

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

Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 46th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 18th Sept. 2025 from 03:30PM onwards under the Chairmanship of **Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi, Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Sikkim** at Kolkata/Hybrid Mode. The following members were present in the meeting:

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| Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil Director, NIT Sikkim | Ex-officio Member |
| Mrs. Lakhi Doma Bhutia Additional Secretary, Education Dept., Govt. of Sikkim (Deputed by Shri Raj Yadav, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Education Dept, Govt. of Sikkim and State Nominee on the BoG) | Member |
| Smt. Garima Sharma, IRS Deputy Secretary (TE), Ministry of Education, GoI | Member |
| Shri N. S. Bisht Deputy Secretary (Retd.), IFD, Ministry of Education, GoI | Member |
| Prof. U. S. Dixit Professor & Nominee of Director, IIT Guwahati | Member |
| Dr. Anindya Biswas Associate Professor, NIT Sikkim | Member |
| Dr. Molay Roy Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim | Member |
| Shri Sahil Minda Assistant Registrar (Finance & Accounts), NIT Sikkim | Special Invitee |
| Shri Anil Kumar Pathak Executive Director (RBG-NER), NBCC India Ltd | Special Invitee |
| Shri Abhishek Singh CGM (Engg), NBCC India Ltd | Special Invitee |
| Shri Rohit Tulsian Partner R. Tulsian & Co | Special Invitee |
| Dr. Ravi Srivastava Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim | Secretary |

Shri Ugyen Chopel, Director, Yuksom Breweries Ltd, was unable to attend the meeting due to his prior commitments.



At the outset, the Director extended heartiest welcome to the Chairperson, BoG and to other members present in the 46th Meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. The BoG also welcomed the state nominees on the Board. With the permission of the Chairperson, the agenda items were presented, and the following decisions were taken after due deliberation:

Item No.46.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th June 2025 at New Delhi.

The Minutes were confirmed.

Item No.46.02: To report on the action taken on the decisions taken in the 45th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th June 2025.

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

Item No.46.03: To place the Director's Report to apprise of the development and progress of the Institute.

The Director presented an overview of the recent progress and development at the Institute before the Board of Governors. The members appreciated the initiative taken by the Institute to deliver some subjects in Hindi Language.

Ms. Garima Sharma, Deputy Secretary (TE), representative of the Ministry, also appreciated the efforts of the Institute and emphasized the importance of leveraging technology with Artificial Intelligence for delivering lectures to students in Hindi and other regional languages. Since the Institute has a national character and represents the cultural and linguistic diversity of the whole country, Institutes like NITs must promote and facilitate the use of technology and AI in lecture delivery. Such initiatives would enable students from different parts of the country to access lectures in multiple languages and in their preferred language simultaneously.

Item No.46.04: To consider and approve the deviation in execution of work of Boundary Wall of permanent campus submitted by the PMC, NBCC India Ltd.

The PMC in its communication vide ref. no.: NBCC/AGM/NITS/SKM/2025/168, Dated: 20.08.2025, stated that some additional works related to Boundary Wall were taken up due to heavy rain and hilly terrain to safeguard the Boundary Wall. The permanent campus land has multiple water streams crossing the boundary walls at various points, necessitating proper passages for the water to flow freely. Consequently, the PMC executes the additional work of (i) 05 Nos Box Culverts at the streams passing through the campus land, (ii) 42 Mtrs for jhora training works to safeguarding the boundary walls. However, the major Jhora training works shall be taken up later, (iii) execution of the Chain Link Fencing on the land which was under litigation before and received the possession of the same vide letter no.: 288/716/G/DC, Dated: 13.01.2023. The additional expenditure of the above works as given by the PMC is Rs.1.14 Crores. As

the paint is likely to wither due to ongoing construction activities and rain, the painting work of the Boundary Wall shall be taken up at later stage (closer to the completion of the construction work) as per the decision of the BWC.

After due discussion and on the recommendation of the FC, the agenda was approved and the representative of the IFD, MoE advised to ensure the rates submitted by the PMC for the works are as per the CPWD Manual/DSR rate. The Financial and Administrative approval of Rs. 1.14 Crores for additional work is granted.

Item No.46.05: To consider and approve the distribution of limits under various heads for expenditure incurred from CPDA for faculty members of the Institute.

On the recommendation of the FC, the agenda was approved and the following expenditure limit under the permissible activities as given in the table below are approved:

| S. No. | Activity | Ceiling |
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| 1 | Presenting papers and attending National & International Conference and Workshops | Upto a maximum of 70% of the CPDA (i.e. ₹2.1 Lakh) for the period of Three Years. (As per the Guidelines of the Ministry) |
| 2 | Membership Fee for Professional Bodies and Paper Publication Fee for Q1 Journals | Upto a maximum of 60% of the CPDA (i.e. ₹ 1.8 Lakh) for the period of Three Years. |
| 3 | Contingent Expense | Upto a maximum of 50% of the CPDA (i.e. ₹ 1.5 Lakh) for the period of Three Years. |

The same shall be charged to Head OH 36 – Salary from the Grant in Aid.

Item No.46.06: To consider and approve the creation of Chairman's Scholarship Fund in the Institute to support economically needy students.

On the recommendations of the FC, the agenda was approved as proposed. The following committee will frame the rules and regulations for administration of the fund, including disbursal mechanism, eligibility norms, and monitoring:

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| (1) Chairperson, BoG | (2) Director, NIT Sikkim |
| (3) Dean Student Welfare | (4) Registrar |

The same shall be approved by the Chairperson, BoG and shall be applicable from the date as decided by the Committee.

The BoG highly appreciates the generous and benevolent act of the Hon'ble Chairperson in donating his share of the honorarium towards the establishment of a scholarship fund for needy students. His continuous

involvement in various social welfare activities and initiatives for the betterment of the Institute's students reflects his deep commitment, compassion, and dedication. Through this selfless contribution, he has set a remarkable example for society.

There shall be no financial implication on the Institute for the said proposal.

Item No.46.07: To consider and approve the Memorandum and Articles of Association (MoA & AoA) of Section 8 company for establishment of Incubation Centre at NIT Sikkim.

The Memorandum and Articles of the company along with the list of Subscribers to the Memorandum and First Directors were approved as given below:

(i) The Members of the Company and First Subscriber of Memorandum of Association:

- (a) Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director, NIT Sikkim
- (b) Dr. Sangram Ray, Chief Coordinator, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Cell

(ii) The First Director of the Company:

- (a) Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director, NIT Sikkim
- (b) Dr. Ranjan Basak, Dean Student Welfare

Additional Directors will be appointed from Industry, Academia, Administration and other relevant sectors as per need.

Further, the name of the company will be finalized based on availability from the following three options in order of preference:

- (i) NIT Sikkim Entrepreneurship, Research and Innovation Foundation (NERIF)
- (ii) Centre for Innovation, Research and Incubation NIT Sikkim (CIRIN)
- (iii) NIT Sikkim Startup & Research Foundation (NSRF)

Item No.46.08: To consider and approve the sanction of interest free loan of ₹1.00 Crore to the Section 8 Company to be incorporated for establishment of Incubation Centre in the Institute.

On the recommendations of the FC, the agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.46.09: To consider and approve the audited annual accounts and final SAR for the FY 2024-25.

The agenda was deferred due to non-receipt of the final SAR from the Office of the Accountant General, Sikkim. The same will be submitted for approval upon receipt from the AG, Gangtok, Sikkim.



Item No.46.10: To report the invitation of RFPs for appointment of Third-party Quality Assurance Agency TPQA for quality assurance of the construction of permanent campus at Khamdong, Gangtok District.

The BoG noted the progress of empaneling the TPQA for above. It was informed that the Institute has requested for RFP for nearly Ten (10) Institutions (Nine (9) IITs and One (1) CBRI, Roorkee). As no proposals have been received to date, the deadline for submission has been extended from 23rd September 2025 to 10th October 2025.

Item No.46.11: To report the award of work to the Rural Development Department, Govt. of Sikkim for dedicated Water supply line to the permanent campus NIT Sikkim at Khamdong, Gangtok District.

The agenda was discussed at length, and it was informed that the that the State Government was requested several times to provide the water supply to NIT Sikkim at their own expense. However, as mentioned in the agenda, the above request was turned down even at the highest level in the Sikkim Government. Hence, after reviewing the necessity of water supply and inability of the State Government of bearing the expenses, it was decided that the above work will be carried out as joint venture and the expenditure will be shared by NIT Sikkim and State Govt. of Sikkim. Therefore, it was mutually agreed that NIT Sikkim will provide maximum fund upto ₹10.00 Crore against the total expenditure of ₹15.53 Crore submitted by the Rural Development Department (RDD), Govt. of Sikkim. The remaining expenditure will be borne by the State Govt. of Sikkim. The approved DPR of Permanent Campus of NIT Sikkim has a provision of ₹18.00 Crore for the external water supply.

The agenda was approved as proposed. However, After deliberations, Shri N S Bisht, Deputy Secretary (Retd.) & Representative, IFD, Ministry of Education advised that the rate considered for estimation of the work of providing external water supply to NIT Sikkim in the DPR submitted by the RDD, Govt. of Sikkim should be verified for not exceeding the DSR rates. The rate has been compared and found that the estimation has been done based on Sikkim State Public Works Department Schedule of rate (SOR) 2020 and are lesser than the DSR rates including Cost index as applicable to the area in Sikkim.

Item No.46.12: To report the nominations of the Member on the Senate of the Institute.

Noted.



Item No.46.13: To report the status of the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.

The BoG noted the progress and directed the PMC to prepare the revised construction activity schedule along with completion time and same should be reviewed by the Institute in the BWC meeting as and when conducted. Efforts should be made to compensate for the delay in planned construction due to rains.

The matter related to the establishment of 66/11 KV Substation was also discussed and the Director apprised that the proposal is lying with the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India and the Ministry has informed that the proposal is in advance stage and realizing the importance of the same, it will be dealt at priority. The Director requested the MoE to pursue the matter, so that the grant can be released by the Ministry of Power through DONER Ministry at the earliest. The Deputy Secretary (TE), Ministry of Education, assured for necessary action at their end.

The Director also informed the BoG that he met with the Hon'ble CM on 28th July 2025 and apprise with the pending issues and the requirement of additional land as the present land is not sufficient for future expansion. The Hon'ble CM agreed that 20-30 acres land will be provided for NIT Sikkim future expansion.

Item No.46.14: To report the Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Senate held on 25th July 2025.

Noted.

Item No.46.15: To report the Minutes of the 32nd Meeting of the Building and Works Committee (BWC) held on 04th September 2025.

Noted.

Item No.46.16: To report the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) scheduled to be held on 18th September 2025.

Noted.

Item No.46.17: Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair.

DIRECTOR

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14/10/2025

CHAIRPERSON

Ranjit Singh
Registrar (I/c)