

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

Minutes of the 47th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 47th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 24th Nov. 2025 from 03:30PM onwards under the Chairmanship of **Shri Ramesh Kumar Saraogi, Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Sikkim** in Hybrid Mode. The following members were present in the meeting:

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil Director, NIT Sikkim	Ex-officio 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
Shri Ugyen Chopel Director, Yuksom Breweries Ltd	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 Ankit Bansal Design Consultant, M/s Confluence, New Delhi	Special Invitee
Dr. Ravi Srivastava Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

Shri Raj Yadav (IAS), Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Department, Govt. of Sikkim, (Nominee of the State Govt) was in absentia.

At the outset, the Director extended heartiest welcome to the Chairperson, BoG and to other members presented at the 47th Meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim.



With the permission of the Chairperson, the agenda items were presented, and the following decisions were taken after due deliberation:

Item No.47.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 18th Sept. 2025.

The Minutes were confirmed.

Item No.47.02: To report on the action taken on the decisions taken in the 46th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 18th Sept. 2025.

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

Item No.47.03: 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 progress as reported by the Director.

Item No.47.04: To consider and approve the organization of the 08th Convocation of the Institute on 15th Dec. 2025 (Monday).

The agenda was approved as proposed. Further, the Director informed the Board of Governors that the invitation for the Chief Guest of the ceremony had initially been extended to the Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Education, Shri Sukanta Majumdar Ji; however, due to the parliamentary session scheduled for the month of December 2025, he would not be able to attend the ceremony. In view of this, the invitation for the Chief Guest has been extended to the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim.

Moreover, invitations for the Guest of Honour have been extended to Shri V. K. Tewari, Former Director, IIT Kharagpur, and Shri G. P. Upadhyaya, IAS (Retd.), Former Cabinet Secretary, Government of Sikkim.

Item No.47.05: To consider and approve the names of the medal and degree recipients of B.Tech., M.Tech., M.Sc. and Ph.D. to be awarded in the 8th Convocation scheduled on 15th December 2025 (Monday).

The agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.47.06: To consider and approve the award of Honorary Degree in the 8th Convocation of the Institute scheduled on 15th Dec. 2025 (Monday).

The recommendations of the Senate regarding the award of the Honorary Degree were approved by the Board of Governors. The Board noted the significant contributions of Shri Sajan Kumar Bansal, Chairman and Managing Director, Skipper Limited, toward the development of society and rural development. For more than three decades, Shri Bansal has actively engaged in the socio-economic empowerment of communities by adopting



100 villages in Jharkhand. Furthermore, Shri Bansal launched the flagship “Beti Padhao Abhiyan” in 2017, focusing on supporting the education of underprivileged girl children across schools in Kolkata and Howrah by providing scholarships to deserving students.

AGENDA ITEMS EMERGED FROM FC

Item No.47.07: To consider and approve the audited annual accounts and final SAR for the FY 2024-25.

The agenda was approved as recommended by the FC.

Item No.47.08: To report the Legal suit filed by Dr. Anil Lal S., Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering in the Hon’ble High Court of Sikkim.

The agenda was discussed in detail. The Director apprised the Board of Governors of the legal suit filed by Dr. Anil Lal S., Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, NIT Sikkim. The Institute has received legal notices dated 17 October 2025 and 29 October 2025 from Advocate O. P. Bhandari, legal counsel of Dr. Anil Lal S., intimating that a writ petition has been filed before the Hon’ble High Court of Sikkim. The respondents listed in the writ petition are:

- (1) **Respondent–1:** Union of India, through the Ministry of Education
- (2) **Respondent–2:** National Institute of Technology Sikkim, represented by its Registrar
- (3) **Respondent–3:** The Board of Governors, NIT Sikkim, represented by its Director
- (4) **Respondent–4:** Dr. Ranjan Basak, Associate Professor
- (5) **Respondent–5:** Dr . Dhananjay Tripathi, Associate Professor
- (6) **Respondent–6:** Dr. Sourav Mallick, Associate Professor

The suit has been filed with regards to recruitment of Dr Anil Lal S as Associate Professor in the department of Mechanical Engineering in the recruitment process held in December 2022 and approved by the BoG on 20th December 2022. The complainant has demanded appointment to the post of professor citing his eligibility based on credit points and his meritorious academic record. Further, he has also questioned the appointment of some of his colleagues in the said recruitment citing conflict of interest as members of the BoG.

The BoG was further informed that the Institute approached **Advocate A. Moulik, Senior Advocate**, as legal counsel to represent the Institute and other officials before the Hon’ble High Court of Sikkim, with a professional fee of **Rs. 45,000/- per hearing**, exclusive of out-of-pocket expenses. However, representatives of the Ministry have advised the Institute to strictly adhere to the Ministry’s directions circulated on **25.08.2022**, forwarding **D.O. Letter No. J-18/50/2021-Judicial dated 09.12.2021** and **Office Memorandum No. F. No. J-12012/2/2017-Judicial dated 30.06.2017**, issued by the Judicial Section, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India for matters relating to the appointment of the counsel.



As per **paragraph 3 of the D.O. Letter dated 09.12.2021**, it has been stipulated that “*all Ministries/Departments shall issue instructions to autonomous bodies under their administrative control that in cases where the Union of India is also a party along with an autonomous body, such cases shall be defended on behalf of both the Union of India and the autonomous body before any Court or Tribunal exclusively by the panel counsel engaged by the Department of Legal Affairs*”.

After due deliberations, it was decided that the Institute shall review the appointment of the Legal Counsel and proceed in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR REPORTING

Item No.47.09: To report the status of the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.47.10: To report the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Senate to be held on 15th Nov. 2025.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.47.11: To report the Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) scheduled to be held on 24th Nov. 2025.


The BoG noted the same.

Item No.47.12: Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair.

DIRECTOR



CHAIRPERSON


Registrar (I/c)