



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA

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***Minutes of the 44th Meeting of the
Board of Governors
held on August 09, 2018***

The 44th meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Agartala was held on August 09, 2018 at 12:30 pm in the Conference Room of NIT Transit House, New Delhi.

The following members were present in the meeting:

- (1) Prof. (Dr.) H. K. Sharma : Chairperson of BoG and Director, NIT Agartala.
- (2) Shri D. K. Singh : Under Secretary, IFD, MHRD, Govt. of India
(Representative of the Joint Secretary and
Financial Advisor, IFD, MHRD, Govt. of India
- (3) Shri K. Rajan : Under Secretary (NITs), MHRD, Govt. of India
(Representative of Special Secretary / Additional
Secretary / Joint Secretary dealing with
Technical Education, Dept. of Higher Education,
MHRD).
- (4) Prof. Sharad Gokhle : Associate Dean of Infrastructure, Planning &
Management, IIT Guwahati (nominee of the
Director, IITG)
- (5) Shri Alok Ranjan Roy : Addl. Chief Engineer, PWD, Government of
Choudhury Tripura, Agartala.
- (6) Prof. (Dr.) S. C. Saha : Professor, M. E. Dept., NIT Agartala.
- (7) Dr. Subhadeep Bhattacharjee : Asstt. Professor, E.E. Dept., NIT Agartala.
- (8) Dr. Govind Bhargava : Secretary, Registrar, NIT, Agartala.

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Prof. Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and Prof. Vijayalakshmi Ravindranath, IISc, Bangalore could not attend the meeting.

Prof. (Dr.) H. K. Sharma, Chairperson, Board of Governors and Director of NIT Agartala presided over the meeting and welcomed all members of the Board of Governors. He thanked them for making it convenient to attend the meeting.

The Chairperson invited the Registrar to initiate discussions on Agenda items.

Item No. 44.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 43rd Meeting of Board of Governors, NIT Agartala.

The Minutes of 43rd meeting of the Board of Governors were confirmed.

Item No. 44.2: Actions taken on decisions of the 40th and 41st BOG meeting of NIT, Agartala held on June 28, 2017 and November 10, 2017 respectively.

The Actions taken were noted by the Board.

Item No. 44.3: Functioning of Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Agartala in NIT Agartala Campus.

The Board allowed the functioning of IIIT, Agartala from NITA Campus temporarily and also authorized the Director, NITA to function as Mentor Director of IIIT, Agartala.

Item No. 44.4: To consider some Maternity Benefits for the women employees of NIT, Agartala including contractual women employees.

The Board considered the proposal and approved the same for implementation.

Item No. 44.5: Delegation of Administrative and Financial Power to Dean (R&C) and PI of Funded Projects / Schemes (except TEQIP).

With a view to facilitate smooth functioning of externally funded projects, the BOG delegated the following powers to Dean (R&C) and Principal Investigator (PI):

SL. No.	Description	Power delegated to	Remarks
1	Engagement of staff under the project from the project fund if provision for man power engagement exists under the project.	Dean (R&C)	Format for engagement of manpower should be as approved by the Registrar.
2	Management of Project Staff, such as deployment of staff for official tour, including settlement of TA/DA sanctioning of leave etc. as permitted under the project.	P.I.	All expenses to be incurred under the project fund, if permitted under the project.
3	Approval for Official Tour related to the concerned project including attending Seminar/ Conference and settlement of TA/ DA etc. in respect of PI and Co-PI	Dean (R&C)	All expenses to be incurred under the project fund, if permitted under the project.
4	Procurements of Goods and services under the Project, if provision exists in the project.	i) PI upto Rs. 5,00,000/-. ii) Full power to Dean (R&C).	For Procurement, GFR or Rules for Procurement specified by the Funding Agency to be followed.

5	Civil/ Electrical Work approved under the project	Dean (R&C) full power	-do-
6	Operation of Bank Account if opening of separate Bank Account is permitted by the Director.	PI/ PI and Co-PI jointly.	For opening separate Bank Account, consent from the Registrar as Custodian of Funds as per provision of Section 18(1) of NITSER Act, should also be taken on relevant file. The Accounts should be a part of Annual Accounts of NITA.
7	Engagement of Auditor for checking the Accounts and preparation of UC.	Dean (R&C).	
8	Sanction for UC and signing on UC on behalf of NITA.	Dean (R&C).	Institute Audit Officer / Asst. Registrar (Audit) shall examine the UC.

The Director will have full power to alter/ change/ cancel any decision taken by PI and Dean (R&C), whenever required. The Director, NITA is also authorized to withdraw any power from any official at any stage.

All Procurements may be subject to Scrutiny by the NITA Audit Officers/ Assistant Registrar (Audit) of NITA, as and when decided by the Director.

The Board also confirmed the Minutes for implementation.

Item No. 44.6: To consider the recommendations of Oversight Committee for removal of anomalies of non-teaching staff and revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) – 2017/ Recruitment System – 2017 for Non-Teaching in the NITs.

The Board noted that the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India vide its letter F. No. 33-2/ 2012-TS.III, dated: 20th December 2017 communicated regarding recommendations of Oversight Committee for removal of anomalies of non-teaching staff and revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Non-Teaching in the NITs and advised to place before respective BoGs for adoption & implementation of Recruitment Rules (RRs).

Accordingly, the Board considered the issue and accorded approval for implementation as mentioned in the letter vide F. No. 33-2/ 2012-TS.III, dated: 20th December 2017.

Item No. 44.7: Reporting of postponement of interview based on advertisement dated 12-09-2017 for recruitment of Non-Teaching officials at NIT Agartala, in accordance with RR 2014.

The Board decided that the process be cancelled and new process be started as per Recruitment System-2017/ RR 2017.

Item No. 44.8: To consider the List of Experts for nominating the names of experts for Selection Committee for recruitment of Faculty Members in different positions and in various departments of NIT Agartala.

The Board approved and confirmed the list of experts for implementation. Dr. Subhadeep Bhattacharjee went out from the meeting during discussion of this item, because he himself was a candidate for the post of Associate Professor.

Item No. 44.9: To consider unauthorized absence of Dr. Kishan Choudhury, Assistant Professor, Production Engineering Department, NIT Agartala for the period from 27-12-2010 to 20-03-2011.

The Board agreed for regularization of unauthorized absence w.e.f. 27-12-2010 to 20-03-2011, by sanctioning permissible/ admissible leaves, with an advisory letter.

Item No. 44.10: To consider the recommendations of the minutes of 38th and 39th Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

The Board noted that the same Agenda Item was also considered by the Finance Committee (FC) at its 31st Meeting held on 9th Aug 2018 under FC Agenda Item No. 31.3. The Board accepted the recommendations of FC in this regard.

Item No. 44.11: To report the visit of foreign country by the faculty members under the CPDA.

The Board noted the information.

Item No. 44.12: Permission to host "International Conference on Computational Intelligence and Internet of Things (ICCIoT) at NIT Agartala during 5th-6th October, 2018".

The Board ratified the decision of its Chairperson to organize International Conference, subject to the condition that the list of Foreign Delegates will be sent to the MHRD.

Item No. 44.13: To consider contractual faculty members, serving the Institute for the last three years, for interview.

The Board clarified that in view of Clause 2 (h)(ii), Clause 2 (h)(i) is also applicable to contractual faculty members, already existing.

Item No. 44.14: List to be considered for one time age relaxation of the employees.

The Board noted that one Anomaly Committee is looking into some non-teaching recruitment related issues including age relaxation to existing contractual/ adhoc employees and therefore, the age relaxation issue will be taken up at a later date after acceptance of the recommendations of the Oversight Committee by the Council of NITSER.

Item No. 44.15: To consider for allowing scholarship to full-time Ph.D scholars of Engineering Department of NIT Agartala from TEQIP-III fund.

The Board approved and confirmed the proposal in Agenda.

Item No. 44.16: To consider the Annual Report for the year 2016-17 of the Institute.

The Board approved Annual Report for the year 2016-17. The decision also confirmed for implementation.

Item No. 44.17: To consider the establishment of a new dimension of Digital Campus through a modern state-of-art Wi-Fi facility at NIT Agartala from TEQIP-III Fund.

The Board ratified the decision of its Chairperson. The decision also confirmed for implementation.

Item No. 44.18: To consider the decision of temporary engagement of different Teaching and Non-Teaching employees at NIT, Agartala on contractual basis.

The Board noted the temporary engagement and approved the same.

Item No. 44.19: To consider the recommendation of the Selection Committee meeting held on July 13, 2018 at International Guest House of NIT Agartala for recruitment of Non-Teaching PWD staff for NIT Agartala.

The Board accepted the recommendation of Selection Committee and confirmed the minutes for implementation.

Item No. 44.20: To re-designate/ change the nomenclature of the sanctioned posts/ restructuring of various non-teaching posts, as per non-teaching RR-2017/ Recruitment System-2017.

The Board approved the proposal and also confirmed the minutes for implementation.

Item No. 44.21: To consider procurement of furniture by NIT, Agartala (NITA), as and when required, from Tripura Forest Development and Plantation Corporation (TFDPC) Ltd.

The Board felt that all procurements should be as per provisions of GFR.

Item No. 44.22: To consider organizing an International Conference on Mathematics at NIT Agartala.

The Board accorded approval for holding International Conference, subject to the condition that the list of Foreign Delegates will be sent to the MHRD.

Item No. 44.23: Any other issue with the permission of the Chair.

Item No. 44.23.1: To consider the cancellation of recruitment process for the post of Assistant Professor (on contract, GP-6000), Assistant Professor (on contract, GP-7000), Assistant Professor (on contract, GP-8000) as per recruitment advertisement dated 12-09-2017 and subsequent

corrigendum dated 12-04-2018, in respect of recruitment of faculty members of NITA.

The Board decided to keep pending, the recruitment process only for Assistant Professors (on contract, GP Rs. 6000 and Rs. 7000).

Item No. 44.23.2: To consider the implementation of 5% seats reservation in every Government aided Higher Education Institutions in terms of section 32 of the Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016).

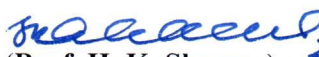
The Board approved the proposal for 5% reservation in admission to academic courses and 4% reservation for recruitment against sanctioned post. The decision also confirmed for implementation.

Item No. 44.23.3: Design, Supply, Construction, Erection, trial run and commissioning of water treatment plant of capacity 2 MLD and construction of overhead reservoirs, pipe laying work, construction of pump house including site development and boundary wall, electrical and mechanical component at NIT, Agartala at a cost of Rs.1500 lakhs approximately.

The Board noted that the same Agenda Item was also considered by the Finance Committee (FC) at its 31st Meeting held on 9th Aug 2018 under FC Agenda Item No. 31.11. The Board accepted the recommendations of FC in this regard.

During discussion on some other issues, the Board was informed regarding the need for approval of Annual Budget for FY 2018-19 and Annual Accounts for FY 2017-18 and the Board accepted the recommendations of FC. The decision was also confirmed for implementation.

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


(Prof. H. K. Sharma) 24.01.19
Director, NIT Agartala

