

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

Minutes of the 48th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 48th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 06th Feb. 2026 from 03:00 PM 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
Shri Varun Bhardwaj Director (NITs – II), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	Member
Shri Udaya Kiran Under Secretary, IFD, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	Member
Prof. Devendra Jalihal Director, IIT Guwahati	Member
Shri Raj Yadav, IAS Commissioner-cum-Secretary Women, Child, Senior Citizen and Divyangjan Welfare Dept. Govt. of Sikkim	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	Invited Member
Shri Anil Kumar Pathak Executive Director (SBG-NER), NBCC India Ltd	Special Invitee
Shri Abhishek Singh CGM (Engg), NBCC India Ltd	Special Invitee
Dr. Ravi Srivastava Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

Shri Ugyen Chopel, State Nominee, could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation and he was granted leave of absence.

At the outset, the Director extended heartiest welcome to the Chairperson, BoG and to other members presented at the 48th 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.48.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 47th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th November 2025.

The Minutes were confirmed.

Item No.48.02: To report on the action taken on the decisions taken in the 47th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 24th November 2025.

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

Item No.48.03: 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 efforts made by the Director.

Item No.48.04: To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committees for the Upgradation of Serving Faculty Members in Five Engineering Departments from Assistant Professor, Grade-II (Level -10) to Assistant Professor, Grade-II (Level-11).

The recommendations of the duly constituted Selection Committees as per the Act and Statutes of NITs for the Upgradation of Serving Faculty Members of Five Engineering Departments from Assistant Professor, Grade-II (Level -10) to Assistant Professor, Grade-II (Level-11) were approved. As per the recommendations, the list of upgraded faculty members along with their departments and category is given below:

S. No.	Name of the Faculty	Department	Category
1	Dr. Anirban Banik	CE	UR
2	Dr. Krishna Kumar Maurya	CE	OBC
3	Dr. Ankit Bhardwaj	CE	UR
4	Dr. Krishna Kumar	CSE	OBC
5	Dr. Bam Bahadur Sinha	CSE	UR
6	Dr. Jeetendra Singh	ECE	OBC
7	Dr. Varun Gupta	ECE	UR
8	Dr. Vishal Vishnoi	ECE	UR
9	Dr. Abhishek Rajan	EEE	UR
10	Dr. Vivek Kumar	EEE	UR
11	Dr. Debajit Saha	ME	UR
12	Dr. Biswajit Roy	ME	SC

The upgradation of the existing faculty is as per the Act and Statutes of NITs and shall be applicable from 07th February 2026 i.e. the day following the approval of the Board of Governors.

Item No.48.05: To consider and approve the Ten-Days' vacation to the non-vacation staff of the Institute once in a calendar year.

The agenda item was not approved.

Item No.48.06: To consider and approve the Budget Estimate of the Institute for FY 2026-27.

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved.

Item No.48.07: To consider and approve the appointment of retainer and consultants for legal, architecture, and other domain matters.

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved. The legal consultants shall be empaneled on case-to-case basis following the due process and as per the requirements. With regards to the other consultants, the agenda shall be placed again in the next BoG.

Item No.48.08: To consider the claim for gratuity received from Prof A B Samaddar, Former Director NIT Sikkim.

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved. The Board also suggested that necessary clarifications to be sought from the previously served institutions regarding gratuity. The Institute should review the retirement benefits already extended to Prof. A. B. Samaddar in respect of the claims made. After clarification, the gratuity may be paid as per the existing rules applicable to NITs.

Item No.48.09: To consider the claim for encashment of Leave, Gratuity and other benefits of employees who have resigned from the Institute on technical/personal grounds.

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved. The Board also recommended that leave, gratuity and other admissible benefits of employees who have resigned from the Institute on technical grounds can be transferred to the institute where the employee have joined. Further, the matter can be reported to the Ministry to have a uniform policy across the CFTIs.

Item No.48.10: To consider and approve the re-distribution of Group B & C sanctioned posts within each cadre of non-teaching positions, with a view to take corrective measures to address promotional stagnation among employees.

The agenda was discussed and as decided in the FC, the matter shall be referred to NIT bureau in the Ministry of Education for early needful action.

Item No.48.11: To consider and approve the creation two posts of Deputy Registrar and one post of Senior Scientific Officer by surrendering the live sanctioned posts vide office memorandum issued by the Ministry of Finance, F. No. 7(1)/E.Coord-I/2017 (Part-II), Dated: 04th January 2024.

The agenda was discussed and as decided in the FC, the matter shall be referred to NIT bureau in the Ministry of Education for early needful action.

Item No.48.12: To ratify the registration of the “Section 8” Company for the establishment of the incubation center of NIT Sikkim with MNIT Jaipur as its registered office.

The agenda was approved as recommended by the FC. The office of the proposed Section 8 company can be established at MNIT Jaipur. The Director, MNIT Jaipur will be requested again to provide the office space. This is statutory requirement because the Company Act is not applicable to State of Sikkim.

Item No.48.13: To report the engagement of outsourced staff deputed at the Ministry.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.48.14: To report the status of the establishment of the permanent campus of the Institute at Khamdong, East Sikkim, Sikkim.

The BoG was apprised with the progress of the ongoing construction and the problem faced due to quality of land/soil quality. The Members were also apprised of the long pending issues, which includes: (i) Establishment of 66/11 KV substation within the campus of NIT Sikkim and relocation of Two Electric Towers, (ii) Diversion/Re-alignment of existing public road passing through the campus and dividing it in four parts.

The establishment of 66/11 KV substation is long pending and requires nearly Rs. 35.00 Crore. The BoG was apprised with the latest developments and informed that the issue is still pending and need an early resolution. The members of the Ministry assured that the necessary action will be taken at the Ministry Level, however, the Institute should continue their efforts.

The diversion/re-alignment of public road is in pipeline, and the State Government has assured for early resolution. The Institute will continue to meet the concerned official/State Govt. Ministry for needful early resolution.

Item No.48.15: To report the Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) scheduled to be held on 06th February 2026.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.48.16: Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair.

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15/04/2026
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CHAIRPERSON

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