

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

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

## Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held at Ministry of Education, New Delhi on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 at 3:30 PM under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Director & Chairman (I/c). The following members were present in the meeting:

<b>Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil</b> Director & Chairman (I/c), NIT Sikkim	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Prof. T. G. Sitharam</b> Director, IIT Guwahati	<b>Member</b>
<b>Shri G. P. Upadhyaya</b> Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	<b>Member</b>
<b>Mrs. Darshana M. Dabral</b> Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE, Govt. of India	<b>Member</b>
<b>Mrs. Saumya Gupta</b> Joint Secretary (NIT), MoE, Govt. of India	<b>Member</b>
<b>Shri Ugyen Chopel,</b> State Nominee, Sikkim	<b>Member</b>
<b>Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi</b> Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	<b>Member</b>
<b>Dr. Sourav Mallick</b> Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	<b>Member</b>
<b>Shri Sahil Minda</b> Assistant Registrar, NIT Sikkim	<b>Invitee</b>
<b>Shri Rajesh Kumar Dhiman</b> ADG, CPWD, Kolkata Division	<b>Invitee</b>
<b>Shri Shubashis Chaudhuri</b> Chief Architect, CPWD, Kolkata Division	<b>Invitee</b>
<b>Shri Ravi Kumar Verma</b> Executive Engineer, CPWD, Gangtok	<b>Invitee</b>
<b>Dr. Ranjan Basak</b> Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	<b>Secretary</b>

At the outset, the Chairperson extended heartiest welcome to the members present in the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. The Director also apprised the Board of Governors of the progress and issues of the Institute. The members appreciated the sincere efforts made

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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:

**ItemNo.29.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Board of Governors held on 9<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

The minutes were confirmed.

**Item No.29.02: To report the action taken on agenda/decisions taken in the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Board of Governors.**

The Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions taken in the meeting is as follows:

Agenda item	Decision	Action
28.01	To consider and approve the conduction of interview for the selection of regular faculty members against the advertisement no. NITS/Rect/Faculty/2021/01 & NITSKM/Faculty/Advt/2022/01.	Referred to the MoE
27.04	To consider and approve the award of honorary degree in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Convocation of NIT Sikkim on 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Implemented
27.05	To consider and approve the contractual appointment of staff members in various Departments, Offices and library.	Implemented
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.	Implemented as per the direction of the Board
27.07	To consider and approve the procedure for Medical Reimbursement.	Implemented
27.08	To consider and approve the enhancement of the Institute fees per semester for various UG, PG and Ph.D. programs.	Implemented

**Item No.29.03: 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 and the status of the allocation of land for the permanent campus. The Director highlighted the issue of inadequate number of faculty and staff members of the Institute affecting the growth of the Institute. The

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members of the Board appreciated the efforts made despite the constraints faced in the temporary campus. The ministry was requested to sanction the required faculty and staff positions at the earliest as it is severely impacting the progress of the Institute.

*The agenda was approved as proposed.*

**Item No.29.04: To consider and approve the draft of Annual Report of the Institute for the FY 2021-2022.**

The draft annual report was approved.

**Agenda Items Emerged from FC**

**Item No.29.05: To consider the allocation of grant from Ministry of Education for the FY 2022-2023.**

The recommendation of the FC was deliberated by the BoG. As advised by the JS & FA, MoE, the proposal for sanctioning of additional budget will be send to the Ministry with the required information. The members also requested to allocate budget to the Institute as per the need so compliance and implementation of NEP 2020 objectives can be done in real sense.

**Item No.29.06: To consider and approve the Annual Accounts for the FY 2021-2022.**

On the recommendation of the FC the agenda was approved as proposed.

**Item No.29.07: To consider and approve the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) by IIT Kanpur and the expenditure against the same.**

On the recommendation of the FC the agenda was approved as proposed. The preliminary estimate of Rs. 24.0 Lakhs plus GST to carry out the EIA work by IIT Kanpur is approved and financial and administrative approvals were given.

**Item No.29.08: To adopt the order (F.No.1/4(3)/2022-LS-II dated 31-03-2022 issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India regarding the revised rates of Variable Dearness Allowance.**

On the recommendation of the FC the above was approved for Adoption .

**Agenda Items for Reporting**

**Item No.29.09: To report the submission of the Performance Evaluation Report of the Institute for the Academic Year 2022-2023.**

Noted and appreciated.

**Item No.29.10: To report the status of regular faculty recruitment drives.**

Noted.

**Item No.29.11: To report the present status of land allocation for the permanent campus.**

The Institute reported land acquisition status for the establishment of permanent campus of NIT, Sikkim at Dungdung Block, Khamdong, East Sikkim as given below:

- 1) 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 (Memo No: 908/716/G/I/ADC/DC(E) Dated: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022). The Land Comprises 200 plots from 59 owners.
- 2) In principle approval of central government under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for diversion of 2.394 Hectares (6 Acres) in favor of Education Department, Govt. of Sikkim for the establishment of NIT Sikkim campus has been issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO Kolkata. However, for Stage – II, the State Government is required to deposit the compensatory levies. The Ministry of Education, Govt. of Sikkim is requested to deposit the required amount in the CAMPA fund as per the directions vide letter no. IRO/Kol/SK/Others/151941/2022/244 dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and the Forest Department, Govt. of Sikkim will do the needful to transfer the above forest land to Education Department and thereby to NIT Sikkim. The Education Department as well as Forest Department, Govt. of Sikkim is requested to expedite the compliance of the above letter.
- 3) Nearly, 4 Acres of land is under litigation Viz Plot Number-465, 466,467 and 485. However, these plots lay near or at the edge of the boundary of the land and are not crucial for starting the construction work. This land belongs to three brothers, out of which two of them are ready to give their land to NIT Sikkim. Further, plot number-485 is only of major interest of NIT as it lies inside the boundary. The judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim is pending. The Institute is asked to make efforts to expediate the disposal of the case.
- 4) The matter of the public road passing through campus land was also discussed and Institute is asked to take up the matter with State Govt. for diversion of the same outside the campus land.

The Institute requested the MoE to communicate with the State Government for early resolution of the diversion process of forest land, establishment of power sub-station and approach road.

**Item No.29.12: To report the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Emergent Meeting of the Senate.**

Noted.

**Item No.29.13: To report the Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Building Works Committee.**

Noted.

**Item No.29.14: To report the Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee.**

Noted.

**Item No. 29.15: To deliberate and discuss on the proposed draft DPR and Proposed Estimate prepared by CPWD for the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim at Khamdong.**

As directed previously by the FC and BoG, the DPR is prepared by the CPWD as per the requirements and directions given by the NIT. The draft of the DPR is prepared after due deliberations and considering various guidelines/master circular issued by the Ministry. The DPR consists of Master Plan, Preliminary Estimate (PE), Soil Investigation Report etc. The members appreciated the efforts made by the Institute and CPWD for a well-prepared draft DPR.

The CPWD officials were invited to attend the BoG and make the detailed presentation of DPR in front of the FC and BoG members. The presentation was given by the Chief Architect, CPWD and detailed discussions on the various aspects of DPR were made. The members noted that the cost per square meter of construction for some buildings was found to be relatively on the higher side and is varying. CPWD was also asked to prepare PE separately for construction work, developmental work and other needs such as networking, wiring, etc. CPWD was asked to reassess the Master plan and PE after incorporating the suggestions made by the members regarding size, location, aesthetic look, front view, earthquake, etc. and make the proposal cost-effective. The members also asked to ensure barrier free environment, green building, basic amenities like shopping center, central food court, etc. The hostels were also discussed and it was suggested to create transit/single seater hostel for Ph.D. students. The buildings should be designed in sync with Sikkim's culture specially Admin Building may be planned as signature building. It was also suggested to take the guidance of IIT Guwahati while designing the various buildings. CPWD was asked to reduce/remove the contingency charges while preparing the PE. The final DPR shall be prepared in consultation with the MoE and will be submitted as per the directions. The compliance of various requirements will also be ensured as per master circular and other.

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

Director & Chairperson (I/c)

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Registrar (I/c)

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