



MINUTES OF THE 51ST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 03.00 P.M. IN THE NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, NEW DELHI.

PRESENT:

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| 1. | Dr. (Mrs.) Mini Shaji Thomas | Director & Chairperson In-charge |
| 2. | Ms. Darshana M. Dabral | JS & FA, MHRD - Member |
| 3. | Shri. Madan Mohan | MHRD Representative |
| 4. | Dr. Gagandeep Kang | Member |
| 5. | Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian | Member |
| 6. | Dr. Vinod Krishan | Member (Through Skype) |
| 7. | Dr. P. Jayabalan | Member |
| 8. | Dr. K. Muthukkumaran | Member |
| 9. | Shri. S. R. Kinra,
Chief Engineer, CPWD | Special Invitee (For Agenda Item No.4) |
| 10. | Shri. P. Kanaka Raju,
Superintending Engineer, CPWD | Special Invitee (For Agenda Item No.4) |
| 11. | Prof. C. Natarajan, Dean (P&D) | Special Invitee (For Agenda Item No.4) |
| 12. | Shri. A. Palanivel | Secretary |

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON IN-CHARGE, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Dr. Mini Shaji Thomas, Director, NIT, Tiruchirappalli & Chairperson In-charge, BoG welcomed the Members and special invitees to the Meeting. She specially thanked the Ministry officials Ms. Darshana M. Dabral and Shri. Madan Mohan for sparing time and attending the Meeting in person.

Thereafter, the Registrar initiated the deliberations on the Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 50TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2018.

The Minutes of the 50th Meeting of the Board of Governors as given in Annexure I in the Agenda were circulated to the members and no comments were received, the Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes.

RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/1

**RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the
51st Meeting of the Board of Governors
be confirmed.**

ITEM NO. 2 ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOG.

The Board noted the Action Taken on the decisions of the previous Meetings of the Board.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the Action Taken on the decisions of the previous Meetings of the Board be noted with a suggestion to follow up with the State Government for nomination of two members to the Board under Section 11(d).

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ITEM NO. 3 DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2018.

The Director gave a presentation on the following major achievements and developments that took place in the Institute since the last Meeting of the Board of Governors:

- Visitor's Conference was held on 19th August 2018, at the Rashtrapathi Bhawan, the action points being, rejuvenate the Alumni to raise funds, device ways to attract and recruit high class faculty from the country and abroad, and HEFA for infrastructure.
- The NITSER Council meeting was held in Delhi on 18th August 2018 and the decisions are coming as a separate item.
- The 14th Convocation was held on 28th July where 1690 graduates were awarded the degrees. Prof. Anil D Sahasrabhdhe, Chairman, AICTE was the chief guest, where

the graduates and the Senate members were in traditional attire.

- The 2018-19 admission statistics showed an increase in Undergraduate admissions with 957 students and Postgraduates at 793, with a total student strength of 6406.
- The Strategic Plan of the Institute for 2019-24 has been prepared after yearlong deliberations, to catapult the institute to newer heights and the first Centre of Excellence with Industry participation is ready for inauguration, the 'Siemens Centre of Excellence, with an investment of 190 crores.
- Research Publications, projects, consultancy and patent filing showed increase and MOUs were signed with SCL Chandigarh and SETS Chennai.
- 83 Temporary faculty members were recruited and 81 of them joined the Institute.
- Dean (Institutional Development and Alumni Relations) along with the Alumni Institute Interaction Cell (with a new office) have initiated a variety of programs to tap the Alumni potential, including communication channels with Alumni, payment gateway for contributions, and a variety of projects for Alumni to participate.
- The Media and Public Relations Cell has been working hard and the last quarter showed considerable increase in the number of news articles and the publication of Institute newsletter "commuNITTy"
- First year orientation was successfully organized, Sports fest, Festember 2018, Swachh Pakwada were celebrated with

enthusiasm. A much needed supermarket and a food court were opened in the shopping complex of the Institute.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/3**

RESOLVED THAT the Director's report on the major achievements and developments be noted with appreciation.

APPROVAL ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 4 ARBITRATION CASE - CPWD

The Board considered and approved the following recommendations of the FC regarding the arbitration case.

The detailing of the arbitration case will be submitted by CPWD to NIT Tiruchirappalli in 10 days time. The Institute will examine and verify the facts and figures of the case and submit its recommendations to MHRD. The MHRD may refer the case to Law Ministry if required before conveying the final decision.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/4**

RESOLVED THAT the detailing of the arbitration case be submitted to MHRD after verifying the facts and figures to be submitted by the CPWD as recommended by the FC.

ITEM NO. 5 INCREASE IN NUMBER OF Ph.D FELLOWSHIPS

The Board considered the following recommendations of the FC:

- To increase the number of Ph.D Fellowships from 90 to 100.
- For further increase in fellowships a review will be done after a year. Based on the review report the proposal to increase the number of Ph.D Fellowships beyond 100 will be considered.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/5**

RESOLVED THAT the increase in number of Ph.D Fellowships from 90 to 100 as recommended by the FC be approved.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT review be done after a year for consideration to increase number of fellowships beyond 100 as recommended by the FC be approved.

ITEM NO. 6 COMMISSIONING OF ROOF TOP SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER PLANT AND PURCHASE OF SOLAR POWER

The Board considered and approved the following recommendations of the FC for commissioning and installation of 1 MW roof top solar photovoltaic power plant:

- The power producer is liable to compensate the Institute in case of any damage to the Institute property.
- The contract/agreement between the Institute and the

power producer should be as per MoA.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/6**

**RESOLVED THAT the
commissioning and installation of 1
MW solar power plant and purchase
of solar power as per the MoA be
approved.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT
damage to property if any be
compensated by the power producer
be approved as recommended by the
FC.**

**ITEM NO. 7 WRITING OFF THE RECEIVABLES PROVISION MADE
IN ACCOUNTS TOWARDS THE QIP FROM AICTE**

The Board considered the recommendations of the FC that there is no need of writing off the provisions of receivables since no transaction took place. Therefore, it was decided that a reverse entry may be made in the Balance Sheet.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/7**

**RESOLVED THAT reverse entry be
made in the balance sheet as
recommended by the FC be approved
since no transaction took place in the
provision of receivables.**

B. OTHER ITEMS

ITEM NO.8 ADOPTION OF 11TH NITSER COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Board approved the 11th NITSER Council Resolutions to be adopted in the Institute.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the adoption of
51/BoG/2018/8 **NITSER Council resolutions in the**
 Institute be approved.

ITEM NO.9 **REVISED VISION AND MISSION AND 5 YEAR**
STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE INSTITUTE

The Board considered, deliberated and approved the Vision & Mission and Five Year Strategic Plan (2019-24) of the Institute, including the revised emblem.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the Vision and
51/BoG/2018/9 **Mission and 5 year Strategic Plan**
 (2019-24) of the Institute including the
 revised emblem be approved.

RATIFICATION ITEMS

ITEM NO.10 **FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS**

The Board noted this item.

RESOLUTION **RESOLVED THAT** the foreign visits of
51/BoG/2018/10 **the faculty members be noted**

REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO.11 **PENDING AUDIT PARAS**

The Board noted the pending audit paras and NIL report of vigilance cases in the Institute.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/11**

RESOLVED THAT the pending Audit Paras and NIL report of Vigilance Case in the Institute be noted.

ITEM NO. 12 MINUTES OF THE 40TH MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 26TH JUNE 2018

The Board noted the minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Senate.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/12**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Senate be noted

ITEM NO. 13 MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2018.

The Board noted the minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/13**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee be noted.

ITEM NO. 14 CONTRIBUTION OF NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI TO THE CHIEF MINISTER'S DISTRESS RELIEF FUND (CMDRF), GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

The Board noted the contribution of Rs. 10,09,154/- by the faculty and staff members and Rs. 5,32,200/- by the students towards CMDRF, Government of Kerala.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/14**

RESOLVED THAT the contribution of Rs. 10,09,154/- by the faculty and staff members and Rs. 5,32,200/- by the students of NIT Tiruchirappalli towards CMDRF, Government of Kerala be noted.

ITEM NO. 15 LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING

The Board noted the item.

**RESOLUTION
51/BoG/2018/15**

RESOLVED THAT Legal Matters subsequent to the last Meeting of the Board be noted.

ITEM NO. 16 ANY OTHER ITEMS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board considered and approved the following recommendations of the FC:

- i) Proposal on Wave Flume Facility:** This facility will be used by multiple departments and the proposal is a part of the curriculum labs. The Board approved the proposal to the tune of Rs. 54 Lakhs.

- ii) Receiving money from Alumni:** Under the new Dean (ID&AR) the Alumni Institute Interaction Cell has created a new bank account to receive financial support from Alumni for various projects to be undertaken by the Institute in line with the recommendation of the visitor's conference in August 2018. For Foreign Contribution the Institute may follow "*The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976*" (FCRA, 1976) and other

Government of India rules as followed by IIT Madras.
The Board approved the proposal.


- iii) **Participation of PSU's in the tender process:** The Board approved the advice of the FC that the Institute should encourage the PSU's to participate in the open tender process by providing SPP condition waiver.

RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT
51/BoG/2018/ 16

- (i) **The proposal on Wave Flume Facility to the tune of Rs. 54 Lakhs be approved as recommended by the FC.**
- (ii) **Contributions for projects from alumni be accepted. "The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976" (FCRA, 1976) and other Government of India rules as followed by IIT Madras be followed by the Institute in receiving foreign contribution from the Alumni as recommended by the FC.**
- (iii) **Participation of PSUs be encouraged by relaxing certain terms and conditions applicable to them.**

The Meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.


Secretary


Chairperson In-charge, BoG

