

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
DURGAPUR-713209, WEST BENGAL, INDIA**

Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Durgapur held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. onward in the online mode over the Microsoft Teams.

The following members attended the Meeting:

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| Prof. (Retd.) Sadanand Sadashiv Gokhale Chairperson of BoG National Institute of Technology Durgapur Durgapur-713209 | Chairperson |
| Prof. Anupam Basu Director National Institute of Technology Durgapur Durgapur-713209 | Member |
| Shri Indrajit Kuri Under Secretary (NITs) Deptt. of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 001 | Member |
| Dr. D.K. Majumdar Former Professor (DIPSAR) University of Delhi, C-8, IDPL Apartments Plot No.-GH10, Sector 10A Gurgaon-122001 | Member |
| Dr. Mitali Mukerji, Professor and Head, Department of Bioscience & Bioengineering, Faculty, School of Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AIDE), Indian Institute of Technology Jodhpur, NH – 62, Karwar, Rajasthan – 342037 | Member |
| Prof. V.K. Tewari Director Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Pin-721302, India | Member |
| Prof. Apurba Kumar Patra Professor, Department of Chemistry, NIT Durgapur | Member (Senate Nominee) |
| Dr. Jayati Dey Associate Professor Department of Electrical Engineering NIT Durgapur | Member (Senate Nominee) |
| Shri Soumya Sen Sharma Registrar NIT Durgapur | Secretary |

Dr. Jyotsna Dhawan, Chief Scientist, CCMB, Hyderabad, Mr. Sanjay Jhunjunwala, CEO, Mani Group could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence by the Chairperson, Board of Governors.

The Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed all members of the Board to the 59th meeting of the Board of Governors.

59.01 To confirm the Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Board of Governors held in online mode over Microsoft Team on June 29, 2021.

The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Board of Governors held in online mode on June 29, 2021 over Microsoft Team.

59.02 To note the Actions Taken on the Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Board of Governors held online over Microsoft Team on June 29, 2021.

The Board noted the Action Taken report on the Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Board of Governors held in online mode on June 29, 2021 over Microsoft Team.

59.03 To consider the Minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Finance Committee held online mode over Microsoft Team on September 21, 2021 at 10:30 A.M.

The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Finance Committee held in online mode on September 21, 2021 over Microsoft Team.

59.04 Director's Report on the initiatives undertaken since the last meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Board noted with appreciation the Director's Report on the initiatives undertaken since the last meeting of the Board of Governors.

Director's Report is attached as **Annexure - A**

59.05 To consider the recommendation of the duly constituted selection committee for appointment to the post of Faculty Members in Academic Departments at NIT Durgapur (EES, CE, CS).

The Board decided to continue with the interview of the shortlisted candidates at different departments of NIT Durgapur under the Special Recruitment Drive and also against the rolling advertisement but to withhold publication of the result and the panel of selected candidates till the Ministry comes up with consolidated norms as per CEI guideline 2019. The Board also urged the Ministry to complete the exercise within the shortest possible time for retaining highly qualified candidates and further volunteered to extend its full support, if needed.

59.06 To report to the Board the status of recruitment of Training and Placement Advisor at NIT Durgapur.

The Board approved the recruitment of Ms. Jyoti Ranjan as a Career Development Advisor purely on Contractual basis for the Career

Development Centre (CDC) – the erstwhile Training and Placement Cell) at NIT Durgapur at a consolidated remuneration of Rs.65000/- (Sixty Five Thousand only) per month and a suitable accommodation in Campus on License fee basis for a period of three years as proposed.

59.07 To consider the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2020-21.

The Annual Accounts of the Institute for the year 2020–21 was placed before the BoG. The same was also approved by the Finance Committee.

The Board approved the Annual Accounts 2020–21 and recommended immediate submission of the same to CAG for audit.

59.08 To consider the introduction of Minor degree possibilities for the B.Tech students.

The Board, as proposed by the 61st Senate meeting (item no.-61.5), approved the introduction of Minor Degree for B.Tech students for the academic year 2021-2022 for the UG students admitted from 2021 onward.

59.09 To consider the extension of deputation period of Dr. Vijay Kumar Dwivedi, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, presently Assessor on deputation to Mahanadi Water Dispute Tribunal.

The Board deliberated on the appeal for extension of deputation period of Dr. Vijay Kumar Dwivedi, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering as **Assessor** on deputation to the Mahanadi Water Dispute Tribunal and decided to extend the leave for a further period of one year with effect from 03.12.2021.

59.10 To ratify the approval of the Chairperson, Board of Governors for the conduction of an International Conference organized by Department of Biotechnology, NIT Durgapur on “Recent Advances in Molecular Plant – Pathogen Interactions (RAMPPI 2021)” held during September 6-10, 2021.

The Board ratified the approval of the Chairperson, Board of Governors for the conduction of an International Conference organized by Department of Biotechnology, NIT Durgapur on **Recent Advances in Molecular Plant–Pathogen Interactions (RAMPPI 2021)** held during September 6-10, 2021.

The Board also approved the conduction of an International Conference organized by Department of Biotechnology, NIT Durgapur on **Women’s Leadership in Science and Technology** during October-November 2021, and suggested that the latter proposal may be sent to the Ministry for approval.

59.11 To report to the Board regarding restarting residential campus for vaccinated students at NIT Durgapur.

The Board noted the proposal for restarting residential campus for vaccinated students at NIT Durgapur in keeping with COVID Protocol issued by the State Government.

59.12 To report to the Board to signing MoUs with Academia, Industrial and Research Institutes.

The Board approved the signing MoUs with TCG-CREST for collaborative PhD program; with Samsung R&D Institute India- Bangalore Private Limited and with AMD India private Limited, and also the renewal of MoU with University of Kentucky.

59.13 To consider acceptance of donations from alumni and other well-wishers for support of different outreach programs under the CEC against eligibility of tax exemption under 80G.

The Board approved the acceptance of the donations from alumni and other well-wishers for support of different outreach programs under the CEC against eligibility of tax exemption under 80G.

59.14 To consider implementation of work modules for Audio Visual and ERP in the project mode.

The Board approved implementation of work modules for Audio visual and ERP in the project mode under SRCC.

59.15 To consider and adoption for the Recruitment rules for Non-Teaching Staff of NITs/IIST amendment in the RR for the post of Superintending Engineer.

The Board considered and adopted the amendment of the Recruitment Rules for Non-teaching staffs of NITs for the post of Superintending Engineer.

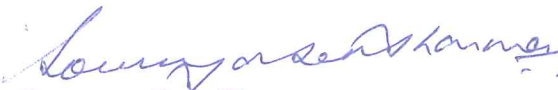
59.16 To report to the Board the status of legal matters.

The Board noted the status of legal matters.

59.17 Any other item with the permission of the chair.

No other item was discussed.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair


Mr. Soumya Sen Sharma
Registrar & Secretary
Board of Governors
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Salient activities at the Institute after the 58th BoG meeting:

- Announcing with great pleasure that this year (2021) NIT Durgapur has secured a NIRF ranking of 29 in the engineering category and 71 in the overall category in comparison to corresponding ranks of 47 and 96 secured in 2020. This quantum jump could be achieved due to the concerted effort of all the stakeholders and support from the MoE.
- Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Government of India, inaugurated Centre for Digital Learning in the Institute on 18th August 2021. The centre will be used to prepare e-learning resources, offering online courses and programs. As a part of its social outreach program, rural school students belonging to socio-economically disadvantaged groups (SEDG) will be educated in vernacular language through distance education, in line with the NEP-2020. The faculty, staff and students of NIT Durgapur would participate in teaching of such courses and the alumni and the well-wishers will be requested to donate for this initiative.
- The results of even semester end-term examinations for the final year students were already published, and the provisional certificates have been issued online subsequently.
- The results of even semester end-term examinations for other semesters were published.
- The online supplementary examinations for even semester (2020-21) have been completed.
- The online theory and sessional classes for the odd semester (2021-22) for all semesters other than the first semester are in progress.
- Admission to the MBA and MSW programs have been completed.
- Admission to M Tech and M.Sc programs is in progress.
- Curriculum of the M Tech and MBA programs were revised in consultation with experts.
- Award of 15 PhD degrees and registration of 13 new candidates for doctoral studies were approved by the Senate after the last Board meeting.
- Conduct of online faculty selection interview have started; completed for three departments.
- The Institute has been strictly following the SOP issued by the Government of India and Government of West Bengal from time to time to combat the COVID pandemic. Fully vaccinated PhD students have already returned to campus. Other PhD students and final year PG students with at least one vaccine have also been permitted to come back to campus with negative RT-PCR certificates.
- The construction of *Utkarsha Bhavan*, a G+10 building to house common multi-disciplinary research and academic facilities, and the procurement of instruments under HEFA are in progress.
- Various construction projects such as renovation of Central Library, ramp & toilets for differently abled students, internal renovation of staff quarters, EE measurement laboratory, augmentation of CSE Dept., etc. are in progress.
- Different Government-mandated programs including Swachhata Pakhwada were organized.
- The tenure of NIT Durgapur as the RCI of WB and Sikkim in the Scheme "Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)" has been extended by National Coordinating Institute (NCI), IIT Delhi for a further period of five years i.e. till 31.03.2026.
- A number of online conferences and seminars including International Conference - BRICS NUs: Water Resources and Pollution Treatment [WRPT21] were organized online.