

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

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## Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee

The 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 11:00 AM 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:

<b>Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil</b> Director & Chairman (I/c), NIT Sikkim	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Shri G. P. Upadhyaya</b> Additional Chief Secretary, HRDD, Govt. of Sikkim	<b>Member</b>
<b>Mrs. Darshana M. Dabral</b> Joint Secretary & Financial Advisor, MoE, GoI	<b>Member</b>
<b>Mrs. Veena Dunga</b> Under Secretary (NIT), MoE, GoI	<b>Member</b>
<b>Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi</b> Assistant Professor, NIT Sikkim	<b>Member</b>
<b>Shri Sahil Minda</b> Internal Auditor, NIT Sikkim	<b>Invitee Member</b>
<b>Dr. Achintesh N. Biswas</b> Registrar (I/c), NIT Sikkim	<b>Secretary</b>

At the outset, the Chairperson extended heartiest welcome to the members present in the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee for sparing their valuable time and contributions made towards the development of NIT Sikkim. The Director also apprised the Finance Committee with the progress and issues 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.18.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.**

The minutes were confirmed.

**Item No.18.02: To report the actions taken on the agenda/decisions taken in the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee.**

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

Agenda Item	Subject	Action taken
17.03	To consider and adopt the order (File No.:1/20(3) 2021-LS-II, Dated: 23-04-2021 and File No.: 1/16(1)/ 2021-LS-II to File No.: 1/16(6)/2021- LS-II, Dated:28-04-2021 including the corrigendum of File No.: 1/16 (6)/2021-LS-II, Dated: 28-04-2021 issued by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India related to the payment of revised/higher wages to manpower hired through Manpower Agencies	Implemented
17.04	To consider and approve the empanelment of the temporary teaching staff as Teaching Assistant/ Trainee Teachers in various engineering departments.	Implemented as per the decision
17.05	To consider the budget allocation against the grant from Ministry of Education for the FY 2021-2022.	No action(s) required
17.06	To consider and approve the Annual Accounts for the FY 2020-2021.	Approved and implemented
17.07	To consider and approve the enhancement of total student fee per semester for various UG, PG and Ph.D. programs.	Approved and implemented

**Item No.18.03: To consider and approve the Audited Annual Accounts and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the Financial Year 2020-21.**

The members of the FC reviewed the Audited Annual Accounts and the Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the Financial Year 2020-21. The JS &FA MoE enquired on the creation of liability for refund of Interest on Grants in the Annual Accounts. The Hon'ble member was informed that the liability has been created in the Annual Accounts and the Interest shall be refunded to the ministry after approval of the Audited Accounts by the BoG. Further on review of the Provision for Payment of Gratuity in the Annual Accounts, the JS&FA MoE informed that the Gratuity for employees of Autonomous body is under consideration in the Ministry and the same is to be paid from the Actuarial provision made by the Institute only after directions in this regard are received from the ministry.

*The FC recommended to the BoG for the approval of the Audited Annual Accounts and SAR .*

**Item No.18.04: To consider and approve the fee structure for foreign students admitted through DASA/ICCR etc.**

The proposed fee structure for admission of foreign students admitted through DASA/ICCR etc. was presented before the FC for deliberation. The members agreed on the proposal (as detailed below) and recommended the same to the BoG for approval.

**Institute Fee**

Category of fee	SAARC (DASA/ICCR)	NON-SAARC (DASA/ICCR)	DASA-CIWG/MEA/SII
<b>Tuition Fee per semester</b>	USD 2000.00	USD 4000.00	₹62,500/- (B.Tech) ₹35,000/- (M.Tech) ₹7,500/- (M.Sc. & Ph. D.)
<b>Other Charges per semester</b>	₹15,000/-	₹15,000/-	₹7,250/- (B.Tech) ₹7,050/- (M.Tech. & M.Sc.) ₹7,450/- (Ph. D.)
<b>One-time charges/ Fees (Per semester)</b>	₹11,500/-	₹11,500/-	₹2,950/- (B. Tech) ₹3,250/- (M.Tech.) ₹4,000/- (M. Sc.) ₹3,750/- (Ph. D.)
<b>Caution deposit (One-time and refundable as per the rule)</b>	₹15,000/-	₹15,000/-	₹7,500/- (B.Tech) ₹5,000/- (M.Tech. & M.Sc.) ₹10,000/- (Ph.D.)

**Hostel Fee**

Category of Fee	SAARC (DASA/ICCR)	NON-SAARC (DASA/ICCR)	DASA-IWG/ MEA/SII
<b>Caution deposit (One-time and refundable)</b>	₹15,000/-	₹15,000/-	₹5,000/-
<b>Hostel Facility Charges per semester</b>	₹12,000/- (Single Seater)	₹12,000/- (Single Seater)	₹8,250/- (for first semester ₹8,750/-)
	₹9,000/- (Double Seater)	₹9,000/- (Double Seater)	
	₹6,000/- (Triple/Four Seater)	₹6,000/- (Triple/Four Seater)	
<b>Mess Charges</b>	On actual basis		

**Item No.18.05: To consider and approve the Preliminary Estimate (PE) submitted by CPWD for the work of Construction of Boundary Wall of the permanent campus.**

The members of the FC were apprised of the present status of land allocation for the permanent campus of the Institute. Considering the fact that the land is likely to be handed over to the Institute soon, the Institute approached CPWD to prepare the budgetary estimate for the work of construction of the

boundary wall. The preliminary estimate of Rs. 21.67 crore was submitted by the CPWD and presentation of the design and PE was made before the FC by the CPWD officials. The FC was of the opinion that the preliminary estimate submitted by the CPWD for the construction of the boundary wall of the permanent campus is on the higher side and therefore needs to be revised. The CPWD officials were asked to resubmit the design, plan, and the PE again after considering the suggestions given by the members.

*The FC recommended the same to the BOG for approval.*

**Item No.18.06: To deliberate on the DPR prepared by the CPWD for the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim at Khamdong.**

As directed previously by the FC and BoG, the Institute had initiated the preparation of DPR for the upcoming campus of the Institute at Khamdong. The DPR is prepared by the CPWD as per the requirements and directions given by the NIT. The final draft of the DPR is prepared after due deliberations and considering various guidelines issued by the Ministry. The CPWD officials were invited in the BoG to present the draft DPR in front of the FC and BoG. The presentation was made by the CPWD officials. After due deliberations the members opined that the DPR should comply with the norms in terms of built-up area, student strength, facilities, etc. Some suggestions were also given to modify the plan of various buildings. It was also communicated that the exterior of the building should be in sync with the culture of Sikkim. The members also asked to have more deliberations on the DPR after physically visiting the campus land and topology. The Director informed the Board that the meeting will be held at Gangtok after visiting the land for permanent campus to finalize the DPR. The Board also suggested to take the input from the honorable members belonging to Sikkim along with CPWD officials, Architectures, etc. in preparing cost effective plan for the construction of the permanent campus. The members appreciated the efforts made by the Institute and CPWD for a well-prepared draft DPR. The final DPR shall be prepared in consultation with the MoE and will be submitted as per the directions.

The deliberations regarding the handing over of the land allocated for the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Sikkim were also made. It was informed by Hon'ble Shri G. P. Upadhyaya, ACS, Govt. of Sikkim that nearly 87 Acre of land has been mutated in the name of NIT Sikkim and remaining will be done soon, the total land to be given to NIT Sikkim is nearly 101 Acre. However, the concerns were raised about the remaining plots of land not handed over by the landowners to Govt. of Sikkim/ NIT Sikkim. These cases lie in two categories; (i) Nearly 6 Acre belongs to Forest department and clearance/transfer of the same is required. (ii) Nearly 8 Acre belongs to Farmers/ Landowners and crucial for the establishment of the permanent campus of NIT as some of them lies nearly center of the land

allotted to NIT Sikkim. Therefore, to avoid any legal complication and operational difficulties, the acquisition of these nearly 6-8 plots is necessary.

The members raised their concern for inordinate delay in the allotment of the land and requested Shri Upadhyaya Ji, ACS, Govt. of Sikkim for an early solution and transfer of land to NIT Sikkim free from all encumbrances.

**Item No.18.07: To report the implementation of TSA system and opening of RBI Account.**

Noted.

**Registrar (I/c)**

**Director & Chairman (I/c)**