

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

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

MINUTES OF THE 35th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 35th Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 24th August 2023 at 04:00 PM onwards 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
Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Advisor, Mines & Geology Dept., Govt. of Sikkim	Member
Prof. Parameswar K. Iyer Director, IIT Guwahati	Member
Mrs. Veena Dunga Deputy Secretary (NIT), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	Member
Mr. Anil Kumar Director (Finance), IFD, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India	Member
Shri Ugyen Chopel Director, Yuksom Breweries, Melli, Sikkim	Member
Dr. Sourav Mallick Associate Professor, NIT Sikkim	Member
Dr. Aurobindo Panda 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 35th Meeting of the Board of Governors for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairperson, the Agenda items were presented, and the following decisions were taken after due deliberations:

Item No.35.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 33rd & 34th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 17th May 2023 and in circulation respectively.

The Minutes were confirmed.

Item No.35.02: To report the action taken on the decisions taken in the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The BoG noted the actions taken by the Institute.

Item No.35.03: 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 apprised the members of the recent achievements, academic activities, placement statistics, pending issues related to the construction 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 Institute despite being forced to operate from the temporary campus with limited resources.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.35.04: To consider and approve the First Statutes of National Institute of Technology (Amendment) Statutes, 2023 for publication in the Gazette of India.

The agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.35.05: To consider and approve the draft Annual Report of the Institute for the Financial Year 2022-23.

The agenda was approved as proposed.

Item No.35.06: To consider and approve the Special allowance to Associate Deans and HoDs based on Ministry Order No.: F. No. 33-6/2011-TSIII, Dated: 05th July 2012.

On the recommendation of the FC, it was decided to refer the matter to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for necessary directions.

Item No.35.07: To adopt and implement Ministry of Finance OM No.: 33/(14)PFC-II/2018, Dated: 21st June 2023 regarding the revision of emoluments for research scholars.

On the recommendation of the FC, it was decided to refer the matter to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for necessary directions.

Item No.35.08: To discuss and approve the issue of fee to be charged from a foreign national student to be admitted under non CCMN to the M.Sc. program.

On the recommendation of the FC, it was decided to refer the matter to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India for necessary directions.

Item No.35.09: To consider and approve the protection of pay of Prof. M. C. Govil, Director, NIT Sikkim.

The recommendations of the FC were approved.

Item No.35.10: To consider and approve the Fixation of pay of Dr. Anil Lal S, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The recommendations of the FC were approved.

Item No.35.11: To consider and approve the procurement of equipment and laying the Campus Wide Internet facility for the students and employees.

On the recommendations of the FC, the agenda was approved.

Item No.35.12: To report the present status of establishment of permanent campus.

The Director, NIT Sikkim apprised the BoG about the facts and the pending issues with the Govt. of Sikkim regarding the land for the permanent campus.

The Government of Sikkim has allotted nearly 99.67 acres of land at Dung Dung, Khamdong after more than 12 years of continuous efforts made by NIT Sikkim for the establishment of the permanent campus.

The DPR for the establishment of permanent campus was prepared by the Institute in consultation with NBCC India Pvt. Ltd. amounting ₹993.69 Cr. (including Capital Head, Recurring Head, Salary Head) which was submitted to the Ministry of Education. After due deliberation of the Review Committee Meeting Held on 13th April 2023 at New Delhi and incorporation of the suggestions made by the Hon'ble members presented in the RCC meeting the final DPR was submitted to the Ministry of Education on 22nd April 2023 vide Ref No- NITS/Dir.Office/2023/117 of which the approval is awaited.

The salient points of the status of the allotted land are as follows:

- The total allotted land of 99.67 acres has been mutated in the name of NIT Sikkim as per the letter issued by ADC, East Sikkim (Memo No.: 908/716/G/I/ADC/DC(E), Dated: 11th January 2022 and GOS/DTE/2010/TEMP/185'A'Vol-II/2158, Dated: 23.03.2023).
- The land handed over to NIT Sikkim is free from any kind of encumbrances. However, there are a few minor issues that are pending with the State Govt. of Sikkim. The issues are mentioned below:
 - (i) Diversion of Existing PWD Public Road passing through the proposed permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.
 - (ii) The improvisation (broadening) of the existing link road (PMGSY/PWD), the main approach road to NIT Sikkim campus at Dung Dung, Khamdong connecting from Singtam-Dikchu NH to Khamdong Via Ralap.
 - (iii) The provision of an Electric Sub-Station in the new campus of NIT Sikkim at Dung Dung, Khamdong to cater the power requirement of NIT Sikkim.
 - (iv) To provide all basic amenities such as water supply, electricity, road connectivity, health facilities, etc. to NIT Sikkim.
 - (vi) Demarcation of the boundary of the New Campus Land of NIT Sikkim at Dung Dung, Khamdong, East Sikkim.
 - (vii) The information related to stability Zone of the allotted land had not been mentioned in the preliminary feasibility report submitted by the

Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Sikkim on 01.08.2019. The said information is mandatory to ascertain the maximum number of floors. As the land allotted to NIT Sikkim at Khamdong has limited buildable area, therefore, the G+5 storied structure is proposed in the DPR. The work of stability zone is awarded to Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Sikkim and requested to provide the detailed report along with maximum/minimum storied structure can be built on the said land. The expenditure incurred on this work is ₹13,71,275/-.

For the early resolution, the Institute convened a meeting on 21st April 2023 at BAC Khamdong under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development Department Shri Sonam Lama. The Director NIT Sikkim, Hon'ble BoG member Shri Ugyen Chopel, landowners, Secretaries of various departments viz. Roads and Bridges, Forest, Rural Development, Energy and Power, etc. were present. The State Government was requested and reiterated to provide an early resolution to the issues. A meeting was also convened by the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim on 18.08.2023, where the Director NIT Sikkim informed the members that all the issues are still pending. The Chief Secretary requested all the concerned departments to resolve the issues at the earliest. The BoG appreciated the continuous efforts of Shri G. P. Upadhyaya Ii (IAS) and Shri Chopel Ii towards the resolution of pending issues of the land for the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim.

Item No.35.13: To report the status of faculty and staff positions at the Institute.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.35.14: To report the Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 04th August 2023.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.35.15: To report the Minutes of 24th and 25th Senate Meetings held on 27th May and 19th July 2023 respectively.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.35.16: To report the Minutes of the 26th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

The BoG noted the same.

Item No.35.17: To report the Senate Nominee on the BoG of the Institute.

The BoG noted and approved the same.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Director & Chairperson (I/c)

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12/09/2023

BoG

Registrar (I/c)