



Minutes/ 29th BOG/ NITA
February 27, 2014



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA
WEST TRIPURA, PIN: 799055

***Minutes of the 29th Meeting of the
Board of Governors
held on 27th February 2014***

At Conference Hall of NIT Agartala

The 29th meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Technology Agartala was held on February 27, 2014 at 11:30 am in the Conference Hall of NIT, Agartala.

The following members were present in the meeting :

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| (1) Prof. P. N. Singh | : Chairman, BoG of NIT Agartala. |
| (2) Prof. Gopal Mugeraya | : Member, Director of NIT, Agartala |
| (3) Shri Kishor Ambuly | : Member, Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Higher Education Department, Agartala. |
| (4) Shri Rajesh Singh Solanki | : Under Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India, (Representative of MHRD, Govt. of India, Dept. of Higher Education,). |
| (5) Prof. Nitindra Nath Som | : Member, Former Professor of Jadavpur University. |
| (6) Prof. (Mrs) Uma Bhattacharya | : Member, Professor, Department of Computer Science & Technology, Bengal Engg. & Science University (BESU), Shibpur. |
| (7) Prof. Sekhar Datta | : Member, Principal, Tripura Institute of Technology. |
| (8) Prof. Richi Prasad Sharma | : Member, Professor, NIT, Agartala. |
| (9) Mr. John Debbarma | : Member, Asst. Professor, ME Dept., NITA |
| (10) Shri Sumanta Chakrabarti | : Secretary, Registrar, NIT, Agartala |

Prof. A. Srinivasan, Dean of Faculty Affairs, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati (nominee of the Director, IIT Guwahati), could not attend the meeting.

Prof. P. N. Singh, Chairman of the Board of Governors (BoG), NIT, Agartala, presided over the meeting.

Prof. P.N. Singh, Chairman, Board of Governors, NIT Agartala, introduced Prof. Gopal Mugeraya, Director, NIT Agartala to all the Members of the Board of Governors and welcomed him.

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The Chairman of the Board of Governors introduced Prof. (Mrs) Uma Bhattacharya, Professor in the Department of Computer Science & Technology, Bengal Engineering & Science University (BESU), Shibpur, West Bengal to the Members of BoG and welcomed her to the meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Agartala. He also welcomed Shri K. Ambuly, Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Deptt. of Higher Education and other members of the BoG.

Members of the Board were informed about the sad demise of Tridib Chakraborty, the Principal of Women's Polytechnic and a former BoG Member and Asis Sarkar, Asst. Professor of Mechanical Engineering Dept., NIT Agartala. The Board expressed the condolences and one minute silence was observed praying for eternal peace of the departed soul of Late Tridib Chakraborty, Principal of Women's Polytechnic & a former BoG Member and Late Asis Sarkar, Asst. Professor of Mechanical Engineering Dept. who expired prematurely.

The Board of Governors appreciated and placed on records the contribution of all previous BoG Members namely, Dr. (Mrs) Bindu Dey, Scientist-G, Advisor of Bio-Technology, Dept. of Bio-Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India; Tridib Chakraborty, Ex-Principal, Women's Polytechnic, Government of Tripura, Agartala; and Shri Priyanath Das, Associate Professor, represented as Faculty Members of NIT Agartala.

The Chairman then invited the Director and the Registrar (i/c) to initiate discussions on Agenda items.

Item No. 29.1: Confirmation of (A) the Minutes of 27th (Special) Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting; and (B) 28th (Special) Board of Governors (BoG) Meeting.

(A) The minutes of 27th (Special) Board of Governors meeting held on July 25th, 2013 were circulated to all the Members for comments / observation. Shri John Deb Barma, Member & Asst. Professor of ME Dept. submitted his comments. After detailed discussions, the BoG confirmed the minutes of the 27th (Special) Board of Governors Meeting.

(B) The minutes of 28th (Special) Board of Governors meeting held on December 10, 2013 were circulated to all the Members for comments / observation. Shri Satpal Sharma, Under Secretary, MHRD, Govt. of India, (Representative of Financial Advisor, Dept. of Higher Education, MHRD), submitted his comments. Since the Institute has already submitted a detailed report as suggested by Shri Satpal Sharma, hence after detailed discussion the BoG confirmed the minutes of the 28th (Special) Board of Governors Meeting.

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Item No. 29.2: Action taken on the decisions of the 26th BoG, 27th (Special) and 28th (Special) meetings of the Board of Governors held on 18th June, 2013, 25th July 201 and 10th December, 2013.

(A) The action taken report for 26th BoG Meeting were noted with the following observations :

Sl.No.2, Item No.26.2 : The MHRD representative was requested to see for expediting the matter to communicate the decision of the MHRD in regard to reservation regarding recruitment of Associate Professor / Professor to NIT Agartala.

Sl.No.7, Item No.26.18 : The term CAS should be renamed as Up-Gradation of Grade Pay and the Order of eligible faculty members as per recommendation of the 26th BoG may be issued accordingly keeping in mind the observations of the Tripura High Court in W.P.(C) 158 of 2013 and W.P.(C) 97 of 2013.

(B) The action taken report for 27th (Special) BoG Meeting was noted.

(C) The action taken report for 28th (Special) BoG Meeting was noted with the following observations :

- (i) The Chairman, Administrative Reforms & Campus Development Committee, NIT Agartala, submitted the Report to the Chairman, Board of Governors in the meeting and briefed about the report to the Members.
- (ii) Prof. Sekhar Dutta, Chairman, Fact Finding Committee of the incidents took place following the sad demise of Rahul Kumar, apprised the Board Members its findings and informed that the final Report will be submitted by next 20-25 days.
- (iii) Prof. Nitindra Nath Som, Chairman, Academic Development Committee of NIT Agartala informed the BoG Members that a detailed report will be submitted at the earliest.

Item No. 29.3: Implementation of 4-tier flexible faculty structure in the National Institute of Technology Agartala.

The BoG adopted and approved the proposal of Ministry of HRD, Government of India for implementation of 4-tier flexible faculty structure for the existing and new faculties along with the Recruitment Rules and Guidelines attached to the letter dated 15.01.2014 of MHRD.

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Item No. 29.4: To consider amendment of the First Statues of NIT Agartala for raising the retirement age of Director to 70 years.

The BoG adopted the proposal to revise the superannuation age of the Director, NITs from 65 to 70 years.

Item No. 29.5: To consider the age of superannuation for the post of Registrar.

The BoG approved that the non-teaching posts including the post of Registrar will be filled up as per the Recruitment Rules framed by MHRD. The superannuation age mentioned in the Recruitment Rules of MHRD will be strictly followed for all the posts and even for the post of Registrar also.

Item No. 29.6 : Proposal for appointment of Deputy Director in the NITs.

The BoG approved the proposal of the MHRD for appointment of the Deputy Director of NITs.

Item No. 29.7 : To consider the recommendations of the minutes of 30th Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

The BoG approved the recommendations of the 30th Building & Works Committee Meeting held on December 09, 2013.

Item No. 29.8 : Ratification of the recommendations of the minutes of 31st Building & Works Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

The BoG ratified the action taken by the Chairman on the recommendations of the 31st Building & Works Committee meeting held on February 02, 2014.

Item No.29.9: To consider the Annual Report for the year 2012-13.

The BoG approved the Annual Report 2012-13 of NIT Agartala along with the audited statement for the year 2012-13.

Item No.29.10: To consider for inclusion of services of three faculty members of Civil & Transportation Engineering Department with the Civil Engineering Department.

The BoG approved the proposal for inclusion of the following three(3) faculty members of Civil & Transportation Engineering Department to the Civil Engineering Department of NIT Agartala and from now onwards they will be designated as Asst. Professor, Civil Engineering Department :

- i) Shri Dipankar Sarkar, Asst. Professor, Civil Engg. Dept.
- ii) Shri Debdulal Tripura, Asst. Professor, Civil Engg. Dept.
- iii) Shri Parthoprati Sarkar, Asst. Professor, Civil Engg. Dept.

Item No.29.11: To consider for awarding of the Scholarship as "Moutoshi Kar Memorial Merit Scholarship".

The BoG approved the proposal for awarding the "Moutoshi Kar Memorial Merit Scholarship" every year to the topper of the 3rd Semester student of Civil Engineering Department in the Alumni Meet of NIT Agartala.

Item No. 29.12: To consider the Association of Non-Teaching Staff of NIT Agartala.

The BoG decided that only one Association will be allowed to be formed in NIT Agartala for the Non-Teaching staff of NIT Agartala. Before allowing permission, the Association should form By-laws and objectives of the Association, etc. and has to take registration from the appropriate authority.

Item No.29.13: To consider the establishment of a Guest House / Convention Centre in Kolkata in IIT Kharagpur line for NITs of the North-East.

The BoG approved the proposal for establishment of a Guest House / Convention Centre in Kolkata for NITs of the North-East.

Item No.29.14: Service matter relating to Prof. Umesh Mishra, Professor, Civil Engineering Department, NIT Agartala.

After detailed discussion the BoG has taken the following decisions : --

- (1) Disciplinary Proceedings : BoG decided to approve the Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Prof. Mishra vide Memo No.F.NITA.2.1(246-Estt)/08/7396 dated 28.10.2013 and ratified the action taken by the Director (i/c) with retrospective effect. The BoG also authorized the Director to take follow up action on this matter.
- (2) Dept. of Bio-Technology Associateship : BoG decided to ask Prof. Mishra to apply for leave out of his credit from 11.7.2013 to 18.9.2013. Otherwise the leave and service will not be regularized and salary should not be released.
- (3) The BoG authorized the Director to make an enquiry, by forming an Inquiry Committee, as prescribed in Rule 14 of CCS(CCA) Rules 1965 and take follow up action on the out-come of the enquiry as per Rule ibid. The Inquiry Committee may be requested to submit the report within 3(three) months from the date of appointment. Further, the BoG authorized the Director to take all necessary steps and action on this issue.

Besides above, the BoG authorized the Director to take appropriate action against Prof. Mishra on any issue as follow up action of above matters or issues likely to come afresh.

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Item No.29.15: Claim of Mr. Prasenjit Dutta, Assistant Professor for the benefit of LTC admissible to fresh recruits every year.

The BoG has gone through the provisions of the Rules in regard to the claim of Shri Prasenjit Dutta, Asst. Professor, NIT Agartala and decided that Shri Dutta is not entitled to every year HTC/LTC admissible to fresh recruits.

Item No.29.16: To consider the extension of facilities of TEQIP-II Project to the faculty members of Humanities & Social Science Department of NITA.

The BoG approved the proposal to extend the facilities of TEQIP-II Project to the faculty members of Humanities & Social Science Department of NIT Agartala.

Item No. 29.17: To consider the reallocation of responsibilities of the Dean and HoD -- ratification thereof.

The BoG noted the proposal and ratified the decision of the Director, NIT Agartala, regarding changes of Deanships and HoDs of NIT Agartala.

Item No.29.18: Present Status of TEQIP-II Project of NIT Agartala.

Dr. Ardhendu Saha, Coordinator, TEQIP-II Project, presented the present Status of TEQIP-II Project of NIT Agartala and apprised the Board Members.

The BoG expressed that the TEQIP-II activities are to be expedited and must meet the expectation. The TEQIP-II Coordinator was advised to be more active for completion of the works under TEQIP-II as per dead line given by NPTU.

Item No. 29.19: To consider for setting up of Branch of different Banks along with ATM facilities and fixation of rent, lease agreement, etc..

The BoG approved the proposal and authorized the Director, NIT Agartala to take appropriate decision.

Item No.29.20: To consider the recommendations of the minutes of 13th Senate meeting of NIT Agartala.

The Minutes of the 13th Senate Meeting of NIT Agartala, held on February 17, 2014 were approved.

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Item No.29.21: To consider the recommendation of the minutes of 23rd Finance Committee meeting of NIT Agartala.

The Minutes of the 23rd Finance Committee meeting held on February 27, 2014 were approved.

Item No.29.22: Proposal for construction of a Central Lecture Hall Complex having 27 Class Rooms at NIT Agartala.

The proposal for construction of a Central Lecture Hall Complex having 27 Class Rooms at NIT Agartala was approved.


Item No.29.23: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

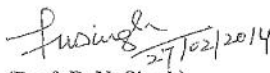
Police Case against the staff of NIT Agartala.

Prof. P.N. Singh, Chairman, BoG, NIT Agartala, informed the Members of the BoG that after sad demise of Rahul Kumar, one case was registered under Jirania PS vide No.105/134/S304(A) IPC and the employees of NIT Agartala were called by the Investigating Officer of Jirania PS every now and then in connection with the said case. Dr. Parimal Chakraborty, Medical Officer of NITA Medical Unit was called by Jirania PS on 24/2/2014 and had to take bail in connection with the said case.

The Chairman and the Members of the BoG requested Shri Kishor Ambuly, Member, BoG, NIT Agartala & Secretary to the Government of Tripura, Dept. of Higher Education, to take appropriate steps so that the employees of NIT Agartala are not harassed in connection with the said case.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Sumanta Chakrabarti)
Secretary, Board of Governors
& Registrar (i/c), NIT Agartala


(Prof. P. N. Singh)
Chairman, Board of Governors
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