



**MINUTES OF THE 68th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON 25th MAY 2022 AT 3:30 PM IN NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1.	Shri. Bhaskar Bhat	Chairperson, BoG
2.	Dr. (Mrs.) G. Aghila, Director	Member
3.	Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS Joint Secretary, MoE	Member*
4.	Smt. Darshana M. Dabral Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, MoE	Member*
5.	Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian, Professor, IIT, Madras	Member*
6.	Dr. S. Kumanan	Member
7.	Dr. G. Saravana Ilango	Member
8.	Dr. M. Arivazhagan	Special Invitee
9.	Dr. N. Thamaraiselvan, Registrar i/c	Secretary
* Through Video Conferencing		

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Shri. Bhaskar Bhat, Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed the members to the meeting. He briefed about the inauguration of PARAM PORUL supercomputing center at NIT, Tiruchirappalli.

Thereafter, the Registrar (i/c) - Secretary initiated the deliberations on the agenda items.

ITEM NO. 68.1	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 67th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 24th NOVEMBER 2021	
	The Minutes of the 67 th Meeting of the BoG were circulated to the members of the Board. No comments were received. The Board confirmed the minutes.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/1	RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 67 th meeting of the Board of Governors be confirmed.

ITEM NO. 68.2	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. 67/BoG/2021/7 - RECAL US Chapter will be approached to get the fund from Mr. Raj Shanmugaraj after providing form 501(C). The donated fund will be transferred from RECAL US Chapter account to NIT, Tiruchirappalli account. 65/BoG/2021/9 - Institute may communicate to CPWD to resolve the matter within 30 days. If no resolution arise, money suit will be immediately filed. 65/BoG/2021/20 & 21 – Institute shall communicate to CPWD to send the reply within 30 days. Meanwhile, legal advice to be sought to decide the further course of action.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/2	RESOLVED THAT the action taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board be noted with the following comments: a) RECAL US Chapter will be approached to get the fund from Mr. Raj Shanmugaraj after providing form 301. The donated fund will be transferred from RECAL US Chapter account to NIT, Tiruchirappalli account. b) Institute may communicate to CPWD to resolve the matter within 30 days' notice. If

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ITEM NO. 68.3	DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG.	
	The Director presented the report on the major achievements and developments.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/3	The Director's report on the major achievements and developments be noted with appreciation. Board noted that two new programs in line with NEP, (i) online "M.Tech Artificial Intelligence and Data Science" as an interdisciplinary course from the department of Computer Applications, Computer Science and Management Studies and (ii) Post Diploma in Steel Technology from Metallurgy department will be offered based on the recommendations of BoS with complete set of online guidelines.

APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 68.4	FACULTY RECRUITMENT AGAINST ADVERTISEMENT NO. NITT/R/F/2021/01 DATED 25.08.2021 UNDER CEI ACT
	As per Resolution No:66/BoG/2021/1, the advertisement for the recruitment of 92 Assistant Professor (Grade II) was released on

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25.8.2021 and applications were received. As reported in the 67th meeting of the BoG, the Institute was waiting for directions from the Ministry for further processing of the applications. Subsequent to the communications received on recruitment as per CEI Act, the Department Scrutinizing Committee (DSC) and Scrutinizing Committee for Cross verification (SCC) of the applications were formed with senior members of the faculty. The scrutiny of the applications has been carried out as per the Qualification and other terms and conditions of appointment of academic staff as mentioned in Schedule 'E' of the Statutes to shortlist the eligible candidates for further process of the recruitment.

After detailed deliberations based on the communications received from MoE on recruitment (i) (F.No.33-2/2021-TS.III (Pt.) dt. 29th December 2021,(ii) F.No.35-3/2021-TS.III dt. 23rd March, 2022 and(iii) F.No.20-2/2022-TS.III (Pt.) dt. 27th April 2022) and considering the large number of faculty positions remaining vacant for more than a year, the BoG approved to conduct the further processes of recruitment for the advertised vacancy positions (92 Nos) of Assistant Professor Grade II, and for recruitment of existing faculty to higher pay as per Note 1, Point No.5 of Schedule 'E' of NIT Statues (Amended 2017) strictly ensuring the quality. The BoG also advised to include all cadres in future advertisements for recruitment of faculty.

The Board may authorize the Director to finalise the subject experts for a interview selection committee from IIT, IISc, IIM, and SPA .

**RESOLUTION
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RESOLVED THAT the proposal to conduct the further processes of the recruitment of the 92 Assistant Professors (Grade II) through Direct Recruitment as advertised was approved.

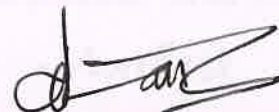
RESOLVED FURTHER THAT recruitment of existing faculty to higher Pay Level as prescribed in Note 1, Point No.5 of Schedule 'E' of NIT Statues (Amended 2017) [Gazette of India No.651, dated July 24, 2017] be carried out as per the prescribed selection process strictly ensuring the quality.

		<p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Director be authorized to finalise the subject experts for the interview selection committee of the recruitment processes from the Institutes of IIT, IISc, IIM, NIT, and SPA.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT all cadres be included in the future advertisements for recruitment of faculty.</p>
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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 68.5	RECOMMENDATION OF 28th MEETING OF BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 28.04.2022.															
	<p>The Buildings and Works Committee had recommended the following works in its 28th meeting:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. No</th> <th>Work</th> <th>Project Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>Re-carpeting of Internal road including patch work for pot holes and part Extension of Road in NIT campus.</td> <td>8.09 Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>Internal & External Painting to institutional and Quarters Building in NIT Campus.</td> <td>35.09 Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>Development of playground near to AMBER Hostel in NIT Campus.</td> <td>12.65 Cr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>Construction of 2MLD Sewage Treatment plant for NIT campus</td> <td>12.65 Cr</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Finance Committee discussed the BWC proposal in details. The FC suggested to re-submit the proposal along with detailed budget, source of funds and policy guidelines for painting, re-carpeting of roads zone wise in the BWC recommendations.</p> <p>Further, FC recommended the work (Sl. No. C) "Development of playground near to AMBER Hostel in NIT Campus" to Board for</p>		Sl. No	Work	Project Cost	A	Re-carpeting of Internal road including patch work for pot holes and part Extension of Road in NIT campus.	8.09 Cr	B	Internal & External Painting to institutional and Quarters Building in NIT Campus.	35.09 Cr	C	Development of playground near to AMBER Hostel in NIT Campus.	12.65 Cr	D	Construction of 2MLD Sewage Treatment plant for NIT campus
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	approval under Hostel fund.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/5	RESOLVED THAT the BWC may review the works for Sl. No. A, B & D and suggested to re-submit the proposal along with detailed budget, source of funds and policy guidelines for painting, re-carpeting of roads (zone wise) in the BWC recommendations. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the work “Development of playground near to AMBER Hostel in NIT Campus” at the cost of Rs 12.65 Cr, be approved under Hostel fund.

ITEM NO. 68.6	REVISION OF QUARTERS LICENSE FEE AND OTHER RENTS.	
	NIT Tiruchirappalli has revised the license fee for the staffs quarters in accordance with the Ministry of Urban Development OM No 18011/2/20115-Pol-III dated 29th June 2020. The revision of the license fee is effective from July 2020. The FC recommended to Board for approval.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/6	RESOLVED THAT the revision of license fee for the quarters was approved.

ITEM NO. 68.7	APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF ANSYS SOFTWARE FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND HIGH-END DESKTOPS COMPUTERS FOR THIRD I BUILDING(CSG).	
	Institute was in receipt of the requests from various academic departments for the purchase of additional ANSYS modules for teaching and research purpose. As recommended by the committee to purchase electronic suite modules and other modules which will be useful for all circuit branches for teaching and research. The quote for Ansys Software has been obtained from proprietary, OEM / Sole authorized distributor M/s. Entuple Technologies (P) Ltd, Bangalore which works out to Rs.45 lakhs. FC instructed to ensure that the GFR rule for the purchase of proprietary items be followed strictly and to ensure that the	

<p>stated supplier is the sole vendor/proprietary.</p> <p>The purchase of 135 computers to CSG for lab at Third-I building at the cost of Rs 135 lakhs has been discussed and recommended to Board with the stated specification without touch screen feature.</p> <p>Finance committee considered and recommended the purchase of ANSYS software at the cost of 45 lakhs and purchase of 135 computers to CSG without touch screen to Board for approval.</p>	
<p>RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/7</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT purchase of ANSYS software at the cost of Rs 45 Lakhs subject to the condition that GFR rule may be followed for the proprietary items be approved and to ensure that M/s. Entuple Technologies is the sole proprietor for India.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the purchase of 135 computers with the specification without touch screen feature.</p>

OTHER ITEMS

<p>ITEM NO. 68.8</p>	<p>EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF CONTRACT FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSORS IN AGP OF 6000 AND 7000</p> <p>As per the offer of appointment issued to Assistant Professor Grade-II in point No.5 its stated that “As per provisions of the 4- Tier Flexible cadre structure, as in Schedule E of the First Statutes of the NITs (Amendment) Statutes 2017, they will be on contract with the Institute initially for a period of 1 year. The contract is extendable based on their performance”.</p> <p>The Board vide its Resolution no. 65/BoG/2021/11 Dated 26/07/2021, extended contract period of 29 faculty members recruited during 2018 (Assistant Professor AGP 6000 – 23 members and AGP 7000 – 06 members) for two more years with similar terms and conditions as stipulated in their offer of appointment. They were recruited through Direct Recruitment process against sanctioned posts. All are found suitable for extending their contract period for one more year with similar terms and conditions as stipulated in their</p>
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	Offer of Appointment. The Board may kindly consider and approve the extension of Contract.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/8	RESOLVED THAT the contract period of 29 faculty members recruited during 2018 (Assistant Professor AGP 6000 – 23 members and AGP 7000 – 06 members) is extended for one year with similar terms and conditions as stipulated in their Offer of Appointment be approved.

ITEM NO. 68.9	BOARD NOMINEES FOR FC AND BWC	
	As the term of two members from the Institute was over, two new members namely, 1) Dr. S. Kumanan, Professor(HAG), Dept. of Production Engineering, 2) Dr. G. Saravana Ilango, Associate Professor, Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering are nominated by the Senate in its 57 th Meeting. They are taking up their positions from this Board Meeting onwards. As per Section 10.1(iv) and 12(iii) of the First Statutes of NITs, the Board has to nominate one member from the Board to FC and BWC respectively. The Board may kindly consider and nominate its members to FC and BWC.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/9	RESOLVED THAT Dr. S. Kumanan and Dr. G. Saravana Ilango are nominated by the Board for FC and BWC respectively.

RATIFICATION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 68.10	VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT REQUEST FROM DR. T. SRINIVASA RAO, PROFESSOR (HAG)	
	One faculty member of the Institute has requested for VRS as mentioned below:	

	<p>In his letter dated 15.09.2021, Dr. T. Srinivasa Rao, Professor (HAG), Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering had applied for Voluntary Retirement from service and his VRS request was approved by the Board. Subsequently, Prof. T. Srinivasa Rao had withdrawn his VRS request vide letter dated 02.12.2021.</p> <p>As per FR 56, notice can be withdrawn with the permission of the appointing authority before the intended date of retirement. Hence, his VRS withdrawal request was permitted.</p> <p>The Board may kindly note the VRS withdrawal request of Dr. T. Srinivasa Rao and ratify it.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/10	RESOLVED THAT the VRS withdrawal request of Dr. T. Srinivasa Rao be ratified.

ITEM NO. 68.11	RESIGNATION FROM THE POST OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR BY DR. M. UMAPATHY, PROFESSOR (HAG).	
	<p>Dr. M. Umapathy, Professor (HAG), Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering, was appointed as Deputy Director by the Board vide its resolution no. 62/BoG/2021/5. He had submitted his resignation and requested to relieve him from the post of Deputy Director.</p> <p>Hence, he was relieved from the post of Deputy Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli w.e.f 02.02.2022(AN).</p> <p>The Board may kindly note the resignation of Dr. M. Umapathy and ratify it.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/11	RESOLVED THAT the resignation of Dr. M. Umapathy from the post of Deputy Director be noted and ratified.

ITEM NO. 68.12	FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS.	
	<p>The Board ratified the foreign visit of the three faculty members. Further the Board suggest that, in future the foreign visits by the faculty may be approved subject to recommendation that the regular academic work should not be affected.</p>	

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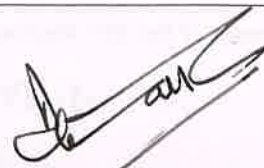
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/12	RESOLVED THAT the foreign visit of the three faculty members be noted and ratified. Further the foreign visits by the faculty may be approved subject to recommendation that the regular academic work should not be affected.
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REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 68.13	PROCUREMENT UNDER DST PROJECT – DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 50kWe BIOMASS GASIFIER	
	The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has sanctioned the project titled “Biomass driven trigeneration system for improving the livelihood of Scheduled Tribes in Athanavur village, Yelagiri Hills, Tamilnadu” vide OM no DST/SEED/TST/STI/2020/243/G dated 31 Mar 2021. The project is being executed by Vellore Institute of Technology in collaboration with NIT Tiruchirappalli, and the role of NIT Tiruchirappalli is to Design, supply, installation and testing of the 50kWe Biomass Gasifier with a cost of Rs. 38.02 Lakhs. Vide BoG resolution no. 52/BoG/2018/8, authorized the Director to approve the purchase of project equipment costing above Rs. 25 lakhs and such kind of approvals be reported to the Board in its subsequent meetings.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/13	The procurement viz Design, supply, installation and testing of the 50kWe Biomass Gasifier with a cost of Rs. 38.02 Lakhs be noted.

ITEM NO. 68.14	AGE LIMIT FOR ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED OFFICERS AS CONSULTANT.	
	Ministry of Labour and Employment vide F.no.A-12034/11/2018-Admn.I dated 30.11.2018 had released comprehensive guidelines for engagement of retired Government officers as Consultants. Normally, the maximum age limit for all categories of Consultants will be 65 years. However, engagement beyond 65 years and upto 70 years may be resorted to in deserving cases with the approval of	

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	authority keeping in view his/her good health and level of expertise. In view of the above, Consultant(Accounts) involved in compilation of Annual accounts, Budget preparation and C&AG audit queries is permitted for engagement.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/14	RESOLVED THAT the Board noted and approved the engagement of Consultant beyond 65 years and upto 70 years.

ITEM NO. 68.15	ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021
	The Board noted the Annual report for the Financial Year 2020-2021.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/15	The Annual report for the Financial Year 2020-2021 was noted.

ITEM NO. 68.16	SEPARATE AUDIT REPORT (SAR) ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021.
	The Board noted the approved Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-2021, received from O/o the Principal Director of Audit (Central), Chennai.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/16	The approved Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2020-2021 was noted.

ITEM NO. 68.17	ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR FY 2022-2023.
	The Board noted the annual budget allocation for the FY 2022-2023 has been received from MoE vide.F.No.36 - 2/2022 - TS.III dated 21 Apr 2022.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/17	The annual budget allocation for the FY 2022-2023 was noted.

ITEM NO.	MINUTES OF THE 56th MEETING OF THE SENATE
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68.18	The Board noted the Minutes of the 56 th Meeting of the Senate.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/18	The 56 th Meeting of the Senate was noted.

ITEM NO. 68.19	MINUTES OF THE 49th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
	The Board noted the Minutes of the 49 th Meeting of the Finance Committee.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/19	The 49 th Meeting of the Finance Committee was noted.

ITEM NO. 68.20	MINUTES OF THE 27th MEETING OF THE BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE
	The Board noted the Minutes of the 27 th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/20	The 27 th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee was noted.

ITEM NO. 68.21	INFORMATION ON GRIEVANCES WITH RESPECT TO NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI
	The Board noted the information regarding the report on Grievances with respect to NIT, Tiruchirappalli in the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) as no grievance pending disposal.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/21	The status on grievances in CPGRAMS was noted.

ITEM NO. 68.22	LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING.
	Details of Court cases which were filed/came up for hearing subsequent to the 67 th Meeting of the Board were furnished for the

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	information and direction of the Board. The Board noted the cases.
RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/22	The court cases filed/heard subsequent to the last Board meeting was noted.

ITEM NO. 68.23	ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.	
	To create an electronic security surveillance facility (CCTV) to ensure the safety and security of NITT stakeholders in Institute zone on a rate contract basis (Institute buildings, Roads and Departments). Approximate project cost is Rs.199 Lakhs. Seeking directions/permission to place a proposal for approval in next BOG meeting.	
	RESOLUTION 68/BoG/2022/23	RESOLVED THAT a detailed proposal and guidelines for implementation of electronic security surveillance facility along with source of funds be submitted in the next Board meeting.

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



Secretary



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