

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

Minutes of the 35th Meeting of the Finance Committee

The 35th Meeting of the Finance Committee the Institute was held on 24th Nov. 2025 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
Smt. Garima Sharma, IRS Deputy Secretary (TE), Ministry of Education, GoI	Member
Shri N. S. Bisht Deputy Secretary (Retd.), IFD, Ministry of Education, GoI	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	Special Invitee
Dr. Ravi Srivastava Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	Secretary

At the outset, the Director extended heartiest welcome to the Chairperson, BoG and to other members presented at the 35th Meeting of the Finance Committee 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.35.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18th Sept. 2025.

The Minutes were confirmed.

Item No.35.02: To report on the action taken on the decisions taken in the 34th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 18th Sept. 2025.

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

Item No.35.03: To consider and approve the audited annual accounts and final SAR for the FY 2024-25.

The agenda was approved as recommended by the FC.



Item No.35.04: To report the Legal suit filed by Dr. Anil Lal S., Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering in the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim.

The agenda was discussed in detail. The Director apprised the Board of Governors of the legal suit filed by Dr. Anil Lal S., Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, NIT Sikkim. The Institute has received legal notices Dated: 17th October 2025 and 29 October 2025 from Advocate O. P. Bhandari, legal counsel of Dr. Anil Lal S., intimating that a writ petition has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim. The respondents listed in the writ petition are:

- (1) **Respondent-1:** Union of India, through the Ministry of Education
- (2) **Respondent-2:** National Institute of Technology Sikkim, represented by its Registrar
- (3) **Respondent-3:** The Board of Governors, NIT Sikkim, represented by its Director
- (4) **Respondent-4:** Dr. Ranjan Basak, Associate Professor
- (5) **Respondent-5:** Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi, Associate Professor
- (6) **Respondent-6:** Dr. Sourav Mallick, Associate Professor

The suit has been filed with regards to recruitment of Dr Anil Lal S as Associate Professor in the department of Mechanical Engineering in the recruitment process held in December 2022 and approved by the BoG on 20th December 2022. The complainant has demanded appointment to the post of professor citing his eligibility based on credit points and his meritorious academic record. Further, he has also questioned the appointment of some of his colleagues in the said recruitment citing conflict of interest as members of the FC.

The FC was further informed that the Institute approached **Advocate A. Moulik, Senior Advocate**, as legal counsel to represent the Institute and other officials before the Hon'ble High Court of Sikkim, with a professional fee of **Rs. 45,000/- per hearing**, exclusive of out-of-pocket expenses. However, representatives of the Ministry have advised the Institute to strictly adhere to the Ministry's directions circulated on **25.08.2022**, forwarding **D.O. Letter No. J-18/50/2021-Judicial dated 09.12.2021** and **Office Memorandum No. F. No. J-12012/2/2017-Judicial dated 30.06.2017**, issued by the Judicial Section, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India for matters relating to the appointment of the counsel.

As per **Paragraph 3 of the D.O. Letter Dated: 09.12.2021**, it has been stipulated that *"all Ministries/Departments shall issue instructions to autonomous bodies under their administrative control that in cases where the Union of India is also a party along with an autonomous body, such cases shall be defended on behalf of both the Union of India and the autonomous body before any Court or Tribunal exclusively by the panel counsel engaged by the Department of Legal Affairs"*.

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After due deliberations, it was decided that the Institute shall review the appointment of the Legal Counsel and proceed in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

Item No.47.12: Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair.

DIRECTOR



CHAIRPERSON




Registrar (I/c)