

**THE XLVII (47th) MEETING
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MEGHALAYA**

MINUTES

DAY	: MONDAY
DATE	: 21.07.2025
TIME	: 12:00 Noon
VENUE	: THE CONFERENCE ROOM, NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, NEW DELHI.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
An Institute of National Importance

Minutes of XLVII (47th) Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21.07.2025.

The XLVII (47th) Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya was held on Monday, 21.07.2025 from 12:00 Noon in the Conference Room of 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, Mumbai | 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. M. K. Bhuyan,
Dept of EEE and Dean IPM,
Representative of Director, IIT Guwahati | Member |
| 5. Shri Medrickson Tariang,
Retired Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)
Shillong, Meghalaya | Member |
| 6. Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee
Professor, Dept. of Physics,
NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 7. Prof. Deba Kumar Sarma
Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engg.
& Dean (P&D), NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 8. Dr. Bhaskarjyoti Chakravarty,
Registrar, NIT Meghalaya | 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, BoG, NIT Meghalaya welcomed the august members to the XLVII (47th) meeting of the Board of Governors. Thereafter, the agenda items of the day were taken up.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the XLVIth Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya held on 26.05.2025.

The Hon'ble Board Members were informed that the XLVIth Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 26.05.2025 (Monday) at the Meeting Room, Administrative Block, NIT Meghalaya, Saitsohpen, Sohra. The minutes of the meeting were circulated amongst the members of the Board for their comments/observations and no comments have been received from the distinguished members of the Committee.

After deliberation, the Board resolved to confirm the Minutes of XLVIth meeting of BoG.

BOG-XLVII (2025)-R1: The Board RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the XLVIth Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-02: ATR on the decisions of the XLVIth Meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of NIT Meghalaya held on 26.05.2025.

The actions taken on the resolutions of the Board of its XLVIth Meeting were circulated as a part of the agenda items. During the meeting, the actions taken on each of the agenda items were explained to the members of the Board in details.

After deliberation on each of the ATR, the Board noted and approved the decision/actions taken by the Institute.

BOG-XLVII (2025)-R2: The Board AGREED and CONFIRMED the ACTIONS TAKEN on the resolutions of its XLVIth Meeting held on 26.05.2025.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

BoG-XLVII(2025)-03: Recommendations of the XXXVth Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 21.07.2025.

The XXXVth meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 21.07.2025 prior to the Board Meeting. The Finance Committee elaborately deliberated on the following agenda items: -

No.	Agenda Items of XXXV th Finance Committee	FC Resolutions	BOG Resolutions
	<p>FC-XXXV (2025)-3: Proposal for Amendment of the Reimbursement Ceiling under the NIT Meghalaya Medical Attendance, Treatment, and Reimbursement Rules, 2013.</p>	<p>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, dated 21.07.2025, 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.</p>	<p>BoG-XLVII(2025)-R3(a): The Board NOTED the resolution of the Finance Committee and RESOLVED that the Institute shall refer the proposal to the Ministry along with necessary details and seek formal clearance. The agenda will then be reconsidered in the next Finance Committee meeting upon receipt of the Ministry's comments.</p>
	<p>FC-XXXV (2025)-04: Proposal for the Establishment of a Centre for Structural Health Monitoring and Infrastructure Development (ID).</p>	<p>FC-XXXV(2025) -R4: The Finance Committee RESOLVED to AGREE IN PRINCIPLE with the proposal for the establishment of a Centre for Structural Health Monitoring (SHM) and Infrastructure Development (ID). The Committee further</p>	<p>BoG-XLVII(2025)-R4(a): The Board NOTED the resolution of the Finance Committee and RESOLVED that the proposal be revised and placed before the Board of Governors after incorporating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A broader renaming of the

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	<p>RECOMMENDED that the proposal be revised and placed before the Board of Governors after incorporating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>Centre.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
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BoG-XLVII (2025)-04: Approval of the recommendation of the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) for Dr. Rokester Kharbihkhiew, Assistant Librarian to the post of Deputy Librarian.

The Hon'ble Board Members were apprised that, in accordance with BoG Resolution No. BOG-XLV (2025)-R4 dated 22.04.2025, a Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) was constituted for Dr. Rokester Kharbihkhiew, Assistant Librarian, vide Office Order No. NITMGH/ES/REG/2025-26/436 dated 06.06.2025.

The DPC convened on 09.06.2025 in line with Clause-23 (18) of the Statutes to consider the promotion of Dr. Kharbihkhiew. The recommendation of the DPC was duly placed before the Board for consideration and approval, proposing promotion with effect from 02.01.2023.

However, the Board was informed that observations have been received from the Technical Section - III (NIT's Desk), Ministry of Education, dated 21.07.2025, regarding the said agenda. As per the communication, it was noted that no post of Deputy Librarian has been sanctioned by the Ministry for the Institute as of date, and the conduct of the DPC for a non-sanctioned post is not in conformity with the prevailing norms. Furthermore, it was highlighted that retrospective promotions are not in line with the Government of India guidelines, which stipulate that promotional benefits should be extended either from the date of the DPC meeting or from the date of approval by the Board of Governors.

In light of the above, the matter was deliberated upon, and the Board noted that the agenda had previously been presented during its XLVth Meeting held on 22.04.2025. Accordingly, a Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) was constituted as per BoG Resolution No. BOG-XLV (2025)-R4 dated 22.04.2025. However, based on the observations received from the Ministry of Education, the Institute will seek formal clarification from the Ministry.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-R4: The Board RESOLVED that, in view of the observations received from the Ministry of Education regarding the non-sanctioning of the post of Deputy Librarian and the ineligibility of retrospective promotion as per Government of India guidelines, the Institute shall seek formal clarification from the Ministry on the matter.

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BoG-XLVII (2025)-05: Application of Professor Comingstarful Marthong, Department of Civil Engineering, for the Post of Principal, Shillong Government College of Engineering on Deputation.

The Hon'ble Board Members were apprised that Professor Comingstarful Marthong, Faculty Member in the Department of Civil Engineering, has applied for the post of Principal, Shillong Government College of Engineering, Government of Meghalaya, on a deputation basis for a period of three (3) years. The application was submitted in response to an official vacancy announcement issued by the Government of Meghalaya.

The matter regarding forwarding of the application and permitting the deputation was placed before the Board for kind consideration and necessary approval.

The Board deliberated on the matter and noted that in the event Professor Marthong is selected for the said post, he may be relieved on deputation for a period of three (3) years, subject to the following conditions:

- The post held by Professor Marthong shall remain vacant during the period of deputation.
- The functioning of the Department of Civil Engineering shall not be adversely affected during his absence on deputation.
- The deputation shall be governed by the rules and procedures applicable to Central Government Autonomous Bodies, as per the prevailing MoE guidelines.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-R5: The Board RESOLVED to approve the application of Professor Comingstarful Marthong, Department of Civil Engineering, for the post of Principal, Shillong Government College of Engineering, on deputation basis for a period of three (3) years, subject to applicable rules and guidelines of the Government of India for deputation from Central Autonomous Bodies, and fulfillment of the conditions specified above.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-06: Proposal for Collaboration with M/s Shraman Foundation for Need-Based Scholarships to Underprivileged Student.

The Hon'ble Board Members were apprised that **M/s Shraman Foundation**, a private not-for-profit charitable organization established in 2012 by **Dr. Vinay Jain and family**, Dallas, Texas, USA, approached **NIT Meghalaya** in April 2025 with a proposal for collaboration to support **need-based scholarships** for economically disadvantaged students.

The Foundation, headquartered at 5930 Royal Ln, Ste E, PMB Box 108, Dallas, TX 75230, intends to extend financial assistance to students from families with an **annual household income of less than ₹2.5 lakhs**. Under this initiative, **eligible students may receive up to ₹50,000 per academic year** (₹25,000 per semester) to help them overcome financial barriers to higher education.

The Board was further informed that a **draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** outlining the modalities of the collaboration has been **vetted by the Institute's legal counsel**.

Upon deliberation, the Board **noted** that the proposed scholarship should be made applicable **only to students who are not receiving any financial assistance or scholarships from other sources**, to ensure fair and need-based allocation of resources.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-R6: The Board RESOLVED to approve the proposal for collaboration with M/s Shraman Foundation for offering need-based scholarships to underprivileged students of NIT Meghalaya, subject to the condition that only those students who are not availing any financial assistance or scholarships from other sources shall be eligible to receive the said scholarship.

Dr. Anshu

BoG-XLVII (2025)-07: Probation Clearance and Confirmation of Services of Mr. Binoy Das, Assistant Registrar.

The Hon'ble Board members were apprised that on completion of the probationary period and on receipt of police verification reports and APARs, the matter for probation clearance and confirmation of services of Mr. Binoy Das, Assistant Registrar was referred to the Probation Clearance and Service Confirmation Committee. The report of the Committee was placed before the Board and the effective date for consideration and approval of probation clearance and confirmation of services of the employee against the present post is as follows:

Sl No.	Name, Designation, Dept.	Date of joining the present post	Date of confirmation of service
1.	Mr. Binoy Das, Assistant Registrar	04.08.2022	25.08.2023.

The Board discussed the recommendations of the Probation Clearance and Service Confirmation Committee for Mr. Binoy Das, Assistant Registrar, and approved for probation clearance and confirmation of the services with effect from the date recommended by the Probation Clearance and Service Committee as mentioned in the table above.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-R7: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the report and recommendation of the Probation Clearance Committee as mentioned above for Probation Clearance and Confirmation of Services of Mr. Binoy Das, Assistant Registrar.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-08: Extension of the Nominee of State Government as member to the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya.

The Hon'ble Members of the Board were apprised that the term of the following members of the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Technology Meghalaya being the nominee of the Government of Meghalaya, will expire as per the details furnished below:

Sl. No.	Nomination Under	Name and Designation of Nominated Persons	Date of Expiry
1	Section 11 Clause (d) of the NIT Act, 2007	Shri Wallamphang Roy, Managing Director, Power Carriers Pvt. Ltd., Shillong, Meghalaya	23.09.2025
2	Section 11 Clause (d) of the NIT Act, 2007	Shri. Medrickson Tariang, Retired, Chief Engineer, P.W.D (Roads), Shillong, Meghalaya	23.09.2025

Pertaining to the said agenda, the Board was informed that observations have been received from the Technical Section - III (NITs Desk), Ministry of Education, dated 21.07.2025. As per the communication, it was noted that NIT, Meghalaya has proposed extending the term of two State Government nominees for another one-year w.e.f. 23.09.2025. As per Section 11 (d) of the NITSER Act, 2007, the State Government is to nominate two people on the BoG, as such, it is the prerogative of the State to convey nominations. As the BoG has no power to extend the term of the State Nominees, therefore, **the Institute is advised to take up the matter with the State Government.**

In light of the above, the Board **noted** the observations of the Ministry of Education and advised that the Institute formally take up the matter with the Government of Meghalaya for necessary action.

BoG-XLVII(2025)-R9: The Board RESOLVED that, in view of the observations received from the Ministry of Education, the Institute shall take up the matter with the Government of Meghalaya regarding the nomination/extension of term of the two State Government-nominated members to the Board of Governors, as per provisions under Section 11(d) of the NITSER Act, 2007.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-09: Guidelines for Faculty Research Seed Grant (FRSG).

The Hon'ble Members of the Board were apprised that the guidelines for the Research Start-Up Grant—initially approved during the Vth meeting of the Board of Governors—were aimed at supporting young faculty members in initiating their research activities.

It was proposed to rename the scheme as **Faculty Research Seed Grant (FRSG)** to better align with its intended purpose and scope. Additionally, the Board was informed of the proposal to constitute a **Screening-Monitoring Committee** for the administration and oversight of the FRSG, with the following composition:

1. Dean, Faculty Welfare (FW) – Chairperson
2. Head of the concerned Department – Member
3. One domain expert from the relevant research field – Member
4. Dean, Research & Consultancy (RC) – Convenor

Following detailed deliberations, the Board **considered and approved** the following:

- The renaming of the scheme to **Faculty Research Seed Grant (FRSG)**
- The revised **Guidelines** for the scheme
- The **Constitution and Composition** of the FRSG Screening-Monitoring Committee

BoG-XLVII(2025)-R9: The Board RESOLVED to approve the renaming of the existing Research Start-Up Grant scheme as the Faculty Research Seed Grant (FRSG), along with the revised guidelines and the constitution of the Screening-Monitoring Committee with the composition as presented.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

BoG-XLVII (2025)-10: Faculty recruitment of the Institute.

The Hon'ble Members of the Board were apprised that the Faculty Recruitment Advertisement has been released against two vacant posts through Institute Website and Employment News vide Advt. No.: NITMGH/ES/REC/F/230 dated 02.05.2025. The last dates for submission of online and hardcopy applications are 30.06.2025 and 07.07.2025, respectively.

The Board members were also informed that the whole recruitment process for the said advertisement will be completed by the end of August 2025.

BoG-XLVII(2025)-R9: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-10: Update on Restructuring and Mapping of Non-Teaching Staff at NIT Meghalaya.

The Hon'ble Members of the Board were apprised that the **Ministry of Education**, vide Notification No. F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated **20th February 2019**, had issued the **Recommendations of the Oversight Committee** for removal of anomalies in the cadre structure of non-teaching staff across NITs, along with the **Revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) 2019** applicable to non-teaching employees.

It was noted that several NITs, including **NIT Delhi, NIT Hamirpur, SVNIT Surat, and NIT Rourkela**, have successfully implemented restructuring and mapping exercises based on the aforementioned guidelines.

NIT Meghalaya had adopted these recommendations and rules through **Resolution No. BoG-XXIII (2019)-R6** in its **XXIIIrd Meeting** held on **7th June 2019**. The Board had, at that time, emphasized the importance of aligning institutional practices with the Ministry's framework and the Oversight Committee's recommendations.

To address delays in implementation, the Institute constituted a **Restructuring and Mapping Committee** in 2024, tasked with reviewing the positions of long-serving non-teaching staff who had not yet benefited from promotional opportunities, in line with the **Oversight Committee Recommendations and 2019 RRs**.

The Committee's findings were presented at the **XLIInd Meeting of the Board of Governors** held on **3rd October 2024**, where the Board took note of the Institute's actions. The restructuring, mapping, and related promotions were proposed to be made effective **from 7th June 2019**, the date of formal adoption by the Board.

Regarding the current agenda, the Board was informed that **observations have been received from the Ministry of Education (Technical Section-III, NITs Desk)**, dated 21.07.2025. As per the Ministry's communication, the current agenda lacks a comprehensive background and is intrinsically linked to the 2019 guidelines and Recruitment Rules. Therefore, the Institute has been advised to submit the matter to the Ministry, along with all relevant details and financial implications, for thorough examination. The agenda may be considered again following detailed comments from the Ministry.

After due deliberation, the Board **noted** that the Institute shall submit the required information and financial implications to the Ministry for further examination.

BoG-XLVII(2025)-R9: The Board NOTED the observations received from the Ministry of Education and RESOLVED that the Institute shall submit all necessary information, including the financial implications related to the restructuring and mapping of non-teaching staff, to the Ministry for further examination. The agenda may be taken up subsequently upon receipt of detailed comments from the Ministry.

Dr. Gurtej

BoG-XLVII (2025)-12: Joining of Faculty Members at NIT Meghalaya.

The Hon'ble Board Members were apprised that the following faculty members joined the Institute recently on completion of the recruitment process Advertised vide Advt. No. NITMGH/ES/NOT/PT/2024-25/2641 dated: 04-03-2025 and vide BoG Resolution No. BOG-XLVI (2025)-R3 dated 26.05.2025.

Assistant Professor, (Grade-II, Pay Level 11)

Sl.no	Department	Name
1.	Department of Computer Science and Engineering	Dr. Ningthoujam Johny Singh
2.	Department of Civil Engineering	Dr. (Mrs) Rubi Chakraborty
3.	Department of Mechanical Engineering	Md Nur Alom
		Dr. Sambit Majumder
		Dr. (Mrs) Moumita Tewary

BoG-XLVII(2025)-R12: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XLVII(2025)-13: Joining of Non-Faculty Members at NIT Meghalaya.

The Hon'ble Board Members were apprised that the following non-faculty members joined the Institute recently on completion of the recruitment process Advertised vide Advt. No.: NITMGH/ES/REC/N-F/Vol.VIII/2024-25/1409 dated 27.09.2024.

Sl. No.	Name of Employee	Department	Designation
1.	Hrishikesh Goswami	EC	Technician
2.	Shabbir Ahmad	CS	Technician
3.	Jessica Eva R Nongbri	FA	Junior Assistant
4.	Sanjay Nath	CSE	Technician
5.	Mr. Rajnish Kumar Mishra	ES	Junior Assistant
6.	Mr. Kumar Shanu	FA	Superintendent
7.	Mr. Banshanlang Rani	CS	Technician

BoG-XLVII (2025)-R13: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XLVII (2025)-14: Standing Agenda Item: Report on Compliances as on 30.06.2025

The Hon'ble 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 / 1st Appeal : 46 RTI & 01 Appeal / All disposed/replied.
- SC/ST/OBC : 00

BoG-XLVII (2025)-R14: The Board NOTED the above.

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

Dr. B. Chakravarty
Registrar & Secretary

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