

**THE XL (40th) MEETING
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MEGHALAYA**

MINUTES

**DAY : WEDNESDAY
DATE : 22.05.2024
TIME : 11.45 AM
VENUE : THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF
NIT MEGHALAYA, BIJNI
COMPLEX, SHILLONG.**

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
An Institute of National Importance

Minutes of XL (40th) Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22.05.2024.

The XL(40th) Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya was held on Wednesday, 22.05.2024 at 11:45 AM in the Conference Room of NIT Meghalaya, Bijni Complex, Laitumkhrach, Shillong and the following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. Shri Sunil Alagh,
Chairman & Managing Director,
SKA Advisor Pvt. Ltd | Chairman |
| 2. Ms. Soumya Gupta,
Joint Secretary (NITs II),
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education, New Delhi | Member |
| 3. Shri Anil Kumar
Director, Finance
Integrated Finance Bureau
Department of Higher Education (TE),
Ministry of Education | 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. Shri Medrickson Tariang,
Retired Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads)
Shillong, Meghalaya | Member |
| 8. Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee
Professor, Dept. of Physics &
Dean (FW), NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 9. Dr. Deba Kumar Sarma
Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engg.
& Dean (P&D), NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 10. Dr. B. Chakravarty,
Registrar, NIT Meghalaya | Secretary |

At the outset, the Chairman, BoG, NIT Meghalaya welcomed the august members to the XL (40th) meeting of the Board of Governors. Thereafter, the agenda items of the day were taken up.

BoG-XL (2024)-1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the XXXIX Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya held on 02.04.2024.

The XXXIX Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 02.04.2024 (Tuesday) at the Conference Room of NIT Meghalaya, Bijni Complex, Laitumkhrah, Shillong. The minutes of the meeting were circulated amongst the members of the Board for their comments/observations. The Comments received from Shri Sunil Alagh, Chairman BoG and Member of the Board have been incorporated in the Minutes.

After discussions, the Board resolved to confirm the Minutes of XXXIX meeting of BoG.

BOG-XL (2024)-R1: The Board RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the XXXIX Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya.

BoG-XL2024)-2: ATR on the decisions of the XXXIX Meeting of the Board of Governors (BoG) of NIT Meghalaya.

The actions taken on the resolutions of the Board of its XXXIX 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.

The Board noted and approved the decision/action taken by the Institute.

BOG-XXXIX(2024)-R2: The Board AGREED and CONFIRMED the ACTIONS TAKEN on the resolutions of its XXXIX meeting held on 02.04.2024.

BoG-XL(2024)-3: Recommendations of the XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) held on 22.05.2024.

The XXX meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 22.05.2024 prior to the Board Meeting. The Finance Committee elaborately deliberated on the following agenda items and recommended for approval by the Board: -

Sl. No.	Agenda Items of XXX Finance Committee	FC Resolutions	BoG Resolutions
1	<u>FC-XXX(2024)-3:</u> Proposal for Procuring an Ambulance with Advanced Life Support Facilities.	<u>FC-XXX(2024)-R3:</u> The Finance Committee AGREED and RECOMMENDED the Proposal for Procuring an Ambulance with Advanced Life Support Facilities from the Institute IRG fund and to place the matter before the Board for Approval.	<u>BoG-XL(2024)-R3(a):</u> The Board NOTED and Resolved to APPROVE the recommendation of the Finance Committee for Procuring an Ambulance with Advanced Life Support Facilities from the Institute IRG fund.
2	<u>FC-XXX(2024)-4:</u> Annual Allocation of funds sanctioned for Financial Year 2024-25.	<u>FC-XXX(2024)-R4:</u> The Finance Committee NOTED the item Annual Allocation of funds sanctioned for Financial Year 2024-25 and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Information.	<u>BoG-XL(2024)-R3(b):</u> The Board NOTED the item Annual Allocation of funds sanctioned for Financial Year 2024-25.
3	<u>FC-XXX(2024)-6:</u> Any other item with permission of the Chair: Revision of Rates in pursuant to enhanced rates of Dearness Allowances (DA) by 50% w.e.f 01.01.2024.	<u>FC-XXX(2024)-R6:</u> The Finance Committee NOTED the item on the revision of rates pursuant to the 50% increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) effective from 01.01.2024 and requested the Institute to wait until the Ministry's order is received.	<u>BoG-XL(2024)-R3(c):</u> The Board NOTED and Resolved to APPROVE the recommendation of the Finance Committee, requesting the Institute to wait until the Ministry's order is received.

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BoG-XL(2024)-4: Adoption of MHRD (MoE) Order no 21-81/2014-TS-II dated 16th February 2015 regarding the appointment of Adjunct Professors at NIT Meghalaya.

The Board members were informed that several Adjunct Professors have been appointed in the Institute from time to time with the approval of the senate, and this matter was reported to the Board. However, MHRD (MoE) Order no. 21-81/2014-TS-II dated 16th February 2015, regarding the terms, conditions, and emoluments, has not been presented before the Board. Therefore, MHRD (MoE) Order no. 21-81/2014-TS-II dated 16th February 2015, is now presented before the Board for adoption.

The Board is requested to **CONSIDER** and **ADOPT** the MoE order dated 16.02.2015.

BoG-XL(2024)-R4: The BOARD resolved to APPROVE and ADOPTION of the MoE order dated 16.02.2015

BoG-XL(2024)-5: List of experts from BoG for the Selection Committee for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

The Board was informed that in accordance with the statutes of NITs, two members of the Selection Committee are nominated by the BoG for the recruitment of Faculty. The existing list for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering needs to be updated, as many of the members are presently not in Government service, and some have expired. A fresh list has been presented to the Board for approval.

The Board is requested to **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** the updated list.

BoG-XL(2024)-R5: The BOARD resolved to APPROVE the List of experts from BoG for the Selection Committee for the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

BoG-XL(2024)-6: Group Medical Insurance Scheme (GMIS) for Students.

The Board was informed that in its 38th Meeting, the Board appraised the implementation of the Group Medical Insurance Scheme (GMIS) for students, offering a total basic coverage of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees Two Lakh only), with the condition that the total annual premium be borne by the students. Additionally, it was suggested to make it mandatory for Indian students and optional for international students. The quotations received based on the Expression of Interest (EOI) was presented before the Board. The L1 bidder was ICICI Lombard Insurance Plan with an Annual Premium amount of Rs. 1046/- per student.

In view of the above, the Board is requested to **NOTE** on the above.

BoG-XL (2024)-R6: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XL(2024)-7: Status of Recruitment Process for Faculty and Non-Teaching staff in NIT Meghalaya.

The Board was informed that the Institute has released advertisement No. NITMGH/ES/REC/N-F/Vol.VII/2023-24/3203 dated 07.03.2024 through various local and national newspapers, including the Institute's website, to fill 7 (seven) non-teaching vacancies; Superintendent (1-UR), Technical Assistant in Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering (1-SC), Technician in Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering (1-UR), Technician in Computer Centre (1-UR,1-ST), Technician in Electronics & Communication Engineering (1-UR), Junior Assistant (1-ST). A summary of the application received was also presented to the Board.

The candidates were instructed to complete the online application forms by April 30, 2024. While the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) remains in effect, the recruitment process is expected to conclude by July 2024. To ensure the smooth functioning of the Non-Teaching Recruitment 2024, the Screening Committees and Examination Committee are proposed to be constituted as per the Recruitment Rules (RR) norms.

This is for INFORMATION of the Board.

BoG-XL(2024)-R7: The Board NOTED the action taken by the Institute with respect to the Recruitment Process for Faculty and Non-Teaching staff in NIT Meghalaya.

BoG-XL(2024)-8: Resignation of Faculty members for joining at other Institute/Organization.

The Board was informed of the two faculty members who have tendered their technical resignations from the services of NIT Meghalaya and have left or will be leaving the Institute. The resignations of the faculty members have been accepted by the Director and they have been released from the services of NIT Meghalaya as per the Rules and Statutes of NIT.

The Board is requested to NOTE the above.

BoG-XL (2024)-R8: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XL (2024)-9: Standing Agenda Items: Report on Compliances as on 31.03.2024

The Hon'ble members were presented the report on compliances as of March 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.
- Audit Paras: 7, suitably replied/ action initiated to reduce.

BoG-XL (2024)-R9: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XL (2024)-10: Presentation of the Director NIT Meghalaya.

The Director delivered a brief presentation about NIT Meghalaya, highlighting its Vision and Mission. He also provided information on the various departments and centers, as well as the facilities and technical support recently developed by the Institute, such as the 5G lab inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, and the Electric Vehicle and Solar Lab.

The discussion included an overview of student and faculty strength, noting that advertisements have been placed to fill all existing vacancies. The Director mentioned the Institute's achievements, including approximately 300 publications and around 7,000 citations. The placement rate exceeds 80%, with a notable placement at Amazon, where a local student secured a package of over 40 lakh per annum. The Institute is also working on securing long-term internship tie-ups with more companies. Additionally, NIT Meghalaya's startup and incubation center was highlighted, along with the recognition of an Institute faculty member ranked in the top 2% of scientists.

The Director then discussed the SWOT analysis conducted by the Institute to identify and address its weaknesses. The analysis highlighted key areas for improvement, such as research mobilization, accessibility enhancements, and efforts to enhance the Institute's reputation and ranking.

Future plans were outlined, focusing on the development of new laboratories, including the Electric Vehicle (EV) lab, Food Processing lab, and Semiconductor lab. The Institute aims to foster international collaborations, pursue strategic expansion, and to recruit domain-specific faculty to strengthen its academic and research capabilities.

These initiatives are part of the Institute's broader strategy to position itself as a leader in technical education and research, ensuring continuous growth and excellence in all aspects.

The Board is requested to NOTE these plans and the ongoing efforts to address the identified areas for improvement.

BoG-XL (2024)-R10: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XL (2024)-11: Presentation on Progress report of Construction works of NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus at Sohra.

Prof. Deba Kumar Sarma, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Department and Dean of Planning and Development (P&D) presented the progress report of the construction works at the NIT Meghalaya Permanent Campus at Sohra. This report covers the last one and half months, highlighting several key advancements:

- RCE approved buildings (Package I & II) under RITES Ltd (PMC).
- RCE approved works (other than building works).
- Furniture Procurement
- Water Supply and Water Treatment Plant
- 33KV Power Supply
- External Electrical works (Internal ESS & Street lighting)
- ICT works

The Board is requested to NOTE these progress of construction works.

BoG-XL (2024)-R11: The Board NOTED the above.

BoG-XL (2024)-12: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

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



Dr. B. Chakravarty
Registrar & Secretary to BoG