



**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI (NITT)**

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**Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT, Tiruchirappalli held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at 11.00 AM in Conference Room II Floor IC&SR Building , IIT Madras**

**Members Present:**

**Ms.Kumud M.Srinivasan**  
President-Intel India  
Chairperson, Board of Governors  
NIT Tiruchirappalli. **Chairperson**

**Prof. S. Sundarrajan**  
Director  
National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirappalli 620 015. **Member**

**Prof. K.Sankaranarayanan**  
Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering  
National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirappalli 620 015. **Member**

**Prof.K.Thirumaran**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Architecture  
National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirappalli 620 015. **Member**

**Shri Sanjeev Kumar Sharma**  
Director(NITs)  
Technical Education,  
Department of Higher Education,MHRD  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001. **Member**

**Shri Rajesh Singh**  
Director(Finance)  
Integrated Finance Division  
Department of Higher Education,MHRD  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi 110001. **Member**



**Sri Karumuttu T Kannan** **Member**  
Chairperson Thiagarajar Mills

**Prof.R.Sethuraman** **Member**  
Vice Chancellor SASTRA University  
Thanjavur

**Prof.Krishnan Balasubramanian** **Member**  
Dean (IC&SR)  
IIT Madras Chennai

**Sri Ravi Viswanathan** **Member**  
President Global Business  
TCS Chennai

**Prof.G.Swaminathan** **Secretary**  
Officiating Registrar  
NIT Tiruchirappalli

**Shri A. Palanivel** **Special Invitee**  
Associate Professor & Former Registrar IIT Ropar  
Registrar Designate NIT Tiruchirappalli

**The following member expresses inability to attend the meeting**

**Prof. (Ms.) Vasudha Kamath** **Member**  
Vice Chancellor SNDT Women's University  
Mumbai.

**A1. WELCOME ADDRESS**

<b>39<sup>th</sup> BoG ITEM NO. A1</b>	<b>WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b>
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Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan Chairperson, Board of Governors, welcomed all the members of the BoG of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NITT).

With the permission of the Chair, Secretary, BoG, began deliberations on the Agenda items. The agenda items were discussed.



**A2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

ITEM NO. A2	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 38 <sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2015
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The Minutes of the thirty eighth meeting of BoG was confirmed

**B3. ACTION TAKEN REPORT (ATR) ON PREVIOUS MINUTE**

*(Item No. E11 of  
the Minutes of  
the 38<sup>th</sup> BOG)*

**Item No. 3.1 REQUEST FROM RECAL PRESIDENT FOR INCREASE IN ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FEE AND ISSUES RELATED TO CONFERRING RIGHTS TO RECAL TO PRINT INCREDIBLE NIT TRICHY-RELATED ISSUES**

Noted.

**Item NO. 3.2 : MATTERS RELATING TO DISCIPLINE RTI AND VIGILANCE**

When this matter was taken up, during the discussions, it was pointed out by the Board that terms of reference of the committee need to be clarified. The name of the committee should reflect the terms of reference. Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli, was requested to spell out terms of reference of the standing committee, with a consideration of the fact that there exists CVO in NIT Tiruchirappalli. The same should be placed to BoG in next meeting.



**C. INFORMATION / RATIFICATION ITEMS:**

<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. C4</b>	<b>REPORTING OF DETAILS OF GRANTS RECEIVED FROM</b> <b>MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>(MHRD) UNDER PLAN AND NON-PLAN FUNDS</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup>FC</b> <b>ITEM NO.C4</b>	

The BoG reviewed the status of the funds received from MHRD under Plan and Non Plan Heads.

<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. C5</b>	<b>REPORTING OF DETAILS OF FUND RECEIVED UNDER</b> <b>TEQIP II-STATUS REPORT OF EXPENDITURE</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> FC</b> <b>ITEM NO.C5</b>	

The BoG echoed the observations of the 26<sup>th</sup> FC meeting and directed Registrar to submit its compliance.

<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. C6</b>	<b>INTERVIEW HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> AND 21<sup>st</sup> of JUNE 2015 FOR THE</b> <b>POST OF REGISTRAR –SELECTION-ORDERS ISSUED-</b> <b>RATIFICATION</b>
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Ratified

**D. IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG</b> <b>ITEM NO. D7</b>	<b>GRIEVANCES OF NON –TEACHING STAFF OF</b> <b>NITS-SUBMISSION OF PAY AND CADRE</b> <b>ANOMALIES-OM ISSUED BY MHRD</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM</b> <b>NO.D6</b>	

After detailed discussion, BoG directed the Registrar to expedite the process of sending the recommendations of the Committee to MHRD, for further necessary action preferably within a week's time, but not later than on or before 31.08.2015.



<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. D8</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PROF.GOVERDHAN MEHTA FOR MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FOUR TIER FLEXIBLE</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO.D7</b>	<b>CADRE STRUCTURE</b>

Adopted as per MHRD Communication F. No. 33-3/2014-TS III dated 17.06.2015

**E. DECISION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO.E9</b>	<b>TECHNICAL EDUCATION QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(TEQIP II)-NEW INSTITUTE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI TO NPIU-APPROVAL</b>
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The BoG approved the revised Institution Development Proposal submitted to NPIU by NIT Tiruchirappalli.

<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. E10</b>	<b>DELBERATIONS OF THE THIRTY FIRST SENATE MEETING HELD ON 14.07.2015-AWARD OF DEGREES TO THE GRADUANDS AND GOLD MEDALS TO THE MEDAL WINNERS.</b>
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Approved

<b>39<sup>th</sup>BOG ITEM NO. E11</b>	<b>ISSUES RELATING TO SANCTION OF PENSION FOR THE EMPLOYEES RETIRED DURING REC PERIOD –REQUEST GIVEN BY RETIRED EMPLOYEES FOR CPF TO GPF CONVERSION-REGARDING</b>
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The BoG took note of observation of FC and agreed with it and requested Director to do needful as desired by FC.



<b>39<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E12</b>	<b>PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES AGAINST CONDEMNATION OF OLD VEHICLES</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> FC ITEM NO. E8</b>	

BoG accepted the recommendations of FC regarding scrapping of vehicle. Immediate action should be taken for the replacement of scrapped vehicles. Necessary action for auctioning of scrapped vehicle should also be done immediately. The compliance be submitted in next BoG.

<b>39<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.E13</b>	<b>MATTERS RELATING TO TREC STEP</b>
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No discussion was held in this topic. Will be discussed in the subsequent BoG meeting.

**F. ANY OTHER ITEM(S) WITH THE PERMISSION OF CHAIRPERSON**

<b>39<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.F14</b>	<b>SCENARIO PRESENTATION BY THE DIRECTOR ON THE SUBJECT(S) WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FACULTY PROMOTIONS, NON-TEACHING STAFFS GRIEVANCES , PROCUREMENT AND BUDGETING</b>
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The Director explained to the Board about the agitation, the token fast on 22.07.2015, the relay fast, slogan shouting and the continuous fast by NMRs since 04.08.2015, all organized under the banner of JACANITT .The Director also explained about the steps taken by the administration in diffusing the tense situation that prevailed in the campus for more than two months. The Director also explained about the negotiation meeting he had with the revelers, extending to late night on 05.08.2015. The Director explained to BoG, the duress condition under which, he had signed the negotiation agreement and the amount of pressure put in by Tiruverumbur Tashildar, under instructions from District Collector Tiruchirappalli.

The Director also explained the role of the Tiruverumbur MLA in a the negotiation agreement signed .



BoG noted that situation has not been handled firmly by Administrative authorities of NIT Tiruchirappalli. Board took strong exceptions of the indiscipline which have been prevailing in the campus. It also declined to accede to any of the points mentioned in agreement which was presented before it, except that the leave on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to staff may be provided as one off case.

BoG rejected the demand, that THE Officiating Registrar, Prof.G.Swaminathan should not be present during the discussion of the matters inked in the settlement agreement , despite the submission made by Prof.G. Swaminathan that in case BoG decides to keep him off the BoG meeting ,it could do so and he should be exempted from disowning the minutes of that portion of discussion.

Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli to take all measures including calling police force, if need be, to maintain the discipline in the campus. The BoG observed that there appears to be involvement of Institute Officials in the inciting of NMRs and thereby fomenting trouble and indiscipline. This matter deserves investigation. Standing committee of code of conduct be assigned the task of investigations. They may be requested to submit their report within one month.

**.It was resolved that,"No in house agitation by any section of employees would be permitted. In case of any agitation, the Institute authorities may seek the support of District Administration /Police in controlling the law and order problem in the campus. For all issues relating to law and order problem, MHRD may be kept informed and appropriate decisions would be taken to bring the situation under control"**

For the issue of regularizing of NMRs, it was resolved that an equivalence Committee would be constituted. The recommendations of the equivalence committee would be submitted to MHRD. The MHRD would place it in the NIT Council for its consideration. The recommendations of the NIT Council will be placed in BoG of NIT Tiruchirappalli for its approval and subsequent action.

Regarding CAS 2012, Instructions of MHRD are very clear that after 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, no CAS should be held. However, institute may seek clarification, if it desires in relation to that.

For Non-Teaching staff grievances and formation of grievance Committee, a committee similar to one functioning in institutions like IISC, IITs, may be constituted.



The BoG condoned the absence by the employees on 22.07.2015, the day of token fast and resolved that the employees would be granted leave, subject to the condition that indiscipline never arises in future.

<b>39<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.F15</b>	<b>PRESENTATION ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CEDI BY THE CEDI DIRECTOR</b>
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No discussion was held .

<b>39<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.F16</b>	<b>FINANCIAL APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES/ITEMS EMERGENCY IN NATURE AND NEED TO BE CARRIED OUT IN DAY TO DAY ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTITUTE.</b>
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No discussion was held.

<b>39<sup>th</sup> BOG ITEM NO.F17</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY STUDENTS OF NEPAL ADMITTED UNDER DASA SCHEME SEEKING FEE WAIVER QUOTING THE NATURAL CALAMITIES AND PERSONAL GRIEVANCES THEY EXPERIENCED RECENTLY-TWO NUMBER OF CASES.</b>
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The Board sympathetically considered the request. The Institute need to create an emergency fund to combat cases like this and render help to the deserving and needy students.





**A point relating to a Retainer Consultancy Offered to an external Government Department.**

The note given by Dean (R&C) was brought to the notice of the BoG.

This pertains to a case relating to a retainer consultancy (Design) offered by a Professor of Civil Engineering to the Government Agency Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board (TNSCB). The TNSCB obtained the design from the professor concerned and later on raised queries and stated that the design offered by the professor happened to be a faulty design and had resulted in a loss to a tune of Rs. 18.13 Crores to TNSCB. NIT Tiruchirappalli happened to be only a facilitator in this consultancy project.

The BoG advised to seek the legal opinion and also incorporate appropriate Disclaimer Clause in all the contacts /consultancy projects executed through the office of the Dean(R&C), so that the Institute's interest is always protected.

**Other Points**

Director (NITs), MHRD raised a point that it was desired by MHRD in its letter that in each meeting, Action Taken Note(ATN) with respect to NIT council meeting and Visitor's conference should be presented in each BoG. The same has not been included in the meeting agenda, which may be included from next meeting onward.

He also pointed out that minutes of the meeting should be circulated within 48 hours of holding the meeting.

Director (NITs) also pointed out that Peer level review and external review of NIT Trichy have to be carried out immediately. Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli assured to do the same by end of October

Regarding implementing 4 tier flexible system, Director, NIT was asked to get in touch with ASG and legal counsel and prepare the reply which may be vetted by MHRD. The matter should be treated most urgent

The Board authorizes the Institute to appoint Senior Counsel to get legal opinion on various issues. One member of BoG offered to render necessary help in identifying the senior counsel.

Board emphasized the need for peer review of the functioning of the different departments in NIT Tiruchirappalli. The IIT peer review methodology can be used and should be taken up in time bound manner.


The BoG accepted in principle to start M.Arch.. Course from the academic year 2016-17



The BoG place on the record the excellent services rendered by Dr. K. Sankaranarayanan and Dr. K.Thirumaran, the outgoing members representing Senate of NIT Tiruchirappalli.

The Chairperson, BoG thanked the services of Prof. G.Swaminathan, the officiating Registrar, for serving the BoG as secretary from the 30<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting to the current 39<sup>th</sup> BoG meeting. The other Board members also appreciated the contributions of Prof.G.Swaminathan.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

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**Prof.G.Swaminathan**  
**Registrar(Officiating) &**  
**Secretary ,BoG**

**Ms.Kumud M.Srinivasan**  
**Chairperson FC & BoG**