



**MINUTES OF THE 73rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON 24th July 2023 AT 11:00 AM IN NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1.	Shri. Bhaskar Bhat	Chairperson, BoG
2.	Dr. (Mrs.) G. Aghila, Director	Member
3.	Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS Joint Secretary, MoE	Member*
4.	Mr. Sanjog Kapoor Joint Secretary(FA), MoE	Member*
5.	Dr Krishnan Balasubramanian, Professor, IIT, Madras	Member*
6.	Dr. S. Kumanan	Member
7.	Dr. G. Saravana Ilango	Member
8.	Dr. N. Thamaraiselvan, Registrar i/c	Secretary
* Through Video Conferencing		

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Shri. Bhaskar Bhat, Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed the members to the meeting.

Thereafter, the Registrar (i/c) - Secretary initiated the deliberations on the agenda items.

ITEM NO. 73.1	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 72nd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2023
	The Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of the BoG were circulated to the Members of the Board. The comments received from the members will be presented during the meeting.
	The Board may confirm the Minutes.

	RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/1	RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 72 nd meeting of the Board of Governors is confirmed.
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ITEM NO. 73.2	ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOG	
	The details of Action Taken on the decisions of the previous Meetings of the Board of Governors will be taken up in the next meeting of the BoG.	
	RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/2	RESOLVED THAT the action taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board will be taken up in the next meeting of the BoG.

ITEM NO. 73.3	DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG.	
	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The loss of two faculties namely Dr. J. Karthikeyan, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering and Dr. M. Sivanesan, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics was condoled and one minute silence was observed during the BoG meeting. • The Convocation for the class of 2023 is scheduled to be held on 28th July 2023. Shri. Soumitra Bhattacharya, Former Managing Director Bosch Ltd. and Regional President Bosch Group in India has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and deliver the Convocation Address. • J Soundarya (B. Tech. / EEE), CGPA: 9.9 will receive the President Medal(UG) • The Institute had achieved an overall score(2022-23) of 92.06%(Excellent) as per MoE MoU performance parameters such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student strength 	

- Faculty position
 - Research and Professional Practice
 - Graduation Outcome
 - Financial parameters
 - Outreach and inclusivity
 - Infrastructure creation
 - NIRF Ranking
 - Industry Exposure
- The average percentage of faculty as per performance evaluation parameter is 79.98. Improving Faculty Student ratio by recruiting more faculty is need of the hour.
 - MoU was signed between the National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli and Datanetiix Solutions India Pvt Ltd on 19.07.2023

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

- The inauguration of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli (NITT) was conducted on 13th July 2023 at 10:30 am at the Barn Hall.
- On the diamond jubilee year, the institute will be organizing a series of programs, including academic, cultural, sports, and open house, to interact with other institutions and the larger society.

Skill Hub Centre

- The Skill Hub Centre at NIT Tiruchirappalli was inaugurated on 13th July 2023 by Shri. Bhaskar Bhat, Chairman, Board of Governors, NIT Tiruchirappalli, in the presence of Dr. G. Aghila, Director, NIT Tiruchirappalli.
- The Skill Hub Centre is a part of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0 scheme, which is supported by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. The scheme aims to provide vocational training for unemployed youth and school dropouts in the age group of 15 – 45 at free of cost.
- The Skill Hub Centre offers various courses and programs in different sunrise sectors such as Office Assistant, Software Developer Associate, Security Guard, 3D Printing, Solar PV Design, IoT, Data Analytics, CNC Machining and many more.

	<p>Faculty Achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. R. Karvembu, Professor in the Department of Chemistry, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NIT-T) has been admitted as a Fellow of the prestigious Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), United Kingdom for his contributions in the fields of organometallic chemistry, catalysis and bioinorganic chemistry on 23-June-2023. <p>Alumini contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of 10 laptops by RECAL and 5 laptops by the alumni of Jawahar Vidyalaya Senior Secondary School (Prof. A. K. Bakthavatsalam) on 22nd June 2023 to the first year B.Tech. students who studied in Government Schools till their 12th standard <p>Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major works completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Boys hostel (Amethyst hostel): Seating capacity: 506 • Vertical Expansion of Lecture Hall complex (LOGOS) • Centralized UPS facility for Deans office • Works in progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOOCs Studio electrical wiring is in the final phase (5% remaining) • Construction of Six Annex Buildings is in progress <p>Beginning of AY:2023-24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic year will commence on 31st July for all UG and PG programs except 1st year UG & PG students. • UG admissions are in process (5th round of admission completed through JoSAA). • For 1st year PG programmes, the Class work will commence on 21.08.2023. • Ph.D. admissions: 159 students were provisionally selected for July 2023 session. 	
	<p>RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/3</p>	<p>The Director's report on the major achievements and developments was noted with appreciation.</p>

APPROVAL ITEMS

N. J. S. S.



**ITEM
NO. 73.4**

**AWARD OF DEGREES AND MEDALS TO BE CONFERRED IN
THE 19th CONVOCATION**

The 19th Convocation of the Institute is planned to be held during 28th July 2023. As on 24th July, 2023, a total of 2150 graduands is eligible to receive the degree during the convocation. The details are tabulated below:

Sl. No.	Degree	Total number of graduands
	Under Graduate(UG)	
1	Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.)	1086
2	Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)	43
	Total (UG)	1129
	Post Graduate (PG)	
3	Master of Technology (M.Tech.)	538
4	Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)	22
5	Master of Science (M.Sc.)	89
6	Master of Computer Applications (MCA)	108
7	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	92
8	Master of Arts (M.A.)	19
	Total (PG)	868
9	Master of Science (by Research)	11
10	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)	142
	Total of Graduands(overall)	2150

The eligible medal winners of UG and PG programmes shall receive the

<p>medals during the convocation. The Board may also consider to delegate the power to the Chairperson to approve the Award of Degrees to the students who will qualify prior to the forthcoming Convocation.</p> <p>The Chairperson may also approve the list of Medal winners for UG & PG programmes.</p> <p>The Board may kindly consider and approve it.</p>	
<p>RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/4</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the award of degrees to 1129 UG, 868 PG, 11 M.S. (by research) and 142 Ph.D graduands as recommended by the Senate is approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Chairperson, BoG be authorized to approve the award of degrees to graduands who will qualify prior to the forthcoming Convocation.</p>

<p>ITEM NO. 73.5</p>	<p>SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR VARIOUS NON-TEACHING GROUP-A POSTS</p> <p>Applications were invited from Indian nationals possessing excellent academic record and relevant work experience for the recruitment to the post of “Non-Teaching Group A positions” in National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli, through online portal. The advertisement with nos. NITT/R/RC/NT/2023/01 & 06 were released on 01.02.2023 and the last date for submitting online applications was 01.03.2023. Hardcopy of the applications were received till 08.03.2023.</p> <p>Further, the applications were scrutinized in two levels – at a first stage the scrutiny was done by the members of the Recruitment Cell. At a second stage two Scrutinizing Committees were formulated and the applications were scrutinized based on the qualifications and other eligibility criteria mentioned in the RR for Non-teaching Positions -</p>
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2019.

The shortlisted candidates were called for written test followed by interview. The overall details of the number of candidates applied, appeared for written test and interview is given below.

The Institute has followed all the prescribed formalities and procedures as laid down vide Recruitment Rules for NITs and other relevant OMs of the DoPT in the recruitment process.

The recommendations of the Selection Committees were presented to the Board. The details as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Vacancy	No. of Candidates applied	No. of candidates shortlisted for written test	No. of candidates present for written test	No. of candidates shortlisted for Personal Interview	No. of candidates appeared for Personal Interview	Selected candidate
1.	Registrar (On Deputation)	01	22	--	--	12	06	1. S Kadiyvel
2.	Deputy Registrar	02	82	33	19	10	10	1. R Karthikeyan 2. S Saravanan
3.	Assistant Registrar (On Lien)	01	107	95	58	5	04	NFS
4.	Senior SAS Officer (On Deputation)	01	06	--	--	01	01	NFS
5.	Superintending Engineer (On Deputation)	01	06	--	--	02	02	1. Sruthandavam Radhika
6.	Assistant Librarian (On Lien)	01	26	14	9	08	08	NFS
7.	Assistant Librarian (On Dep.)	01	09	02	01	01	01	1. M Manivannan
8.	Deputy Librarian (On Deputation)	01	02	--	--	01	00	NFS
09.	Medical Officer (Regular)	02	62	55	31	10	10	1. Dr. Divya Lakshmi R 2. Dr. R Sethunathy
10.	Senior Medical Officer (On Deputation)	01	02	--	--	--	00	NFS
11.	Principal SAS Officer (Regular)	01	04	--	--	00	00	NFS

*None Found Suitable

The Board may kindly consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for appointment of the selected candidates for various Group A positions.

	<p>Also, the Board may authorize the Director to issue the offer of appointment prior to the confirmation of the Minutes of the 73rd meeting of the Board of Governors and authorize the Director, to take appropriate decision regarding the joining time and other relevant matters.</p>	
	<p>RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/5</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the selection committee recommendations for Group A positions are approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Director be authorized to issue the offer of appointment prior to the confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors and to take appropriate decision regarding the joining time and other relevant matters.</p>

<p>ITEM NO. 73.6</p>	<p>NMR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATION</p> <p>NMRs are employed at NIT, Tiruchirappalli and they in general, have been doing their work in various areas such as clerical, technical, driving, Estate Maintenance, Security guards for nearly 21 years to 28 long years of skillset in the respective domains.</p> <p>The NMR Association of NIT, Tiruchirappalli submitted requisition letters to the Chairman, BoG, NITT and the Director of the Institute dated 27/03/2023 and 13/7/2023 regarding the educational qualifications for the post of Office Attendant/Lab Attendant against the NITT non-teaching recruitment (B&C) 2023.</p> <p>They had represented to consider 10+Dipoma or 10+ITI equivalent to Higher Secondary (+2) and stated that this will benefit about 23 NMRs with qualification of 10+Diploma or 10+ITI.</p>
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As per the Non-Teaching Recruitment Rules 2019, educational qualification required for the post of Office Attendant is senior secondary (10+2) from a recognized board and educational qualification required for the post of Lab Attendant is senior secondary (10+2) in science from a recognized board.

As per business rules for joint seat allocation for the academic programs offered by the IITs, NITs, IEST, IIITs, and Other-GFTIs for the academic year 2023-24, a Diploma recognized by AICTE or a State board of technical education of at least 3 years duration is considered as equivalent to class XII.

Some of the State Board of Technical Education & Training considers the candidates who have passed 10+2 Science from a board recognized or 10th from a board recognized or established by Central/state Government with 2 years ITI with appropriate specialization in that order shall be eligible for admission to second year Diploma courses of appropriate program for admission for lateral entry to Diploma Engineering courses.

After due deliberation, the Board decided to treat qualification of 10th + Diploma recognized of 3 years, as equivalent to Higher secondary (+2) for permitting the NMR employee of the institute in the selection process for the post of Office Attendant/ Lab Attendant.

However, qualification of 10+ ITI (2 year) with some additional language course from NIOS, can not be treated as equivalent to Higher Secondary (10+2) in terms of NCF guidelines. Considering that RRs cannot be amended/ relaxed for any individual/ class of individual, Board therefore resolved not to consider candidates with 10th + ITI (2 years) with a additional language course, as equivalent to Higher Secondary (10+2), both for internal and external candidates and not to

	consider candidates with such qualification for all the posts for which 10+2 is education qualification as per RR 2019.	
RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/6	<p>RESOLVED THAT to treat qualification of 10th + Diploma recognized of 3 years, as equivalent to Higher secondary (10+2) for permitting the NMR employee of the institute in the selection process for all the posts for which 10+2 is the education qualification as per RR 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT qualification of 10+ ITI (2 year) with some additional language course from NIOS, can not be treated as equivalent to Higher Secondary (+2) in terms of NCF guidelines.</p>	

ITEM NO. 73.7	ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT IN STATUTES OF NITS
	<p>Ministry of Education, Department of higher education has issued a notification to all 31 NITs and IEST-Shibpur in its letter dated 26.05.2023 about the Amendment in the statutes of 30 NITs, IEST-Shibpur and NIT-Andhra Pradesh referring to Ministry's Earlier Letter in F.No.35-5/2017-TS.III dated 27.10.2020 about a recommendation in section 26(2) of the NITSER Act, 2007 and conveyed that all the 31 NITs and IEST-Shibpur to place the same before the Board of Governors and facilitating the amendments in the statutes of NITs, IEST-Shibpur and NIT-Andhra. The Hon'ble President of India approved and assented in the capacity as the visitor of these Institutions, in accordance with the provisions under the section 26(3) and (4) of the NITSER Act, 2007.</p> <p>Subsequently, Ministry has requested all the NITs and IEST-</p>

Shibpur to notify the amendments in Official Gazette Publication of India and place the Published notification before each NITs Board of Governors for its adoption and implementation of the amended provisions.

The Board vide resolution no. 72/BoG/2023/4 dated 22.06.2023, resolved that the amendments in the statues of NITs for gazette publication is approved and will be adopted after gazette notification.

The TANIT case against Faculty Recruitment advertisement held on 06.07.2023 is reserved for judgement. The Hon'ble judge directed us to keep the amendments in abeyance and not to notify it until the judgment is pronounced. However, Dept. of Publication had forwarded the notification to Printing Press, GoI vide order dated 5/07/2023.

Interim order of stay was granted by the High Court of Madras(Madurai Bench) in the case filed by TANIT on 21/07/2023. Panel counsel informed to request the Board to pass a resolution to keep the said amendment notification in abeyance until the judgments are pronounced in W.P(MD)No.11456/2023 and W.P(MD)No.14579/2023 and W.P(MD)No.17723/2023, in order to avoid Contempt of Court proceedings.

Since the matter is sub judice, item may be taken up in the next meeting of the Board.

The Board may kindly advise.

RESOLUTION
73/BoG/2023/7

RESOLVED THAT the matter is sub judice and will be taken up separately at the next Board of Governors meeting.

ITEM
NO. 73.8

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE
CHAIRPERSON

<p>a) VRS request of Prof. T Srinivasa Rao</p> <p>The Voluntary Retirement from Service(VRS) request of Prof. T Srinivasa Rao was accepted in the 72nd BoG meeting, subject to vigilance clearance. He had served as Director of NIT, Warangal(NITW) from 27/05/11 to 30/6/16. The details in the letter no. NITW/ID-653/2023/ dated 21/07/2023 from Registrar(i/c), NITW was discussed.</p> <p>The Board may kindly advise.</p>	
<p>RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/8a</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the acceptance of VRS request of Prof. T Srinivasa Rao is withdrawn.</p>
<p>b) Request of Dr. G. Kannabiran, Professor(HAG) to join the post of Director, NAAC</p> <p>Dr. G. Kannabiran, Professor(HAG), Department of Management Studies, NITT was on deputation as Director of IIIT Sri City from 10/07/2018. He reported back at the Institute w.e.f 24/07/2023(FN).</p> <p>Further, he has submitted a request letter dated 24/07/2023, requesting to relieve him from NITT on Deputation, enabling him to take up the position of Director of NAAC(National Assessment and Accreditation Council) for a period of 5 years from the date of appointment or until the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.</p> <p>The Board may kindly advise.</p>	
<p>RESOLUTION 73/BoG/2023/8b</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT Dr. G. Kannabiran, Professor(HAG), is permitted to take up the position of Director of NAAC for a period of 5 years from the date of appointment or until the age of sixty-five years, whichever is earlier.</p>

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


Secretary


Chairperson, BoG