT FOR MOOCs UNDER APPROVED HEFA FUNDING.

Ministry of Human Resource Development has appointed NIT, Tiruchirappalli as the National MOOCs Coordinator for offering Engineering Courses at UG and PG level.

The setting up of the studios is inevitable for developing the quality learning content to be uploaded online. In consultation with IIT Madras, it is proposed to set up 4 Nos of studios at the total budgetary cost of Rs. 3.50 crores.

Further, the Board has already approved Rs. 9.49 Cr for setting up of Smart Classes under total projects worth Rs.51.60 Cr under HEFA funding vide resolution 53 BoG/2019/5 and HEFA Sanction Order No: SAN/NITT/177/2019-20 dated 1.8.2019. It was confirmed by HEFA, that the Sanction accorded is based on the projects and modification in the equipment under a project may be allowed with intimation to HEFA. Hence it is proposed to consider the setting up of the Studios for MOOCs under the approved Rs. 9.49 Cr of Smart Classes under the equipment list item no 11 “Acoustics Treatment in the classroom. False ceiling in the classroom”. The Board approved the recommendations of the FC.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the setting up of four studios **59/BoG/2020/6** for online content development for MOOCs under the sanctioned HEFA funding of Rs.9.49 Cr for setting up Smart classroom, be approved.

ITEM NO. 7 PROF. R JAYASANKAR (RETIRED) – DOCTORAL PROGRAMME SPONSORED UNDER QIP SCHEME - NON-COMPLIANCE.

Mr. R. Jayasankar, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering had joined in this Institute on 30/12/1983 as Lecturer in the Department of Civil Engineering, NIT Tiruchirappalli (formerly

Regional Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli) and he superannuated on 31/01/2020 (A.N)

In 1993, he was permitted to do Ph.D., sponsored under Q.I.P Scheme at I.I.T Madras for a period of three years based on the recommendation of the minutes of the Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) and was relieved from REC, Tiruchirappalli on 16/07/1993, on deputation, as per QIP guidelines. He had rejoined duty on 19/07/1996 F.N at REC, Tiruchirappalli after completing 3 years under QIP at I.I.T Madras without obtaining his Ph.D. degree. As per the bond executed by him, he had to serve the institution for a minimum period of 5 years after the completion of Doctoral Training failing which he should repay a sum of Rs. 7,62,000/-.

As per the service register, Shri.R.Jayasankar was served a notice on 28.1.2020 requesting him to pay the bond amount of Rs.7,62,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixty two thousand only) together with interest thereon from the date of demand at Government rates for the time being in force on Government loans.

Mr.R.Jayasankar in his reply letter dated 11.02.2020 has claimed that he had completed the Doctoral Training Programme successfully and served for five years, and stated that bond status become null and void.

The Board opined that appropriate action by the Institute as per FRSR and QIP rules applicable to the Government employees at that time be taken, as recommended by the FC.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** appropriate action by the
59/BoG/2020/7 Institute as per FRSR and QIP rules applicable to
the Government employees at that time be taken.

ITEM NO. 8 GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE INSTITUTE.

The Ministry of Home Affairs vide the OM No.40-3/3030-DM-I(A) dated 15 Apr 2020, (copy attached as annexure) issued the consolidated guidelines for the containment of COVID-19 pandemic. In the annexure II of the said OM, the MHA was instructed to mandate the medical insurance for their employees/workers. The NITSER Act 2007, vide Sec 23 provides the provision of insurance scheme for the benefit of its employees. In the view of the present pandemic situation due to COVID-19, it is felt to have a Group Medical Insurance for the employees and also to mitigate the hardship faced while hospitalization. The Group medical insurance will be extended to all permanent Faculties and Non faculties of the Institute. Accordingly, it is proposed to have a Group medical insurance for 2 lakhs coverage for each staff and their family.

Since, GIS for all Autonomous Institutions are under discussion in MHRD, the Institute can wait for the recommendations.

However, the Board suggested that the Institute may provide a platform for all employees/ pensioners to avail GIS with no financial liability to the Institute.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT A platform for all employees/ pensioners to avail GIS with no financial liability to the Institute be approved.
59/BoG/2020/8

B. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUIDLING & WORKS COMMITTEE

ITEM NO.9 NEW KITCHEN BUILDING FOR OPAL MESS

The existing Mega Messes operated inside the OPAL (ladies hostel) premises only has dining halls in the ground and first floors, Kitchen for the same is located in an adjacent old building. It is proposed to integrate the kitchen with dining halls in the first and second floor by building a New Kitchen facility in ground as well as first floor with a total area of 540 sq.m. The proposed interior works will include all modern amenities in the kitchen like SS kitchen counters, Wash areas,

Exhaust hoods etc. The cost estimate of Rs.1.97 Crore for the proposed construction of new kitchen near Opal dining hall is recommended by the 24th BWC meeting and 43rd FC.

The Board accepted the recommendations and approved the construction of new kitchen for Opal mess.

RESOLUTION
59/BoG/2020/9

RESOLVED THAT the construction of new kitchen for OPAL mess at a cost of Rs.1.97 Crore from IRG be approved.

C. OTHER ITEMS

ITEM NO. 10	ICC REPORT DISCIPLINARY CASE
	(This will be confidential in the public domain)

RATIFICATION ITEMS

**ITEM NO. 11 ARBITRATION CASE BETWEEN CPWD AND URC
CONSTRUCTION.**

The issue of Arbitration was discussed in various meetings of the Board of Governors of the Institute and numerous hearing were held in the High Court of Madras.

As per the directions of the High Court, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli had appeared in person in the High Court of Madras on 4th February 2020 in the Arbitration case. Mr. P.K Singh, Special Director General, CPWD also appeared in person. The Learned ASG Shri G. Rajagopalan appeared for NIT Tiruchirappalli and argued the case. Finally, the Learned Judge pronounced the judgement in the WP 4670 of 2019 as follows:

“After hearing parties at some length, I hold that it would only be prudent to dispose the writ petition on the following terms:

(i) National Institute of Technology, shall pay / deposit to Central Public Works Department, now represented in this proceedings by the 4th respondent, the Executive Engineer, Central Public Works Department, Tiruchirappalli Central Division, NIT Campus, Thuvakudi, Tiruchirappalli, 75% of the award amount, which amount shall be mutually crystalized by the officials of National Institute of Technology and officials of Central Public Works Department and this amount shall be paid by National Institute of Technology by depositing the same in the Bank account of Central Public Works Department on or before 06.03.2020. It is specifically represented by the learned Additional Solicitor General, that the deposit of 75% must be without prejudice to the right of the National Institute of Technology, to lay a later claim / claims / further claims as against the Central Public Works Department in appropriate proceedings more particularly either by inviting Central Public Works Department to arbitrate the matter or institute a civil suit or invoke any other alternate dispute resolution method.

(ii) On deposit of such 75%, within a period of 7 working days from the date of such deposit, the Central Public Works Department more particularly, the 4th respondent, the Executive Engineer, Central Public Works Department, Tiruchirappalli shall pay the said amount to the account of the petitioner viz. M/s.URC Construction (P) Ltd.

(iii) The petitioner viz. M/s.URC Construction (P) Ltd, shall receive the amount without prejudice to lay further claims / entire award amount including any interest compound or under any head of claim / head of account either through negotiation or in proceedings under Section 36 of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 or through any other appropriate proceedings.

It is, however, hoped that the Central Government Agencies,

particularly, the National Institute of Technology and Central Public Works Department would at the earliest honour the award amount which has already been passed”.

The Learned ASG advised the Institute that, this is the best possible solution available and asked the Institute to proceed with the implementation of the judgement and transfer 75% of the Arbitration amount to CPWD before 06.03.2020 without prejudice to NIT Tiruchirappalli.

Hence 75% of the Award amount, which works out to Rs.4,80,19,275/- (Rupees Four Crores eighty lakhs nineteen thousand two hundred and seventy-five only) to CPWD, as per the court order (Award Amount of Rs.6,40,25,700/-) was transferred to CPWD on 26/02/2020 with intimation to MHRD (Annexure VIII d of the Agenda notes).

Further, the Institute received a letter dated 16.05.2020 from CPWD asking NIT Tiruchirappalli to pay the rest 25% of the arbitration amount with interest of the full amount from the date of the arbitration award, at the earliest. Another letter dated 22.05.2020, was received from CPWD, that consent may be accorded to them for disbursement of balance award amount with interest from the balance money available with CPWD from the ongoing works in the Institute.

Opinion of ASG was obtained regarding the letters which is as follows: As per the court order dated 4th Feb 2020, and as per ASG advice, after discussion with MHRD, we paid 75% of the Arbitration amount to CPWD. If the Arbitration amount is to be honored in full, CPWD has to pay the rest of the amount as NIT Tiruchirappalli, is not even party to the arbitration.

A suitable reply was sent to CPWD by the Institute and suitable action can be initiated with the consent of the BOG.

The BOG discussed and agreed the recommendation of the FC that defying the court order, the CPWD should not write to the

Institute requesting for more money as it is already settled by the Court Judgement dated 4.2.2020. Also, CPWD should avoid seeking permission from the Institute to divert the fund meant for other projects towards the rest of the arbitration award, which cannot be entertained. The Board suggested that the Institute may explore availing the service of other Govt. agencies/PSU for infrastructure development in the campus.

RESOLUTION 59/BoG/2020/11 **RESOLVED THAT** the payment of 75% of the arbitration amount amounting to Rs. 4,80,19,275/- (Rupees Four Crores eighty lakhs nineteen thousand two hundred and seventy five only) paid to CPWD as per the court order, be ratified.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT CPWD should not seek from the Institute more money than what is already paid by NIT Tiruchirappalli indicated in the court judgement dated 4.2.2020. The Agency should avoid seeking permission from the Institute to divert the fund meant for other projects towards the rest of the arbitration award, which cannot be entertained.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the possibility of availing the service of other Govt. agencies/PSU for infrastructure development in the campus be explored.

ITEM NO. 12	CONFIRMATION OF GROUP A OFFICERS ON COMPLETION OF PROBATION PERIOD.
	The following officers were recruited in the Institute at various posts and as per the recruitment rules governing their appointment they have completed one year of probation period successfully. During the probation period no adverse remarks / entries have been found against the below officers and they are found FIT to be confirmed in their respective service. All due procedures for the

	declaration of successful completion of probation period has been followed as per DOPT, GoI norms.
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S. No.	Name	Designation	Staff No.	Pay Band/ Grade pay	Date of Joining	Date of Completion of Probation Period
1	Dr. Solomon Raja A	SAS Officer	2266	PB3 + GP 5400	19/12/2018	18/12/2019
2	Shri. Dalley Krishnan	SAS Officer	2267	PB3 + GP 5400	26/12/2018	25/12/2019

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the confirmation of **59/BoG/2020/12** Group A officers namely, Dr. Solomon Raja A and Shri. Dalley Krishnan - SAS Officers, be ratified.

ITEM NO. 13 FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

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

S. No	Name of the Faculty Member	Conference/Workshop/Training	Dates	Place
1.	Dr.S.S.Karthikeyan, (Staff No: 2250), Assistant Professor, Dept of ECE	Asia-Pacific Microwave Conference 2019 and Technical Exhibition	09 th December 2019 to 14 th December 2019	Singapore
2.	Dr.E.Sivasankar (Staff.No:2112), Assistant Professor, Dept of CSE	International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Knowledge Economy (ICCIKE 2019) at Amity University	10 th December 2019 to 13 th December 2019	Dubai, UAE
3.	Dr.R.Senthil Kumar (Staff.No:2226), Assistant Professor, Dept of Civil Engg	10 th International Conference on Structural Engineering and Construction Management 2019 "(ICSECM 2019)"	12 th December 2019 to 14 th December 2019	Kandy, Srilanka
4.	Dr.R.Periyasamy (Staff.No:2248), Assistant Professor, Dept of ICE	International Forum of Advanced Photonics (FAP 2019) at Zhejiang University	09 th December 2019 to 14 th December 2019	China

5.	Dr.N.Sivakumaran (Staff No:1994), Professor, Dept of ICE	Visit the Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Connecticut (UCONN)	24 th December 2019 to 24 th January 2020	USA
6.	Dr.S.Velmathi (Staff.No:2076), Professor, Dept of Chemistry	Department of Applied Chemistry, National Chiao Tung University,	23 rd December 2019 to 06 th January 2020	Taiwan
7.	Dr.S.Anandan (Staff.No:2028), Professor, Dept of Chemistry	visit School of Chemistry regarding the Collaborative Research work under SPARC Scheme at University of Melbourne	23 rd December 2019 to 03 rd January 2020	Australia
8.	Dr.R.Leela Velusamy (Staff No: 824), Professor, Dept of CSE	International Conference on Smart Trends for Computing and Communications	23 rd January 2020 to 26 th January 2020	Thailand
9.	Dr.M.Sridevi (Staff No: 2170), Assistant Professor, Dept of CSE	SAKURA SCIENCE Exchange program at Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)	24 th January 2020 to 02 nd February 2020	Tokyo, Japan
10.	Dr.R.Anand (Staff.No:2120), Associate Professor, Dept of Mechanical Engg	visit Loughborough University, United Kingdom regarding the Research Collaboration	15 th February 2020 to 26 th February 2020	United Kingdom
11.	Dr.Karthik Thirumala (Staff.No: 2225), Assistant Professor, Dept of EEE	19 th International Conference on Harmonics and Quality of Power (IHPQ 2020) at University of Wollongong.	22 nd March 2020 to 26 th March 2020	Dubai, UAE

**RESOLUTION
59/BoG/2019/13**

RESOLVED THAT the foreign visits of ten Faculty Members (S.No. 1- 10) be ratified. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, Dr. Karthik Thirumala (S.No.11) could not attend the Conference.

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 14	RESEARCH GRANT FOR POST DOCTORAL FELLOWS (PDF).
	In order to enhance the research and innovation eco system of Institute, the Board has resolved to introduce 50 Post-Doctoral Fellowship vide resolution 55/BoG/2019/7. Board also instructed to follow the guidelines of SERB – National Post-Doctoral Fellowship (N-PDF) for the PDF position. Accordingly, Institute

	has appointed 38 no of PDFs and presently there are 36 no of PDFs working. To aid the research activities, the BoG has granted research grant and overheads to PDFs as per DST norms as follows:
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Budget Head	Amount	Remarks
Research Grant	Rs. 2,00,000/p-per annum	For minor equipment, consumables, contingencies and travel in India.
Overheads	Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum	Additional expenses on consumables, contingencies and travel in India, Paper Over length charges

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the guidelines for the **59/BoG/2020/14** utilization of grant to the PDFs which was framed based on the CPDA guidelines be noted.

ITEM NO. 15 ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021

The MHRD vide OM F.No 36-6/2019-TS-III dated 02 Apr 2020 allotted Rs. 185.95 Cr viz OH-31- Rs. 65.31 Cr, OH-36 – Rs. 95.64 Cr & OH-35 – Rs. 25.00 Cr is placed before the Board for information.

The Board noted the annual budget allocation for the financial year 2020-2021. The Board noted the observations of the FC that austerity measures should be practiced due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation, especially that the capital grant may be curtailed.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** annual budget allocation for the financial year 2020-2021 be noted, with the suggestion to practice austerity measures by the Institute, due to the COVID situation.

ITEM NO. 16 MINUTES OF THE 24th MEETING OF BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board noted the Minutes of 24th of Building and Works Committee.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the 24th
59/BoG/2019/16 Building and Works committee be noted.

ITEM NO. 17 MINUTES OF THE 47TH, 48TH, 49TH & 50TH MEETING OF THE SENATE

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Senate took some decisions regarding the academic schedule, as per the directions of MHRD vide F.No.33-6/2020-TS.III dated 1st May 2020.

The Board noted the Minutes of the 47th, 48th, 49th & 50th Meeting of the Senate.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the
59/BoG/2020/17 47th, 48th, 49th & 50th Senate meeting be
noted.
RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the
completion of coverage of the current
semester courses by creating a study portal
and online classes be noted.
RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the
conduct of theory examinations and project
evaluation remotely for the current final
year students due to COVID-19, be noted.
RESOLVED FURTHER THAT online
assessments for all other UG and PG
students will be taken up if the lockdown
continues in June/July 2020.

ITEM NO. 18 LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING

The Board noted the legal matters subsequent to the last meeting and suggested to keep a close watch of all the legal suit filed against the Institute.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT Legal Matters subsequent to the last Meeting of the Board be noted.
59/BoG/2019/18

ITEM NO. 19 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

The Institute coordinated CSAB 2019 successfully and the Utilization Certificate was submitted to National Testing Agency (NTA).

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT the successful coordination of CSAB by the Institute and the submission of Utilization Certificate to National Testing Agency (NTA) be noted.
59/BoG/2020/19

The BOG expressed sincere thanks to the Registrar, Mr. A. Palanivel for his contribution to the development of the Institute, as he completes his term of duty in NIT, Tiruchirappalli on 30.06.2020.

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



Secretary



Chairperson In-charge, BoG