



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA

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*Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the
Board of Governors
held on November 24, 2023*

The Board of Governors, 63rd meeting of National Institute of Technology Agartala was held on November 24, 2023 at 11:45 pm NIT Transit House, New Delhi through hybrid mode.

The following members were present in the meeting:

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| (1) Shri Binod Bawri | : Chairperson of BoG, NIT Agartala |
| (2) Prof. (Dr.) S. K. Patra | : Director, NIT Agartala. |
| (3) Smt. Saumya Gupta | : Joint Secretary (NITs), MoE, Dept. of Higher Education, Govt. of India.
(Attended through online mode) |
| (4) Sh. Anil Kumar | : Director (Fin), MoE, Govt. of India
(Representative of JS&FA, MoE, Govt. of India) |
| (5) Prof. (Dr.) S. Bhaumik | : Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, NIT Agartala. |
| (6) Dr. (Mrs) Sumita Deb | : Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering Department, NIT Agartala.
(Attended through online mode) |
| (7) Col. (Dr.) Ashish Badola | : Secretary of BoG & Registrar, NIT Agartala. |

The Chairperson, Board of Governors of NIT Agartala presided over the meeting and welcomed Prof. (Dr.) S. Bhaumik along with all other members of the Board of Governors. The Chairperson then invited the Registrar to initiate discussions on the Agenda items.

Item No. 63.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 62nd and 62nd-A (Special) Meeting of Board of Governors, NIT Agartala.

The minutes of 62nd and 62nd-A (Special) Board of Governors meetings were confirmed by the Board.

Item No. 63.2: Actions taken on decisions of the 51st BoG meeting held on June 24, 2020 in respect of Item No. 51.12, 60th, 61st and 61st-A (Special) BoG meetings of NIT Agartala.

The Board accepted the following actions taken on the decision of 51st BoG meeting in respect of Item No. 51.12, 60th, 61st and 61st-A (Special) BoG meetings of NIT Agartala.

Sl. No.	Item No.	Agenda Item	Status of Actions taken
51 st BoG Meeting			
1.	51.12	Service matter of Dr. Umesh	The committee was composed on

		Mishra, Professor, Civil Engineering Department, NIT Agartala.	23-04-2021 and was reported to BoG on 06-11-2021 in its 56 th meeting (Item No. 56.2). Two of the members including Chairman have expressed their unwillingness to be part of the committee. Accordingly a fresh committee has been convened, the composition of same is as : 1. Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, NIT Durgapur – Chairperson. 2. Prof. Nidul Sinha, Professor (HAG), Electrical Engineering, NIT Silchar – Member. 3. Prof. Ram Prakash Sharma, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, NIT Arunachal Pradesh – Member.
60th BoG Meeting			
2.	60.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of 59 th Meeting of Board of Governors, NIT Agartala held on July 14, 2022.	Action taken.
3.	60.2	Actions taken on decisions of the 51 st BoG meeting held on June 24, 2020 in respect of Item No. 51.12, 56 th BoG, 57 th BoG, 57 th – A (Special) BoG and 58 th BoG meetings of NIT Agartala.	Noted by the Board.
4.	60.3	To consider adopting the Rules and regulation for allotment of quarter of NIT Agartala.	As per the decision placed at 63 rd BoG as Item No. 63.4.
5.	60.4	To consider the recommendation of the minutes of 48 th (Special) Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala held on December 21, 2021.	Action taken.
6.	60.5	To consider the recommendation of the minutes of 39 th Senate meeting of NIT Agartala held on September 14, 2022.	Action taken.
7.	60.6	To consider the introduction of additional User charges for UG, Dual Degree, PG and Ph.D students of NIT Agartala from the academic session 2022-23.	It has been dropped by Board in its 62 nd meeting.
8.	60.7	To consider the recommendation of Selection Committee for recruitment to the post of Registrar at NIT Agartala.	Offer of appointment was issued in favour of Col. (Dr.) Ashish Badola for the post of Registrar, NITA. Accordingly, he joined in the post

			of Registrar on 16-01-2023.
9.	60.8	To consider the proposal for "Up gradation of road from Rotary (near H4 qtr.) to gate no-3 and to Market Complex & Road from H4 qtr.(sentry post) to tri-junction of playground via new type-II qtr. at NIT Agartala.	As per the decision placed at 63 rd BoG as Item No. 63.26.
10.	60.9	To consider for payment of arrear towards Children Education Allowance for the year 2017-18 and 2018-19.	Action taken.
11.	60.10	To consider suppression of the agenda w.r.t. Research Operating Grant.	As per the decision placed at 63 rd BoG as Item No. 63.8.
12.	60.11	To consider the release of benefits in the event of Death cum Retirement to the successor of Lt. Asis Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, NIT Agartala.	Action taken.
13.	60.12	To consider the Water Charges for residential quarters of NIT Agartala.	Action is being processed.
14.	60.13	To consider the work of "Construction of balance work of Swimming pool at NIT Agartala" for an amount of Rs. 7,70,21,000.00.	Action is being taken.
15.	60.14	Information regarding temporary engagement of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff made on contractual basis during the period from 01 st March 2022 to 5 th September 2022.	It is noted and action taken.
61st BoG Meeting			
16.	61.1	To consider the recommendation of the Committee for recruitment in the different non-teaching positions at the level of Group-B and Group-C.	As per the decision placed at 63 rd BoG as Item No. 63.18.
61st-A (Special) BoG Meeting			
17.	61(A).1	To consider the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2021-22 and Separate Audit Report of the C&AG along with the Institutes' reply.	Action taken.

Item No. 63.3: To consider the enhancement of consolidated remuneration for the contractual teaching staff of NIT Agartala.

The Board accepted the recommendations of Finance Committee for enhancement of remuneration for contractual faculty.

Item No. 63.4: To consider adopting the Rules and regulation for allotment of quarter of NIT Agartala.

The Board deferred the agenda. The accommodation rules to be placed in the next meeting.

Item No. 63.5: To consider enhancement of honorarium to Examiners for Ph.D thesis evaluation.

The Board approved the recommendations of Finance Committee on the enhancement of honorarium for Indian examiner and foreign examiners.

Item No. 63.6: To consider deletion of stock of non-functional/ unserviceable items viz. computers and printers.

The Board accepted the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the discard of obsolete PCs and peripherals who have completed their useful life and have been rendered beyond economical repairs.

Item No. 63.7: To consider the formation of new committee of experts by replacing one third members of the existing committee of External Peer Review Committee for NIT Agartala.

The Board noted and approved the proposed new committee as follows:

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Earlier Committee</i>	<i>Proposed New Committee</i>
One eminent Citizen	Prof. Geetha Bali.	Prof. G. Biswas, Former Director, IIT Guwahati.
Two reputed persons from Academia	1. Dr. Rajat Gupta. 2. Dr. Jagadeesh Kumar V.	Remains unchanged.
Two experts from Industry	1. Er. Alok Singh. 2. Mr. Anil Mutha.	Remains unchanged.
One NIT Alumni	1. Mr. Ranjit Majumder, IAS (Retd.)	1. Er. Animesh Das, IAS

Item No. 63.8: Consideration and approval to enhance the provision of Research Operating Grant to Ph.D and M. Tech. Scholars.

The Board accepted the recommendations of Finance Committee on the review of Research Operation Grant (ROG).

Item No. 63.9: Consideration and approval for Utilization of CPDA fund for visit, conference etc. throughout the year.

The Board accepted the recommendations of Finance Committee. It is advised that any proposal for revision in CPDA guidelines be forwarded to Ministry of Education, Govt. of India in

consolidated manner for its consideration. The committee recommended feasibility be explored for the provision of seed grant for faculty members on the lines of similar practices being followed by various IITs.

Item No. 63.10: **Consideration and approval for CPDA utilization during probation period and for faculty on contract.**

The Board accepted the recommendations of Finance Committee. It was advised that any proposal for revision in CPDA guidelines be forwarded to Ministry of Education, Govt. of India in consolidated manner for its consideration.

Item No. 63.11: **Consideration and approval for payment of Extra page charges for unpaid reputed SCI/ SCIE journal from CPDA fund.**

The Board approved the recommendations of Finance Committee and accorded approval for expenses toward extra page charges out of Institute fund, if required, on case to case basis on merit.

Item No. 63.12: **Consideration and approval of fund for contractual faculty members for attending conference, research related work.**

The Board accepted and reiterated the recommendations of Finance Committee. The Board advised to formulate a comprehensive policy and place it to Board including the criteria for grant of funds. In the interim the committee agreed on approval be accorded from Institute fund on case-to-case basis, as per the merit of the proposal.

Item No. 63.13: **To consider the recommendation of 39th Senate meeting of NIT Agartala against Item No. S/39/20 held on September 14, 2022.**

The Board accepted the recommendations of 39th Senate meeting of NIT Agartala vide which 39th Senate had recommended grant of Ministry scholarship for Ph.D scholars (full-time with scholarship category) who submit their provisional thesis before completion of 5 (five) years of Ph.D duration. Such scholars will be termed as "Research Associate" and fellowship will be provided at same rate as per Ministry norms till the completion of 5 (five) years duration or 6 (six) months, whichever is earlier. Fellowship of Research Associates will be based on the performance of their work for the purpose of enhancing research facilities/ laboratories, preparation of project proposal, other academic duties as and when assigned by the concerned department.

Item No. 63.14: **To consider the recommendation of minutes of 40th Senate meeting of NIT Agartala held on 24th March, 2023.**

The Board accepted the recommendations of 40th Senate meeting of NIT Agartala.

Item No. 63.15: **To consider the recommendation of minutes of 41st Senate meeting of NIT Agartala held on 14th July, 2023.**

The Board accepted the recommendations of 41st Senate meeting of NIT Agartala.

Item No. 63.16: To consider the recommendation of minutes of 42nd Senate meeting of NIT Agartala held on 18th October, 2023.

The Board ratified the decision to award degrees in the 16th Convocation of the Institute and accepted the recommendation of 42nd Senate meeting of NIT Agartala.

Item No. 63.17: To consider the recommendation of the minutes of 50th Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala held on 20th September, 2022.

The Board noted and accepted the recommendations of 50th Building & Works Committee of NIT Agartala.

Item No. 63.18: Proposal for further processing of recruitment of non-teaching Group-B and Group-C positions.

The Board having deliberated upon the whole procedure of recruitment so adopted including presentation by Chairman, Recruitment committee decided to annul the proceedings of ongoing recruitment process. The Board noted that the aspect of conduct of interview as published in Advertisement No. F. NITA. 2 (519-Estt)/ 2019/ 7717 dated 02 November 2019 was against the DoPT guidelines and so adopted by Board vide item No. 50.11 in its 50th Board meeting.

The Board accord approval to initiate fresh process of recruitment for all vacant posts following the DoPT guidelines adopted by Board. Central Govt. Organisation/ National Testing Agency (NTA) be co-opted for conduct of selection process. Hithertofore, the exemption accorded to existing contractual employees vide Item No. 47.17 of 47th BoG meeting will be extended. Application fee paid by earlier applicants, need not pay again in the instant recruitment process for the same post.

Item No. 63.19: To consider the adoption of Amendment in the Statutes of 30 NITs, IEST-Shibpur and NIT, Andhra Pradesh.

The Board approved the amendment and implementation of the amendments to the first statues.

Item No. 63.20: Consideration and approval to revise the rate of fellowship of Ph.D scholars (JRF & SRF).

The Board approved the recommendations of Finance Committee on the revision of fellowship @ Rs. 31,000/- to Rs. 37,000/- and Rs. 35,000/- to Rs. 42,000/- (Ref. Office Memorandum No. DST/PCPM/Z-06/2022 dated 26-06-2023 of the Ministry of Science & Technology, Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India).

Item No. 63.21: To consider procurement of Laptop, tablet, notepad, ultra-book, net-book or devices of similar categories under Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) by the faculty members of NIT Agartala for disposal of work.

The Board accepted the recommendations of Finance Committee and reiterated that consolidated recommendation for revision of CPDA guidelines be forwarded for consideration. The Board accorded approval to incur expenditure out of Institute fund on merit.

Item No. 63.22: To consider the procurement of PCs for different departments and CC Labs.

The Board approved the recommendations of Finance Committee (FC Item No. 43.18) for the procurement of 143 nos. PCs and 150 nos. All-in-one PCs.

Item No. 63.23: To consider using the Raima and Saima Building at NIT Campus by the IIIT Agartala for 2 to 3 years.

The Board approved the proposal for providing appropriate building to IIITA. MoU to be signed between NIT & IIITA and, revenue charges as per government norms be levied for space so allotted.

Item No. 63.24: Information regarding temporary engagement of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff made on contractual basis during the period from 17th January 2023 to 10th November 2023.

The Board noted the information.

Item No. 63.25: To consider the List of Experts for recruitment of the Faculty in different positions at NIT Agartala.

The Board suggested that experts to be included be added in the list so approved at Item No. 47.20 and be placed in next meeting.

Item No. 63.26: To consider the work of "Up-gradation of road from rotary (near H4 qtr) to Gate No. 3 and to Market Complex & Road from H4 qtr (sentry post) to tri-junction of playground via new type-II qtr at NIT Agartala" for an amount of Rs. 1,64,55,897.00.

The Board accepted the recommendation of 43rd Finance Committee meeting vide Item No. 43.19 and approved the proposal for amounting Rs. 1,64,55,897.00.

Item No. 63.27: To consider the work of "Construction of additional 1xH5, 2xH4B & 2xH3B Building (G+6) at NIT Agartala" for an amount of Rs. 142,40,05,481.00.

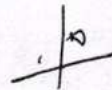
The Board accepted the recommendations of Finance Committee on the prioritization of infrastructure being proposed.

Item No. 63.28: To consider the work of "Construction of two additional block (G+7) for RNT Hostel at NIT Agartala" for an amount of Rs. 77,61,03,156.00.

The Board accepted the recommendations of Finance Committee on the prioritization and funding for new proposals.

Item No. 63.29: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Following additional agenda points were placed before the Board.



Item No. 63.29.1: Regarding the incorporation of Section 8 company at NIT Agartala, to propose its name and objective.

The Board accorded approval for initiation of process for incorporation of Section 8 company.

Item No. 63.29.2: Regarding the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association of the proposed Section 8 company who shall act as the first directors of the said company along with formation of Monitoring Committee for iTBI.

The Board noted the agenda and directed that details of Articles of Association (AoA) be placed in next meeting for approval.

Item No. 63.29.3: Lease of proposed space to iTBI.

The Board noted and confirmed the proposal for leasing of an area of approx. 5000 sq.ft. as part of iTBI.

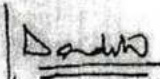
Item No. 63.29.4: Regarding appointing a CA firm for incorporation of the proposed Section 8 company (Ref. Item No. 63.29.1, 63.29.2 and 63.29.3).


The Board approved the incorporation of a CA firm for initiating that documentation for registration of Section 8 company.

Additional Point:

The Board directed that henceforth progress of ongoing court cases be placed before the Board as agenda.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


26/11/23
-(Col. (Dr.) Ashish Badola)
Secretary, Board of Governors
& Registrar, NIT Agartala


(Shri Binod Bawri)
Chairperson of BoG
NIT Agartala