

**THE XXXV SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MEGHALAYA
MINUTES**

DAY	: TUESDAY
DATE	: 19.09.2023
TIME	: 03.00 PM
VENUE	: THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NIT TRANSIT HOUSE, NEW DELHI.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
An Institute of National Importance

Minutes of the XXXV Special Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 19.09.2023.

The XXXV Special Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya was held on Tuesday, 19.09.2023 at 3:00 PM and the following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. Shri Sunil Alagh
Chairman & Managing Director,
SKA Advisor Pvt. Ltd | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Saurabh Basu,
Department of Physics,
IIT Guwahati. | Member
Representative |
| 3. Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta
Director, NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 4. Ms. Soumya Gupta,
Joint Secretary (NITs),
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education, New Delhi | Member |
| 5. Shri Anil Kumar
Director, Finance
Integrated Finance Bureau,
Department of Higher Education (TE),
Ministry of Education | Member
Representative |
| 6. Shri Wallamphang Roy
Managing Director, Power Carrier Pvt. Ltd
Shillong, Meghalaya | Member |
| 7. Shri Medrickson Tariang,
Retired Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)
Shillong, Meghalaya | Member |
| 8. Prof. Harish Chandra Das
Dept. of Mechanical Engg.
NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 9. Dr. Gitish Kishore Dutta
Assoc. Professor, Dept. of CY.
NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 10. Dr. Saikat Mukherjee,
Registrar (i/c), NIT Meghalaya | Secretary |

Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee, Dean (FW) and Professor, Department of Physics, and Dr. Deba Kumar Sarma, Dean (PD) and Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, attended as special invitees.

At the outset, Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta, Director, welcomed Shri. Sunil Alagh, the new Chairman of the Board of Governors at NIT Meghalaya. Subsequently, each august member introduced themselves to the Chairman. Following this, the agenda items for the day were addressed.

BoG-XXXV(2023)-1: Recommendation of the XXVII Special Finance Committee (FC) of NIT Meghalaya.

The XXVII Special meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 19.09.2023 prior to the Board Meeting. The Finance Committee elaborately deliberated on the following agenda items and recommended for approval by the Board:-

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1	<u>FC-XXVII(2023)-1:</u> Adoption of Annual Account of the Institute for FY 2022-23.	<u>FC-XXVII(2023)-R1:</u> The Finance Committee RESOLVED to ADOPT the Annual Accounts of the Institute for FY 2022-23 with the suggestion that the interest earned from Government grants may be shown as liability in the Balance Sheet.	<u>BoG-XXXV(2023)-R1:</u> The Board Resolved to APPROVE the Adoption of Annual Account of the Institute for FY 2022-23.
2	<u>FC-XXVII(2023)-2:</u> Leased Line Connection from BSNL to Permanent Campus of NIT Meghalaya, at Sohra.	<u>FC-XXVII(2023)-R2:</u> The Finance Committee RESOLVED to obtain quotations from other service providers, engage in negotiations, and present them at the next Finance Committee meeting.	<u>BoG-XXXV(2023)-R2:</u> The Board Resolved to AGREE with the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
3	<u>FC-XXVII(2023)-3:</u> Effective date for Implementation of Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 to Educational Institutions under the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India.	<u>FC-XXVII(2023)-R3:</u> The Finance Committee RESOLVED that the adoption of the Payment* of Gratuity Act, 1972 will be based on the following criteria: Employees who retire or transfer to another organization before 16.12.2022 will be governed by the old prevailing rules, while employees who retire or transfer to another organization after this date will be governed by the Ministry OM issued on 16.12.2022.	<u>BoG-XXXV(2023)-R3:</u> The Board Resolved to APPROVE the recommendation of the FC and Adopted the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

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BoG-XXXV(2023)-2: Shifting Plan to NIT Meghalaya permanent Campus at Saitsohpen, Sohra.

The Board is informed that the construction of several buildings at our permanent campus, including the Administrative building, Academic buildings (04 nos), Workshop building, Library cum Computer Centre building, ESS-I & ESS-II buildings, has been completed between April and July 2023 and is now ready for use. The remaining projects approved by the RCE, such as the Boy's Hostel, Girl's Hostel, Residential quarters of types D, E, & A, Director's Bungalow, and Sports complex, are progressing in a phased and prioritized manner, with RITES Ltd (PMC) proposing to hand over all these works within one year. The Institute's plan to relocate to the permanent campus in Sohra by January 31, 2024, includes repurposing two Academic buildings for hostels, installing generator sets, establishing internet connections, providing temporary water supply, and completing mobile tower installation. Continuous monitoring of the permanent campus progress is conducted by a dedicated team, and contingency plans have been prepared to ensure a smooth transition of classes and operations to the new campus if the targets are not met by December 2023. If necessary, the entire Institute will be relocated by August 2024 upon the completion of all ongoing projects.

After deliberation, the Board suggests that the Institute should formulate a comprehensive plan for the relocation process, which can subsequently be presented to the Board through circulation for approval.

BoG-XXXV(2023)-R2: The Board RESOLVED that the Institute should formulate a comprehensive plan for the relocation process, which can subsequently be presented to the Board for approval.

BoG-XXXI(2023)-3: Reservation Rosters of NIT Meghalaya.

It was informed to the Board that during its XXXIV meeting on 28.07.2023 at NIT Meghalaya, vide Resolution No. BoG-XXXIV(2023)-R5(b), it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the recruitment advertisement for Faculty Positions, contingent upon potential changes or modifications to the backlog vacancies and reservation policy suggested by the Ministry of Education (MoE). In response, the Institute has prepared a roster for faculty appointments through direct recruitment, aligning with the provisions of the CEI Act, 2019, as communicated on 16.07.2021 by the Ministry of Education. This roster is divided into two parts: one before and one after 2019, and both rosters are now presented to the Board for consideration and adoption.

The board deliberated on the matter at length and suggested that the reservation quota for EWS be reviewed, and necessary corrections be made. After correction, the revised vacancies are as follows:

Vacancy	UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Total
Asst. Prof	7	1	0	2	1	11
Assoc. Prof	2	1	1	1	0	5
Prof	1	0	0	1	0	2

BoG-XXXV(2023)-R3: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the reservation roster for faculty and the vacancy advertisement for the recruitment of Faculty Positions.



BoG-XXXV(2023)-4: Proposal for absorption of Trainee Teachers as Assistant Professor as per the Trainee Teachers scheme.

It was informed to the Board that five out of seven Trainee Teachers have successfully completed their M.Tech and PhD programs from IIT Guwahati within the stipulated 8-year timeframe. The details for each individual are as follows: Dr. Md. Nur Alom from the Department of Mechanical Engineering completed his PhD on 14.10.2019. Dr. Rubi Chakraborty from the Department of Civil Engineering is currently pursuing her PhD. Dr. Avilash Sahoo from the Department of Mechanical Engineering, who joined on 04.07.2022, unfortunately, passed away on 30.10.2022. Dr. Ramyani Chakrabarty from the Department of Electrical Engineering is currently pursuing her PhD. Dr. Sambit Majumdar from the Department of Mechanical Engineering completed his PhD on 30.05.2023.

Furthermore, these Trainee Teachers have requested absorption as Assistant Professors in their respective departments upon completing their PhDs, seeking regular-scale positions with associated benefits as per the NIT-IIT Trainee Teacher Scheme.

After deliberation, the Board agreed to the proposal for the absorption of Trainee Teachers as Assistant Professors as per the Trainee Teachers scheme. However, the Board also suggested that the Trainee Teachers withdraw all pending matters in the High Court of Meghalaya.

BoG-XXXV(2023)-R4: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the absorption of Trainee Teachers as Assistant Professors as per the Trainee Teachers scheme, with the suggestion that the Trainee Teachers withdraw all pending matters in the High Court of Meghalaya.

BoG-XXXV(2023)-5: Guidelines to the operation of Consultancy Projects.

The Board was informed that the Institute currently lacks defined guidelines for consultancy projects. In this regard, there is a proposal to revise and establish new guidelines for consultancy projects, in alignment with Senate Resolution No. R-15/SENATE-XVI/18, with specific attention to item no. 8, which pertains to the utilization of generated resources.

After deliberation, the Board agreed to the proposal for implementation of the new guidelines for consultancy projects with specific attention to item no. 8, which pertains to the utilization of generated resources.

BoG-XXXV(2023)-R5: The Board RESOLVED to APPROVE the implementation of the new guidelines for consultancy projects.



Registrar (i/c) & Secretary to BoG