

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

(An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the 27th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 27th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 09th April 2022 at 04:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director & Chairman (I/c) at NIT Transit House, New Delhi. The following members were present in the meeting:

Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil Director & Chairman (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Chairperson
Prof. T. G. Sitharam Director, IIT Guwahati	Member
Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	Member
Mr. Anil Kumar Director (Finance), MoE, GOI	Member
Shri Indrajit Kuri Under Secretary (NIT-I), MoE, GOI	Member
Shri Ugyen Chopel State Govt. Nominee, Sikkim	Member
Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Dr. Sourav Mallick Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Dr. Ranjan Basak Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

At the outset, the Chairperson extended heartiest welcome to the members present in the meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of the Institute. The Director 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.27.01: To confirm the minutes of the 26th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 10th February 2022.

The Minutes were confirmed.

Item No.27.02: To report the action taken on agenda/decisions taken in the 26th Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Action Taken Report (ATR) was presented and the actions taken by the Institute were noted and appreciated.

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Item No.27.03: To place the Director's Report to apprise of the development and progress of the Institute.

The BoG was apprised of the various academic and administrative activities of the Institute. The Director highlighted the issue of inadequate number of faculty and staff members of the Institute affecting the growth of the Institute. The BoG also requested representatives of the Ministry to expedite the sanction of required faculty and staff positions and publish the list of Visitor's Nominee at the earliest so that the regular faculty recruitment may be completed. The members of the BoG appreciated the efforts made by the Director in developing the Institute nicely despite various constraints. The BoG also appreciated the efforts made towards acquiring the land for the permanent campus.

Item No.27.04: To consider and approve the award of honorary degree in the 4th Convocation of NIT Sikkim on 16th April 2022.

The BoG approved the proposal of conferment of Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) upon Shri Prem Singh Tamang, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim and Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) upon Dr. Mani Kumar Sharma, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Social Justice and Women Empowerment, Government of Sikkim in the 4th Convocation of NIT Sikkim to be held on 16th April 2022.

Item No.27.05: To consider and approve the contractual appointment of staff members in various Departments, Offices and library.

The BoG approved the proposal for appointing six (06) staff members in departments/laboratories, store, accounts, Dean Student & Academic Office, Medical Unit (Nursing Staff) and library on short term contract. The emoluments may range from Rs.35,000 to Rs.50,000 per month (consolidated).

Item No.27.06: To consider the proposal for collaboration with IIT Hyderabad and setting up of an IIT Hyderabad extension centre at NIT Sikkim to foster academic, research and administrative collaboration and benefit from the expertise of IIT Hyderabad.

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

Item No.27.07: To consider and approve the procedure for Medical Reimbursement

The recommendations of the FC in this regard were approved by the BoG. The medical reimbursement claims of the employees for both OPD and IPD treatment is permitted from any of the followings:

- (i) Government Hospitals run by State/Central Government.
- (ii) All Hospitals/Dispensaries recognized by the Government of Sikkim for treatment of their employees and dependents.

(iii) CGHS/CSMA empaneled Hospitals.

The reimbursement, however, shall be as per CSMA rules i.e amount shall be restricted to the CGHS rates prescribed for the specific purpose.

Item No.27.08: To consider and approve the enhancement of the Institute fees per semester for various UG, PG and Ph.D. programs.

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

Item No.27.09: To report the organization of 4th Convocation of NIT Sikkim on 16th April 2022.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.27.10: To report the initiation of 4th recruitment drive of regular faculty.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.27.11: To report the status of regular faculty recruitment drives.

The Chairman BoG apprised of the status of regular faculty recruitment drive. The Institute will conduct the selection/interview process after the panel of Visitor's nominee is made available by the MoE.

Item No.27.12: To report the recruitment and joining of Group B & C Non-teaching staff against the Advt. No.: NITS/ Rect/ NT/ 2021/ 01, Dated: 05th Nov. 2021.

The BoG noted the recruitment and joining of the twelve Group B and C non-teaching staffs.

Item No.27.13: To report the Senate Nominee on the BoG of the Institute.

Dr. Sourav Mallick, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering was nominated by the Senate on the BoG for 02 years as per the Acts and Statutes of NITs. The BoG noted the same.

Item No.27.14: To report the present status of land allocation for the permanent campus.

The Chairman BoG apprised of the present status of land allocation for the permanent campus.

- (i) Out of nearly 100 Acres, 89.81 Acres of the land has been mutated in the name of the NIT Sikkim as per the letter issued by ADC, East Sikkim.
- (ii) Six (06) Acres of forest land needs to be transferred to NIT as it consists of 8 (eight) small plots, scattered across the vital construction areas of the land allocated for the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim. The necessary clearance from forest department is in advanced stage as the case is forwarded to IRO Kolkata. It is expected that the clearance will be received within one month.

- (iii) Nearly, four (04) Acres of land is under litigation viz Plot Number-465, 466, 467 and 485. However, these plots are located near the boundary of the land and are not crucial for starting the construction work. The Board was apprised that acquisition of Plot No. 485 is necessary and the same is conveyed to the hon'ble court. It is expected that the decision will be delivered in one or two months as both parties are in agreement to transfer the land in the name of NIT Sikkim.
- (iv) The preparation of DPR for the construction of permanent campus of NIT Sikkim was awarded to CPWD nearly 10 months ago. The Institute is pursuing the matter with CPWD constantly for early finalization of the DPR and handover of the same to NIT Sikkim at the earliest.

The BoG appreciated the sincere efforts made by the Institute for above.

Item No.27.15: To report the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Senate.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.27.16: To report the Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Finance Committee.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No. 27.17: The following Agenda items were taken up with the permission of the Chair

Item No. 27.17 (a): To nominate two members of the Board of Governors on the Finance Committee.

The following two members of the BoG were nominated on the Finance Committee as per the Acts and Statues of NITs w.e.f April 09, 2022.

- (1) Shri G. P. Upadhyaya, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim
- (2) Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi, Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim


Item No. 27.17(b): To report the nomination of two members as State Government nominee on the BoG.

The State Government has nominated (i) Shri G. P. Upadhyaya, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim and (ii) Shri Ugyen Chopel, Director, Yuksom Breweries as State nominee on the BoG for a term of three (03) years as per the Acts and Statutes of NITs. The BoG noted the same and welcomed the hon'ble members again on the BoG of NIT Sikkim.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Director & Chairman (I/c)



 12-04-22
Registrar (I/c)