

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

(An Institute of National Importance, MHRD, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 24th June 2020 at 3:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director & Chairman (I/c) through video conferencing. The following members were present in the meeting:

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil Director & Chairman (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Chairperson
Shri D. K. Singh Deputy Secretary (IFD), MHRD, GOI	Member
Shri Indrajit Kuri Under Secretary, MHRD, GOI	Member
Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	Member
Shri Ugyen Chopel State Nominee, Sikkim	Member
Prof. Chandan Mahanta Professor & Dean Students Affairs, IIT Guwahati (Representative of Director, IIT Guwahati)	Member
Dr. Achintesh N. Biswas Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Dr. Ranjan Basak Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Dr. Md. Nurujjaman Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

At the outset, the Chairperson extended heartiest welcome to the members present in the 19th Meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. The Director also apprised the Board of Governors of the progress and issues of the Institute. The members appreciated the sincere efforts made by the Director towards the progress of the Institute. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairperson, the Agenda items were presented and the following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

Item No.19.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21st May 2020.

The minutes were confirmed.

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- Item No.19.02: To report the action taken on agenda/decisions taken in the 18th Meeting of the Board of Governors.**

The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions is noted.

- Item No.19.03: To consider and approve the EWS reservation in admission in UG & PG programs.**

The MHRD nominee informed that the EWS reservation is not applicable to new NITs for this academic session (2020-21) also.

- Item No.19.04: To consider and approve the recruitment of Assistant Professors against the Associate Professors and Professors positions earmarked.**

The agenda was discussed in detail and members were of the opinion that the advertisement for Professors and Associate Professors posts should be published and if suitable candidates are not found then the vacancies against the above posts can be filled by Assistant Professors. The Director of the Institute has been empowered to take further decision in this regard. The BoG advised to adhere to reservation rules as per the norms. The BoG was apprised with the acute shortage of the faculty and leading to poor Student - Faculty Ratio, poor performance in NIRF rankings, etc. The BoG requested for early sanction of the required faculty positions as submitted by the Institute to the Ministry.

- Item No.19.05: To consider and approve the recruitment of regular non-teaching staff against the reserved sanctioned promotional posts.**

The agenda was discussed in detail and the nominee of IFD, MHRD asked to provide the details regarding the vacant promotional posts and men in position to IFD before taking any decision in this regard. However, the BoG was informed about the acute shortage of regular manpower and requested to expedite the sanctioning of the post whose application is lying with the Ministry.

- Item No.19.06: To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year 2018-19 and SAR of FY 2018-19.**

The agenda was approved on the recommendations of the FC.

- Item No.19.07: To consider the payment of double HRA and Gratuity to Prof. A. B. Samaddar, Former Director, NIT Sikkim.**

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved by the BOG.

- Item No.19.08: To consider and approve the remuneration to the experts for paper setting for various recruitment processes of the Institute.**

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved by the BOG and the Director of the Institute has been empowered to take the decision in this regard.

- Item No.19.09: To consider and adopt the order (File No. 1/VDA(3)/2020-LS-II; Date: 06.05.2020) issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India related to the payment of revised/higher wages to manpower hired through Manpower Agencies.**

The agenda was approved on the recommendations of the FC.

- Item No.19.10: To discuss and decide the methodology to start the next semester and the procedures to be adopted for students' entry to the Institute during this Corona Pandemic.**

The academic plan for the next semester was presented before the BoG and discussed at length. The BoG advised the Institute to closely monitor the situation due to Covid-19 pandemic. The actions taken by NIT Sikkim during the lockdown period with regards to academics were appreciated. The BoG empowered the Chairman Senate/Senate to take necessary decisions for the next semester. The BoG was also of the opinion that the online mode of teaching should continue and the faculty should be facilitated to impart teaching in best possible manner.

- Item No.19.11: To deliberate on the preparation of DPR for the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.**

The agenda was discussed in detail and the BoG empowered the Director to take necessary actions for preparation of DPR and other requirements for the establishment of permanent campus. The help/guidance may be taken from other NITs/IITs/CPWD for preparation of DPR, engagement of consultant/architect, preparation of tender/EOI, etc.

- Item No.19.12: To discuss the assignment of work of "Geological, Geo-technical, Geo-physical investigation of the proposed land at Khamdong for the establishment of permanent campus of NIT Sikkim."**

The BoG deliberated on the issue and approved the initiation of a detailed geotechnical and geophysical investigation. The BWC and the Director of the Institute have been empowered to take the decisions in this regard.

- Item No.19.13: To report the work "Contour surveying of the proposed land at Khamdong for the establishment of permanent campus of NIT Sikkim".**

The BoG noted the same.

- Item No.19.14 To report the present status of the allocation of land for the permanent campus.**

The agenda was discussed in detail and the BoG appreciated the efforts made by Shri G. P. Upadhyaya, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim. Shri Upadhyaya informed the BOG that the process of handing over of nearly 105 acres of land to NIT Sikkim at Upper Khamdong will be done very soon. It was also informed that all issues related to the land shall be resolved before handing over the land to NIT Sikkim. The members also advised that the boundary of the new permanent campus should be clearly

demarcated to avoid any future litigation. The BoG again reiterated that the land must be free from all kind of encumbrances.

Item No.19.15: To report the expenditure of the Institute for the FY 2019-20.

Noted.

Item No.19.17: To report the Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

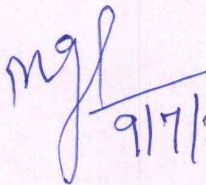
Noted.

Item No.19.18: To consider and approve the provision of COVID 19 quarantine facility for employees of NIT Sikkim at Ravangla as per the directions of the Government of Sikkim.

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved by the BOG.


Registrar (I/c)

Director & Chairperson (I/C)


9/7/2020