

**THE XXXV (35th) MEETING
OF
FINANCE COMMITTEE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MEGHALAYA
MINUTES**

DAY	: MONDAY
DATE	: 21.07.2025.
TIME	: 11: 30 A.M
VENUE	: THE CONFERENCE ROOM, NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, NEW DELHI.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
An Institute of National Importance

Minutes of XXXV Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21.07.2025

The XXXV (35th) Meeting of the Finance Committee of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya was held on Monday, 21.07.2025 from 11: 30 A.M in the Conference Room, NIT Transit House, New Delhi and the following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. Shri Sunil Alagh,
Chairman & Managing Director,
SKA Advisor Pvt. Ltd | Chairman |
| 2. Sh. Mukesh Kumar, Director (IFD)
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education. | IFD Representative |
| 3. Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta
Director, NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 4. Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee
Professor, Dept. of Physics,
NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 5. Dr. B. Chakravarty,
Registrar, NIT Meghalaya | Member Secretary |

Due to the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament, no representatives from the Ministry of Education were able to attend the meeting. However, approved comments from IFD, MoE on each agenda items were received vide email dated 16.07.2025. Prior to the meeting, the Ministry's views and observations vide email dated 21.07.2025 were also received. These approved comments of IFD, and observations of the Ministry were duly considered during the course of the discussions.

Mr. Wallamphang Roy, Hon'ble Member, could not attend the said meeting due to ill health.

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

FC-XXXV (2025)-01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the XXXIVth Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute held on 22.04.2025.

The XXXIVth Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 22.04.2025 at the Meeting Room, Administrative Block, NIT Meghalaya, Saitsohpen, Sohra. The minutes of the meeting were circulated amongst the members of the Committee for their comments / observations, and no comments have been received from the distinguished members of the Committee.

The Finance Committee deliberated on the minutes and resolved to confirm the minutes of XXXIVth Meeting held on 22.04.2025.

FC-XXXV (2025)-R1: The Finance Committee RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the XXXIVth Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22.04.2025.

FC-XXXV (2025)-02: ATR of the decisions of the XXXIVth Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Institute held on 22.04.2025.

The **Action Taken Report (ATR)** on the decisions of the XXXIVth Meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated in advance as part of the agenda items. During the meeting, the actions taken on each item were presented and explained to the Members of the Committee.

During the deliberations, the **Hon'ble Chairman** advised that the **time period corresponding to each ATR item** should be clearly specified in future reports for better clarity and record-keeping.

After detailed discussion on each item of the ATR, the Committee **noted and concurred with the actions/decisions** taken by the Institute.

FC-XXXV (2025)-R2: The Finance Committee NOTED and AGREED to the ACTION TAKEN by the Institute on the decision of the XXXIVth Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22.04.2025.

ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

FC-XXXV (2025)-3: Proposal for Amendment of the Reimbursement Ceiling under the NIT Meghalaya Medical Attendance, Treatment, and Reimbursement Rules, 2013.

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee were informed that the regular employees of NIT Meghalaya are presently availing medical reimbursement benefits as per the **Medical Attendance, Treatment, and Reimbursement Rules, 2013**, which were approved by the Board of Governors in its IIIrd (Third) Meeting held on 29.06.2013, vide **Resolution No. R7/BOG-III/2013**.

As per the existing rules, the **annual reimbursement ceiling is fixed at ₹2,00,000/-** per employee and their dependents. However, in line with the **Government of India's Office Memorandum No. 11011/20/2014-CGHS(P)/EHSS dated 23.11.2016**, which enhanced the per capita ceiling to ₹5,00,000/-, several other NITs (including NIT Tiruchirappalli, NIT Bhopal, NIT Raipur, and NIT Nagaland) have accordingly revised their reimbursement ceilings.

Given the substantial increase in medical costs over the past decade, the current ceiling is increasingly insufficient to cover necessary medical expenses. In view of this, the following proposals were placed before the Committee for consideration:

1. **Revision of the annual ceiling for medical reimbursement** from ₹2,00,000/- to ₹5,00,000/- per employee and their dependents.
2. **Authorization to the Director** to approve reimbursement beyond ₹5,00,000/- in serious or exceptional medical cases such as cardiac ailments, cancer, neurological disorders, liver diseases, major accidents/surgeries, etc., on a case-by-case basis. Such approvals would be contingent upon the recommendation of a duly constituted Medical Committee, the availability of complete documentation, and merit of the case.

The Committee was further informed that **observations have been received from the Ministry of Education (Technical Section–III, NITs Desk) dated 21.07.2025**, advising the Institute to await further instructions from the Ministry before proceeding on this matter.

After due deliberation, the Chairman of the Committee feels that the said agenda should be approved subject to the clearance received from the Ministry of Education. Accordingly, the Committee **agreed in principle** to the proposal and advised that the Institute should formally seek **clearance from the Ministry of Education**. The agenda may be taken up for final approval in the next meeting of the Finance Committee upon receipt of the Ministry's response.

FC-XXXV (2025)-R3: The Finance Committee NOTED the proposal for revision of the medical reimbursement ceiling under the NIT Meghalaya Medical Attendance, Treatment, and Reimbursement Rules, 2013. The Committee AGREED IN PRINCIPLE to the enhancement of the annual ceiling from ₹2,00,000/- to ₹5,00,000/- per employee and their dependents, and the provision for Director's approval for higher reimbursements in exceptional cases. However, in view of the observations received from the Ministry of Education, the Committee RESOLVED that the Institute shall refer the proposal to the Ministry along with necessary details and seek formal clearance. The agenda will be reconsidered in the next meeting upon receipt of the Ministry's comments.

FC-XXXV (2025)-04: Proposal for the Establishment of a Centre for Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) and Infrastructure Development (ID).

The Hon'ble Members of the Finance Committee were apprised of the Institute's proposal to establish a **Centre for Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) and Infrastructure Development (ID)**. The proposed Centre aims to serve as a dedicated facility for the **real-time monitoring, assessment, and enhancement of infrastructure safety, reliability, and longevity**, particularly in seismically vulnerable and infrastructure-deficient regions.

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Objectives of the Centre:

- Ensure structural integrity through continuous health monitoring.
- Enable predictive and cost-effective maintenance of infrastructure.
- Promote data-driven infrastructure planning and development in urban and rural areas.
- Facilitate research, innovation, capacity building, and consultancy services in SHM and infrastructure development.
- Introduce PG and PhD programs, short-term training, and workshops for students and industry professionals.

Core Functions:

- Deployment and maintenance of advanced structural health monitoring sensors.
- Real-time data analysis for damage detection and deterioration prediction.
- Infrastructure auditing and consultancy services for public and private clients.
- Interdisciplinary collaboration across Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, ECE, CSE, and Architecture departments.
- Use of SHM data for long-term infrastructure lifecycle planning and smart design strategies.

Manpower and Infrastructure Requirements:

- Faculty: No new appointments required; existing faculty to be associated.
- Staff: 1 Technical Staff and 1 Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS).
- Space: Approx. 150 sq. ft. for office and 850 sq. ft. for laboratory.
- Equipment: Existing Non-Destructive Testing (NDT) tools supplemented by advanced SHM sensors, data acquisition systems, and analysis software.

Estimated Budget (Recurring for 5 Years):

- **Total:** ₹95,00,000 (approx. ₹19,00,000 per annum) to be met from the Institute's **Internal Revenue Generation (IRG)** fund.
- **Includes:** Staff salaries, equipment AMC, consumables, travel, seminars, and administrative overheads.

Consultancy Potential and Revenue Generation:

- The Institute has executed consultancy projects worth ₹11.21 crores to date.
- The Centre is expected to significantly enhance the Institute's consultancy capability in SHM and infrastructure evaluation.
- A **tentative annual revenue generation of ₹1,00,00,000 (₹1 Crore)** is projected through external consultancy and infrastructure auditing services.

After detailed deliberation, the Committee appreciated the vision and scope of the proposed Centre. However, it advised that the following enhancements be incorporated before placing the proposal before the Board of Governors:

1. **Renaming the Centre** to reflect a broader and more inclusive scope beyond SHM and ID.
2. Inclusion of a **detailed rate card** outlining service charges for:
 - Government Institutions
 - Private Institutions
 - Internal Institute Members
3. Inclusion of a **tentative revenue projection**, which the Committee recommends to be ₹1,00,00,000 per annum.

The Committee agreed **in principle** to the proposal and recommended that it be placed before the **Board of Governors** for consideration and approval, subject to the inclusion of the above elements.

FC-XXXV (2025)-R4: The Finance Committee RESOLVED to AGREE IN PRINCIPLE to the proposal for the establishment of a Centre for Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) and Infrastructure Development (ID). The Committee further RECOMMENDED that the proposal be revised and placed before the Board of Governors after incorporating the following:

- *A broader renaming of the Centre.*
- *A detailed rate card for service charges applicable to Government, Private, and Internal users.*
- *A tentative revenue generation target of ₹1,00,00,000 (Rupees One Crore) per annum.*

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

FC-XXXV (2025)-05: Standing Agenda Item: Report on Compliances as on 31.03.2025.

The Committee members were presented with the report on compliances w. e. f 01.04.2025 to 30.06.2025, as per the following statistics:

• Public Grievances	:	00
• RTI / 1 st Appeal	:	46 RTI & 01 Appeal / All disposed/replied.
• SC/ST/OBC	:	00

FC-XXXV (2025)-R5: The Finance Committee NOTED the Action taken by the Institute on the above.

No other items were presented to the Committee. The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



Dr. B. Chakravarty
Registrar & Secretary to FC