



**MINUTES OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI  
HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2015 AT 11.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE  
ROOM, II FLOOR, IC&SR BUILDING, IIT, MADRAS**

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**PRESENT:**

<b>1. Ms. Kumud M.Srinivasan</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>2. Dr. S. Sundarrajan</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>3. Shri. S. P. Goyal</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>4. Shri. Karumuttu T. Kannan</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>5. Shri. Ravi Viswanathan</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>6. Prof. Krishnan Balasubramanian</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>7. Dr. T.K. Radhakrishnan</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>8. Dr. K. N. Sheeba</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>9. Prof. G.Swaminathan</b>	<b>Special Invitee</b>
<b>9. Shri A. Palanivel</b>	<b>Secretary</b>

**The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting: -**

<b>1. Joint Secretary &amp; Financial Advisor, IFD</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>2. Prof. R. Sethuraman</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>3. Prof. (Ms.) Vasudha Kamat</b>	<b>Member</b>

**ITEM NO.A1**

**WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, welcomed all the members of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli especially Shri S.P. Goyal, JS, MHRD and the new members Dr T.K. Radhakrishnan and Dr K.N. Sheeba.

With the permission of the Chairperson, Secretary, Board of Governors, began deliberations on the Agenda Items.

**ITEM NO.A2**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2015**

The Secretary, Board of Governors read out the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors

The comments of Shri Sanjeev Sharma, Director (NITs) were received and have been incorporated with the consent of the Chairperson.

No other member has offered any comments.

The Board of Governors confirmed the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors.

**RESOLUTION  
40/BoG/2015/1**

**RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 be confirmed.**

**ITEM NO.A3**

**ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The 'Action Taken' on the decisions of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors was discussed and the Board of Governors observed as under: -

B.3 Item No. 3.2

The Board of Governors had desired that the 'Terms of Reference' of the Standing Committee be placed before the Board of Governors in its 40<sup>th</sup> Meeting, the compliance of which has not been reported.

E Item No.E.11                      The Board of Governors resolved that action be taken as per the recommendation of the Learned Additional Solicitor General of India in his legal opinion.

Other Items

A point relating to a Retainer Consultancy offered to an external Government Department                      The Board of Governors had desired that legal opinion be sought and an appropriate Disclaimer Clause may be incorporated in all contracts/consultancy projects, the compliance of which has not been reported.

‘Action Taken Note’ with respect to NIT Council Meetings and Visitor’s Conferences                      The Board of Governors had desired that ‘Action Taken Note’ with respect to NIT Council Meetings and Visitor’s Conferences should be presented in each meeting of the Board of Governors, the compliance of which has not been reported.

**RESOLUTION**  
**40/BoG/2015/2**                      **RESOLVED THAT the ‘Action Taken’ on the decisions of the 39<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors be noted and approved with the above mentioned observations of the Board of Governors.**

**ITEM NO.A4                      DIRECTOR’S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2015**

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

- Departmental and Peer Review Committee
- Unnat Bharat Abhiyan & Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
- Vigilance Awareness Week
- Action points on Visitors Conference and NIT Council Meeting.

**RESOLUTION**  
**40/BoG/2015/3**                      **RESOLVED THAT the Director’s Report on the major Achievements/ Developments be noted with appreciation.**



**ITEM NO.B5**                    **MINUTES OF THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015**

**RESOLUTION**                    **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Building and Works Committee be placed before the Board of Governors after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee wherein they were placed for consideration.**  
**40/BoG/2015/4**

**ITEM NO.B6**                    **MINUTES OF THE 32<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015**

**RESOLUTION**                    **RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Senate be noted.**  
**40/BoG/2015/5**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the new M.Tech Programme (Information Science & Engineering) be considered by the Board of Governors after being recommended by the Finance Committee.**

**ITEM NO.B7**                    **MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 01<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2015**

**RESOLUTION**                    **RESOLVED THAT the Annual Accounts of 2014-15 be approved.**  
**40/BoG/2015/6**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT other items in the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee be placed in the next Meeting of the Board of Governors for consideration after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee.**

**ITEM NO.C8****TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR AGE RELAXATION FOR INSTITUTE EMPLOYEES UNDER SPECIAL RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR PWDs**

The Secretary, Board of Governors briefed the Board that the Institute has received comments from Integrated Finance Division (IFD), Department of Higher Education, Government of India on this Agenda Item through their Letter No. 3-19/2013 – IFD dated 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. He further informed that the IFD has suggested the Institute to refer the matter to MHRD in a self-contained manner for obtaining its approval and the Board agreed to proceed accordingly.

**RESOLUTION        RESOLVED THAT the matter be referred to 40/BoG/2015/7        MHRD by sending self-contained note for obtaining its approval.**

**ITEM NO.C9****TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE INTERNAL COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE**

The Board noted the report of the Internal Complaints Committee and advised the Institute to organize gender sensitization training programmes for the faculty and staff members of the Institute.

**RESOLUTION        RESOLVED THAT the report of the Internal 40/BoG/2015/8        Complaints Committee be noted.**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT Gender Sensitization Training Programmes for faculty and staff members be organized in the Institute.**

**ITEM NO.C10****TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SENATE TO START NEW M.TECH PROGRAMMES**

**RESOLUTION        RESOLVED THAT the new M.Arch Programme 40/BoG/2015/9        ( Energy Efficient & Sustainable Architecture) be approved**

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the new M.Tech Programme (Information Science & Engineering) be considered in the next meeting of the Board of Governors after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee wherein these proposals were placed for consideration.**

**ITEM NO.C11 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL REPORT (APAR) FORM FOR THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF NITT**

The Board approved the APAR form for the faculty members of NITT as proposed.

**RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/10 RESOLVED THAT the Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) form for the faculty members of the Institute be approved as proposed.**

**ITEM NO. D12 CONFIRMATION/RATIFICATION OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS/ DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The Board ratified the decisions taken by the Chairperson on behalf of the Board as contained in Annexure IX of the Agenda Note.

**RESOLUTION 40/BoG/2015/11 RESOLVED THAT the decisions taken by the Chairperson, Board of Governors on behalf of the Board as contained in Annexure IX of the Agenda Note be ratified.**

**ITEM NO. E13 REPORTING ITEMS**

The Board of Governors noted the reporting items (a) to (g) with the following observations (if any): -

**(a) Constitution of Oversight Committee by MHRD to look into various anomalies of non-teaching staff of NITs.**



**(b) Report of the Standing Committee on Code of Conduct and Ethics.**

The report was considered by the Board of Governors and it was decided that the Institute be advised to take appropriate action with respect to the recommendations of the Standing Committee on all the four cases and report the 'Action Taken' in the next Meeting of the Board of Governors.

**(c) Instruction to Heads/ Chairman of Autonomous bodies regarding initiating action to make selections at least two months before concluding their tenure.**

**(d) Constitution of various Committees – Grievance Committee, Equivalence Committee, NITT-IIIT Interface Committee.**

**(e) New Court cases**

The Board of Governors advised the Director to vigorously pursue all these and the other pending court cases.

**(f) Appointment of Deans and other officials.**

**(g) Selection of Adjunct, Visiting and Emeritus Professors.**

Recommendations of the Specialists Committee Chaired by Prof. S.R.Gandhi, Visitor's nominee, IIT Madras were accepted by the BoG for appointment of Dr. M.S. Mathews, Retired Professor of Civil Engineering, IIT Madras and Dr. S. Srinivasan, Retired Professor of Management Studies, IIT Kharagpur as Emeritus Professors in NIT Tiruchirappalli.

**RESOLUTION  
40/BoG/2015/12**

**RESOLVED THAT reporting items (a) to (g) be noted with the above mentioned observations of the Board of Governors.**

**ITEM NO. F14**

**ANY OTHER ITEM WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR**

**The following items were discussed under this item:**

- (a) Procurement of Work Station for EEE Department: During February 2014, NITT floated a public tender for setting up of two UG labs – lay out design, assembly, supply, installation and commissioning of Electrical machine Work Stations for Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department at an estimated cost of Rs 3.00 Crores. Since there was a change in pre-qualification criteria, a fresh tender was**

again floated In August 2014. During the course of technical bid evaluation one of the bidder M/s Anshuman Tech Pvt Ltd, Pune did not qualify and they disputed through RTI and they say NITT precisely engineered their technical qualifications so as to favour M/s Rockwell Automation India Pvt Ltd, Chennai. In May 2015, they have lodged their protest to the Appellate Authority, NITT seeking redress for their complaint. Appellate Authority also rejected their complaint. In June 2015, the price bid of the lone technically qualified bidder M/s Rockwell Automation was opened and they have quoted a price of Rs 2.78 Crores. Purchase order is yet to be released. As regards technical specifications, NITT asserts that it is not bidder specific to favour any single bidder. A detailed letter was sent to MHRD in September, 2015.

The matter was discussed and the Board of Governors observed that the Building and Works Committee should examine the matter and its recommendations through the Finance Committee be placed before the Board of Governors for consideration.

The Board of Governors further observed that the extant General Financial Rules and the CVC guidelines regarding transparency be strictly followed in letter and spirit.

- (b) Implementation of Decisions taken in the 9<sup>th</sup> Council of NITSER meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 at NIT Warangal: MHRD in its letter F. No. 34-6/2015-TS.III dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 has directed the Board of Governors of all NITs to consider the modification in the First Statutes of NITs.**

The Board considered and approved the proposal for modification in the First Statutes 2009 of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in NIT Tiruchirappalli.

- (c) Setting up of Siemens Center of Excellence on Manufacturing Technology.**

The Director briefed the Board about the need for setting up of Siemens Center of Excellence on Manufacturing Technology in the Institute. The Board in principle accepted the proposal for setting up the Center and advised the Institute to follow the due process for setting it up. The Director informed that the details will be presented in the next Meeting of the Board of Governors.

- ( d ) Approval for disbursement of honorarium for the faculty members of NITT handling M.Tech Course in Construction Technology and Management sponsored by L & T Construction, Chennai.**



M.Tech. in Construction Technology & Management programme is fully sponsored by L&T Construction under Build India Scholarship (BIS) programme. This is an inter-disciplinary programme managed by Civil, Mechanical and Electrical and Electronics Engineering at NITT. For running this programme L&T pays Rs. 2.5 Lakhs per candidate as a sponsorship fee (which is Rs.75 Lakhs for 30 students) and a committee is constituted by the Director to recommend the procedure for utilising this fund. The proposal regarding fund utilisation was placed before the Board and the Board advised the Institute to place the matter for consideration of the Senate and the Finance Committee before placing it before the Board.

**( e ) Solar PV Power Plant at NITT.**

The Director briefed the present status of Solar PV Power Plant in the Institute and the proposal sent to MHRD and MNRE for 5 MW ground mounted SPV plant through the RESCO model. The Board noted the status.


As per the recommendation of the Building and Works Committee in its 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015, the installation of 2 MW interactive SPV Power Plant was discussed and the Board agreed in principle to the proposal.


It was further agreed that since the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Building and Works Committee are to be placed before the Board of Governors after the finalization and confirmation of the Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee wherein they were placed for consideration, this matter be again discussed in detail at that time.

**RESOLUTION  
40/BoG/2015/13**

**RESOLVED THAT items (a) to (e) be approved  
with the above mentioned observations of the  
Board of Governors.**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.

  
**Shri A. Palanivel**  
**Secretary**

  
**Ms. Kumud M. Srinivasan**  
**Chairperson**