

**THE XXXI (31st) MEETING
OF
FINANCE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MEGHALAYA
MINUTES**

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| DAY | : FRIDAY |
| DATE | : 09.08.2024 |
| TIME | : 11.00 AM |
| VENUE | : THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, PANCHSHEEL ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI. |

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
An Institute of National Importance

Minutes of XXXI Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 09.08.2024

The XXXI (31st) Meeting of the Finance Committee of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya was held on Friday, 09.08.2024 at 11:00 AM and the following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. Shri Sunil Alagh Chairman & Managing Director, SKA Advisor Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai | Chairman |
| 2. Shri Narayan Singh Bisht Deputy Secretary (NITs), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, New Delhi | Member Representative |
| 3. Shri Harihara Sundaram Under Secretary, Integrated Finance Bureau Department of Higher Education (TE), Ministry of Education, New Delhi | Member Representative |
| 4. Prof. Devendra Jalihal Director, IIT Guwahati | Member |
| 5. Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta Director, NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 6. Shri Wallamphang Roy Managing Director, Power Carrier Pvt. Ltd Shillong, Meghalaya | Member |
| 7. Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee Professor, Dept. of Physics, NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 8. Dr. Bhaskarjyoti Chakravarty Registrar, NIT Meghalaya | Secretary |

At the outset, the Chairman, Finance Committee, NIT Meghalaya welcomed the members to the XXXI meeting of the Finance Committee and then the agenda items of the day were taken up.

FC-XXXI (2024)-1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute held on 22.05.2024.

The XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 22.05.2024 in the Conference Room of NIT Meghalaya, Bijni Complex, Laitumkhrach, Shillong. The Minutes of the meeting were circulated amongst the members of the Committee for their comments / observations. The Comments received from Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education was incorporated in the Minutes.

The Finance Committee deliberated on the minutes and resolved to confirm the minutes of XXX Meeting held on 09.08.2024.

FC-XXXI (2024)-R1: The Finance Committee RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 09.08.2024.

FC-XXXI (2024)-2: ATR of the decisions of the XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Institute held on 22.05.2024.

The action taken on the decision of the XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated as part of the agenda items. During the meeting, the action taken on each of the agenda items were explained to the Committee members.

The Committee briefly discussed the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the Study in India (SII) initiative. The Deputy Secretary (NITs) advised the Institute to resubmit a detailed report on the quality, performance and placement of foreign students enrolled year wise through the SII at NIT Meghalaya, addressing case to case basis. It was suggested that the status report should include specific details of the students admitted, the number of dropouts, performance and outcomes, to be submitted to the Ministry within 15 days.

In view of the above, a detail report forwarded to the Ministry vide Letter No. NITMGH/REG/FC-XXXI/2024-25/1087 dated 16.08.2024 for perusal.

After deliberation on each of the ATR, the Committee noted and agreed to the decision/action taken by the Institute.

FC-XXXI (2024)-R2: The Finance Committee NOTED and AGREED to the ACTION TAKEN by the Institute on the decision of the XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22.05.2024.

FC-XXXI(2024)-3: Recommendations of the XXVI Meeting of the Building and Works Committee held on 22.07.2024.

The XXVI meeting of the Building and Work Committee (B&WC) of the Institute was held on 22.07.2024 in the Conference Room of NIT Meghalaya through hybrid mode (online/offline). The minutes along with the recommendations of the XXVI meeting of B&WC was placed before the Committee members for consideration and deliberation. The Committee members went through the minutes and deliberated on each of the Agenda Items and recommended for placing the matters before the Board for kind consideration and approval.

A. B&WC-XXVI(2024)-3: Proposal for Fencing and Development of the Water Storage Reservoir at NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Saitsohpen, Sohra.

The Committee members were informed of the requirement for 'Fencing and Development of the Water Storage Reservoir at NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Saitsohpen, Sohra'. The design, plan, and estimate of Rs. 1,34,52,815/- were presented, with funds to be drawn from the Rs.78.34 crores allocated for Services, Utilities & Development Works (approved by the Cabinet in the RCE vide Ministry letter F. No.33-1/2012.TS-III New Delhi, 4th March 2020).

The Committee members were informed that the Institute's estimate was vetted by Dr. Mohanadas Berlin of NIT Arunachal Pradesh, as recommended by the Ministry. The vetting added Rs. 31,640/- for steel columns, raising the total amount to Rs. 1,34,84,455/- (One Crore Thirty-Four Lakh Eighty-Four Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Five).

FC-XXXI(2024)-R3(a): The Finance Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the recommendation of B&WC on Fencing and Development of the Water Storage Reservoir at NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Saitsohpen, Sohra and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Approval.

B. B&WC-XXVI(2024)-4: Proposal for Construction of Approach Road from PWD Road to Main Entrance Gate including ancillary works at NIT Meghalaya at Permanent Campus, Sohra.

The Committee members were informed of the requirement for 'Construction of Approach Road from PWD Road to Main Entrance Gate including ancillary works at NIT Meghalaya at Permanent Campus, Sohra'. The design, plan, and estimate of Rs. 90,32,400/- were presented, with funds to be drawn from the Rs.78.34 crores allocated for Services, Utilities & Development Works (approved by the Cabinet in the RCE vide Ministry letter F. No.33-1/2012.TS-III New Delhi, 4th March 2020).

The committee members were informed that the Institute's estimate was vetted by Dr. Mohanadas Berlin of NIT Arunachal Pradesh, as recommended by the Ministry. The vetting confirmed the original amount, with no changes.

FC-XXXI(2024)-R3(b): The Finance Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the recommendation of B&WC on Construction of Approach Road from PWD Road to Main Entrance Gate including ancillary works at NIT Meghalaya at Permanent Campus, Sohra and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Approval.

C. B&WC-XXVI(2024)-5: Proposal for Construction of Retaining wall at the Playground of NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Saitsohpen, Sohra.

The Committee members were informed of the requirement for 'Construction of Retaining wall at the Playground of NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Saitsohpen, Sohra'. The design, plan, and estimate of Rs.68,30,515/- were presented, with funds to be drawn from the Rs.78.34 crores allocated for Services, Utilities & Development Works (approved by the Cabinet in the RCE vide Ministry letter F. No.33-1/2012.TS-III New Delhi, 4th March 2020).

The committee members were informed that the Institute's estimate was vetted by Dr. Mohanadas Berlin of NIT Arunachal Pradesh, as recommended by the Ministry. The vetting confirmed the original amount with no changes, though a few technical suggestions were provided for incorporation.

FC-XXXI(2024)-R3(c): The Finance Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the recommendation of B&WC on Construction of Retaining wall at the Playground of NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Saitsohpen, Sohra and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Approval.

D. B&WC-XXVI(2024)-6: Proposal for Site development works including construction of drains in the Administrative Building, Academic Buildings A,B,C,D, Workshop, Lecture Hall, Library, ESS-1 of NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus at Saitsohpen, Sohra.

The Committee members were informed of the requirement for 'Site development works including construction of drains in the Administrative Building, Academic Buildings A, B, C, D, Workshop, Lecture Hall, Library, ESS-1 of NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus at Saitsohpen, Sohra'. The design, plan, and estimate of Rs.4,88,55,362/- were presented, with funds to be drawn from the Rs.78.34 crores allocated for Services, Utilities & Development Works (approved by the Cabinet in the RCE vide Ministry letter F. No.33-1/2012.TS-III New Delhi, 4th March 2020).

The committee members were informed that the Institute's estimate was vetted by Dr. Mohanadas Berlin of NIT Arunachal Pradesh, as recommended by the Ministry. The vetting confirmed the original amount, with no changes.

FC-XXXI(2024)-R3(d): The Finance Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the recommendation of B&WC on Site development works including construction of drains in the Administrative Building, Academic Buildings A,B,C,D, Workshop, Lecture Hall, Library, ESS-1 of NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus at Saitsohpen, Sohra and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Approval.

- E. **B&WC-XXVI (2024)-8: Various Construction works at NIT Meghalaya Campus at Sohra (SH: External Electrical works including Substation, Street Lighting)-Providing compound lightings.**

The Committee members were informed that the External Electrical work for energizing the Administrative Building, Academic Building- C, Academic Building- D, Library & Data Centre, Workshop Building, Boys Hostel - 2 Nos, Girls Hostel - 1 no. and Residential Qtrs. Type-C, D & E assigned to CPWD Shillong at an amount of Rs.12.00 Cr. which is 85% completed.

The Committee members were also informed that the Institute requested the CPWD Shillong to consider energizing Lecture Hall building and provide compound lighting around the buildings by adjusting the expenditure from the saving of initially sanction amount of Rs. 12.00 Cr.

FC-XXXI(2024)-R3(e): The Finance Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the recommendation of B&WC on Various Construction works at NIT Meghalaya Campus at Sohra (SH: External Electrical works including Substation, Street Lighting)-Providing compound lightings and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Approval.

- F. **B&WC-XXVI(2024)-9: Temporary Power Supply (Load enhancement from 500KVA to 1000 KVA) at NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Sohra.**

The Committee members were informed of the need to enhance the load capacity from 500KVA to 1000KVA at the permanent campus, due to the ongoing delay in the 33/11KV, 5.0 MVA power supply project at NIT Meghalaya's Saitsohpen, Sohra site. This enhancement is necessary as the Institute plans to shift and commence some classes starting from August 2024.

The estimated cost submitted by MePDCL for this enhancement is Rs. 3,55,910/- (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten).

FC-XXXI(2024)-R3(f): The Finance Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the recommendation of B&WC on Temporary Power Supply (Load enhancement from 500KVA to 1000 KVA) at NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Sohra and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Approval.

G. B&WC-XXVI(2024)-10: Minor works/Repairing works/ Maintenance works approved by the Director.

The Committee members were informed of the need for various minor repair and maintenance works at NIT Meghalaya's Bijni Complex, necessary for both existing and newly started academic programs. With the Director's approval, several such works have been undertaken at the Bijni Complex and hostels. Since February 2024, a total of seven repair, maintenance, and renovation projects (both civil and electrical) have been completed, at a total cost of Rs. 19,65,512/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred and Twelve).

FC-XXXI(2024)-R3(g): The Finance Committee CONSIDERED and NOTED the recommendation of B&WC on Minor works/Repairing works/ Maintenance works approved by the Director and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Approval.

FC-XXXI(2024)-4: Adoption of Annual Accounts and Annual Report of the Institute for the Financial Year 2023-24.

It was informed to the Committee members that the Annual Accounts of the Institute for the Financial year 2023-24 was prepared by a Shillong based Chartered Accountant firm M/s SSD & Co. The Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023-24 was prepared by the Institute. A copy of the report of the Annual Accounts and Annual Report of the Institute for the Financial Year 2023-24 was placed before the Committee for consideration and recommendation to the Board for approval.

A comment was received from the IFD representative regarding the Schedule 12 (Interest Earned on the Institute's bank accounts). The clarifications in this regard are as follows:

The Interest earned on Savings Bank Accounts which comprises of Internally Generated Revenue heads has been directly added to the Corpus Fund to meet the expenses that were incurred on account of such heads which did not form part of general budget approved for the Institution. This interest has also been utilized during the year to make payments while there was a delay in receipt of grant from GoI on numerous occasions. Since the entire money could not be recouped from the GoI grants by the end of the financial year, the revenue head was also not shown as part of the Income Expenditure Account.

The Committee members deliberated in detail on all the financial implications and expressed their satisfaction to the Annual Accounts except for the comments from IFD representative and resolved to adopt the Annual Accounts and Annual Report of the Institute for the Financial Year 2023-24 and recommended to place the matter before Board for consideration and approval.

FC-XXXI(2024)-R4: The Finance Committee RESOLVED for ADOPTION of Annual Accounts and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023-24 and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for consideration and adoption by the Board.

FC-XXXI(2024)-5: Provision of Campus Networking (ICT) at NIT Meghalaya Sohra

The Committee was informed that, as previously reported in the FC meetings, the Internet connection at NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus, Sohra was installed on June 26, 2024. Device installation and configuration have begun for the Data Centre, Library, Administrative Building, and Academic Blocks A, B, C, and D, with full connectivity by August 2024. Consequently, the members were informed of the following procurements:

A. Procurement of Firewall to protect the network from cyberattacks, unauthorized access, and malicious content. The estimated cost is Rs. 70,00,000/- (Seventy Lakhs), and it will be procured from the IRG account by following applicable rules and procedures as per GFR 2017.

B. Network Items for LAN and Wireless Access Points: This includes a Wireless LAN Controller, Wireless AP Management License, 10GBASE-LR SFP SMF LC Connector, Indoor Wireless Access Points (Type-II - R550), 3 years of warranty support for Wireless APs, Equipment Racks, and Networking Switches for 180 LAN Points (60 per lab). The estimated cost is Rs. 95,00,000/- (Ninety-Five Lakhs), and these items will also be procured from the IRG account by following applicable rules and procedures as per GFR 2017.

FC-XXXI(2024)-R5: The Finance Committee AGREED and ACCEPTED the Provision of Campus Networking (ICT) for the Additional Procurement of Firewall and Network Items and RECOMMENDED to place before the Board for Approval.

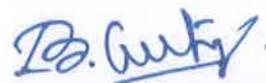
FC-XXXI (2024)-6: Standing Agenda Item: Report on Compliances as on 31.07.2024.

The Committee members were presented the report on compliances as of July 31, 2024, indicates the following statistics:

- Public Grievances: 3 disposed/replied.
- RTI: 44 disposed/replied.
- SC/ST/OBC: 0
- Legal case: 1, continuing in District Magistrate Court, Shillong.
- Audit Paras: 7, action taken and suitably replied to Principal AG (Audit), Shillong.

FC-XXXI (2024)-R6: The Finance Committee NOTED the Action taken by the Institute on the above.

FC-XXXI(2024)-7: Any other item with permission of the Chair.



Registrar & Member Secretary to FC