

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

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

MINUTES OF THE 30th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 30th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 08th December 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 & Chairperson (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Chairperson
Prof. T. G. Sitharam Director, IIT Guwahati	Present Online
Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Chief/Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	Member
Mrs. Saumya Gupta Joint Secretary (NIT), MoE, Govt. of India	Present Online
Mr. Anil Kumar Director (Finance, IFD), MoE, Govt. of India	Present Online
Shri Ugyen Chopel State Nominee, Sikkim	Present Online
Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Dr. Sourav Mallick Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Shri Sahil Minda Assistant Registrar (Finance & Accounts), NIT Sikkim	Special Invitee
Dr. Ranjan Basak Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

At the outset, the Chairperson extended a warm welcome to the members present and acknowledged the contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim and for sparing their invaluable time. The Director also 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. With the permission of the Chair, the agenda items were presented and the following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

Item No.30.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22nd June 2022.

The Minutes were confirmed.

Item No.30.02: To report the action taken on agenda/ decisions taken in the 29th Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The BoG noted the actions taken by the Institute.

Item No.30.03: To place the Director's Report to apprise of the development and progress of the Institute.

The Director presented the report on the Institute and highlighted the recent achievements, academic activities, placement statistics, pending issues such as non-availability of the permanent campus, inadequate number of sanctioned faculty and non-teaching positions, *etc.* The members appreciated the efforts of the Institute towards the overall development of the stakeholders despite being forced to operate from a temporary campus with limited resources. The MoE nominees assured an early action in sanctioning of faculty and non-faculty positions and support for the infrastructure development for this new Institute.

Item No.30.04: To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts and Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the FY 2021-22.

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

Item No.30.05: To consider and approve the lodging/boarding charges for the BoG/ Senate members for attending various statutory meetings.

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

Item No.30.06: To consider and approve the provision of group medical insurance to employees and their dependents.

As per the recommendation of the FC, the agenda was deferred.

Item No.30.07: To adopt the order F.No.1/16(3)/2022-LS-II, Dated: 28.09.2022 issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India regarding the revised rates of Variable Dearness Allowance.

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

Item No.30.08: To deliberate and discuss the proposed DPR and proposed estimate prepared by CPWD for the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim at Khamdong.

The DPR for the construction of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim at Dung Dung, Khamdong, East Sikkim has been prepared and submitted by CPWD. The copy of the DPR along with preliminary estimate amounting to ₹1064.17 Crore and soil investigation report submitted by CPWD along with other necessary documents were placed before the BoG for the approval. After thorough discussion, the members of the BoG were of the opinion that the estimate prepared by the CPWD is on higher side and need revision. Owing to the delay and difficulty faced by the Institute as appraised by the Director in preparation of the DPR by the CPWD, the FC and BoG advised that Institute

may approach the National Building Corporation Limited, NBCC (India) Limited to prepare the DPR along with preliminary estimate. The FC and BoG also advised that the DPR estimate should be kept below Rs. 1,000 Crore. The BoG also requested to expedite the DPR preparation as well as take necessary step to resolve the pending issues of the land allocated for the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim. The BoG authorized the Director to take necessary steps and engage external agency like NBCC for early preparation of the DPR and requested to submit the same at the earliest possible.

Agenda Items for Reporting

Item No.30.09: To report the submission of the Annual Report of the Institute for the FY 2021-2022 to the MoE.

Noted and appreciated.

Item No.30.10: To report the resignation of three regular faculty members from the Institute.

Noted.

Item No.30.11: To report the status of faculty and staff positions at the Institute.

Noted.

Item No.30.12: To report the present status of land allocation for the permanent campus.

The Director apprised the BoG of the present status of the land allocation and pending issues with the Govt. of Sikkim for the establishment of the permanent campus at Dung-Dung, Khamdong, East Sikkim. The following issues were discussed in detail:

- (i) The issue of 6 acres of land belongs to the forest department are yet to get final clearance. The compensation demanded by the Forest Department (FCA), Govt. of Sikkim for seeking the final approval under Forest Conservation Act 1980 has been deposited on 22.10.2022 and the case is submitted to Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kolkata for Stage -II approval. After approval, the land will be mutated in the name of NIT Sikkim.
- (ii) Nearly, 4 Acres of land is under litigation Viz Plot Number- 465, 466, 467 and 485. 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, the plot Number-485 is only of major interest of NIT as it lies inside the boundary. The litigation is under sub-Judices in the District court of East Sikkim.
- (iii) The registration of land (approx. 170 ft x 40 ft) to be used as approach road to the campus from the main road is pending.



- (iv) The existing PMGSY road connecting Khamdong to Ralap intersects the proposed NIT Sikkim campus and it splits the **campus into three parts**. The Institute campus should be contiguous with a common boundary to ensure the safety and security of the campus and avoid encroachment apart from other several difficulties. The State Govt. of Sikkim has been requested for the diversion of the part road (2 KM approx.) intersecting the campus. The same is still pending.
- (v) The Letter No.: 232/NITS/Works/**Water supply arrangement/ permanent campus/** 22-23/21, Dated: 03rd August 2022 was sent to PCE Cum Secretary, PHED, Govt. of Sikkim for the requisition to provide the cost estimate for laying of pipeline from nearest water source to proposed overhead tank of NIT Sikkim Campus at Dungdung Khamdong, East Sikkim. The same is still pending.
- (vi) With reference to D.O No.2/11/2022-Trans/264130 dated 24/08/2022 from the Hon'ble Minister of Power and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India the proposal for the establishment of 2x5 MVA, 66/11 kV substation for NIT campus is pending.

The BoG appreciated the relentless efforts made by the Institute in this regard and requested the state nominees to take-up these issues with the Govt. of Sikkim for early resolution. Shri G. P. Upadhyaya (IAS), Chief/Cabinet Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim and Shri Ugyen Chopel assured the BoG to take up the above issues with the Govt. of Sikkim and take necessary steps for early resolution of the issues related to the permanent campus.

Item No.30.13: To report the Minutes of 21st and 22nd Meetings of the Senate held on 28th June 2022 and 24th September 2022, respectively.

Noted.

Item No.30.14: To report the Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Building Works Committee held on 02nd December 2022.

Noted.

Item No.30.15: To report the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Finance Committee.

Noted.

Item No.30.16: To report the signing of MoU between NIT Sikkim and The Chatterjee Group (TCG) Life Sciences Limited Kolkata for collaborative research and joint PhD Program.

Noted and appreciated.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Director & Chairperson (I/c)

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Registrar (I/c)