

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान सिक्किम
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM
(An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 43rd Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 01st October 2024 from 11:00 AM Onwards under the chairmanship of Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi, Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Sikkim at Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata, West Bengal.
The following members were present in the meeting:

Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi
Director, SUPL, Kolkata, West Bengal

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil
Director, NIT Sikkim

Shri G. P. Upadhyaya
Advisor, Mines & Geology Dept., Govt. of Sikkim

Prof. V. K. Paul
Director, SPA, New Delhi

Shri Harihara Sundaram S.
Under Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Education

Shri Ugyen Chopel
Director, Yuksom Breweries Ltd.

Dr. Anindya Biswas
Associate Professor, NIT Sikkim

Dr. Aurobinda Panda
Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim

Shri Anil Kumar Pathak
CGM (Engg.), Head SBGNER, NBCC India Ltd.

Shri Abhishek Singh
AGM, ZIC, NBCC Ltd.

Shri Ankit Bansal
Director, Projects M/s Confluence Consultancy Service

Ms. Preetika Prakash
Project Lead, M/s Confluence Consultancy Service

Shri Sahil Minda
Assistant Registrar (Finance & Accounts), NIT Sikkim

Shri Rewa Nath Sharma
Executive Engineer (Civil), NIT Sikkim

Dr. Ranjan Basak
Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim

Chairperson

Ex – Officio Member

Member

Invitee Member

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Secretary

At the outset, the Director extended heartiest welcome to the Chairperson, BoG and to the honorable members present in the 43rd Meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairperson, the Agenda items were presented, and the following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

Item No.43.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th June 2024 and 42nd Meeting of the BoG held through circulation on 13th Sept. 2024.

The minutes were confirmed.

Item No.43.02: To report the action taken on the decisions taken in the 41st Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th June 2024 and 42nd Meeting of the Board of Governors held through circulation on 13th Sept. 2024.

The BoG noted and appreciated the action taken by the Institute.

Item No.43.03: To place the Director's Report to apprise of the development and progress of the Institute.

The Director presented the report of the Institute and apprised the members of the recent achievements, academic activities, placements statistics, R&D activities, progress and pending issues related to the construction of the permanent campus, etc. The BoG appreciated the efforts towards the overall development of the Institute.

The Hon'ble Chairperson, BoG advised the Institute to motivate the faculty and staff members to improve R&D and consultancy work along with quality of teaching.

The Director apprised the BoG of an incident involving 5 temporary faculty (3 from Civil Engineering Department and 2 from Mechanical Engineering Department) members of the Institute. The said Faculty members were found to be trespassing the property where a female project staff of the Institute resided at around 12:30 AM on 8th September 2024 in a very heavily inebriated state. The persons were apprehended by the House owner and other locals, their identity was taken and the house owner decided to file an FIR with the police station Ravangla on the incident. On intervention and personal request by the Director, the FIR was not filed, however the local public requested the Director to take strict action to avoid such incidents in the future. The said female project staff (victim) and her parents also in their meeting with the Director, demanded strict action against the perpetrators else they would pursue the matter legally and lodge the FIR.

The said 5 faculty members tendered their resignation from the Institute on the same day and were relieved immediately. They were also directed to vacate the Institute and the town immediately as demanded by senior members of the local community of Ravangla.

The action was necessary to restore the faith of the society in the teaching

community and to prevent the name of NIT Sikkim from being tarnished. The BoG fully endorsed the proactive action taken by the Director in the interest of the Institute and the Chairman BoG directed to treat such incidents with zero tolerance.

Item No.43.04: To consider and approve the organization of the 07th Convocation of the Institute on 17th Nov. 2024 (Sunday).

The BoG pleased to note the presence of Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Om Prakash Mathur Ji as the Chief Guest and Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha (Retd.) as Guest of Honor to grace the 7th Convocation ceremony of NIT Sikkim scheduled to be held on 17th November 2024 (Sunday).

Item No.43.05: To consider and approve the list of candidates to be conferred with the Ph.D. Degrees of the Institute in the 7th Convocation scheduled on 17th Nov. 2024 (Sunday).

The agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.43.06: To consider and approve the names of the medal and degree recipients of B.Tech., M.Tech. and M.Sc. who will be awarded in the 7th Convocation scheduled on 17th Nov. 2024 (Sunday).

The agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.43.07: To consider and approve the award of Honorary Degree in the 7th Convocation of the Institute scheduled on 17th Nov. 2024 (Sunday).

Considering the noble contributions to society, the BoG approved the award of Honoris Causa (Doctor of Letter) to Shri Nand Gopal Khaitan.

Item No.43.08: To consider and approve the commencement of the online Post Graduate Programs in self-financing mode.

The agenda was discussed and approved to run Online PG programs (M.Tech. in Computer Science Engineering, M.Sc./M.Tech in Applied AI and M.Tech in Electrical Vehicle) in Self-financing mode. The Senate/Chairman Senate empowered to take necessary decisions in this regard.

Item No.43.09: To consider and approve the Board Nominee to the BWC of the Institute.

The agenda was approved as proposed. Prof. Rajan Choudhary, Dept. of Civil Engg., IIT Guwahati shall be the BoG nominee on the BWC of the Institute for a tenure of three years.

Item No.43.10: To consider and approve the transfer of the equipment procured under TEQIP-III head to Institute Fixed Assets head.

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

Item No.43.11: To consider and adopt the amendment in the GFR 2017 vide OM No.: F.1/3/2024-PPD, Dated: 10.07.2024 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved by the BoG and amendment in the GFR 2017 will be enforced.

Item No.43.12: To consider and approve the revision in the EPC Mode from Mode-III to Mode-II for the construction of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim at Dung Dung, Khamdong.

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved by the BoG and change in Mode-III to Mode-II for the construction of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim was not permitted. As the representative of the Ministry was of the opinion that with the change in the mode of execution of contract from EPC Mode-III to EPC Mode II, the price differential will have to be worked out holistically and therefore, the item may not be approved in its present form. Hence, it is decided to instruct the PMC to continue the work under the EPC Mode-III as per the MoU until any further decision is made in this regard.

Item No.43.13: To ratify the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA), Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and Environment Clearance of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.

The recommendations of FC were approved by the BoG in this regard. The BoG also took a very serious note on not completing the work order of NIT Sikkim in more than 2 years while the completion time as per the work order was 4 months. It was also noted that the behaviour of the PI of the project at IIT Kanpur was inappropriate and dictating. Further, the construction of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim may be needlessly delayed due to non - availability of EIA/EMP and Environment Clearance.

The BoG directed the Director to write a letter to the Director, IIT Kanpur to convey dissatisfaction of the BoG regarding this matter. IIT Kanpur may be asked to pay penalty and interest on the amount paid by the NIT Sikkim for the above work to IIT Kanpur along with full refund of the deposited amount.

Item No.43.14: To consider and accord in-principle approval to the Master Plan, Building Floor Plans, etc. and to note the status of the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.

The recommendations of FC were approved by the BoG. Further, the BoG directed that for elevation/facade, entrance gate, consideration of vastu, etc. may be discussed with the BoG members Shri G. P. Upadhyaya and Shri Ugyen Chopel along with Internal Monitoring Committee. The BoG empowered the Director and the committee to approve the above at the earliest so that the construction work can commence as early as possible. The BoG also raised the serious concern for the delay to the invited members from NBCC present in the meeting and directed to publish the tender for construction of the permanent

campus latest by 10th Oct. 2024. The NBCC officials (CGM and AGM) assured the BoG that the contractor shall be on board by the 2nd week of Nov. and construction work shall commence within 10 days.

Item No.43.15 To consider and approve the redistribution of the posts at the different levels of Assistant Professors.

The agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.43.16: To report the Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) held on 27th August 2024.

The BoG noted and approved the same.

Item No.43.17: To report the Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) scheduled on 20th Sept. 2024.

The BoG noted and approved the same.

Item No.43.18: To report the Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Senate held on 27th July 2024.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.43.19: To report the Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Senate scheduled on 24th Sept. 2024.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.43.20: To report the Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled to be held on 01st October 2024.

The BoG noted and approved the same.

ItemNo.43.21.01: To consider and adopt the order F. No.1/27(3)/2024-LS-II, dated: 25.09.2024 issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India related to the revision of minimum wages due to change of VDA payable to manpower hired through Manpower Agencies.

The recommendations of the FC were approved by the BoG and the above orders will be implemented w.e.f. 01.10.2024.

ItemNo.43.21.02: To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts and Separate Audit Report for the FY 2023-24.

The recommendations of the FC were approved by the BoG.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

Director



Chairperson



Registrar (I/c)

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