

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

Minutes of the 43rd Board of Governors Meeting held on 28th September, 2016 in the Seminar Room 2, United Service Institution of India, Rao Tula Ram Marg (Opposite Signals Enclave), Vasant Vihar, New Delhi – 110 057.

The following members attended the Meeting:

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| 1. Prof. A. B. Bhattacharyya,
Chairperson, Board of Governors,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Chairperson |
| 2. Prof. Asok De,
Director, (Additional Charge),
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Member |
| 3. Shri S P Goyal
JS (NITs & DL)
Department of Higher Education
MHRD Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 015 | Member |
| 4. Shri A. Maheswary
Director, Finance,
MHRD, Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 015 | Member |
| 5. Dr. D.K. Majumdar
Former Professor (Pharmaceutics)
(DIPSAR) University of Delhi,
C-8, IDPL Apartments
Plot No -GH 10
Sector 10A
Gurgaon- 122001 | Member |
| 6. Prof. S.P. Ghoshal
Professor,
Department of Electrical Engineering,
National Institute of Technology,
Durgapur. | Member |
| 7. Dr. Arup Kumar Biswas
Associate Professor
Department of Mechanical Engg.
NIT Durgapur | Member |
| 8. Brig. A. S. Nijjar,
Registrar,
National institute of Technology,
Durgapur | Secretary |

The Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed all members of the Board to the 43rd meeting.

Prof. Partha Pratim Chakrabarti, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, Shri Sanjay Jhunjhunwala, CEO, Mani Group, Kolkata West Bengal, Ms Jyotsna Dhawan, CSIR Hyderabad and Ms Mitali Mukherjee, CSIR New Delhi could not attend the meeting and were granted leave of absence by the Chairperson, Board of Governors.

Item# 43.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 42nd Meeting of Board of Governors held on 25th May, 2016.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the BOG, incorporating the comments received from the members therein.

Item#43.02: To note action taken on the Minutes of 42nd Meeting of Board of Governors held on 25th May, 2016.

One member from MHRD raised certain queries on the progress of ATR of various points:-

42.04: It was informed, that the recruitment process of some Departments had been carried out, while the process for remaining Departments is still on. The Director pointed out that the issue of Visitor's Nominee(s), whose tenure had been extended for three months, needs to be addressed urgently for further recruitment.

- Regarding improvement of classrooms, the Board was informed that the same was in the process of completion, through TEQIP-II funds.
- Regarding a Committee to inquire into various irregularities, the Board was informed that the issue was being raised as a separate Agenda Item in the current meeting.

42.05: The Board recommended, that the Institute should remind the concerned Ministry regarding installation of aggregate/cumulative 1.0 MWp Grid Connected Solar Rooftop Panel so that the work may commence as soon as possible.

42.06: One member from MHRD clarified that the Ministry could not agree with the decision taken for absorption of contractual employees engaged through contract/NTMIS without undergoing the due and regular process of selection/appointment. He cited the judgement dated 10th April, 2006 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Appeal (Civil) Nos. 3595-3612 of 1999, Secretary, State of Karnataka and Ors. Vs. Umadevi and Ors.in the matter.

42.14(D): The Board advised that as per the decision taken, the report on pending issues of the previous BOG meetings should be sent to the Chairman, BOG.

42.14:

(H) The Board was informed, that the action on the report of the Inquiry Committee constituted in the case of Late Prasenjit Sarkar had been completed as per legal advice.

(N) Regarding Petitions of Smt Asima Lahiri, the Board was informed that employment could not be provided to her under compassionate grounds, as such appointments can only be given to about 5% of the total employees, whereas that number of people employed under compassionate grounds had already exceeded the limit of 5%. The Board advised that the Institute may take appropriate action for defending the case in the Hon'ble Court and if necessary, an Appeal be preferred.

Item# 43.03: To consider and ratify the Minutes of 42nd Senate Meeting held on 15th June, 2016.

The Board ratified the minutes of the 42nd Meeting of the Senate except item No. 42.06 regarding conferring of degrees to the students of GKCIET Malda.

Item# 43.04: Chairman's Overview.

The Chairman recommended the creation of a "Cell for Education Technology" on the lines of such cells in the IITs and a "Board for Academic Planning". He further suggested that the methodology for the above could be decided by the Director.

The Board approved the proposals moved by the Chairman.

Item# 43.05: To consider further course of action in the case of Dr. B. K. Sarkar, Senior Medical Officer of NIT Durgapur.

The Board was informed that legal opinion was obtained, on the report submitted by the Inquiry Committee in the previous meeting of the Board. Action was taken as per the legal advice and a warning letter was issued to the concerned individual and his suspension had not been extended further.

The Board considered and approved the Director's decision.

Item# 43.06: Director's report on the initiatives undertaken since the last Board of Governors Meeting.

Noted.

Item# 43.07: Approval of Procurement Plan for Modernising NITs under TEQIP II.

The Board noted the revised allocation of Rs. 1184.00/-Lakh to the Institute under TEQIP - II and further advised, that the expenditure should be done strictly as per the instructions issued by NPIU on expenditure under TEQIP - II.

As far as the Procurement Plan for modernization is concerned, the proposal should first be considered by the B&WC and the Finance Committee, before being placed before the BOG.

Item# 43.08: To ratify foreign Visit by faculty members under TEQIP-II, already approved by the Chairperson, BOG.

Ratified.

Item# 43.09: Presentation by Dean Academics on following issues.

Dean Academics made a detailed presentation on academic and related issues and made numerous recommendations to the Board, under different heads. The Board agreed on most issues raised by the Dean. The Members from MHRD, asked for a detailed letter on the issue of ICCR and DASA sponsored students.

Extract of important points/ decision is attached as annexure to the minutes.

Item#43.10: Formation of the Society on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

The Board approved in principle, the proposal of creation of a **Society on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SIEN)**. The Board suggested, that the procedure followed by IIT Delhi and IIT Bombay should be generally adopted; however, no additional posts will be created for the purpose. The Institute may support the envisaged SIEN by way of corpus fund and some ministerial staff from the Institute itself, for a limited period till the SIEN becomes self sustaining.

The Board desired that the SIEN should develop into a self sustaining society.

Item# 43.11: Rationalisation of the computer science related departments.

It was clarified that the criteria of transferring of faculty from Computer Application and IT to CSE department should be as per guideline that the person will hold a Doctorate degree in the given discipline pertaining to the department with basic graduate degree in the relevant area.

The Chairman made an observation that the merger of the three departments into one should not result into anomaly and violation of MHRD norms with respect to faculty selection norm of MHRD.

The Chairman further desires that the role of Computer Centre in matters of maintenance of hardwares, softwares, networking be defined along with the review of its management structure and requirements. This is necessary in view of pervasive penetration of digitization in all matters of academics and administration where a strong support system is required at the Institute level for maintenance, acquisition and development of systems and softwares. Chairman suggests that, if necessary, a separate committee may be formed by Director for the purpose of review and recommendation.

The Board agreed with the proposal.

Item#43.12: To consider and approve the terms and conditions including financial remuneration for conduct of an Inquiry headed by Hon'ble Justice Rajendra Prasad, Retired.

The Board resolved to revisit the earlier decision and suggested that the Director should have the matter inquired impartially through a committee of eminent external experts.

Item# 43.13: Information to the Board.

The Board noted the contents, placed for its information and suggested, that special attention be paid to the court cases and interest of the Institute and the Ministry be protected in defending these cases.

Item#43.14: Ratification for Absorption of erstwhile NTMIS Staff.

The Board did not agree to the proposal of absorption of the NTMIS employees, in light of the Court verdict in the Uma Devi case (Judgement dated 10th April, 2006 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Appeal (Civil) Nos. 3595-3612 of 1999, Secretary, State of Karnataka and Ors. Vs. Umadevi and Ors.). It was stated by one of the members that AICTE was responsible for the employment of these individuals and the matter may be taken up with the AICTE as has been done by the Board of Apprenticeship Training (BOAT), Western Region, Mumbai.

Item#43.15: Consideration of Application by Brig. A. S. Nijjar, Registrar, regarding taking up Business Law Programme at NLSIU Bangalore.

The Board was informed that the matter has already been taken up with MHRD and accordingly, the Board suggested that the decision in the case be taken by the Director as per MHRD's advice.

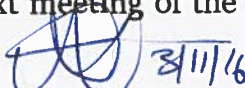
Item#43.16: Any other item with the permission of the chair.

- A) Regarding the report of the Selection Committee on faculty recruitment, the Board empowered the Chairman to approve the proceedings.
- B) The Chairman recommended that the dates of meetings of the Board and Convocation Ceremony should be announced in the beginning of calendar year.

The meeting was declared closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair and it was suggested that any other items, if pending, be brought up in the next meeting of the Board.

*Approved by chairman BOG
vide e-mail dated 08 Nov. 2016
3.11 PM*

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**EXTRACT OF IMPORTANT POINTS OF THE PRESENTATION BY DEAN
ACADEMICS**

1. The PhD scholars may be advised to enroll for 3-4 M. Tech courses (both Full-time & Part-time) excluding Research Methodology Course.
2. There shall be a minimum residential requirement for both Full-time & Part-time PhD scholars (may be of 2 yrs. as suggested by Dr. Majumder, BOG Member)
3. Abolition of Full-time/ Part-time Self-sponsored research Programme
4. Admission for M. Tech Program shall be made through Central Counseling (CCMT) Process only.
5. One or two seats may be kept in each program for sponsored candidates (from industry/academia/research organization) on Full-time Program.
6. There shall be no Part-time M. Tech Program.
7. PhD thesis in a standard format along with examiner reports and details of examiner be displayed on website.
8. An Online feedback on teaching from students on courses.
9. Course File development by faculty on courses being delivered.