



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA**

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*Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
Board of Governors  
held on May 02, 2014*

**At Conference Hall of NIT Agartala**

The 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Technology Agartala was held on May 02, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Conference Hall of NIT, Agartala.

The following members were present in the meeting:

- (1) Prof. P. N. Singh : Chairman, BoG of NIT Agartala.
- (2) Prof. Gopal Mugeraya : Member, Director of NIT, Agartala
- (3) Shri Yogendra Tripathi : Member, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
- (4) Shri Kishor Ambuly : Member, Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Higher Education Department, Agartala.
- (5) Shri Rajesh Singh Solanki : Under Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India, (Representative of MHRD, Govt. of India, Dept. of Higher Education,).
- (6) Prof. Nitindra Nath Som : Member, Former Professor of Jadavpur University.
- (7) Prof. A. Srinivasan : Dean of Faculty Affairs, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati (nominee of the Director, IIT Guwahati).
- (8) Prof. (Mrs) Uma Bhattacharya : Member, Professor, Department of Computer Science & Technology, Bengal Engg. & Science University (BESU), Shibpur.
- (9) Prof. Sekhar Datta : Member, Principal, Tripura Institute of Technology.
- (10) Prof. Richi Prasad Sharma : Member, Professor, Civil Engg. Dept., NIT, Agartala.
- (11) Dr. John Debbarma : Member, Asst. Professor, ME Dept., NIT Agartala.
- (12) Shri Sumanta Chakrabarti : Secretary, Registrar (i/c), NIT, Agartala

Prof. P. N. Singh, Chairman of the Board of Governors (BoG), NIT, Agartala (NITA), presided over the meeting.

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Prof. P. N. Singh, Chairman, Board of Governors, NIT Agartala, introduced Shri Yogendra Tripathi, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India; and Prof. A. Srinivasan, Dean of Faculty Affairs, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati (nominee of the Director, IIT Guwahati) to all the Members of the Board of Governors and welcomed them to the meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Agartala.

The Chairman welcomed all other members attending the meeting and requested them to participate in deliberation on Agenda points.

The Chairman then invited the Director and the Registrar (i/c) to initiate discussions on Agenda items.

**Item No. 30.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors Meeting.**

The minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors, held on February 27, 2014, were circulated among the Members. No comments/ views/ suggestions were received from the Members of BoG. The minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting was confirmed.

**Item No. 30.2: Action taken on the decision of the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting held on February 27, 2014 at NIT Agartala.**

Actions taken on the decisions of the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on February 27, 2014 were noted with the following observations :

- 29.14(1): The BoG authorized the Director, NITA to take further action immediately.
- 29.14(2): The BoG approved the action taken and authorized the Director, NITA to take any appropriate further action.
- 29.14(3): The BoG perused and noted the opinion given by the Asst. Solicitor General, Government of India in regard to alleged false declaration submitted by Dr. Umesh Mishra. The BoG advised to seek further opinion from the Asst. Solicitor General, Government of India as to whether Dr. Mishra can straightway be removed from the services of NITA without drawing disciplinary proceeding. If the Asst. Solicitor General opines that the disciplinary proceeding is to be drawn, in that case Director, NITA is authorized to draw the disciplinary proceeding and take further appropriate action as deemed fit. In case, the Asst. Solicitor General opines for removal of Dr. Mishra from service without drawing disciplinary proceeding, the matter to be placed before the next BoG meeting for consideration and further course of action.

**Item No. 30.3: Present Status of TEQIP-II Project of NIT Agartala.**

Dr. Ardhendu Saha, Coordinator, TEQIP-II Project, presented the present status of TEQIP-II Project of NIT Agartala and appraised the Board Members about the progress and future needs of fund from NPIU.

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**Item No. 30.4:** To consider the ongoing TEQIP-II programme at NIT Agartala.

**(i) Fund allocation:**

BoG ratified the action taken by the Director, NITA.

**(ii) Approval for international travel of Mr. Arnab Paul:**

BoG ratified the action taken by the Director, NITA for international travel of Shri Arnab Paul incurring expenditure of Rs.11,500/- (Rupees eleven thousand five hundred) only.

**(iii) Approval for International Travel Plan and Faculty and Staff Development Plan under TEQIP-II:**

BoG approved the International Travel Plan & Faculty and Staff Development Plan under TEQIP-II.

**Item No. 30.5:** Prayer of Dr. Prasun Chakraborti, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, NIT Agartala for consideration of his appointment to the post of Professor.

The BoG perused the representation of Dr. Prasun Chakraborti, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, NITA and the representation submitted by Dr. Swapan Bhaumik, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, NITA on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2014. In the representations it is mentioned that Dr. Umesh Mishra was appointed as Professor of Civil Engineering Department at NITA vide Memorandum No. F. NITA - 2(224-Estt)/ 2008/ 2273-78, dated 25-07-2008. The BoG opined that if somebody was appointed by furnishing false information, the same can not be extended to others.

After careful consideration, the BoG is of the opinion that Dr. Umesh Mishra possibly furnished false information and the right course of action is contemplated. Therefore, the request of Dr. Prasun Chakraborti and Dr. Swapan Bhaumik is not acceded to.

**Item No. 30.6:** To consider the recommendations of the minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

The Board noted and approved the decisions taken in the 24<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee Meeting held on May 02, 2014.

**Item No. 30.7 :** Any other item with permission of the Chair.

**Item No.30.7.1 :** To consider for introducing of the Dean (Alumni Affairs & Institutional Relations) at NIT Agartala.

BoG approved the proposal for creation of another post of Dean with the designation of Dean (Alumni Affairs & Institutional Relations) with the duties and functions as mentioned in the proposal. The approval is in accordance with the NIT Statute.

**Item No. 30.7.2:** Consideration and ratification of nomination of Dr. Aloysius Henry Sequeira, Professor, Department of Humanities Social Science & Management, NITK Surathkal to the SENATE as an educationist of repute.

The proposal of nomination of Dr. Aloysius Henry Sequeira, Professor, Department of Humanities, Social Science & Management, NITK, Surathkal as a Member to the SENATE of NIT Agartala was considered and ratified.

**Item No. 30.7.3:** To consider the visit of Bangladesh by Dr. S. K. Das, Associate Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, NIT Agartala during summer vacation.

The BoG approved and allowed the private visit of Dr. Saroj Kumar Das, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, NIT Agartala to Bangladesh during the ensuing summer vacation from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014 to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Item No.30.7.4 :** Misconduct and misbehavior by Dr. Ardhendu Saha, Associate Professor and Shri Abaniswar Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of NIT Agartala, while on duties as Micro-Observers on Poll Day (April 07, 2014) with the Election Commission Observer and the Assistant Returning Officer (SDM), Belonia.

In view of the direction issued by the Election Commission of India for misconduct, misbehavior and dereliction of duties of Dr. Ardhendu Saha, Associate Professor and Shri Abaniswar Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, on the poll day on April 07, 2014 while acting as Micro Observers in connection with General Election to Lok Sabha 2014 of 1-Tripura West Parliamentary Constituency with ARO (SDM), Belonia and Expenditure Observer / General Observer for South Tripura District respectively, the BoG approved and ratified the action taken by the Director, NITA, in the form of issuing Show Cause Notice to Dr. Ardhendu Saha, Associate Professor and Shri Abaniswar Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of NIT Agartala.

The replies of Show-Cause Notices will be sent to the Chief Electoral Officer, Government of Tripura, for perusal and views.

The BoG also authorized the Director, NITA, to take appropriate follow up action including disciplinary action as he deems fit on hearing from the Chief Electoral Officer, Government of Tripura against Dr. Ardhendu Saha, Associate Professor and Shri Abaniswar Chakraborty, Assistant Professor.

**Item No.30.7.5 :** To consider the Health Care Policy and the Amended Medical Rules.

The BoG perused the proposal of the Health Care Committee of NITA and in principle agreed to approve the proposal with the following observations :


- (i) All medical reimbursement will be limited to the CGHS rate.


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- (ii) Agartala Government Medical College and GBP Hospital Tripura will be the only referring authority to refer the staff of NITA outside the State.
- (iii) The BoG authorized the Director, NITA, to prepare a list of reputed private hospitals within and outside the State of Tripura. The list shall be placed before the next BoG meeting for finalization and empanelment of the reputed Private Hospitals.
- (iv) For undertaking treatment in the proposed empanelled hospitals within and outside the State of Tripura without being referred to by the AGMC & GBP Hospital, the medical claim reimbursement will not exceed the CGHS rate in any circumstance and travel expenditure will not be borne by the Institute. In case, the patient is referred by the AGMC & GBP Hospital outside the State, the medical reimbursement claim shall include TA as per normal Rules.
- (v) OPD service of Specialist Doctors at NITA – Considering the remote location at about 30 kms distance of NITA from the City, the BoG approved visits of the Specialist Doctors in the Department of Medicine, Gynecology, Dermatology and Ophthalmology to the campus as mentioned in the proposal. The fee of the doctor shall be a maximum up to Rs.1500/- per hour with ceiling limit of two hours per day for three visits in a week. No other extra cost in terms of travel etc. will be borne by NITA for the Specialists.
- (vi) Out sourcing of Pharmacy services in NITA – In principle, the BoG agreed to the proposal for outsourcing of pharmacy services for NITA. Detailed modalities shall be framed on the basis of procedures already adopted by IIT Guwahati. Due procedures are to be followed for out sourcing Pharmacy services.

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

  
(Sumanta Chakrabarti)  
Secretary, Board of Governors  
& Registrar (I/C), NIT Agartala

  
(Prof. P. N. Singh)  
Chairman, Board of Governors  
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