

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

64th Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Durgapur



TO BE HELD IN THE HYBRID MODE ON JANUARY 23, 2024 FROM 04:00 P.M. VENUE: NIT DURGAPUR CAMPUS



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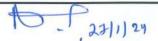
The 64th meeting of the Board of Governors was held on January 23, 2024 from 4PM in the Meeting Room of S. N. Roy Memorial Building in the hybrid mode. Members attended the meeting are as follows:

S1. No.	Name & Affiliation	
1	Prof. Arvind Choubey Chairperson (in-charge), BoG & Director, NIT Durgapur	Chairperson
2	Prof. V. K. Tewari Director, IIT Kharagpur	Member (Attended Online)
3	Prof. Amlan Chakraborty Professor & Director A. K. Choudhury School of Information Technology University of Calcutta	Member (Attended Online)
4	Ms. Veena Dunga Deputy Scretary (NITs), Dept. of Higher Education, MoE, GoI	Member (Attended Online)
5	Mr. Anil Kumar Director (Finance), Dept. of Higher Education, MoE, GoI	Member (Attended Online)
6	Prof. Apurba Kumar Patra Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, NIT Durgapur	Member
7	Dr. Jayati Dey Associate Professor Dept. of Electrical Engineering, NIT Durgapur	Member
8	Prof. Nirmal Kumar Roy Registrar (In-charge), NIT Durgapur	Secretary

Prof. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, Professor, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, Jadavpur University could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation and were granted leave of absence.

At the outset of the meeting, the Hon'ble Chairperson (In-charge), Board of Governors, NIT Durgapur extended a warm welcome to all members of the Board. Thereafter, Chairperson (In-charge) requested Member-secretary, Senate to present the agenda of the 64th BoG meeting.

Prof. N. K. Roy, Member-Secretary of the BoG, on approval of the Chairperson (In-charge), BoG, placed the agenda items in the meeting for discussion and the following resolutions were taken:





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64.01 To confirm the Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held in the hybrid mode on February 08, 2023.

The Minutes of the 63rd meeting of the Board of Governors was circulated amongst the Board members for their comments. However, no comments were received from the members. The final Minutes was being placed as **Annexure** – **A** of agenda notes of the 64th BoG meeting. The Board was requested to consider and approve the same.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to confirm the minutes of 63rd meeting of Board of Governors.

64.02 To note the Actions Taken on the Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held in the hybrid mode on February 08, 2023.

The Board was requested to note the action taken report on the Minutes of the 63rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on February 08, 2023.

As per the resolution of the 63rd meeting of BoG, the matter related to Item No. 63.07 was communicated to MoE through e-mail dated February 13, 2023. In response to this, the NITs division of MoE requested NIT Durgapur to provide details of existence of such Association in other NITs along with status of their recognition vide letter F.No.5-5/2023-TS.III dated April 05, 2023. In line of this, the Director (officiating) replied to the ministry through email on May 25, 2023 and cited the Annexure-G of Agenda Notes of 63rd BoG meeting and emailed the same. The present Registrar (in-charge) of NIT Durgapur raised a query to Registrar, NIT Jalandhar to check the status of existence of Faculty/Teacher Association at NIT Jalandhar via email dated January 21, 2023. In response to this, Registrar, NIT Jalandhar submitted a point-wise reply through email dated January 21, 2023 and mentioned that "no faculty / teacher association exists" at NIT Jalandhar.

Member Secretary appraised the Board the proceedings against the Item No. 63.07 and sought guidance from the board.

Resolution: The BoG noted the Action Taken Reports with satisfaction except the Agenda Item No. 63.07. In light of the information mentioned against the Agenda Item No. 63.07, the BoG resolved the proposal is not acceded.





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64.03 To consider and approve the Minutes of the 58^{th.} Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23rd January, 2024.

The Minutes of the 58th Meeting of the Finance Committee was placed on the table and the Board was requested to consider and approve the same.

Resolution: The Board of Governors considered and approved the minutes of the $58^{\rm th}$ Meeting of the Finance Committee.

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

Director's report was placed on the table and the Board was requested to note the report presented by the Director.

Resolution: The Board of Governors noted with satisfaction the Director's Report on the initiatives undertaken since the last meeting of BoG.

64.05 To consider and approve the minutes of the 70th Senate meeting held on 02nd August 2023 & 71st Senate meeting held on 18th December, 2023.

The BoG was requested to consider and approve the minutes of the $70^{\rm th}$ & $71^{\rm st}$ Senate meeting as presented in Annexures – B & C, respectively with the Agenda Notes of $64^{\rm th}$ BoG Meeting.

Resolution: The Board of Governors resolved to consider and approve the decisions taken by the Senate in its 70^{th} and 71^{st} meeting.

64.06 To consider and approve two members of the BoG as recommended by the Senate.

The BoG was requested to consider and approve the names of following two members in the BoG of the Institute as recommended by the Senate.

- (i) Prof. Gautam Kumar Mahanti, Professor (HAG), Dept. of Electronics and Communication Engineering
- (ii) Dr. Aashish Kumar Bohre, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve Prof. Gautam Kumar Mahanti and Dr. Aashish Kumar Bohre as members of the BoG.





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64.07 To consider the nomination of one person for the Finance Committee amongst BoG members.

The BoG was requested to consider and approve the nomination of Prof. Gautam Kumar Mahanti, Professor (HAG), Dept. of Electronics and Communication Engineering, as a member in the Finance Committee (FC) of the Institute.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve Prof. Gautam Kumar Mahanti as a member of the Finance Committee of NIT Durgapur.

64.08 To consider and approve the nomination of three persons as external members of the Senate.

The BoG was requested to consider and approve the following three persons as external members of the Senate.

- (1) Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Professor (HAG), Dept. of Electrical Engineering, IIT Delhi
- (2) Prof. Bhartendu Kumar Singh, Professor (HAG), Dept. of Physics, Banaras Hindu University and Director, IIITDM, Jabalpur
- (3) Prof. Geetika, Professor (HAG), School of Management Studies, MNNIT Allahabad

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve the names Prof. Sukumar Mishra, Prof. Bhartendu Kumar Singh and Prof. Geetika as external members of the Senate.

64.09 To consider and approve the list of recipients of UG, PG and PhD degrees, Institute Gold Medals; Endowment Gold Medals and best project certificates in the 19th Convocation of the Institute.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the names of recipients of UG, PG and PhD degrees, Institute Gold Medals; Endowment Gold Medals and best project certificates in the 19th Convocation of the Institute as recommended by the Senate in its 71st meeting held on December 18, 2023. The detailed list of eligible students was presented in Annexures D and E of Agenda Notes of 64th Meeting of BoG, respectively.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve all the names of degree and different medal recipients that was recommended by the Senate in its $71^{\rm st}$ meeting.





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64.10 To consider and approve discontinuation of existing four M. Tech. Programs.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the discontinuation of four existing M. Tech. programs as mentioned below from the AY 2024-25:

- (a) M. Tech. Program in Chemical Engineering offered by the Dept. of Chemical Engineering.
- (b) M. Tech. Program in Energy Resources and Sustainable Environmental Engineering offered by the Dept. of Chemical Engineering.
- (c) M. Tech. Program in Metallurgy and Materials Technology offered by the Dept. of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering.
- (d) M. Tech. Program in Advanced Materials Science and Technology offered by the Dept. of Physics.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve the discontinuation of the above four existing M. Tech. programs as recommended by the Senate in its $71^{\rm st}$ meeting.

64.11 To consider and approve opening of a B. Tech. Program in "Mathematics and Computing" from AY 2024-25.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the opening of a B. Tech. program in "Mathematics and Computing" with intake as 60 including all reservations as per GoI from the AY 2024-25 to be offered by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, NIT Durgapur.

It was also discussed and approved by the Finance Committee of NIT Durgapur in its 58^{th} meeting vide Agenda Item No. 58.06.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve the opening of a B. Tech. program in "Mathematics and Computing" as recommended by the Senate in its $71^{\rm st}$ meeting.

64.12 To consider and approve opening of an M. Tech. Program in "AI and Data Science" from AY 2024-25.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the opening of a M. Tech. program in "AI and Data Sciences" with intake as 20 including all reservations as per GoI from the AY 2024-25 to be offered by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, NIT Durgapur.

It was also discussed and approved by the Finance Committee of NIT Durgapur in its 58th meeting vide Agenda Item No. 58.07.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve the opening of a M. Tech. program in "AI & Data Science" as recommended by the Senate in its 71st meeting.





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64.13 To consider and approve existing Post Based Reservation Roster for Faculty members of NIT Durgapur.

The Board was requested to consider and approve the Post Based Reservation Roster for Faculty members of the Institute as maintained by the roster committee in its meeting held on 19.12.2023 and cadre-wise vacant positions as tabulated below.

Post	Sancti oned	Existing	Vacan t	Category-wise reservations
Professor	285	63	1	UR: 1
Associate Professor		70	5	UR: 4, OBC: 1
Assistant Professor, Grade-I & II		109	37	UR: 12; SC: 5; ST: 3; OBC: 10; EWS: 7
Total	285	242	43	UR: 17; SC: 5; ST: 3; OBC: 11; EWS: 7

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve the report of the roster committee of NIT Durgapur and cadre-wise vacancy of 43 faculty positions mentioned above.

64.14 To consider and approve the proposal for appointment of an Officer on Special Duty (OSD) on deputation / contract basis.

The Board was requested to deliberate on this matter and approve the recruitment of one OSD till the recruitment of permanent registrar or one year on deputation / contract basis with remuneration in the scale of Deputy Registrar [PB 3 (Rs. 15600-39100/-) with Grade Pay of Rs. 7600/-].

Resolution: The BoG deliberated and resolved to approve the recruitment of one OSD till the recruitment of permanent registrar or one year on contract basis with remuneration in the scale of Deputy Registrar [PB 3 (Rs. 15600-39100/-) with Grade Pay of Rs. 7600/-].





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64.15 To consider and approve the proposal for installation of Solar Roof Top power plant.

The Board was requested to consider and approve in-principle the installation of 1MW solar roof top power plant.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve in-principle the installation of 1MW solar roof top power plant.

64.16 To consider and approve the 63rd Annual Report and Annual Accounts of NIT Durgapur (2022-23).

The Board was requested to consider and approve the $63^{\rm rd}$ Annual Report and Annual Accounts of NIT Durgapur for the financial year 2022-23 prepared both in English and Hindi languages.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and approve the 63rd Annual Report and Annual Accounts of the Institute for the financial year 2022-23.

64.17 To report to the Board of Governors regarding the status of recruitment.

The present status of recruitment against teaching and non-teaching positions at NIT Durgapur was presented to the Board for information. It was mentioned that the roster for faculty positions have been finalized and approved by the BoG vide Agenda Item No. 64.13). Regarding the non-teaching posts of the Institute, one meeting of the roster committee has been convened on 19.12.2023 and finalization of roster is under process. The position of the vacancies of teaching and non-teaching posts are appended below.

(i) Teaching Posts

Post	Sanctioned	Existing	Vacant
Professor	285	63	1
Associate Professor		70	5
Assistant Professor, Grade-I & II		109	37
Total	285	242	43





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(ii) Non-teaching Posts

Non-teaching Post	Sanctioned	Existing	Vacant (Direct and Promotional)
Total	314	109	205

The Institute will make advertisement as per the vacancy shortly.

As per the compendium of instructions on reservation in appointments in posts/services in the central government issued by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training Establishment Estt (Reservation) Division vide letter no. F. No. 36011/1/2022-Estt.(Res-I), updated on 14.10.2022, it is mentioned that reservation policy to be followed in respect of reservation for the SC and ST candidates for direct recruitment to Group C and Group D posts, normally for attracting candidates from a locality or a region, was fixed on the basis of proportion of their population in the respective States/UTs, vide OM.No.36017/1/2004-Estt (Res) dated 5/07/2005 and OM.No.36017/1/2007-Estt (Res) dated 4/07/2007.

The Member-Secretary of the board raised the above matter and sought guidance from the Board.

Resolution: The BoG noted the status of recruitment for teaching posts with satisfaction.

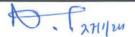
For non-teaching posts, the BoG resolved that the matter in respect of reservation policy to be followed for the SC and ST candidates for direct recruitment to Group C and Group D posts following the OM.No.36017/1/2004-Estt (Res) dated 5/07/2005 and OM.No.36017/1/2007-Estt (Res) dated 4/07/2007 shall be sent to MoE, GoI to examine for further clarification.

64.18 To report to the Board of Governors regarding two members of Building and Works Committee.

Honorable Chairperson (in-charge), BoG and the Director nominated the following two persons as members of the Building and Works Committee vide Section 12.1(vi) of NIT Act:

- (i) **Expert from Civil Engineering**: Mr. Surendra Singh, Retired Additional Director General, CPWD, GoI
- (ii) **Expert from Electrical Engineering:** Mr. Shashi Kant, Retired special DG cum Engineering in Chief of Delhi in PWD.

Resolution: The BoG considered and noted the nomination of Mr. Surendra Singh and Mr. Shashi Kant as members of the Building and Works Committee with satisfaction.





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64.19 To consider the matter regarding Deputation period of Dr. Vijay Kumar Dwivedi, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering.

Prof. Vijay Kumar Dwivedi was serving as an Assessor on deputation at Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, GoI since 03.12.2019. However, the matter related to his deputation period from 03.12.2022 was placed before the Board for kind information and guidance for further course of action.

- (a) The request for granting Deputation period from 03.12.2022 to 02.12.2023 (4th term) of Prof. Dwivedi, was placed before the then Hon'ble Chairperson of and he has accorded approval with remarks **approved with reservation**, "Since Prof. V. K Dwivedi is on deputation for the past three years, it is necessary to have a realistic assessment about requirement of further extensions and his duties and responsibilities towards his parent organization viz. NIT Durgapur. I have some concerns about NITD student interests vis-à-vis teaching, research, guidance of PG/PhD scholars etc. Some clarity about the type of leave, salary, PF etc. should also be added in the note sheet. A statement from Prof. V. K. Dwivedi is desirable". The said matter was communicated to Prof. Dwivedi on 21.12.2022.
- (b) In response to the above matter, an email addressing to the Director, NIT Durgapur was received on 17.02.2023 from Prof. Dwivedi seeking approval of his deputation beyond 02.12.2022 "I request you to kindly approve my deputation as Assessor at Mahanadi Water Dispute Tribunal, New Delhi beyond 2nd Dec. 2022 and (ii) up to date CPF statement in respect of the undersigned so as to get any deposit due from the Mahanadi Water Dispute Tribunal, New Delhi".
- (c) In response to the request of Prof. Dwivedi mentioned above, the then Director (In-charge), NIT Durgapur sent a letter dated 12.04.2023 to the Registrar, MWD Tribunal and requested Prof. V. K. Dwivedi to return to his parent Institute. Reminders were also sent on 14.09.2023 and 14.01.2024 in this regard.
- (d) Prof. Dwivedi joined to NIT Durgapur on 23.01.2024.

Resolution: The BoG deliberated and resolved that Dr. Vijay Kumar Dwivedi shall be issued a show-cause notice asking the reason of delay in joining after 02.12.2022 and the response given by Dr. Vijay Kumar Dwivedi against the show-cause notice issued shall be reported in the next BoG meeting for further course of action.



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64.20 To consider and ratify the list of Tier-I level conferences for CPDA purpose.

The Board was requested to consider and ratify the approval accorded by the Honorable Chairperson (in-charge), BoG and the Director on list of the Tier-I level conferences for CPDA purpose.

Resolution: The BoG resolved to consider and ratify the approval accorded by the Chairperson (in-charge), BoG on the list of Tier-I conferences for CPDA purposes.

64.21 To consider and ratify the change of Deans.

With the permission of the Chairperson (In-charge), BoG, Registrar (In-charge) presented the names of Professors those are nominated and approved by the Honorable Chairperson (In-charge), BoG for the six different Deans positions. The BoG considered and ratified the decision taken by the Chairperson (In-charge), BoG.

- (i) Dean (Academic): Prof. Nirmal Baran Hui, Dept. of Mech. Engg.
- (ii) Dean (Planning & Development): Prof (HAG) Nirmal Kumar Roy, Dept. of Electrical Engg.
- (iii) **Dean (Student Welfare):** Prof Rajat Mahapatra, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engg.
- (iv) **Dean (Faculty Welfare**): Prof (HAG) Gautam Kumar Mahanti, Dept. of Electronics & Communication Engg.
- (v) **Dean (Research & Consultancy):** Prof Kartik Chandra Ghanta, Dept. of Chemical Engg.
- (vi) **Dean (Alumni affairs & Outreach):** Prof Parimal Acharjee, Dept. of Electrical Engg.

Resolution: The BoG considered and ratified the approval accorded by the Chairperson (in-charge), BoG regarding the newly appointed Deans.

64.22 To report to the Board of Governors regarding the status of legal matters.

The status of legal cases pending since the last Board meeting was reported to the Board and in brief presented below.

Court Cases		No. of Cases Disposed in favour of NIT Durgapur
High Court Calcutta	08	05
Durgapur Court	04	01





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The Board was further requested to consider and approve the guidelines for empanelment of advocates in different courts as per DoPT norms vide no. PCCA/CBDT/LCS/Misc./Court/2021-22/Part/347-410, dated 20.06.2022 and F. No. J-12017/1/2019-Judicial, dated 21.10.2019.

It was also discussed and approved by the Finance Committee of NIT Durgapur in its 58th meeting vide Agenda Item No. 58.09.1.

Resolution: The BoG noted the status of legal cases pending since the last Board meeting. The BoG also resolved to consider and approve the proposal of empanelment of advocates as per DoPT norms vide no. PCCA/CBDT/LCS/Misc./Court/2021-22/Part/347-410, dated 20.06.2022 and F. No. J-12017/1/2019-Judicial, dated 21.10.2019.

64.23 Any other matter with the kind permission of the Chair.

No additional Agenda items were taken up for discussion in the meeting.

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

Registrar (In-charge) & Secretary Board of Governors

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Chairperson (In-charge)
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