



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

MINUTES OF THE 60TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 03:30 PM IN
THE OOM ROOM, NIT TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

PRESENT:

1.	Shri. Bhaskar Bhat	Chairperson*
2.	Dr. (Mrs.) Mini Shaji Thomas	Director and Member
3.	Shri. Madan Mohan ADG, MoE	Member*
4.	Smt Darshana M. Dabral Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor, MoE	Member*
5.	Dr. Krishnan Balasubramanian	Member*
5	Shri. Karumuttu T. Kannan	Member*
6	Shri. P.R. Venketrama Raja	Member*
7	Dr. S. Kumanan	Member*
8.	Dr. S. Jerome	Member*
9	Dr. L. Cindrella	Registrar (i/c) & Secretary

* Through Video Conferencing

GENERAL MATTERS

WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

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

He informed that he was pleasantly surprised to receive the communication from Ministry of Education, appointing him as the Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT, Tiruchirappalli. The Chairperson said that this is not a job for him, but a responsibility. He expressed his happiness and is proud to be the Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT, Tiruchirappalli. He also said that he wishes to conduct the meetings in a way that all the members feel comfortable and their views have the same weight. He would like to work on two principles, the progress of the Institute and in alignment with the government norms.

Thereafter, the Registrar (i/c) - Secretary initiated the deliberations on the Agenda Items.

ITEM NO. 1	CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 59th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON 23RD JUNE 2020	
	The Minutes of the 59 th Meeting of the BoG were circulated to the Members of the Board. Few comments were received from one member, which were incorporated and the Minutes were recirculated. No further comments were received from the Members. The Board confirmed the Minutes.	
	RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/1	RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 59 th 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 Action Taken Report of the previous meetings of the Board of Governors were discussed and noted with the following	





observations.

- (i) **Resolution No. 59/BoG/2020/5:** Regarding opening of FCRA account, which is in progress, the plan for utilization of the amount received under this account will be brought to the BoG as and when it becomes operational.
- (ii) **Resolution No. 59/BoG/2020/10:** Appropriate orders as per the Board decision has been issued to the Faculty member in the ICC case. The pay fixation has been worked out as per the illustration in CCS rules by DoPT Order No.11012/15/2016-Estt A-III dated 18th June 2019. The pay is fixed from Pay level 14A to 13A2.
- (iii) **Resolution No. 56/BoG/2019/6:** Regarding the utilization of Internal Revenue Generation (IRG) for transfer of one third amount, Rs. 33.01 Crores, out of the total outlay of Rs. 99.03 Crores towards the construction of five department annex buildings from the IRG of FY 2018-19, it was decided to transfer the amount during the current financial year. Since the total outlay is near Rs. 100 Crores, the five annex buildings for the Departments of Electrical & Electronics, Mechanical, Civil, Metallurgy & Materials and Instrumentation & Control Engineering, will be constructed under Engineering Procurement and Contraction (EPC) mode, as per NITI Aayog guidelines. The BoG also suggested that the Institute may hire a short term financial consultant for



	<p>preparing a 5-Year perspective financial plan including investments in Instruments as specified by Govt. of India and creation of research facilities and infrastructure in the Institute.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/2</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the Action Taken on the decisions of the previous Meetings of the Board be noted with the following remarks:</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT the purpose of utilization of the amount received under FCRA be planned and be brought to the BoG as and when it becomes operational.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT The pay fixation regarding Resolution No. 59/BoG/2020/10 has been worked out as per the illustration in CCS rules by DoPT order No.11012/15/2016-Estt A-III dated 18th June 2019. The Board approved the pay fixation at Pay level 13A2 reducing from 14A, as per the sited BoG resolution.</p> <p>RESOLVED THAT the transfer of Rs. 33.01 Crores, out of the total outlay of Rs. 99.03 crores, from the IRG savings as one third amount to CPWD towards the construction of five department annex buildings, in the current financial year be approved.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the five department annex buildings of the Departments</p>




	<p>of Electrical & Electronics, Mechanical, Civil, Metallurgy & Materials and Instrumentation & Control Engineering, be constructed under EPC mode.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Institute may hire a short term financial consultant for preparing a 5-year perspective financial plan including investments in Instruments as specified by Govt. of India and creation of research facilities and infrastructure in the Institute.</p>
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ITEM NO. 3	DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS / DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF THE BOG
<p>The Director welcomed Shri Bhaskar Bhat, Chairperson, Board of Governors of the Institute. His rich experience in the Industry will help the Institute reach greater heights. The Director also shared with the members that she had conducted 17 meetings of the Board of Governors and 14 Finance Committees as Chairperson i/c, before the Chairperson was appointed recently, which was whole heartedly appreciated by the members of the Board.</p> <p>Thereafter, 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>	

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- In spite of COVID pandemic, the Institute has been able to keep up to the academic schedule. Online examinations were conducted for I, II and III year successfully for around 4000 students and results declared.
- July 2020 Academic Session started on 25th August 2020 and on 15th September 2020 for I year PG programme and the semester will finish by the end of the year.
- No Dues Portal was created online and eligible graduands can download Transfer Certificates and Transcripts from the portal.
- The Convocation is scheduled to be held on 7th November 2020 in blended mode.
- Research publications improved from 590 to 768 in Web of Science (WoS) and from 904 to 1160 in Scopus in the years 2018 to 2019. In 2020, there are already 507 Web of Science and 778 Scopus publications. Publications per faculty is one of the best in India in 2019 at an average of 3.23 in WoS and 4.83 in Scopus. Citations also showed tremendous growth.
- 13 patents were filed in 2019, 16 published and 3 awarded.
- MOUs have been signed with IIT Delhi, NVIDIA Bangalore, SAMEER Chennai, MICRON India, MSME this year.
- The Institute has been selected for setting up of the Innovation Facilitation Centre by National Research Development Corporation.
- The Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence was inaugurated on 07.09.2020, equipped with high end servers at a funding of Rs.1.2 crores.
- 67 of the 69 newly recruited faculty joined the Institute. They were on-boarded smoothly and training programmes were conducted on Pedagogy, E-content Development and Gender Sensitization.
- Election for Student Council for 2021 was conducted successfully online, using the portal developed by CSG with high percentage of voting. A




committee was constituted to take care of the physical and mental health well-being of the students during COVID 19 and numerous activities are ongoing, including online surveys, counselling, mentorship, webinars and online programme by Student Clubs.

- The Institute made necessary arrangements to cope with COVID 19 by making the students, faculty to cope with online classes, assessments and examinations.
- During Independence Day, COVID frontline warriors were honoured, including Hospital, Security, Estate Maintenance, Administration, Recruitment, Academic Section, Hostel Administration and Student Council.
- Placements are progressing online with around 245 jobs offered by 25 companies for 2020-21 batch.
- Regarding National Education Policy 2020, NIT Tiruchirappalli is ready in terms of Flexible Curriculum, limited credit transfer, Multidisciplinary Education & Research University with introduction of and setting up of Centers of Excellence in Multi-disciplinary areas.
- The Director requested directions from the Board to align the Institution and its Strategic Plan towards the implementation of National Education Policy.

The members congratulated the Director, Faculty, Staff and students for the excellent performance of the Institute in all spheres, especially during the Pandemic.

RESOLUTION
60/BoG/2020/3

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



APPROVAL ITEMS

A. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE

ITEM NO. 4	AWARD OF DEGREES AND MEDALS TO BE CONFERRED IN THE 16TH CONVOCATION																																		
	<p>The 16th Convocation of the Institutes is planned to be held through virtual mode in November 2020. The 52nd meeting of the Senate held on 31st August 2020 has recommended the Award of Degrees and Medals to be conferred to the qualified students in the 16th Convocation. The list of recipients for the Award of Degrees and Medals as recommended by the Senate is given in the Annexure of the Agenda notes.</p> <p>Number of Graduands</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"><thead><tr><th>Department</th><th>B. Arch.</th><th>B. Tech.</th><th>M. Arch.</th><th>M. Tech.</th><th>M.Sc</th><th>MC A</th><th>MB A</th><th>M S</th><th>Ph.D</th><th>TOTAL</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Total</td><td>38</td><td>767</td><td>17</td><td>489</td><td>66</td><td>85</td><td>72</td><td>18</td><td>101</td><td>1653</td></tr></tbody></table> <p>Number of Graduands with Honours: 72 Number of Graduands with Minor Degree: 605</p> <p>President Medal (Overall highest CGPA in B.Tech.)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><thead><tr><th>Department</th><th>Roll No.</th><th>Name</th><th>CGPA</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Electronics and Communication Engineering</td><td>108116107</td><td>YASHVANTH L</td><td>9.84</td></tr><tr><td>Mechanical Engineering</td><td>111116089</td><td>SRIDHARSAN K S</td><td>9.84</td></tr></tbody></table>	Department	B. Arch.	B. Tech.	M. Arch.	M. Tech.	M.Sc	MC A	MB A	M S	Ph.D	TOTAL	Total	38	767	17	489	66	85	72	18	101	1653	Department	Roll No.	Name	CGPA	Electronics and Communication Engineering	108116107	YASHVANTH L	9.84	Mechanical Engineering	111116089	SRIDHARSAN K S	9.84
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RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/4	RESOLVED THAT the Award of Degrees and Medals as recommended by the Senate be approved.																																		





	<p>RESOLVED FURTHER to delegate the power to the Chairperson to approve the Award of Degrees to the students who will qualify 10 days prior to forthcoming Convocation.</p>
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B. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ITEM NO. 5	<p align="center">NEW LABORATORY ANNEX BUILDING FOR PRODUCTION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT</p>
	<p>It is proposed to construct an Annex building housing Laboratories, classrooms and faculty rooms for Production Engineering Department with an area of 4200 Sq. M. The proposed building is a RCC framed structure (G+2) three floors with structural provision for two more floors in future. The building will have provisions for Air-conditioning, firefighting, CCTV, EPABX, conducive facilities for differently abled people, and elevators in the design. The cost estimate for the proposed New Laboratory Annexure for Production Engineering Department has been worked out to as Rs.19.97 crore.</p> <p>With this proposed building, five other Department Annex buildings, new boys hostel, and vertical expansion of Lecture Hall complex & new ladies hostel, the infrastructure development will be enough for the next few years. For an international hostel, the Institute has already submitted a proposal to Study in India for partial funding. The FC advised the Institute to follow the HEFA norms in all respects including the cost per Sq. M, as this will be under window 1 of HEFA.</p>

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The FC had recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors and the Board approved the proposal.

RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/5	RESOLVED THAT the construction of an Annex building housing Laboratories, classrooms and faculty rooms for Production Engineering Department with an area of 4200 Sq. M. at a cost of Rs. 19.97 crores be approved.
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ITEM NO. 6	DEMOLITION OF SNACKATERIA/CANTEEN BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE EEE ANNEX BUILDING
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The laboratory annex building for Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) Department was approved by the Board of Governors in its 50th meeting vide resolution no 50/BoG/2018/7. But a Snacketeria building established in early 80's (150 Sq.M) is posing hindrance for the construction of annexure for the EEE department horizontally as well as vertically. Hence, it is proposed to demolish the Snacketeria building to accommodate the New annexure with faculty rooms, seminar hall, curriculum and research labs for Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department in the same site. The New annexure building with an area of 4200 sq.M will also integrate the canteen space in the Ground floor. This item was placed in 25th meeting of the Building and Works Committee, the committee suggested to obtain valuation report from CPWD and justification report. Subsequently, a committee was formed to assess the existing Snacketeria building to get the expert opinion on Pros and Cons of the demolition. The valuation report from CPWD and the Justification for demolition from the expert





committee were recommended by the 26th B&WC and was considered by the FC.

The Board of Governors observed that a duly constituted committee by the Institute, had assessed the pros and cons and suggested the demolition of the Snacketaria. The FC had recommended the proposal to the Board of Governors and the Board approved the proposal, in the larger interest of the Institute. The Institute will create an alternate arrangement for the Snacketaria temporarily, till the completion of the new building with the canteen space, for the convenience of the campus community.

<p>RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/6</p>	<p>RESOLVED THAT the demolition of the Snacketaria, in the larger interest of the Institute be recommended to the Board of Governors.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Institute will create an alternate arrangement for the Snacketaria temporarily, till the completion of the new building with the canteen space.</p>
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<p>ITEM NO. 7</p>	<p>START-UP RESEARCH GRANT FOR NEWLY RECRUITED FACULTY</p>
	<p>NIT Tiruchirappalli has recruited 69 Assistant Professors during 2020. For promoting research activity among faculty members, a start-up research grant of Rs. 5 Lakhs for each newly recruited faculty is proposed, to improve the research activity of the Institute. Previously 37 faculty members recruited in 2018 were given the</p>

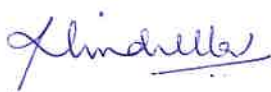



start up research grant and the grant availed by them has improved their research output in terms of paper/patents and securing high impact projects including SPARC.

The proposals for startup research grant will be consolidated by the Dean (FW) and evaluated by a duly constituted committee, coordinated by the Dean (R&C). The DST Guidelines and BoG Guidelines regarding this will be adhered to (52/BoG/2018/4). The total financial implication for providing start up grant for 69 new Faculty members, amounts to 3.45 Crores, over two Financial years. The amount will be met from the Internal Revenue of the Institute. The FC recommended the proposal to the BoG and the Board approved the proposal.

RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/7	RESOLVED THAT the sanction of the start-up research grant to the new faculty recruited in 2020 from Internal Revenue Generation of the Institute, amounting to Rs. 3.45 Crores be approved. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the assessment of the output of the start-up research grant be carried out.
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ITEM NO. 8	ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019-2020
	The Finance Committee has recommended the Annual Accounts of NIT Tiruchirappalli for the Financial year 2019-2020 to Board of Governors and the Board approved the Annual accounts 2019-20.



This year the delay was due to the COVID Pandemic and the FC opinioned that next year, the accounts be submitted in June/July.

RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/8	RESOLVED THAT the Annual Accounts of NIT Tiruchirappalli for the Financial year 2019-2020 be approved.
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ITEM NO. 9	DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED / OBSOLETE ITEMS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE INSTITUTE
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The Institute constituted a five-member committee to identify and consolidate the Old / Obsolete / Unserviceable articles / Equipment at the respective departments. The disposal committee, physically verified and examined the items with stock register details and recommended the items placed in the Annexure of the agenda notes, for condemnation and disposal as per the rules specified in GFR 2017. The list of disposal items was prepared as per GFR 2017 Form 10. The FC recommended the disposal of the items and suggested that the disposal of the electronic items be as per NITI Aayog guidelines.

NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT	Total No of Items	Total Amount(Rs.)
ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING	10	6,01,389/-
HOSPITAL	352	2,90,604/-

RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/9	RESOLVED THAT the disposal of the recommended list of items be approved. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT disposal of the electronic items be as per NITI Aayog guidelines.
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C. OTHERS

ITEM NO. 10	VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT REQUEST FROM DR. P.A. KRISHNAN AND MRS. M. KUMUDHA	
	<p>a. In his letter dated 29.9.2020, in continuation of his earlier request dated 11.2.2020, Dr. P.A Krishnan, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering had applied for Voluntary Retirement from service.</p> <p>b. In her letter dated 30.07.2020, Mrs. M. Kumudha, Supdt.(SG-I), Budget Section had applied for Voluntary Retirement from service.</p> <p>The Board decided to approve the requests.</p>	
	RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/10	RESOLVED THAT the request of Dr. P.A Krishnan, Associate Professor, Department of Civil Engineering for Voluntary Retirement be approved. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the request of Mrs. M. Kumudha, Supdt.(SG-I), Budget Section for Voluntary Retirement be approved.
ITEM NO. 11	SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR (ON DEPUTATION)	
	<p>The selection committee minutes were opened and it was reported that no candidate was found suitable by the duly constituted selection committee for appointment as the Deputy Registrar on Deputation.</p>	



RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/11	RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the selection committee-None found suitable-be approved.
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RATIFICATION ITEMS

ITEM NO. 13	REVISED FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE ODD SEMESTER 2020-21 AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC
	In view of the prevailing COVID19 Pandemic situation, the Institute was in receipt of requests from Students to reduce the fees for the odd semester of Academic year 2020-21. A committee was formed with the Dean (Student Welfare) as convener, including Student council representatives, to review the fee structure for odd semester. As per clause 37 of First Statutes of NITSER, the tuition fee is being determined by the NITSER

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Council, common for all NITs and hence tuition fee remains unchanged. However, the committee deliberated and reduced/waived some of the fees, with due justifications for the current semester, as the students are at home and attending online classes. (Reduced-Hostel Rent, Establishment Charges, Library Fee for UG) / Waived -Internet fee, Festival fee, Sports Centre fee). The FC recommended this item to the Board and the Board ratified the revised fee structure.

RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/13	RESOLVED THAT new fee structure with reduction in the Hostel Rent, Establishment Charges, Library Fee for UG students and the Waiver on Internet fee, Festival fee and Sports Centre fee, owing to the COVID pandemic, be ratified.
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ITEM NO. 14	FEE STRUCTURE FOR M.A. ENGLISH (LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)
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As approved in the 47th meeting of Senate (47/SENATE/2019/3), and subsequently in the 57th meeting of the Board of Governors (57/BOG/2019/8), the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences initiated the admission process for M.A. English (Language and Literature) with an initial intake of 25 inclusive of EWS reservation from the Academic year 2020-2021. Accordingly, the notification for the admission for M.A. was floated and students were selected as per the procedures approved

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by the Senate. The Institute runs four M.Sc. programs and the fee structure for M.A. English (Language and Literature) was proposed to be the same as for the existing M.Sc. Programs of the Institute. The FC recommended the fee structure to the Board for ratification and suggested that the Institute may initiate the computation of the cost of running of each degree programme.

RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/14	<p>RESOLVED THAT the proposed fee structure for M.A. English (Language and Literature) be ratified.</p> <p>RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Institute may initiate the computation of the cost of running of each degree programme.</p>
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ITEM NO. 15	CONFIRMATION OF GROUP A OFFICER ON COMPLETION OF PROBATION PERIOD
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Dr. M Malaimala Sarasveni, Medical Officer, was recruited in the Institute for the post of Medical Officer, and as per the recruitment rules governing her appointment, she had completed one year of probation period successfully. During the probation period no adverse remarks have been received against her, and she is found FIT to be confirmed in her respective service. Her performance was reviewed by a Performance Appraisal Committee and Police Verification was done.

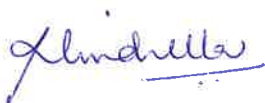
RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/15	<p>RESOLVED THAT the confirmation of the officer with effect from the date of completion of probation period be ratified.</p>
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REPORTING ITEMS

ITEM NO. 16	REVIEW OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MOU	
	<p>Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India and National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli for 2020-2021 was signed in pursuance of the Rule 229(xi) of the GFR, 2017.</p> <p>The Institute has been conducting quarterly review of performance of the departments and corrections incorporated in the next quarter. Last year, the score of the Institute is 98.96%-Excellent</p>	
	RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/16	RESOLVED THAT the review of the Ministry of Education MOU be noted with appreciation.

ITEM NO. 17	DEPARTMENTAL PROMOTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF	
	<p>As per Recommendations of the Oversight Committee for removal of anomalies of Non-Teaching staff and Revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Non-Teaching in the NITs O.M. F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 20th February 2019 and further communication letter even no. dated 04/04/2019, 18 Non Teaching staff of the Institute have been granted promotion as per the recommendation given by the respective selection committees through DPC.</p>	





RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/17	RESOLVED THAT the Departmental promotions of the Non-teaching staff be noted.
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ITEM NO. 18	MINUTES OF THE 51st MEETING OF THE SENATE
	The Minutes of the 51 st Meeting of the Senate is placed for the information of the Board of Governors.
RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/18	RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 51 st Meeting of the Senate be noted.


ITEM NO. 19	MINUTES OF THE 25th MEETING OF BUILDING AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
	The Minutes of the 25 th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee is placed for the information of the Board of Governors.
RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/19	RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the 25 th Meeting of the Building and Works Committee be noted.

ITEM NO. 20	LEGAL MATTERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING
	Details of Court cases which were filed/came up for hearing subsequent to the 59 th Meeting of the Board were furnished for the information and direction of the Board. The Board noted the cases.
RESOLUTION 60/BoG/2020/20	RESOLVED THAT the court cases filed/heard subsequent to the last Board meeting be noted.

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


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Chairperson, BoG