

MINUTES OF THE 74th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 03rd JANUARY 2024 AT 11:00 AM IN NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

(originally scheduled on 26th December 2023 which was postponed to 03 Jan 2024 for want of quorum as per NIT Statutes Clause 4 (5))

MEMBERS PRESENT:

SI	NIT	Name and Designation	Position
No	Act/Statute		1/
1.	NIT First Statues 17(15).	Dr. (Mrs.) G. Aghila,	Officiating Chairperson,
	Statues 17(13).	The Director	BoG
2.	Section 11	Ms. Veena Dunga,	Member*
	Clause (c)	Joint Secretary, MoE	
3.	Section 11	Mr. Anil Kumar	Member*
	Clause (c)	Director (IFD), MoE	
4.	Section 11	Dr. S. Kumanan	Member
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5.	Clause (f)	Dr. G. Saravana Ilango	Member
6.	Section 11	Dr Krishnan Balasubramanian,	Member*
0.	Clause (g)	Professor, IIT, Madras	
7.	Section 18	Dr. N. Thamaraiselvan,	Secretary
, •	Clause (2)	Registrar i/c	W/
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GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Dr G Aghila, Officiating Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed the members to the meeting. She placed on record the valuable contribution and outstanding service rendered by Shri Bhaskar Bhat during his tenure as Chairperson of Board of Governors and Finance Committee. Thereafter, the Registrar (i/c) - Secretary initiated the deliberations on the agenda items.

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ITEM NO. 74.1

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 73rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 24th JULY 2023

The Minutes of the 73rd Meeting of the BoG were circulated to the Members of the Board. The comments received from the member has been incorporated.

The Board may confirm the Minutes.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/1

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 73rd meeting of the Board of Governors is confirmed.

ITEM NO. 74.2

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOG

The details of Action Taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board of Governors were discussed and noted.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/2

RESOLVED THAT the action taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board was noted by the Board.

ITEM NO. 74.3

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG.

The Director gave a presentation on the major achievements achievements and developments that took place in the Institute since the last Meeting of the Board of Governors and also reviewed the performance parameters as per the MoU signed with Ministry for the AY 2023-24.

The Director informed the Board about the Inauguration of Amethyst Boys hostel by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 2nd Jan 2024 through VC from Trichy Airport New terminal and thanked the Ministry Officials for kind cooperation in this regard.

Minutes of the 74th Meeting of the BoG held on 03 January 2024

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The Director's report on the major achievements and developments was noted.

APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 74.4

RESOLUTION BY CIRCULATION - ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23

The Annual Accounts of NIT Tiruchirappalli for the financial year 2022-2023 has been prepared as per format of accounts prescribed by the Ministry. As approved in the 72nd BoG vide resolution no 72/BoG/2023/21 dated 22nd June 2023, the two new funds viz R & C funds and Research Park funds has been created and exhibited in schedule 2.

The annual accounts was approved by Finance committee (through circulation) on 25 Aug 2023 and furnished to C&AG. The AG audit was conducted from 16 Aug 2023 to 25 Aug 2023 and issued the draft SAR. The reply to the draft SAR is attached.

The C&AG was urged for the Board approval for the Annual Accounts FY 2022-23, for the issue of final SAR within the stipulated timeline. Accordingly, the item has been circulated for approval on 10 Oct 23 and submitted to the CAG for issuance of final SAR.

This item was already approved by circulation and placed before BoG for information

The Board considered the proposal and approved the amendments in the statues as approved by the Visitor. However, the representations of BoG members if any, may be sent separately to the MoE.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/4

RESOLVED THAT the annual accounts of FY 2022-2023 approved by circulation be noted.

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ITEM NO. 74.5

PROPOSAL FOR DIAMOND JUBILEE RESEARCH PARK

The Board of Governors in its 72nd meeting accorded in principle approval for establishing Diamond Jubilee Research Park/ Innovation Hub with the suggestion to prepare detailed proposal for infrastructure, funding and policy for the proposed research park. Accordingly, the detailed proposal for the Diamond Jubilee Innovation Hub (Research Park) has been prepared and placed as annexure. Further the Institute innovation Policy is placed in the following agenda item.

The Board has deliberated the item and considered for approval.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/5

RESOLVED THAT the proposal for Diamond Jubilee Research Park/Innovation Hub is approved.

ITEM NO. 74.6

INSTITUTE INNOVATION POLICY TO FOSTER INNOVATION AMONG FACULTIES

The Institute innovation cell has framed the Institute Innovation Policy to foster research and innovation among faculties. The policy is placed as annexure. The Board has deliberated the item and considered for approval.

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RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/6 **RESOLVED THAT** the Institute Innovation Policy be approved.

ITEM NO. 74.7

EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF CONTRACT FOR ASSISTANT PROFESSORS IN AGP OF 6000 AND 7000 AND DECLARATION OF PROBATION OF FACULTIES IN AGP 8000

As per the offer of appointment issued to Assistant Professor Grade II (AGP 6000/- and AGP 7000/-), "The post is contract in nature. 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 institute initially for a period of one years. The contract is extendable based on their performance"

The faculties recruited through selection process on various years and their previous extension (if any) is as follows:

AGP	Recruited on	Still in same cadre	1 year completed on	2 year extension completing on	Proposed Extn for	Remarks
6000	2020	17	2021	2023*	2 year	Annx IVa
6000	2022	40	2023		2 year	Annx IVb
7000	2022	50	2023	an 400 ·	2 year	Annx IVc

^{*} Based on 65th BoG meeting Resolution No.11 dt. 26/07/2021

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 offer of appointment.

Further, 25 faculties recruited in 2022 as Assistant Professor Grade I in



the AGP 8000/- has completed one year. As per para 5 of offer of appointment "The post is permanent, but you will be on probation for period of one year form date of joining the post." All are found suitable for declaring their probation on completion of one year.

The Board discussed and approved the extension of Contract for Asst Professor Grade II (AGP 6000 and 7000) for 2 years as per the same terms and conditions as stipulated in their offer of appointment and declaration of probation of 25 Asst Professor Grade I (AGP 8000).

Further the Board directed to initiate the process for declaring probation for Associate Professor (AGP 9500/-) and Professor (AGP 10500/-) recruited during 2022, as per the NIT Act/Statutes and terms and condition of Offer of Appointment.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/7

RESOLVED THAT the extension of Contract of Asst Professor Grade II (AGP 6000 and 7000) for 2 years as per the same terms and conditions as stipulated in their offer of appointment be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the declaration of probation of Asst Professor Grade I (AGP 8000) be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT to initiate the process to declare probation for Associate Professor (AGP 9500) and Professor (AGP 10500) recruited during 2022, as per NIT Act/Statutes and terms & condition of Offer of Appointment.

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ITEM NO. 74.8

GROUP B & C RECRUITMENT RESULTS

As decided in 69th meeting of BoG vide resolution No: 69/BoG/2022/6, the Institute notified the vacancies for Direct Recruitment to the Non -Teaching positions of Group B – Ministerial (Higher) Supdt -7 posts and Technical (Higher) - SAS Asst – 01, LIS Asst – 01 and Technical Asst -09, Group C – Ministerial (Lower) Junior Asst – 06, Senior Asst – 3, and Office/Lab attendant – 22 and Technical (Lower) Senior Tech – 05 vide advertisement Technicians-10 numbers and posts NITT/R/RC/NT/2023/03. Advt.No.NITT/R/RC/NT/2023/02, NITT/R/RC/NT/2023/04 NITT/R/RC/NT/2023/05 and dated 01.02.2023. The advertisement was released on 01.02.2023 and the last date for submission online applications was 01.03.2023.

Further the applications were scrutinized in two levels based on the qualifications and other eligibility criteria mentioned in the RR for Nonteaching Positions -2019.

The shortlisted candidates were called for the selection process which included a screening test, skill test and main test. The skill test was qualifying in nature and the final selection list was arrived at from the results of the main written test alone. A separate committee was formulated for the smooth conduct of the skill test of Superintendent whereas the individual head of the departments conducted skill test for Technical Assistant, SAS Assistant, LIS Assistant, Technician, Senior Technician posts and Junior Asst, Senior Asst and Office / Lab attendant.

The statistics of the received applications & shortlisted after stage I is placed as annexure. Institute followed all prescribed procedures as per RR and other relevant DoPT OMS. Appointments order were issued to all 64 selected candidates as recommended by Selection committee.

Further requested to fill the consequential vacancies arises due to resignation of the staffs from the waitlisted candidates of this recruitment, against each cadre for the next one year except the vacancies reserved for compassionate appointment following the reservation roster.

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The Board discussed the above item and noted the results of Group B and C and to authorized the Director to fill the consequential vacancies arises due to resignation of staffs for one year from the date of last selection committee meeting ie 22 Dec 2023.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/8

RESOLVED THAT the result of Group B & C be noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT to authorize the Director to fill the consequential vacancies arises due to resignation of staffs, from waitlisted candidates of this recruitment for one year from the date of last selection committee meeting ie 22 Dec 2023.

ITEM NO. 74.9

ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE VACANT POSTS FOR GROUP A RECRUITMENT

The institute has the sanctioned strength of 432 non-teaching positions as per the strength of the year 2010-2011, out of which 39 are Group A positions. Institute has strived to fill all the direct recruitment in the Group A positions and the advertisement was released on 01 Feb 2023 to fill various vacant Group A positions. Still there is following Group A positions are vacant and considering the shortage of manpower in the Institute the Board was requested to consider the request of the Institute to issue advertisement for filling the following Group A vacancies as per the Recruitment Rule 2019:

Group A – Registrar – 01, Assistant Registrar – 03 (01- Direct recruitment, 01- against lien vacancy with the provision of absorption



& 01- On deputation), Supdt Engineer- 01 (DR), Deputy Librarian -01 (DR), AL- 1 (On deputation), Senior Medical Officer - 01 (DR) Principal SAS officer - 01 (DR), Sr SAS Officer -01 (DR/On deputation) and Technical officer -01 (DR).

The Board discussed the above item and approved.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/9

RESOLVED THAT the advertisement for filling the Group A vacancies as per the RR 2019 be approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 74.10

PRIORITIZATION OF THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE 31ST MEETING OF B&WC

The Board in its 72nd Meeting has instructed the BWC to prioritize the works along with the source of funding for the works recommended by the BWC in its 31st Meeting. Accordingly, the BWC in its 32nd meeting has prioritized the works as furnished below:

SI. No	Project Title	Project Cost (in Crores)	Source of Fund (Proposed)	Priority
1	Construction of Boys and Girls hostel	160	HEFA	1
2	Construction of 100 Nos of Faculty quarters at NIT Trichy	81	HEFA	3
3	Construction of 70 Nos of Non-teaching staff quarters at NIT Trichy	30	HEFA	2
4	Construction of 100 Nos of Research scholar's	30	HEFA	1

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	quarters at NIT Trichy			
5	Construction of 250 Single seated International Hostel	70	PPP	1
6	Construction of 350 seated Conference Hall	5	RECAL / HEFA	4

The BWC has recommended that Projects with Sl. No. 1 & 4 are proposed as First Priority projects to initiate at the earliest to fulfil the institute requirements for an estimated amount of Rs. 190 crores under HEFA fund. The rest of the work will be carried out subsequently in a duration of next 5 years.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended to the Board for approval of the above works under the respective source of funding with the priority mentioned.

The Board has discussed the above item and approved the works as recommended by the FC.

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ITEM NO. 74.11

CONSTRUCTION OF INNOVATION HUB AT THE COST OF RS.7.1 CRORE

In order to promote innovation, incubation and start-ups to support the entrepreneurship activities, it is felt to have dedicated spaces such as office spaces, workshop areas and commercial marketing zones. Hence it is proposed to have a state of art building in a 15 acres land area which is located in the western side of TREC-STEP with direct access from National Highways.

As a first phase, a building with an approximate area of 1000 sq.m accommodating amenities such as firefighting, conducive facilities for differently abled people, elevators etc, is proposed under balance fund available from the BoG approved (52/BoG/2018/4) Research SEED / Start Up fund (3.5 Crore). It was requested to grant the balance fund (Rs.

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3.6 Crore) from OH-35. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended to FC & BoG to execute the work under IRG.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval of the construction of Innovation Hub at the cost of 7.1 Crores (3.5 Crores from Research Seed Fund and 3.6 Crores from IRG).

The Board has discussed the item and approved the item as recommended by the FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/11

RESOLVED THAT the Construction of Innovation Hub at the cost of Rs.7.1 Crores be approved.

ITEM NO.

CONSTRUCTION OF ADMIN ANNEX BUILDING

NO. 74.12

In order to meet out the requirement of office premises for the activities pertinent to Student welfare, faculty welfare, academic related matters, alumni relations, institute developmental activities, research and consultancy activities, planning and development activities. It is proposed to construct an Administrative Annex building with an initial plinth area of 4500 sq.m. As a part of Diamond Jubilee Celebration of the Institute, the proposal of the Admin Annex building is planned to complete during the year (2023-24) itself. This can be achieved by means of new technology using Pre-cast concrete structures which is planned for Admin Annex building construction.

Institute's R&C fund of Rs.8.0 Crore and IRG amount of Rs.20.4 Crore is planned to be used for this proposal. The Building works Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended to FC & BoG for the employment of Precast Technology and further Administrative and Financial Approval.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval of the Construction of Admin Annex Building at the cost of Rs.28.4 Crores (Rs.8.0 Crores from Institute R&C Fund and

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Rs.20.4 Crores from IRG).

The Finance Committee has recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for approval. The Board may kindly consider the recommendations of the FC and approve it.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/12 **RESOLVED THAT** the Construction of Admin Annex Building at the cost of Rs 28.4 crore be approved.

ITEM NO. 74.13

SETTING UP OF KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SCHOOL & PROVIDING LAND AND ACCESS ROAD TO KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA SCHOOL IN NIT TRICHY CAMPUS

Owing to the lack of schools nearby, most of the campus residents send their children to schools that are almost 8 to 10 km from the Institute. Considering these aspects, it is felt to have a centrally funded Kendriya Vidyalaya school in our institute campus is one of the best choices to facilitate better education to the wards of the campus residents and other beneficiaries in the nearby villages/localities.

KV officials have formally requested NITT to provide land and an access road to set up a new campus for Kendriya Vidyalaya school in NIT Trichy premises. The Institute campus has adequate land area that can be provided for the construction of the KV school. It is proposed to provide land near Siemens Center for KV to build a school along with access from National Highways for people residing in the neighbouring locality. It was proposed to the Building and Works Committee to consider and accord approval for the land allocation: approximately 12 Acres from the Institute enabling the construction of KV School.

The BWC members opined that any land lease within the campus premises to outside institutions/organization has to be executed only with the prior permission from the Ministry. Accordingly, BWC directed

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NITT to submit this proposal to the Ministry for necessary approval to issue the land on lease basis with concurrence of FC and Board of Governors. The Ministry of Education has issued guidelines on opening new Kendriya Vidyalaya vide OM F.No.32-30/2023-TS.I dated 13.12.2023 is placed as annexure, wherein it is permitted to use HEFA loan for infrastructure of KV.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter on meeting out the recurring and non-recurring expenditure of KV. In view of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education dated 13.12.2023, the Finance Committee has recommended to defer the matter.

The Board has deferred the item as recommended by the FC.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/13

RESOLVED THAT the matter of setting of KV School be deferred.

ITEM NO. 74.14

CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP) [RS.12.65 CR UNDER OH-35]

The Institute has two sewage treatment plants of 800 KLD and 300 KLD functioning in two zones such as hostel zone and quarters zone, respectively. Both the STPs were constructed more than 10 years ago considering the then requirement of the campus. At present, the total population inside the campus has crossed 8000 and is expected to increase more in the coming years. The effectiveness of the sewage treatment may be ensured only by increasing the capacity and technology of the existing STPs. 800 KLD capacity STP shares its boundary close to VOC Nagar (neighbouring residential area). Frequent complaints have been received from these residential inmates for its shutdown. Also, the provision of a centralized STP can reduce the running or maintenance cost to half.

Hence, after considering these aspects it is proposed to establish one centralized STP of 2MLD capacity with advanced technology that is efficient and cost effective. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposed cost estimate of Rs.12.65 crore for the proposed Construction of Centralized Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and it was recommended to forward the proposal for FC & BoG under OH-35. Also,

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the Ministry representative has informed to divide the expenditure in two Financial year.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the construction of STP at the cost of Rs.12.65 Crores under OH-35 in two-phase.

The Finance Committee has recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for approval. The Board considered the proposal and approved as recommended by the FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/14

RESOLVED THAT the Construction of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) under OH-35 at the cost of Rs.12.65 crore be approved as recommended by FC.

ITEM NO. 74.15

EXPANSION OF ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOR INCREASED LOAD DEMAND AND SIX NEW ANNEX BUILDING REVISED PROPOSAL

In the 31st meeting of BWC held on 24 April 2023, this proposal was approved with an amount of 3.92 crores under OH 35. The earlier proposal was to expand the power house with 2x1000 kVA, 11kV/433V transformer and necessary indoor substation expansion. However, in the later discussion and considering other technical aspects for long-term plans, it proposed to relocate the substation near the existing outdoor substation. This new outdoor substation includes supply, install and commissioning of necessary RMU, panels and cables in addition to the two 1000 kVA transformers. The estimated cost is reduced from 3.92 to 2.45 crore. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for electrical distribution network with a cost estimate of Rs.2.45 crore and recommended

The Finance Committee has recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for approval. The Board may kindly consider the recommendations of the FC and approve it.

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RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/15 **RESOLVED THAT** the Expansion of Electrical Distribution Network at the cost of Rs.2.45 Crores under OH-35 be approved.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF 2 MW SOLAR POWER PLANT

NO. 74.16

As an initiative for a sustainable campus, exploring green energy resources like solar PV power plant is important. The NITT plans on investing in a 2 MW solar power plant, fueled by high grid tariffs and increased energy demand. The pros and cons of CAPEX model and RESCO Model with zero investment was discussed. Under RESCO model, the third-party developer owns the system, and NITT shall pay only for the electricity used as per the power purchase agreement. NITT can utilise the solar energy generated at a subsidized cost without worrying about the associated operations and maintenance issues. NITT can pay only a pre-decided monthly tariff, which is lower than the prevailing grid electricity tariff. Around 7 acres of land is required to install a 2 MW Solar power plant. Hence, it is proposed to have a RESCO model-based Solar power plant in the campus.

The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal and recommended the same FC & BoG to proceed with the proposal without any financial implication to the institute.

The Finance Committee has deliberated and recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for approval. The Board discussed the item and approved as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/16

RESOLVED THAT the Establishment of 2 MW Solar Power Plant under RESCO model be approved as recommended by FC.

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CONSTRUCTION OF ANNEX BUILDING FOR THE ECE DEPARTMENT

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Owing to the increased strength of students and faculty, the existing ECE department requires additional space. Hence, it is proposed to construct an annex building in the campus near to the existing ECE building with an approximate area of 4200 sq.m. The proposed building shall be provided with all amenities such as firefighting, conducive facilities for differently abled people, elevators etc,. The Building and Works Committee was requested to review the proposal for annex building for the ECE department for a cost estimate of Rs. 27.4 crore under HEFA Scheme. It was agreed by the committee members and recommended the proposal to FC & BoG under HEFA fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the construction of Annex Building for ECE Department at the cost of Rs.27.4 Crores under HEFA.

The Board discussed and considered the recommendations of the FC and approve it.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/17

RESOLVED THAT the construction of Annex Building for ECE Department at the cost of Rs.27.4 Crores under HEFA be approved as recommended by FC.

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ITEM NO. 74.18

MODERNIZATION OF MAIN ENTRANCE FOR NITT CAMPUS

The campus entrances significantly contribute to the image of the Institute. The existing NITT entrance is approximately 50 years old and requires a facelift particularly in the occasion of the Institute commemorating its Diamond Jubilee celebrations this year.

The main entrance also serves as the interface between the city and the Institute in regulating circulation and security. The current design requires redesign to facilitate better infrastructure accommodating the growing needs like management of heavy vehicular movement and additional security check points. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for the Modernization of Main entrance for NITT campus and was recommended to forward it to FC & BoG under IRG fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for approval for the modernization of main entrance of the Institute under IRG.

The Board considered the recommendations of the FC and approved it.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/18

RESOLVED THAT the modernization of main entrance of Institute under IRG fund be approved as recommended by FC.

ITEM NO. 74.19

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDING FOR NURSERY SCHOOL

The NITT nursery school has 100+ students studying in the classes of Pre-KG, LKG & UKG. One of the old staff quarters buildings that was constructed during later 1960s was modified to provide space for the functioning of the nursery school. The school administration finds it extremely difficult to accommodate the students in these rooms. Also, the school has minimal infrastructure to accommodate a Teachers room,

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adequate number of wash rooms, toilets etc. There is a limited scope to modify the existing building to accommodate these facilities. Hence, it is proposed to construct a new building for the nursery school at the far end of 1st street, sharing a boundary with the Temple (as shown in Fig.6). The proposed area of the school is 500 sq.m in two floors that can include all essential requirements of a nursery school. The estimate for the school is Rs. 2.5 Crore.

The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for the Construction of New Building for Nursery School. In principle approval has been granted by the Members of BWC subject to the availability of the Alumni fund and informed to collect the nominal rent from the school. Further suggested to operate the school through a registered society preferably by the Alumnus. The Building works Committee recommends the proposal to FC & BoG under Alumni fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the construction of new building for Nursery School under Alumni Fund. It is further affirmed to run the school through a registered society.

The Board deliberated the proposal and approved as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/19

RESOLVED THAT the Construction of new building for Nursery School at the cost of Rs.2.5 Crores under Alumni Fund be approved as recommended by FC.

ITEM NO.74.20

RE-CARPETING OF DAMAGED ROAD IN THE INSTITUTE – RESUBMISSION RS. 8.09 CRORE

In the 29th B&WC dtd, 17/06/2022, vide Clause 3(ii) a proposal was submitted for an amount of 8.09 Crores for re-carpeting the entire road network in the NITT Campus. It was resolved to propose the work in a phased manner.

In the 30th B&WC dtd, 21/11/2022, vide Clause 3(v) a revised proposal was submitted for an amount of 2 Crores for re-carpeting the road network in the hostel zone alone. The B&WC suggested to form a

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committee to technically evaluate the prevailing condition of the roads. As per the recommendation of 30th B&WC, a committee has been formed (as attached) with expert members from Transportation Engineering Division, Department of Civil Engineering of NITT. Detailed Survey has been carried out for the entire campus and the committee has submitted their findings through the attached report. As per the report, the majority of the roads were identified to be falling poor to very poor condition and a few of the roads were identified to be fair. Hence, the recarpeting work has been proposed for the entire campus as proposed in the 29th B&WC, with the funding from OH 31 (Revenue Expenditure), Ministry fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the re-carpeting of damaged road in the Institute at the cost of Rs.8.09 Crores under ministry funding.

The Board has discussed the proposal and approved as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/20

RESOLVED THAT the re-carpeting of damaged road in the Institute under OH-31 at the cost of Rs.8.09 Crores be approved as recommended by FC.

ITEM NO.74.21

CONSTRUCTION OF HOSTEL UNDER PM-AJAY SCHEME

In the 72nd BoG, a hostel block worth 30 Crores was proposed for approval as recommended by B&WC. It was confirmed that 7.5 crore funding would be received from PM- AJAY Scheme upon the submission of institute proposal to the Ministry of Social Justice. As per the BOG resolution (Ref: 72/BoG/2023/18) it was resolved that B&WC may identify the fund other than OH 35 for further processing as recommended by FC. Further to the above, it was discussed and proposed to allocate the balance amount of 22.5 Crore from IRG. The Building and Works Committee reviewed the proposal for the Construction of Hostel under PM-AJAY scheme and recommended to FC & BoG under IRG fund.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the



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Board for the construction of Hostel under PM-AJAY scheme at the cost of Rs.30 Crores (7.5 Crores from Ministry of Social Justice and Rs.22.5 Crores from the IRG).

The Board was discussed the proposal and approved as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/21

RESOLVED THAT the Construction of Hostel under PM-AJAY Scheme at the cost of Rs.30 Crores (7.5 Crores from Ministry of Social Justice and Rs.22.5 Crores from the IRG) be approved as recommended by FC.

ITEM NO.74.22

SETTING UP FOR 5G CASE LAB AND CONTRIBUTION OF 20% OF CAPEX COST

The Department of Telecommunications, Government of India along with Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) has invited applications to be a part of 100 5G Use Case Labs for Higher Educational Institutions. The Institute is desired to be a part of NextGen 5G Lab and submitted its application. The Institute is selected for setting up NextGen 5G Lab and Dr.E.S.Gopi of Electronics & Communication Department will be Principal Investigator under the theme "Machine Learning Algorithm for Wireless Communication Applications in agriculture domain".

The total cost of the Project is Rs.1 Crore. Under the scheme, the Government would be funding 80% of CAPEX for the laboratory setup and 100% of OPEX expenses. The Institute is required to contribute the remaining 20% of the CAPEX. Accordingly, the Institute would be required to pay Rs.20 lakhs to TCIL as 20% of the CAPEX cost.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the allocation of Rs.20 Lakhs from IRG towards the contribution of 20% CAPEX cost to TCIL.

The Board has discussed the proposal and approved as recommended by FC.

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RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/22 **RESOLVED THAT** the Rs 20 lakhs towards 20% of the CAPEX for setting up 5G Case Lab from IRG be approved as recommended by FC.

ITEM NO.74. 23

ALLOCATION OF FUND FOR CELEBRATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR OF THE INSTITUTE

The Institute was established in the year 1964 as Regional Engineering College. The upcoming year of 2024-25 will be Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute. It is proposed to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute in a thematic manner. A lot of programme under different themes among all stakeholders viz., alumnae, students, faculty & staff members, former Principals & Director and all NITT community members are proposed to be conducted in the upcoming year. An amount of Rs.2 crores is required to conduct the above programmes in a phased manner.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and recommended the Board for the allocation of Rs.2 Crores under IRG for the celebration of Diamond Jubilee Year.

The Board has discussed the proposal and approved as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/23

RESOLVED THAT the allocation of Rs.2 Crores for the celebration of Diamond Jubilee Year of the Institute from IRG Fund be approved as recommended by FC.

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Consequent upon implementation of Recruitment rules issued time to time, certain pay anomalies/grievances of Non-Teaching employees were brought to the Ministry. In order to address the grievances, Ministry has constituted Oversight committees to address the issues/grievances common to all NITs. Further, Ministry vide Recruitment Rule 2019, F No 35-5/2018-TS III dated 20 Feb 2019, para 6, instructed that "Institute specific issues in isolation are left upto the Institute and may be sorted out at the Institute/Board level."

Accordingly, Institute had constituted the Grievance Redressal Committee including external experts viz Dr. Jane Prasad, Registrar, IIT-Madras, & Prof. A.K. Kandasamy, Professor (HAG) & Former Dean, NIT-K Surathkal, for Non-Teaching staff to consider their grievances with respect to the employment and working conditions and examine the same within the framework of rule and regulations and general principles of justice.

Based on the observations & discussions in the above said meetings various similar Grievances were grouped as five different Grievances which are listed below:

Case-1: Pay fixation on promotion equal to the entry pay in the pay scale as per Ministry of Finance (Department of Expenditure's) O.M. No.8-23/2017-E.IIIA dated. 28-09-2018.

Case-2: Issues in Ministerial lower and Technical lower cadre

Case-3: Issues of Ministerial lower cadre staff not covered under resolution-2

Case-4: Long pending issues in connection with promotions in the supporting staff (attendant) cadre

Case-5: Pay Protection in respect of Shri Girish Kumar G, Senior Technical Officer

The recommendations of Grievances Redressal Committee recommendations and other relevant documents/OMs have been placed

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before the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee deliberated the Grievance redress committee recommendation dated 11 Aug 2023 and recommended the Case-1 and Case-5 as these are implementation of instructions of Govt. of India, to Board for approval as per Grievance committee recommendation. Since the Case-2, Case-3, Case-4 are related to the redistribution of posts, it is suggested to refer these matters to the Ministry for scrutiny along with relevant document.

The Board has deliberated the proposal and approved as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/24

RESOLVED THAT the cases grouped in No 1 and No 5 be approved as recommended by Grievance redressal committee and FC. Cases grouped in no 2, no 3, and no 4 be referred to Ministry of Education for further instructions.

RATIFICATION ITEMS

ITEM NO.74.25	The annual report for th	ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23 The annual report for the FY 2022-2023 placed as separate agenda The Board has perused and ratified the Annual Report for the FY 2022-23.		
	RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/25	RESOLVED THAT annual report for the FY 2022-2023 be ratified.		

ITEM	FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS.
NO.74.26	The foreign visits of faculty members were placed before BoG. The
	BoG ratified the foreign visits of faculty members.

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RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/26 RESOLVED THAT the foreign visits of faculty members be ratified.

ITEM NO.74.27

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE CONTRACTS

The Institute is entering into several annual maintenance contracts and other service contracts on a routine basis in order to upkeep the Institute Assets and properties. In the current practice adopted by the Institute, each such maintenance contracts and service contracts are taken up with the Finance Committee and Board of Governors for approval, whenever the contract value goes above Rs.25 lakhs. This present practice makes the process lengthy and cause delay in awarding the contracts. The annual maintenance contracts and other service contracts are routine in nature and falls under the regular operational matter.

The Finance Committee deliberated the matter and considering the exigencies of such nature of services, recommended to ratify the annual maintenance and service contracts awarded till date in this FY 2023-24 and to approve the proposals of such contracts of this financial year i.e., 31.03.2024.

The Board has discussed the proposal and approved as recommended by FC.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/27

RESOLVED THAT the contracts worth Rs.25 lakhs & above (Annual Maintenance contracts and Service Contracts) awarded till date be ratified and the proposals of contracts worth Rs.25 Lakhs & above till FY 2023-24 ending be approved as recommended by FC.

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REPORTING ITEM

ITEM NO.74.28

REVISION OF EMOLUMENTS AND GUIDELINES ON SERVICE CONDITIONS FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS THE INSTITUTE

The Ministry of Education, Government of India has issued a communication F.No.33-2/2023-TS.III-Part (1) dated 13.09.2023 on revision of emoluments and guidelines on service conditions for research personnel engaged in R&D programme. As per the communication F.No.12-2/2023-U1 dated 11.09.2023, annexed therein, the emoluments for the JRF and SRF are revised subject to various provisions mentioned in the communication.

Category	Existing Emoluments	Revised Emoluments
JRF	Rs. 31,000/- p.m.	Rs. 37,000/- p.m.
SRF	Rs. 35,000/- p.m.	Rs. 42,000/- p.m.

The date of implementation of the above revision as per the communication is 01.01.2023. The above order is implemented to all existing 428 Ph.D scholars (252 JRF + 176 SRF) are pursuing the Research degrees of the Institute with effect from the month of October 2023. The arrears amounting ~Rs.3.5 crores will be paid shortly.

The Board noted the implementation of revision of emoluments and service conditions of research scholars as per MoE's Communication No. F.No.33-2/2023-TS.III-Part (1) dated 13.09.2023.

RESOLUTION
74/BoG/2024/28

RESOLVED THAT the revision of emoluments and service conditions of research scholars of the Institute be noted.

ITEM NO.74.29

PROCUREMENT OF THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT UNIT UNDER DST-SERB PROJECT

Dr. Kumaran S, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering has been awarded a project titled "Tuning Figure of Merit of Nanocrystalline Bi-Sb-Te-Se-Sn Thermoelectric Alloys via High

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2024 Mhb Entropy Phenomena and Band Engineering" by Science and Engineering Research Board of Department of Science & Technology (DST-SERB). An amount of Rs.29 lakhs has been received under the project as first instalment. It is proposed by the Principal Investigator to procure Thermal Conductivity Measurement Unit under the project at the cost of Rs.28 Lakhs.

The Board noted the proposal for the procurement of Thermal Conductivity Measurement Unit at the cost of Rs.28 Lakhs under DST-SERB Project.

RESOLUTION
74/BoG/2024/29

RESOLVED that the procurement of Thermal Conductivity Measurement Unit under DST-SERB Project be noted.

ITEM NO.74.30

FINAL SAR ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS OF THE FY 2022-23

The Annual Accounts of the Institute for the FY 2022-23 has been approved by the Board of Governors through Circulation. The approval of the Board to the Annual Accounts 2022-23 has been communicated to the CAG Office for issuing the Final SAR.

Accordingly, the Office of the Principal Director of Audit (Central) Chennai, Indian Audit and Accounts Department vide Letter No. PDA(C)/CE/II/28-82/23-24/71 dated 08.11.2023 has forwarded the Separate Audit Report on the accounts of NIT Tiruchirappalli for the year 2022-23 along with the Statement of Accounts. The same is placed before the Board.

The Board noted the Final SAR on the Annual Accounts of the Financial Year 2022-23.

RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED THAT the final SAR on the Annual Accounts of the FY 2022-23 be noted.

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ITEM NO.74.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION AND RELIEVING OF **FACULTIES**

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The following faculty members had resigned from NIT, Tiruchirappalli

SI. No.	Staff No.	Name	Designation	Department	Relieving Date
1	2340	Dr. Chandramani Chaudhary	Assistant Professor Grade-II	CSE	03.08.2023
2	2230	Dr. P Kaushik	Assistant Professor Grade-II	Mechanical	16.08.2023
3	2320	Dr. Atul Kumar Verma	Assistant Professor Grade-II	Mathematics	21.12.2023

The Board noted the list of faculties resigned from Institute.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/31

RESOLVED THAT the list of faculties resigned from Institute be noted.

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NO.74.32	

MINUTES OF THE 60th MEETING OF THE SENATE

The Minutes of the 60th Meeting of Senate is placed for the information of the Board of Governors.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/32

RESOLVED THAT minutes of 60th Senate meeting be noted.

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ITEM NO.74.33

MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Minutes of the 54th meeting of Finance committee is placed for the information of Board of Governors.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/33

RESOLVED THAT The minutes of the 54th meeting of Finance Committee be noted.

ITEM NO.74.34

MINUTES OF THE 31ST and 32ND MEETING OF THE BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE.

The minutes of 31st and 32nd Meeting of the Building Works Committee is placed for the information of the Board of Governors. This is for the information of the Board.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/34

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 31st and 32nd Meeting of the Building Works Committee was noted.

ITEM NO.74.35

INFORMATION ON GRIEVANCES WITH RESPECT TO NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

There are Nil grievances for initial action or under progress with respect to NIT, Tiruchirappalli in the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) as on 20 Dec 2023.

RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED THAT the status of Grievances in CPGRAMS was noted.

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ITEM NO.74.36

INFORMATION ON RTI WITH RESPECT TO NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

There are nine RTI requests and Nil first appeals under progress with respect to NIT, Tiruchirappalli in the RTI request and Appeal Management Information System (RTI-MIS) as on 20 Dec 2023.

This item is for the information of the Board.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/36

RESOLVED THAT the status on RTI be noted.

ITEM NO.74.37

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

The important communications received from Ministry of Education are enclosed as annexure.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/37

RESOLVED

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communications received from Ministry of Education be noted.

ITEM NO.

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MOU SIGNED BETWEEN INSTITUTE AND INDUSTRIES

The list of MoUs signed between institute and industries has been placed before BoG for information.

RESOLUTION

74/BoG/2024/38

RESOLVED THAT the MoUs signed between Institute and industries be noted.

ITEM NO.74.39

LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING.

The details of Court cases which were filed/came up for hearing

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and order passed, subsequent to the previous Board were furnished for the information and direction of the Board. The Board noted the cases and decided as following:

TANIT Case: As per the orders by Hon'ble High court the Board instructed to proceed for the Faculty recruitment by adhering the instructions of the Hon'ble High Court orders dated 11 Dec 2023.

Dr Rajendrakumar Case: The Board discussed the final verdict dated 16 Nov 2023 and instructed to implement the court orders within stipulated time.

RESOLUTION 74/BoG/2024/39

RESOLVED THAT The court cases filled/heard subsequent to the last Board meeting was noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT to proceed with faculty recruitment as per the Hon'ble court orders dated 11 Dec 2023.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT to implement the Hon'ble Hight court (Madurai Bench) final verdict dated with respect to Dr Rajendra Kumar.

ANY OTHER ITEM

ITEM NO.74.40

PAY FIXATION OF DR R. SELVA KUMAR PROF (HAG), WHO WAS ON DEPUTATION AS THE DIRECTOR, IIIT (UNA)

Dr R Selvakumar, Prof (HAG) was appointed as Director of IIIT (PPP), Una wef 05 Jul 2018. After completing the tenure of Director the faculty joined back institute on 26 Dec 2023. While joining as Director he was in designation of Professor. Meanwhile our BoG on

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recommendation of Selection Committee placed Dr Selvakumar in (HAG) scale wef 29 Apr 2019 vide NITT/R/HAG/2019/1 dated 29 Apr 2019.

Erstwhile MHRD vide OM F NO 81-1/2019-TS I dated 08 Jan 2020 issued order to grant HAG scale to the Professors who are appointed as Directors of IIITs (PPP) without any mention on retrospective effect of implementation. Dr R Selvakumar has submitted representations to sanction Prof (HAG) scale in NIT, Tiruchirappalli from the date of joining as Director, IIIT (Una) ie 04 Jul 2018.

The Board discussed the proposal and decided to grant the Prof (HAG) scale in our Institute from the date of 29 Apr 2019 instead of requested date of 05 Jul 2018 since the MHRD OM is issued on 08 Jan 2020 will not be implemented retrospectively.

RESOLUTION	RESOLVED THAT Dr R Selvakumar shall be					
1/4/DHXx/24/40	granted		,			
	NITT/R/H	IAG/201	9/1 dated	29 Apr 2	2019 i	n our
	institute.					

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

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