



MINUTES OF THE 44TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUCHIRAPPALLI HELD ON 20TH MARCH 2017 AT 11.00 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, IC & SR BUILDING, IIT MADRAS

PRESENT:

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| 1. Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas | Director
NIT Tiruchirappalli &
Chairperson In-charge |
| 2. Shri. Shashi Prakash Goyal | JS (NITs & DL), MHRD
& Member |
| 3. Mrs. Darshana M Dabral | JS & FA, MHRD |
| 4. Shri. Karumuttu T. Kannan | Member |
| 5. Shri. Ravi K. Viswanathan | Member |
| 6. Dr. Vinod Krishan | Member |
| 7. Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian | Member |
| 8. Dr. T.K. Radhakrishnan | Member |
| 9. Dr. K.N. Sheeba | Member |
| 10. Dr. L Cindrella | Special Invitee |
| 11. Shri. A. Palanivel | Secretary |

Dr. Gagandeep Kang could not attend the meeting due to her prior commitments elsewhere and the leave of absence was granted.

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GENERAL MATTERS

ITEM NO.1 WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON IN-CHARGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli & Chairperson In-charge, Board of Governors, welcomed the members of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli especially the Ministry of Human Resource Development, GoI officials and external members.

Thereafter, the Chairperson In-charge, Board of Governors initiated the deliberations on the Agenda Items.

ITEM NO.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 43RD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2016.

The Secretary, Board of Governors read out the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14th December 2016. The Board of Governors was informed that no comments have been received regarding the minutes; accordingly, the Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the BoG as circulated.

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14th December 2016 be confirmed. RESOLUTION 44/BoG/2017/1



ITEM NO.3

ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 43RD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The 'Action Taken' on the decisions of the 43rd Meeting of the Board of Governors was discussed and noted with the following observations:

41/BoG/2016/6 – **Sanction of additional posts:** A letter has been sent to MHRD for sanction of additional teaching and non teaching posts.

41/BoG/2016/10 – **Creation of Siemens Centre of Excellence in Manufacturing:** The report of the Committee constituted will be placed in the next meeting.

The Board desired that the report of the Committee, specifically mentioning the financial implication, be first placed before the Finance Committee in its next meeting and then be placed before the Board with the observations of the Finance Committee.

41/BoG/2016/13 – **Legal matters relating to regularization of nine temporary security personnel of NIT Tiruchirappalli:** This case is pending in the High Court of Judicature of Madras at Madurai.

The Board desired that the case be pursued vigorously and effectively.

42/BoG/2016/1 – **Starting of Courses in Bio-Technology:** The report of the Committee constituted for the purpose, with specific comments about the requirement of these courses for the industry and the financial implication, will be placed in the next meeting.

43/BoG/2016/21 – **Filing of criminal defamation complaint with the Police Department against Mr. Prabhu Boniface:**



The Board advised the Institute to follow up the matter vigorously and effectively.

RESOLVED THAT the 'Action Taken' on the decisions of the 43rd Meeting of the Board of Governors be noted with the above mentioned observations of the Board.

RESOLUTION 44/BoG/2017/2

ITEM NO.4 DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2016.

The Director presented the following major Achievements/ Developments that took place in the Institute since the last Meeting of the Board of Governors:

- The even semester classes are running in full swing.
- An association with Nanyang Technological University, Singapore has been worked out starting with student internships in summer 2017.
- VISAKA campaign for encouraging and motivating all payers and payees to use a digitally enabled cashless economic system was conducted effectively and now the Institute transactions are cashless.
- Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights with emphasis on patents was conducted.
- The Institute has received research grants to the tune of Rs. 8.3 Crores in the current financial year, till date.
- The campus is going greener with the introduction of five battery operated vehicles.
- Gender sensitization program was conducted for M.Tech., & Ph.D. Scholars and faculty members and International Women's day was celebrated.
- Created MINT (Media Interface of NIT Tiruchirappalli) to effectively brand NIT Tiruchirappalli.



- Office of Alumni Relations was reinforced to strengthen the relationship between the Alumni and the Institute.
- The Institute conducted a series of social outreach programs in 2016 under HumaNITTy which earned the ASSOCHAM AWARD For Excellence in Social Responsibility 2017.
- Pragyan'17, the ISO certified Techno-Entrepreneurial Festival attracted reputed International and National speakers including a Nobel Laureate and had a large student turn-out.
- The Institute celebrated Republic Day and other regional festivals and conducted a series of technical conferences and events.

The Director briefly explained the challenges including the short fall in regular faculty members and staff, issues related to NMR and Mess Employees arising out of the REC-NIT transition, Campus Security etc. The Director also briefed about the plans of a Smart NIT Tiruchirappalli with collaboration from all stakeholders.

The Board expressed concern over the large number of vacant faculty positions, especially at the Assistant Professor level.

RESOLVED THAT the Director's Report on the major Achievements/ Developments and future plans be noted with appreciation. **RESOLUTION 44/BoG/2017/3**

APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO.5 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017-18.

The Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2017-18 was discussed in the 31st meeting of the Finance Committee. The Board observed that the funds available from MHRD will be limited and hence advised the Institute to revise the annual budget, on priority basis, in line with the expected receipt of funds from the MHRD in 2017-18 which is around Rs. 145-150 Crore.



**RESOLVED THAT the Annual RESOLUTION
Budget for the Financial Year 2017- 44/BoG/2017/4
18 of the Institute be revised in line
with the expected receipt of funds
from the MHRD in 2017-18**

**ITEM NO.6 REVISED PROPOSAL WITH FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
TO START M.TECH. PROGRAMME IN DATA ANALYTICS.**

A Proposal to start a new M.Tech. Programme in Data Analytics was considered and recommended to the BoG in the 30th meeting of the Finance Committee. The Board discussed the Proposal in detail and felt that the Programme may be run as an Interdisciplinary one, by the Department of Computer Applications (Proposal Initiator), in association with the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the Department of Management Studies, from the academic year 2017-18.

**RESOLVED THAT the starting of a new RESOLUTION
M.Tech. Programme in Data Analytics be 44/BoG/2017/5
approved as an Interdisciplinary
Programme run by the Department of
Computer Applications, in association
with the Department of Computer
Science and Engineering and the
Department of Management Studies,
from the Academic Year 2017-18.**

**ITEM NO.7 REMUNERATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES TO ADVOCATE FOR SERVICES
RENDERED ON LEGAL MATTERS**

The Board discussed the matter of payment of remuneration and reimbursement of expenses to the advocate for services rendered on legal matters; and advised the Institute to make payment to the



advocate-as per the approved norms and rates of the Ministry of Law and Justice as a guideline.

The Board further approved the proposal to engage a panel of advocates who are specialized in cases applicable to educational institutions in consultation with the Learned Assistant Solicitor General of India at Madurai bench of the Madras High Court.

RESOLVED THAT the payment be made to the Advocate as per approved norms and rates of the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, as a guideline. **RESOLUTION 44/BoG/2017/6**

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the proposal to engage a panel of Advocates be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the panel of Advocates be engaged in consultation with the Learned Assistant Solicitor General of India at Madurai bench of the Madras High Court

ITEM NO. 8 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 17TH BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REGARDING SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee on the financial implications of the new Civil and Electrical works of the Institute, recommended by the Building and Works Committee in its 17th meeting will be considered after the confirmation of the minutes of the 31st meeting of the FC, in its next meeting.



**RESOLVED THAT the financial RESOLUTION
implications of the new (Civil and 44/BoG/2017/7
Electrical) works as recommended
by the Finance Committee in its
31st meeting be considered after
the confirmation of the Minutes of
the 31st Meeting of the FC, in its
next Meeting.**

**ITEM NO. 9 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE
SENATE HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2017**

**A. Award of Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa) to
Shri. N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, TATA Sons**

Shri N. Chandrasekaran is the Chairman of TATA Sons, the holding company and promoter of more than 100 Tata operating companies with aggregate annual revenues of more than US \$100 billion. Shri. Chandrasekaran also chairs the Boards of several group operating companies, including Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Tata Power, and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) of which he was Chief Executive from 2009-17.

Considering his pioneering and outstanding contributions to the corporate world, it is proposed to honor Shri. N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, TATA Sons, by awarding Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa). The Senate has recommended the proposal (Resolution No. 36/Senate/2017/12) as per the Clause-39 of the First Statutes 2009 for the NITs and Clause – 6 (1)(c) of the NITSER Act, 2007.

The Board appreciated the efforts taken by the Institute to honor one of its illustrious Alumnus and approved the award of Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris Causa) to Mr. N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman Tata Sons.



B. Awarding Degree to IIT, Srirangam Students.

The Board discussed the recommendation of the Senate for award of Degrees to the IIT Srirangam students who have successfully completed their M.Tech. course requirements at IIT Srirangam, Tiruchirappalli and approved the recommendation of the Senate that NIT Tiruchirappalli cannot award Degrees to the students of IIT Srirangam.

C. To consider the letter received from MHRD for minimizing the vacancies in CFTIs participating in the Joint Counselling Process.

CFTIs have been asked to review the vacant seats for the last three years. The Senate of NIT Tiruchirappalli observed that the number of vacant seats in UG programmes has been minimal in the past three academic years. Hence, the Senate recommended to keep the same number of seats in all UG programmes as in vogue.

RESOLVED THAT the Award of RESOLUTION Honorary Doctorate Degree (Honoris 44/BoG/2017/8 Causa) to Shri. N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman, TATA Sons be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the recommendation of the Senate that "NIT Tiruchirappalli cannot award Degrees to the students of IIT Srirangam, Tiruchirappalli" be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the recommendation of the Senate 'to keep the same number of seats in all UG Programmes as in vogue' be approved.



ITEM NO. 10 INQUIRY REPORT OF THE INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE.

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ITEM NO. 11 APPROVAL OF FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS.

The Board ratified the approval given by the Chairperson In-charge, BoG to 16 faculty members to visit foreign countries.

RESOLVED THAT the approval given by RESOLUTION the Chairperson In-charge, BoG to 16 44/BoG/2017/10 Faculty Members to visit foreign countries be ratified.



ITEM NO. 12 APPROVAL FOR ORGANIZING TRAINING / FDP / INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BY THE INSTITUTE.

The Board ratified the approval given by the Chairperson In-charge, BoG to organize Training / FDP / International Conference by the Institute.

RESOLVED THAT the approval given by the Chairperson In-charge, BoG to organize Training/ FDP/International Conference be ratified. RESOLUTION 44/BoG/2017/11

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 13 STARTING A KENDRIYA VIDYALAYA IN NIT CAMPUS.

The Board noted the developments regarding starting of the Kendriya Vidyalaya in NIT Campus, the audit observation on 'A Factual Statement on Unfruitful Expenditure on Construction of School Building for Kendriya Vidyalaya at NIT Tiruchirappalli' and the reply sent by the Institute to the MHRD that:

1. No MOU has been signed between KVS and NIT Tiruchirappalli.
2. NIT Tiruchirappalli has as many as 42 student clubs working and the KV building is serving as the Student Activities Centre for NIT students and hence the building is utilized effectively.
3. NIT Trichy is the mentor Institute for Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Srirangam, Tiruchirappalli from March 2016. The new Institute is being hosted in the KV building.



RESOLVED THAT the RESOLUTION
developments regarding starting of 44/BoG/2017/12
Kendriya Vidyalaya in NIT
Tiruchirappalli campus be noted.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the
Institute should prepare a long term
plan for the utilisation of the
infrastructure created for the
Kendriya Vidyalaya.

ITEM NO. 14 PERFORMANCE REPORT OF TEQIP

The Board noted the performance report of TEQIP, including the benefits to the Institute and approved the project proposal submitted to NPIU for TEQIP III.

RESOLVED THAT the performance RESOLUTION
report of TEQIP be noted. 44/BoG/2017/13

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the
detailed Project proposal for TEQIP
III submitted to NPIU be approved.

ITEM NO. 15 LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO LAST BOARD MEETING

The Board noted the legal cases which came up for hearing since the last Board meeting. Writ Petition (MD) No. 4204/2011 has been disposed with a direction to the National Institute of Technology, Trichy to constitute a committee comprising of 3 academicians to examine the eligibility of pre-dated promotions given to six faculty members. The 3 academicians are to be outsiders from reputed Central Government Institutions. The Board decided to constitute a committee with Prof. P. Sriram, Dean (Administration), IIT Madras as Chair, Prof. R. Gnanamoorthy, Director, IIITDM, Kancheepuram, and Prof. Ashok Babu T. P., Dean (FW) NIT Surathkal as members.



RESOLVED THAT the information placed before the Board regarding the legal cases of the Institute, which came up for hearing since the last Board Meeting be noted. **RESOLUTION 44/BoG/2017/14**

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the committee with three outsider academicians from reputed Central Government Institutions as directed by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras at Madurai regarding Writ Petition (MD) No 4204/2011 is constituted as under:

Prof. P. Sriram, Dean (Administration), IIT Madras as Chair, Prof. R. Gnanamoorthy, Director, IIITDM, Kancheepuram and Prof. Ashok Babu T. P., Dean (FW), NIT Surathkal as members.

ITEM NO. 16

TREC-STEP.

The Board discussed the TREC-STEP issue and was informed by the Director that the Institute will submit a report after examining the documents received from the TREC-STEP administration. The Board felt that TREC-STEP is a Business Incubator and setting up of a Research Park at NIT Tiruchirappalli is a different concept and should be encouraged by the funding agencies. An email from the previous Director, Dr. Sundarrajan, was read out and the Board noted the contents.



**RESOLVED THAT the Director RESOLUTION
examine the documents related to 44/BoG/2017/15
TREC-STEP received from the TREC-
STEP administration and place her
report with a recommendation for the
future course of action before the
Board expeditiously**

**ITEM NO. 17 REPORTS ON INSPECTION / VERIFICATION CARRIED
OUT BY DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY & MINES AND
PROCUREMENT & INSTALLATION OF AIR-
CONDITIONERS.**

The Board observed that the Building and Works Committee has not examined the report of the inspection/ verification carried out by the Department of Geology & Mines and the matter of procurement and installation of air-conditioners, and accordingly it was premature for the Board to consider these issues. Consequently, the Board decided that the Building and Works Committee should examine these issues in detail before they are placed before the Board, with respect to the allegations, the requirement of the works/ procurement, the adherence to the prescribed rules and procedures etc.

- a. The report regarding the Inspection / Verification carried out by Assistant Director, Department of Geology & Mines, Tiruchirappalli, in NIT Tiruchirappalli.
- b. The status report regarding procurement and installation of air-conditioners in NIT Tiruchirappalli.

**RESOLVED THAT the report RESOLUTION
regarding the Inspection/ Verification 44/BoG/2017/16
carried out by Assistant Director,
Department of Geology & Mines,
Tiruchirappalli, in NIT
Tiruchirappalli and the status report**



regarding procurement and installation of air-conditioners in NIT Tiruchirappalli be first-examined by the Building and Works Committee with respect to the allegations, the requirement of the works/procurement, the adherence to the prescribed rules and procedures etc. before these issues are placed before the Board.

ITEM NO. 18 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRPERSON.

The Chairperson In-charge BoG discussed the following points:

- a. To consider the request from Dr. P. Parthiban, Assistant Professor, Department of Production Engineering about counting of past teaching experiences rendered in Private Institutions. The Board suggested that the request be first examined by the Institute as per the recruitment rules of the Institute and the instructions of the MHRD in this regard and then be placed before the Board with the recommendation of the Director
- b. To consider the up-gradation of Assistant Professors in AGP Rs. 8000/- to AGP Rs. 9000/- who have completed 3 years in AGP Rs. 8000/- on or before 30-4-2013. The Board suggested that this matter be first examined by the Institute as per the rules of the Institute and the instructions of the MHRD in this regard and then be placed before the Board with the recommendation of the Director.

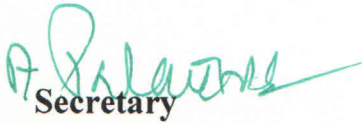
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RESOLVED THAT the request of Dr. P. Parthiban, for counting of past services be first examined by the Institute as per the recruitment rules of the Institute and the instructions of the MHRD in this regard and then be placed before the Board with the recommendation of the Director.

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RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the request for up-gradation of AGP from Rs. 8000/- to Rs. 9000/- of Assistant Professors be first examined by the Institute as per the rules of the Institute and the instructions of the MHRD in this regard and then be placed before the Board with the recommendation of the Director.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair


Secretary


Chairperson In-charge