



**MINUTES OF THE 71<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 12:30 PM IN NIT,  
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**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.

<b>ITEM NO. 71.1</b>	<b>Confirmation of the Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.</b>
	The Minutes of the 70th Meeting of the BoG were circulated to the Members of the Board. The comments received from the member is

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	<p>taken care.</p> <p>The Board may confirm the Minutes.</p>
<b>RESOLUTION 71/BoG/2022/1</b>	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the minutes of the 70 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors be confirmed.

<b>ITEM NO. 71.2</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN REPORT ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE BOG</b>	
	<p>The details of Action Taken on the decisions of the previous Meetings of the Board of Governors were discussed with following observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. (Mrs.) R Priyanka was granted Extraordinary Leave for higher studies without pay for the period of three years w.e.f 27/10/2022. A bond is to be executed to the Institute to serve the Institute for a period 3 years for EOL on completion of the extra ordinary leave.</li> </ul>	
	<b>RESOLUTION 71/BoG/2022/2</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the action taken on the decisions of the previous meetings of the Board was noted by the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. (Mrs.) R Priyanka was granted Extraordinary Leave for higher studies without pay for the period of three years w.e.f 27/10/2022. This should not be quoted as a precedent in future for applying leave by other employees.</li> </ul>

<b>ITEM NO. 71.3</b>	<b>DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG.</b>	
	<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"> <li>• January 2023 session of AY: 2022-23 started for UG &amp; PG programs on 18.01.2023</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 59<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Senate was conducted to approve the July 2022 session results of UG and PG programs. National Level Ph.D. entrance test as an alternative to the mandatory GATE score criterion to attract more applications under the HTRA category.</li> <li>• Recognizing the department of Physical Education as an academic department, permitting it to offer Open Electives to UG and PG and also admit Ph.D. students in the areas of Holistic sports, Health, Yoga, Fitness &amp; Wellness etc.</li> <li>• Institute has submitted the data for NIRF 2023 (AY: 2021-22) in Engineering, Architecture, Management, Overall, and Research categories.</li> <li>• Workshop on “Towards a safer women workspace” was conducted by Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), NITT, 5-9 December 2022 for the stakeholders of the Institute to create awareness on sexual harassment (Prevention, Prohibition &amp; Redressal) Act, 2013.</li> <li>• Five days Executive Development Programme (EDP) “Endorsing Women Economic Empowerment through ThirumathiKart (E-WEET)” to train Self Help Groups and Women Entrepreneurs during 19.12.2022 to 23-12-2022.</li> <li>• Conference on Emergency Response and Disaster Management at NIT, Tiruchirappalli during 09.01.2023 - 11.01.2023</li> <li>• Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Minister for Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India, inaugurated the new Lecture Hall Complex (II Floor), LOGOS, of National Institute of Technology Tiruchirappalli on 22nd January 2023.</li> <li>• The sports contingent of NIT Trichy took part in the all-India InterNIT Tournament for handball and hockey held at NIT Calicut. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The hockey men’s team secured gold, making them the overall champions of the tournament.</li> <li>▪ The women’s handball team, on the other hand, secured their hard-earned bronze, finishing in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>third place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The All India Inter NIT Tournament for Kabaddi, Volleyball, and Yoga was held at NIT Surathkal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A total of 22 NITs participated in the tournament. The women's Kabaddi team won the tournament, and the men's Volleyball team secured the 2nd runner-up position.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alumni Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Prabhu Kumar, 1988 Batch: Donated Rs. 5 lakhs for the Greening of Campus initiative.</li> <li>▪ RECAL, The Alumni Association of REC/NIT Trichy organized a meeting for the Alumni with the Director NIT Trichy at Chennai. 150 Alumni Participants were present for the meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>RESOLUTION 71/BoG/2022/3</b> The Director's report on the major achievements and developments was noted with appreciation.</p>

**APPROVAL ITEMS**

<b>ITEM NO. 71.4</b>	<b>RECRUITMENT FOR TEACHING VACANT POSITIONS</b>											
	<p>NITT was sanctioned 393 faculty posts based on student strength in the year 2010. At present, the faculty strength of the Institute is 329. The remaining 64 vacancies are proposed for recruitment as indicated below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Departmentwise vacancy (Tentative): Assistant Professor (Grade II and I) / Associate Professor / Professor</u></b></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Sl.No</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Departments</th> <th style="text-align: center;">No. of post</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td>Architecture</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td>Chemical Engineering</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td>Chemistry</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl.No	Departments	No. of post	1	Architecture	3	2	Chemical Engineering	2	3	Chemistry
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4	Civil Engineering	9
5	Computer Science & Engineering	2
6	Computer Applications	3
7	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	6
8	Electronics & Communication Engineering	4
9	Energy & Environment	1
10	Humanities & Social Sciences	2
11	Instrumentation & Control Engineering	2
12	Management Studies	5
13	Mathematics	1
14	Mechanical Engineering	8
15	Metallurgical & Materials Engineering	6
16	Physics	1
17	Production Engineering	5
	Total	64

Prior to introduction of CEI Act 2019, teaching posts in NITs are concerned, the posts of (i) Director (ii) Professor (iii) Assistant Professor & (iv) Lecturer are to be treated as “ Scientific & Technical Posts” in terms of Cabinet Secretariat’s (Department of Cabinet Affairs) Office Memorandum No.85/11/CF-61-(1) dated 28-12-1961 and the order of reservation shall be applicable only up to the level of lecturer in NITs as per principles enunciated vide OM No. 9/2/73-Estt. (SCT) dated 23-06-1975 and Government of India & OM No. 36012/27/94-Estt. (SCT) dated 13th May 1994 of the Department of Personnel & Training [DoP&T] for SC/STs & OBCs respectively.

The Central Government specifies that there shall be reservation of posts in direct recruitment out of the sanctioned strength in teacher’s cadre in a Central Educational Institution in the manner specified in Office Memorandum, No.36039/1/2019-Estt/(Res.) of the Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, dated 31st January 2019 to the extent as follows, namely: -

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- (a) fifteen percent for Scheduled Castes;
- (b) seven and one-half percent. for Scheduled Tribes;
- (c) twenty-seven percent. For socially and educationally backward classes; and
- (d) ten percent. For economically weaker sections.”

In 2022 faculty selection process, NIT, Tiruchirappalli followed reservation at all levels as per the CEI Act 2019.

National Commission for Scheduled Caste (NCSC) had recommended for reservation on a total faculty strength of 393 during its visit to the Institute and the same has been reiterated by the SC/ST cell of NIT, Tiruchirappalli. Accordingly, proposal was presented in 71st BoG meeting and it was opined to revisit the reservation details and circulate for approval. The internal roster committee prepared a revised reservation roster and sent to the MoE for concurrence. As per the discussion and direction from the officials of the ministry, the Associate Professors and Professors recruited prior to implementation of CEI Act,2019 are not to be counted towards the quota meant for reservation as per DoPT norms.

Hence, the revised reservation roster was prepared by the Institute and presented to the ACoFAR members and Nodal Officers(SC/ST/OBC/Pwd) for examination and validation. The reservation roster has been sent as additional annexure for the 71<sup>st</sup> Board of Governors Meeting as approved by the Chairperson vide email dated 21/03/2023.

#### **RESERVATION ROSTER**

The following backlog and current vacancies for faculty recruitment advertisement is proposed for approval of the Board.



Sl. No.	Post	Pay Level	Reservation					PwD	Total
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS		
1	Professor	14A	2	0	1	1	0	UR-5 OBC-2 SC-2 ST-1	4
2	Associate Professor	13A2	3	1	1	0	0		5
3.A	Assistant Professor Grade-I (AGP-8000 in 6 <sup>th</sup> CPC)	12	0	1*	1*	2*	0		4
3.B	Assistant Professor Grade-II (AGP-7000 in 6 <sup>th</sup> CPC)	11	0	0	2*	4*	0		6
3.C	Assistant Professor Grade-II (AGP-6000 in 6 <sup>th</sup> CPC)	10	27	10 (2+8*)	3*	3 (1+2*)	2		45
<b>Total</b>			32	12	8	10	2	64	

Note: i) \*Backlog vacancies

For the departments which are not having any vacancy, movement in higher Academic Grade Pay or cadre shall be carried out as per specified selection process but it will be restricted to only for serving faculty members of the respective departments.

As per CEI Act 2019, "sanctioned strength" means the number of posts in teachers' cadre approved by the appropriate authority. Hence, the sanctioned strength in teachers' cadre is to be approved by the appropriate authority and it is resolved to sanction 110 Professors (including HAG), 76 Associate Professors, 41 Assistant Professors (Grade - I), 62 Assistant Professors (Grade-II, AGP 7000) and, 104 Assistant Professors (Grade-II, AGP 6000) through direct recruitment as

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<p>per the prevalent 4 tier flexible cadre structure. The concerns raised by the BoG members has been addressed through legal opinion.</p> <p>The Board may approve the proposal and permit the Institute to advertise for faculty positions in mission mode prior to the confirmation of the minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> meeting of the BoG.</p> <p>The Board considered the proposal and permitted for releasing advertisement.</p>	
<p><b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2023/4</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the reservation roster/register with the backlog and current vacancies for faculty recruitment advertisement as proposed above is approved.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT</b> the Institute may advertise for faculty positions in mission mode prior to the confirmation of the minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> meeting of the BoG.</p>

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

<b>ITEM NO. 71.5</b>	<b>REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR PHD EXAMINERS AND EXTERNAL DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>																										
	<p>The Senate in the 59<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting proposed the revision of the remuneration for the Ph.D examiners and External Doctoral Committee members as follows:</p>																										
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<p>The revision will be effective from Financial year 2023-24. The Finance committee discussed the proposal and felt that previous revision was done long back and was decided to recommend the revised remuneration to Board for approval.</p> <p>The Finance Committee has recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for approval.</p>			
<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>71/BoG/2022/5</b>		<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> revision of remuneration for Ph.D examiners and external doctoral committee members was approved and will be effective from FY 2023-24.	

<b>ITEM NO. 71.6</b>	<b>PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING START-UP GRANT FOR NEWLY RECRUITED FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE</b>
	<p>NIT Tiruchirappalli had recruited 41 new faculty members in the year 2022. In order to nurture their research activity a Start-up grant of Rs. 5 lakhs for each faculty member is considered necessary for promoting research of the faculty members and the same was approved in the Board of Governors in its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting vide resolution 52/BoG/2018/4. In the same line it is proposed for Start up grant of Rs.5 lakhs for the span of 2 years for the newly recruited faculty members.</p> <p>The faculty members were requested to submit their research proposal providing background, description, work plan, deliverables along with the requirements in the prescribed format for the span of two years. The Financial implication for providing Start up grant amounts to Rs. 2.05 crores.</p> <p>Hence, it is proposed to sanction Rs. 2.05 crores as Start-up grant money for the newly joined faculty members for the year 2023 to facilitate their research activity from IRG.</p> <p>The Finance Committee has recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors for approval. The Board may kindly consider the recommendations of the FC and approve it.</p>

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	<b>RESOLUTION 71/BoG/2022/6</b>	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the sanction of Research grant to the New faculties recruited in the 2022 subject to adhering all the guidelines stipulated by BoG, may be recommended to Board for approval. <b>FURTHER RESOLVED THAT</b> the grant sanctioned may be renamed as <b>Research Grant</b> instead of Start up grant.
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### RATIFICATION ITEMS

<b>ITEM NO.71.7</b>	<b>FOREIGN VISITS OF FACULTY MEMBERS.</b>	
	The following three Faculty members were permitted by the Chairperson, BoG to visit foreign countries to attend International Conference/Workshop/Training between Dec. 2022 and Jan. 2023.	
	<b>RESOLUTION 71/BoG/2022/7</b>	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the foreign visits of three Faculty members was noted and ratified.

### REPORTING ITEMS

<b>ITEM NO.71.8</b>	<b>BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FY 2023-2024</b>	
	The BoG noted the Budget Estimates for the FY 2023-2024 as submitted to Ministry.	
	<b>RESOLUTION 71/BoG/2022/8</b>	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Budget Estimates for the FY 2023-2024 as submitted to Ministry was noted.

<b>ITEM NO.71.9</b>	<b>PROCUREMENT UNDER DRDO PROJECT – DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ROBOTIC BASED CONTINUOUS FIBER ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING SYSTEM</b>	
	A project was sanctioned by DER&IPR, DRDO to NIT	

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	<p>for the indigenous development of Robotic based Continuous Fiber Additive Manufacturing System. The proposal for procurement of 4 equipment at the budgeted cost of Rs 85.95 lakhs has been approved by the Director in line with the Board's decision in its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting, authorizing the Director to take decision and approve the purchase of equipment under project costing above 25 lakhs be noted.</p>	
	<p><b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>71/BoG/2022/9</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the procurement of the equipment for the project, Robotic based Continuous Fiber Additive Manufacturing System for DER&amp;IPR at the cost of Rs 85.95 Lakhs was noted.</p>

<p><b>ITEM</b> <b>NO.71.10</b></p>	<p><b>RELEASE OF FIXED DEPOSIT FUND TOWARDS CAUVERY DROWNING INCIDENT - SEP 2007</b></p>
	<p>In the month of September 2007, some of the I year students (2007-08 batch) along with Late Anirudh A Krishna went to Cauvery river. Few students were drown in the river due to strong river current. Shri A Pandaram (H/o R Indra) who was swimming nearby, noticed the drowning students and saved three of the students. While trying to save Late Anirudh A Krishan, both Shri A Pandaram and student Anirudh A Krishna were drowned and pulled along with strong currents of river and their bodies were recovered only after two days.</p> <p>To help the demised Shri A Pandaram's Family members (wife and 2 daughters) the demised student family along with faculty, students and staffs collected Rs 6 lakhs and made a Fixed deposit at State Bank of India for a period of 15 years on monthly interest credit to Smt R Indira (w/o Late A Pandaram). On completion of 15 years the FD amount to be released to Smt R Indira as per the records.</p> <p>The fixed deposit matured on 15 Nov 2022 and based on the request letter submitted by Smt. Indira the Fixed deposit amount along with Interest</p>

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	due was credited to her account.	
	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/10	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Board noted the release of fixed deposit fund towards cauvery drowning incident - Sep 2007

<b>ITEM NO.71.11</b>	<b>GRANT - IN - AID RECEIVED FROM MOE DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023 UNDER RECURRING &amp; NON-RECURRING HEADS (OH-31, 35, 36).</b>	
	The Board noted the details of Grant-in-Aid received from Minister of Education during the Financial Year 2022-2023 under Recurring & Non-Recurring (OH- 31, 35 & 36).	
	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/11	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> grant - in - aid received from MOE during the financial year 2022-2023 was noted.

<b>ITEM NO.71.12</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE 58<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE SENATE</b>	
	The Board noted the Minutes of the 58 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate	
	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/12	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Minutes of the 58 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the senate was noted.

<b>ITEM NO.71.13</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE 52<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.</b>	
	The Board noted the Minutes of the 52 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee.	
	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/13	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Minutes of the 52 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee was noted.

<b>ITEM NO.71.14</b>	<b>INFORMATION ON GRIEVANCES WITH RESPECT TO NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI</b>	
	There are nil grievances for initial action or under progress with respect to NIT, Tiruchirappalli in the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) as on 20.01.2023.	





<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/14	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the status on grievances in CPGRAMS was noted.
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<b>ITEM NO.71.15</b>	<b>INFORMATION ON RTI WITH RESPECT TO NIT, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI</b>	
	There are twelve RTI requests and seven first appeals under progress with respect to NIT, Tiruchirappalli in the RTI request and Appeal Management Information System (RTI-MIS) as on 20.01.2023.	
	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/15	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the status on RTI was noted.

<b>ITEM NO.71.16</b>	<b>IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION</b>	
	The important communications received from Ministry of Education were noted.	
	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/16	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> important communication received from ministry of education was noted.

<b>ITEM NO.71.17</b>	<b>LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING.</b>	
	The details of Court cases which were filed/came up for hearing subsequent to the 70 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board were furnished for the information and direction of the Board. The Board noted the cases.	
	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/BoG/2022/17	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the court cases filed/heard/disposed subsequent to the 70 <sup>th</sup> board meeting was noted.

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

  
**Secretary**

  
**Chairperson, BoG**