

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

Minutes of the 60th Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Durgapur held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. onward in the online mode over the Microsoft Teams.

The following members attended the Meeting:

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 Anil Kumar Director (Finance) Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi- 110 001	Member
Shri Indrajit Kuri Under Secretary (NITs) Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 001	Member
Prof. V.K. Tewari Director Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur Pin-721302, India	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
Dr. D.K. Majumdar Former Professor, DIPSAR University of Delhi	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 and Mr. Sanjay Jhunjhunwala, 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 60th meeting of the Board of Governors.

60.01 To confirm the Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Board of Governors held in online mode over Microsoft Team on September 21, 2021.

The Board confirmed the Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Board of Governors held in online mode on September 21, 2021 over Microsoft Team.

60.02 To note the Actions Taken on the Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Board of Governors held online over Microsoft Team on September 21, 2021.

The Board noted the Action Taken report on the Minutes of the 59th Meeting of the Board of Governors held in online mode on September 21, 2021 over Microsoft Team.

60.03 To consider the Minutes of the 54th meeting of the Finance Committee held in online mode over Microsoft Team on January 5, 2022 at 10:30 A.M.

The Board considered and approved the Minutes of the 54th meeting of the Finance Committee held in online mode on January 8, 2022 over Microsoft Team.

60.04 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**.

60.05 To consider matters related to the conduction of the 17th Convocation of the Institute on Saturday, January 8, 2022 and to approve the list of UG, PG and PhD degree recipients; recipients of the Institute Gold Medals; recipients of the endowment gold medals; recipients of Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The Board considered and approved conferring Degree Certificates to 659 undergraduate candidates, 322 post graduate candidates and 106 PhD candidates. The Board further approved the award of 9 institutional gold medals and 3 endowment gold medals at the undergraduate level and 21 institutional gold medals and 1 endowment gold medal for candidates at the postgraduate level. The Board also approved the list of Distinguished Alumni Awardees.

60.06 To consider the position of Faculty recruitment and to decide (i) on the cadre-wise distribution of new recruit positions and to approve (ii) the overall faculty roster.

- The Board deliberated at length on the position of Faculty recruitment and approved the Faculty Roster which was prepared by adhering to the guidelines of the MoE and the DoPT and vetted by Dr. Ram Lal.
- Majority of the BoG members, including some having vast practical experience in recruitment in CFTIs, opined that Assistant Professor should be treated as a single cadre since decision regarding Grades 1, 2 and 3 at the Assistant Professor cadre or advanced increments, if any, is based not only on stipulation pertaining to educational qualification and work experience but also on the interview. Thus it cannot be decided a priori. However, MoE representatives advised not to consider the matter as such and not to proceed in that manner.
- After promulgation of the CEI Act dated July 9, 2019, the first meeting of the MoE officials and NITs took place on December 2, 2021. The Institute, as of today, has an approved faculty strength of 285 based on the student strength of 2012 and in the 1:12 ratio. The current student strength of the Institute is now 4841 and NIT Durgapur needs a faculty strength of 403 and non-teaching staff strength of 521. The working of the Institute is suffering due to insufficient institutional strength in fulfilling its' vision and mission.
- In respect of cadre-wise distribution of posts, two options as presented in the Agenda Notes were discussed in detail. The Board opined to opt for the second option. However, the Board also resolved to assume that for faculty on roll, no vacancy is required.
- However, at around 4.30 p.m. a mail was received from the Director (Finance), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education – who represented the MoE in the 60th meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Durgapur - which is appended in verbatim as Annexure B. No discussion has taken place regarding the contents of the mail.

60.07 To consider for approval the roster for non-teaching employees which was vetted by Dr. Ram Lal, approved expert nominee of the BoG, NIT Durgapur for various matters related to recruitment of SC/ST candidates for faculty/staff and technical staff.

It was pointed out during the discussion that decision in regard to this agenda may be taken by the competent Institute authority and there was no necessity of presenting the same to the Board, following which this agenda was withdrawn.

60.08 To consider for approval for approval the possible induction of 25 extra PhD scholars for which a request has been made by Director, NIT Durgapur to Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Government of India.

Since the agenda was already approved in the 54th meeting of the Finance Committee held on January 6, 2022, the Board approved the increase in the intake for PhD candidates from the next financial year with 20 scholars being supported from MoE funding and five from other resources. The Institute was asked to include the additional financial support required in its next budget for necessary approval by the MoE.

- 60.09 To consider for a special case of dying cadres for the mess employees paid as per the West Bengal government rates.**

Since the issue was sub-judice, the Board advised against any specific action in this regard till the conclusion of the ongoing law suit.

- 60.10 To ratify the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for re-introduction of self-sponsored PhD programme and the tuition fee for such candidates (Item No. 62.7 of the Senate of its 62nd meeting held on November 8, 2021).**

The Board ratified the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for re-introduction of self-sponsored PhD programme and the tuition fee for such candidates.

- 60.11 To ratify the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for signing of MoUs with Central Board of Irrigation and Power; National Highway Authority of India, National Brain Research Centre, Manesar and Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thirubananthapuram and renewal of MoU with the National Institute of Science & Technology, Muscat, Oman (Item No.62.12.1 of the Senate of its 62nd meeting held on November 8, 2021).**

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- 60.12 To ratify the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for signing of MoUs with National Jute Board, a statutory body under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India for two projects being supported by them; NHPC Limited, New Delhi and Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad. (Item No.63.12.1 of the Senate of its 63rd (Extraordinary) Meeting held on November 21, 2021).**

The Board further ratified the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for signing of MoUs with National Jute Board, a statutory body under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India for two projects being supported by them; NHPC Limited, New Delhi and Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad.

- 60.13 To ratify the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for the conduction of an International Webinar on "Advanced Hybrid Materials for Sustainability" held during November 26-28, 2021.**

- The Board ratified the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for the conduction of the international conference on "**Advanced Hybrid Materials for Sustainability**" organized by Department of Physics, NIT Durgapur.

- 60.14 To report to the Board the status of legal matters.**

The Board noted the status of legal matters.

- 60.15 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

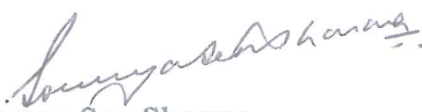
- 60.15.1 To ratify the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for the conduction of an International Conference proposed by the Department of Chemistry, NIT Durgapur on "Opportunity of Chemistry in Industry (OCI-22)" to be held during 10-12 February, 2022.**

The Board ratified the approval of the Hon'ble Chairperson for the conduction of an International Conference proposed by the Department of Chemistry, NIT Durgapur on "**Opportunity of Chemistry in Industry (OCI-22)**" to be held during 10-12 February, 2022.

- 60.15.2 The Board accepted and adopted the 61st Annual Report of NIT Durgapur (2020-21) as presented.**

The minutes drawn above are with extensive deliberations and discussions amongst all members including the MoE representatives. The 60th meeting of the Board of Governors ended at 1.30 p.m. with the Hon'ble Chairperson cordially inviting all to join the 17th Convocation on Saturday, January 8, 2022.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.


Mr. Soumya Sen Sharma
Registrar & Secretary
Board of Governors
National Institute of Technology
Durgapur – 713209

The Director's Report placed in the 60th BoG meeting

Salient activities at the Institute after the 59th BoG meeting:

- The 17th Convocation of the Institute will be held on 8th January 2022. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chancellor, Homi Bhabha National Institute, Chairman, Rajiv Gandhi Science & Technology Commission and former Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission of India will grace the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee, Founder & Chairman, The Chatterjee Group will be the Guest of Honour. 659 B. Tech., 224 M. Tech., 22 MBA, 28 MCA, 48 MSc and 106 PhD degrees will be awarded in this Convocation.
- Admission for the academic session 2021-22 to the B. Tech., Dual Degree, Integrated M.Sc., M. Sc., M. Tech., MBA and MSW programs has been completed. A total of 921 students have been admitted in the undergraduate courses. A total of 423 students have been admitted in the postgraduate courses.
- The odd semester of the academic session 2021-22 for all students, barring the first year, has been completed successfully. The end-term examinations have also been conducted. The examinations for the first year PG students have commenced. Classes for the first year B. Tech., Dual degree and Integrated M. Sc. are in progress.
- Slot-based routine has been approved and shall be implemented from the even Semester 2021-22.
- A new compulsory one-credit course "XXC01 - The Constitution of India and Civic Norms" has been introduced for all UG students in their 2nd semester from AY 2021-22.
- 6-month industry-internship has been approved and will be implemented in the even semester of 2021-22. A large number of students (130+) have opted for the internships. In line with the NEP 2020, these students have been allowed to earn credit from SWAYAM, NPTEL, etc. The faculty of the Institute will also offer on-line courses for the benefit of the students.
- Award of 18 PhD degrees were recommended by the Senate in its 64th meeting.
- Self-sponsored PhD program will be started from this year.
- Collaborative PhD Degree Program has been initiated with TCG-CREST (The Chatterjee Group – a Centre for Research and Education in Science and Technology).
- 97 projects sponsored by different agencies are being executed by the faculty members of the Institute.
- In addition to TCG-CREST, MoUs were signed with the Central Board of Irrigation & Power and the Regional Centre for Biotechnology for collaborative research.
- A number of conferences, workshops and seminars were organized online.
- The Institute received a 4-star rating from the Innovation and Incubation Council, Ministry of Education, Government of India, along with leading IITs like IIT Madras, IIT KGP and IIT Mumbai. NIT Durgapur is now eligible to proceed to the next round comprising all 4 star rated institutes and compete for 5 star rating which will be announced next month.

- A comprehensive ERP system is being deployed in the Institute with the support of IIT Kharagpur.
- The *Unnat Bharat Ahiyan* (UBA) cell participated as an organiser in a competition on 'Heritage through the Lens of Science' under "Atmanirbhar North East: A Brainstorming Conclave" organised by NECTAR in collaboration with VIBHA at Cotton University, Guwahati.
- 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.
- Projects like expansion of Computer Science & Engineering Department and renovation of the Central library have been completed. Lifts have been installed in the Main Academic Building, Central Library and the connector between D.M. Sen Hall and the Electronics & Communication Engineering Department as a part of infrastructure being developed for differently-abled persons.
- Construction of Electrical Engineering Measurement laboratory, boundary wall expansion, renovation of residential quarters and sewer lines is nearing completion. A few more projects have been initiated under the implementation of EWS reservation scheme.
- **A supplementary DPR for repair and renovation of old hostels and expansion of networking under the EWS scheme was submitted to the MoE. The projects were approved by the BoG earlier.**
- **A portal developed in-house has been introduced for submission of complaints and monitoring the maintenance activities in the Institute.**
- Treasury Single Account (TSA) of PFMS, as mandated by the RBI, has been fully implemented at the Institute.
- A team from DGAC, Kolkata visited the Institute and completed the audit of the annual accounts (2020-21) of the Institute. They have recommended the settlement of 14 long-outstanding audit paras.
- A Faculty Recruitment Portal has been recently launched.

The weblink for the online meeting will be shared by tomorrow morning.

"Please acknowledge receipt and reply in-line"

Thanks & Regards,

ANNEXURE - "B"

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2 attachments

 Second Draft NIT.docx
51K

 Implementation Guidelines Final.docx
18K

Director NIT Durgapur <director@admin.nitdgp.ac.in>

Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 5:14 PM

To: "Anupam Basu (অনুপম বসু)" <anupambas@gmail.com>, Registrar NIT Durgapur <registrar@admin.nitdgp.ac.in>, Asit Kumar <drest@admin.nitdgp.ac.in>

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From: Anil Kumar <anil.k35@gov.in>

Date: Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 4:51 PM

Subject: Re: Draft document on implementation of CEI Act, 2019 in NITs & IEST-Shibpur

To: <director@admin.nitdgp.ac.in>

Cc: Veena Dunga <veena.dunga@nic.in>, Indrajit Kuri <kuri.indrajit@gov.in>, Indrajit Kuri <kuri.indrajit@nic.in>

Sir,

The MHRD instructions which you were referring in the BoG meeting of NIT Durgapur held today, are just draft guidelines under discussion for suggestion etc.

These are not finalized yet by the Ministry.

Hence are **unsigned** so far. **So no action should be taken based on these unsigned draft guidelines.**

I have talked to the NIT Bureau, and I am informed that the new instructions in this regard are put up to the competent authority for approval and are likely to be issued soon.

Please wait till then. Hence it will be better to Defer the BoG item no. 60.06 till then.

Second the Envelopes of the Selection Committee should also not be opened till decision is taken by the BoG in line with the Ministry Instructions, expected to be issued soon.

So before going ahead in this regard, NIT Bureau of the Ministry may be contacted please.

Thanks

With Regards

Anil Kumar

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From: director@admin.nitdgp.ac.in

To: "Anil Kumar" <anil.k35@gov.in>

Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 4:09:14 PM

Subject: Fwd: Draft document on implementation of CEI Act, 2019 in NITs & IEST-Shibpur

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Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 5:45 PM

To: "Prof. Sadanand Sadashiv Gokhale" <chairperson.bog@nitdgp.ac.in>, Sadanand Gokhale <sagok1@gmail.com>

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Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 6:13 PM

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Dear All,

It is surprising that in the face of the Secretary MoE himself asking to resolve these in the BoG,

while all other BoG members agreed, the stumbling block is MoE itself, that too after the conclusion of the meeting!