



**MINUTES OF THE 69th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 1:00 PM 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.	Ms. Leena Johri, IAS Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, MoE	Member*
5.	Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian, Professor, IIT, Madras	Member*
6.	Dr. S. Kumanan	Member
7.	Dr. G. Saravana Ilango	Member
8.	Dr. (Mrs.) L. Cindrella Dean (FW)	Special Invitee
9.	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.

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ITEM NO. 69.1	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 68th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 25th MAY 2022	
	The Minutes of the 68th Meeting of the BoG were circulated to the Members of the Board. The suggestions from the member were taken care. The Board confirmed the minutes.	
	RESOLUTION 69/BoG/2022/1	RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 68 th meeting of the Board of Governors be confirmed.

ITEM NO. 69.2	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 next meeting of the Board.	
	RESOLUTION 69/BoG/2022/2	RESOLVED THAT the action taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board will be taken up in next meeting of the Board.

ITEM NO. 69.3	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"> • NIT Tiruchirappalli has gone up the rankings in NIRF, to be the 8th best Engineering institution in the country. It is placed Number 1 among all NITs: a feat we have achieved for the seventh year in-a-row. • NIT Tiruchirappalli has improved by positioning at 21st overall ranking among the top-25 educational institutions in 	

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	<p>the country, 23rd ranking in Research category, 39th ranking in Management category and 5th ranking in Architecture category.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 18th Convocation of the Institute was held on Saturday, August 6, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Shri Bhaskar Bhat Shri Shyam Srinivasan, CEO and MD, Federal Bank Ltd., was the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. • To commemorate the 30th Edition of NITTFEST, (the inauguration of NITTFEST23 and conclusion of NITTFEST22) a prefest event was held on 15th September 2022, 6 pm at the Conventional Hall of NIT-T.
	<p>RESOLUTION 69/BoG/2022/3 The Director's report on the major achievements and developments was noted with appreciation.</p>

APPROVAL ITEMS

ITEM NO. 69.4	<p>RESOLUTION BY CIRCULATION DATED 29th JULY 2022- AWARD OF DEGREES AND MEDALS IN THE 18TH CONVOCATION</p> <p>The 18th Convocation of NIT, Tiruchirappalli was held through regular mode (offline) on 6th August 2022. The 58th meeting of the Senate held on 26th July 2022 had recommended the award of Degrees to be conferred on the qualified students in the 18th Convocation. The list of recipients, department wise, for the award of Degrees as recommended by the Senate is given in the Annexure. The eligible medal winners of UG and PG programmes received the medals during the convocation.</p> <p>Number of Graduands</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Dept.</th> <th>B. Arch.</th> <th>B. Tech.</th> <th>M. Arch.</th> <th>M. Tech.</th> <th>M.Sc.</th> <th>MCA</th> <th>MBA</th> <th>MA</th> <th>MS</th> <th>Ph.D.</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>37</td> <td>868</td> <td>21</td> <td>570</td> <td>92</td> <td>110</td> <td>96</td> <td>20</td> <td>16</td> <td>105</td> <td>1935</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Number of Graduands with Honours: 66</p> <p>Hence, an agenda item and resolution by circulation- award of degrees and medals in the 18th convocation - has been circulated for approval.</p>	Dept.	B. Arch.	B. Tech.	M. Arch.	M. Tech.	M.Sc.	MCA	MBA	MA	MS	Ph.D.	TOTAL	Total	37	868	21	570	92	110	96	20	16	105	1935
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<p>The Institute awarded degrees to 1977 students. This includes 919 Undergraduates from 10 Programmes, 911 Postgraduates from 31 Programmes, 16 M.S. and 131 Ph.D. Graduands.</p> <p>This item was already approved by Circulation.</p>	
<p>RESOLUTION 69/BoG/2022/4</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the resolution by circulation dated 29th July 2022 - award of degrees and medals in the 18th convocation.</p>

<p>ITEM NO. 69.5</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEES FOR FACULTY APPOINTMENT</p> <p>Dr. G. Saravana Ilango, Member, abstained from the agenda item.</p> <p>The Director briefed the Board about the rigorous and exhaustive selection process undertaken by the Institute for the selection of the Faculty members.</p> <p>The Board was informed about the advertisement details for Assistant Professor Grade II, and for recruitment of existing faculty to higher pay as per Note 1, Point No.5 of Schedule 'E' of NIT Statutes (Amended 2017).</p> <p>The scrutiny of the applications has been carried out as mentioned in Schedule 'E' of the Statutes to shortlist the eligible candidates. The scrutiny of applications was conducted by the Department Scrutinizing Committee (DSC) and Scrutinizing Committee for Cross verification (SCC) formed with the approval of the competent authorities. The members of the Advisory Committee on Faculty Recruitment (ACoFAR) concurred with the collective decisions of the DSCs and SCCs regarding the shortlisting of the applicants.</p> <p>A total of 3411 hardcopy applications were received. Out of which,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1837 applicants shortlisted for written test(Asst. professor Grade II – AGP 6000, 7000)
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- 735 attended written test (Asst. professor Grade II – AGP 6000, 7000)
- 498 shortlisted for interview (AGP 6000, 7000, 8000, 9500, 10500)
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The Director finalized the subject experts for setting up the question paper for the written test and the interview selection committee of the recruitment processes from the Institutes of IIT, IISc, IIM, NIT, and SPA. The same was communicated to the Chairperson, BoG for information. The written test was conducted from 12th August 2022 to 10th September 2022 for shortlisting of candidates. The interviews were held from 13th August 2022 to 12th September 2022 in Oom room, NIT, Tiruchirappalli by the duly constituted selection committees under the statutes.

The recommendations of the Selection Committees held during 13th August 2022 to 12th September 2022 in Oom room, NIT, Tiruchirappalli were placed as a tabled item to the Board.

Director has given all the information relevant to the strict adherence of procedures as per the NIT Statute and Ministry guidelines to ensure the quality of selection of faculty members for the institute.

The Board has appreciated and approved the recruitment selection process carried out for the Faculty Recruitment. The Board was informed about the following outcomes of the meeting conducted by MoE on 09.09.22:

1. Institute was urged to fill up the vacant Teaching and Non-Teaching positions at the earliest.
2. Discussion about the proposed system of uploading appointment orders in a designated portal as per the Ministry direction.

After detailed deliberations, Chairperson, BoG was authorized to open sealed selection committee minutes by himself and give appropriate direction to the Director for issuing of offer of appointment to the selected candidates after assessing the situation.



	RESOLUTION 69/BoG/2022/5	RESOLVED THAT the Chairperson, BoG was authorized to open sealed selection committee minutes by himself and give appropriate direction to the Director for issuing offer of appointment to the selected candidates after assessing the situation.
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ITEM NO. 69.6	RECRUITMENT FOR NON-TEACHING VACANT POSITIONS	
	<p>NIT Tiruchirappalli has the sanctioned strength of 432 non-teaching positions as per the student strength of the year 2010-2011, out of which 39 are Group A positions and 393 are Group B & C positions. At present, 71 Direct recruitment vacancies are available as per the Recruitment Rules 2019.</p> <p>Considering the acute shortage of manpower in the Institute, the Board is hereby requested to consider the request of the Institute to issue advertisement for filling up of 71 vacancies in the following cadres as per the Recruitment Rules 2019:</p> <p>i) Group A(Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Assistant Registrar, Supdt. Engineer, Medical Officer, Principal SAS Officer, Technical/Scientific Officer).</p> <p>ii) Group B&C (Superintendent, Sr. Assistant, Jr. Assistant, Techl. Asst, JE/SAS Asst./LIA, Sr. Technician, Technician), Office Attendant/Lab Attendant.</p> <p>The Board considered the proposal and permitted it.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 69/BoG/2022/6	RESOLVED THAT the advertisement for filling up of 71 vacancies in the above cadres as per the Non-Teaching Recruitment Rules 2019 was approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 69.7	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-2022	
	The Annual Accounts of NIT Tiruchirappalli for the Financial year 2021-2022 has been prepared as per format of accounts prescribed by the Ministry. The provision for retirement benefits viz the gratuity, leave	

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encashment and pension as ascertained by the Actuary valuation, which works out to Rs 567.76 Cr (Rs 35.32 Cr towards gratuity, Rs 65.41 Cr towards leave encashment and Rs 467.03 Cr towards pension liability) is being disclosed in the Notes of Accounts as approved by the BoG in its 65th meeting vide resolution 65/BoG/2021/6.

However, C&AG audit in its Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the annual accounts of 2020-2021 pointed out that “instead of creating provisions for retirement benefits, the Institute has disclosed this in the Notes to Accounts which resulted in overstatement of Capital fund and understatement of Current liabilities and provisions.”

The Annual Accounts of NIT Tiruchirappalli for the Financial year 2021-2022 was recommended by the FC to the Board for approval with the following remarks:

- The provisions for the retirement benefits works out to Rs 567.76 Cr shall be disclosed in the accounts itself under Current liabilities.
- Institute may invest the funds available in the best investment instruments other than Fixed deposits to earn higher returns by adhering the GoI Guideline and also to design an investment guideline based on the suggestion from reputed consultant.

The above recommendations have been incorporated into revised Annual Accounts 2021-22 and presented to C&AG audit for certification.

The Board may kindly consider the recommendations of the FC and approve it.

RESOLUTION
69/BoG/2022/7

RESOLVED THAT that the revised Annual Accounts 2021-22 presented to C&AG audit for certification was approved.

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


Secretary


Chairperson, BoG