

**THE XXX MEETING
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
MEGHALAYA**

MINUTES

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| DAY | : TUESDAY |
| DATE | : 22.02.2022 |
| TIME | : 3.00 PM THROUGH HYBRID MODE (ONLINE/OFFLINE) |
| VENUE | : CONFERENCE ROOM OF CENTURY HOUSE, KOLKATA |

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA
An Institute of National Importance

Minutes of XXX Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 22.02.2022.

The XXX Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya was held on Tuesday, the 22nd February 2022 at 3:00 PM through Video Conference/online mode and the following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. Shri. Sajjan Bhajanka Founder & Chairman Century Ply Boards (India) Ltd. | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. T.G Sitharam Director, IIT Guwahati | Member |
| 3. Prof. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal Director, NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 4. Smt. Darshana M. Dabral, JS & FA, Department of H.E (TE), MoEd, New Delhi | Member |
| 5. Ms. Saumya Gupta Joint Secretary (NITs), Dept. of H.E, MoEd, New Delhi | Member |
| 6. Shri. Wallamphang Roy MD, Meghalaya Power Carriers (Pvt.) Ltd | Member |
| 7. Shri. Medrickson Tariang, Retired Chief Engineer, PWD (Roads) Shillong, Meghalaya | Member |
| 8. Prof. (Dr.) Harish Chandra Das Dept. of Mechanical Engg. NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 9. Dr. Paresh Nath Chatterjee Assoc. Professor, Dept. of CY. NIT Meghalaya | Member |
| 10. Shri. B. N. Choudhury Registrar, NIT Meghalaya | Secretary |

At the outset, the Chairman, BoG, NIT Meghalaya welcomed the members to the XXX meeting of the Board of Governors. Thereafter, the agenda items of the day were taken up.



BoG-XXX(2022)-1: Confirmation of the minutes of the XXIX meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya held on 10.12.2021.

The XXIX meeting of the Board of Governors of the Institute was held on 10.12.2021 through video conferencing (online mode). The minutes of the meeting were circulated amongst the members of the Board for their comments/observations. No comments have been received from IFD & TS III, DHE, Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) as well as from any other distinguished members of the Board. After discussions, the Board resolved to confirm the Minutes of XXIX meeting of BoG held on 10.12.2021.

BOG-XXX (2022)-R1: *The Board RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the XXIX Meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya held on 10th December 2021.*

BoG-XXX (2022)-2: ATR of the decisions of the XXIX meeting of the Board of Governors of NIT Meghalaya held on 10.12.2021.

The actions taken on the resolutions of the Board of its XXIX meeting were circulated as part of the agenda items. During the meeting, the actions taken by issuing suitable orders/notifications on each of the agenda item were elaborately explained to the Board members.

The Board noted and agreed to all the decisions taken by the Institute.

BOG-XXX (2022)-R2: *The Board AGREED and CONFIRMED the ACTIONS TAKEN on the resolutions of its XXIX Meeting held on 10.12.2021.*

BoG-XXX (2022)-03: Availing BSNL quarters at Dharapur, Guwahati as Transit House for NIT Meghalaya on rent basis.

The Hon'ble Board members in continuation to the Agenda Item No. BoG-XXIX (2021)-6 dated 10.12.2021 deliberated the matter at length, for availing the BSNL quarters at Dharapur, Guwahati nearer to Guwahati Airport as Transit House for NIT Meghalaya on rent basis. The members further analyzed the requirement vis-à-vis the cost factor of income and expenditure on annual basis. The members also noted that it would be more beneficial for the NIT officials and the Guests/Visitors of the Institute as well as the parents of the students community when the NIT Meghalaya will be shifted to the permanent campus at Sohra (Cherrapunjee).



Therefore, the Hon'ble members agreed to the above proposal. However, it was suggested that the recurring expenses for the same shall not be met out of the government fund other than the renovation and one time initial expenditure to make the transit house fully functional with furniture and fixtures. Further, the rent of the rooms of the transit house shall be as per the prevailing rate of the IIT Guwahati and as far as possible the expenses may be managed from the earnings of the transit house as proposed in the agenda item.

BOG-XXX (2022)-R3: The Board RESOLVED to AGREE and APPROVE the proposal for hiring 05 Nos. of Type II BSNL quarters at Dharapur, Guwahati for conversion into Transit House of NIT Meghalaya. However, suggested that the recurring expenses for the same shall not be met out of the government fund other than the renovation and one time initial expenditure to make the transit house fully functional.

BoG-XXX(2022)-05: Status of Separate Audit Report (SAR) in respect of the financial audit for the year 2020-21.

The board members were appraised that till date the SAR from the Office of CAG, Shillong has not been received. In this regard, the official of NIT Meghalaya have time and again contacted the CAG staff over phone and also visited the office of CAG Shillong and met with the Dy. AG and AG Shillong. Two remainder letters both dated 11.01.2022 and 14.02.2022 respectively, requesting for copy of the Separate Audit Report (SAR) has also been sent to CAG Office. The Board was informed that as soon as the copy of the SAR is received by the Institute necessary action shall be taken as approved by the BoG in its previous meeting held on 10.12.2021.

BoG-XXX (2022)-R5: The Board NOTED the action taken by the Institute in the matter.

BoG-XXX(2022)-6: Status of Recruitment Process for Non-Faculty Members at NIT Meghalaya.

The Board was inform that the Institute has released an advertisement dated 07.10.2021 for filling up 05 posts of Non Faculty {(Groups A, B & C) Non- technical } posts due to the resignation / release of employees on lien. The Core Committee constituted for screening and conducting the examinations has been taking appropriate action for conduct of the Written Test as well as personal Interview/Skill Test. The process of recruitment is expected to be completed in the month of March 2022.

BoG-XXX(2022)-R6: The Board NOTED the ACTION TAKEN by the Institute for recruitment of (Group A, B & C) Non-technical positions as mentioned above.

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BoG-XXX(2022)-7: Standing Agenda Item: Mechanism to Monitor/ minimize Audit Objections, Public Grievances and Parliamentary Assurances.

It was informed to the Board members that the Ministry of Education has instructed to include complete details and status of their Audit Paras, Pending Public Grievances and Parliamentary Assurances in every meeting of Finance Committee (FC)/ Board of Governors (BoG) as **Standing Agenda Item**.

Accordingly, the following information was placed before the Board for information and guidance.

- (a) The reply to the draft SAR was forwarded to the Office of CAG, Shillong vide letter No.NITMGH/FA/Annual Acc/2020-21/1075 dated 24.11.2021. However, till date the SAR from the Office of CAG, Shillong has not yet been received. The concerned official of NIT Meghalaya have time and again contacted the CAG Officials over phone and also visited the office of CAG Shillong. Two remainder letters dated 11.01.2022 and 14.02.2022 respectively, requesting for copy of the Separate Audit Report (SAR) has also been sent to CAG Office.

The Board in its XXIX meeting held on 10.12.2021, has already authorized the Director to approve the SAR upon receiving it from the Statutory Auditors and to send it to the Ministry of Education as soon as possible to save time. Therefore, it is informed herewith that immediately after receipt of the SAR, the Institute shall take the necessary action.

- (b) It was informed to the Board members that there is no Pending Public Grievances in respect of NIT Meghalaya on the Public Grievance Portal of Government of India as on date.
- (c) It was informed to the Board members that there is no pending case related to Parliamentary Assurances and replies to parliament questions in respect of NIT Meghalaya were always sent on time.

BoG-XXX(2022)-R7: The Board NOTED the ACTION TAKEN by the Institute.

BoG-XXX (2022)-8: Special drive to fill the backlog vacancies on Mission Mode.

The board was informed that the backlog vacancies for the faculty positions lying vacant, especially in the SC/ST/OBC and EWS category of the Institute shall be filled up in a Mission Mode by 4th September, 2022. In this connection, the Institute was instructed to send the report about the action taken and progress made in this regard through the following 03 (three) mechanism. Accordingly, the reply of NIT Meghalaya is as under:-



| Sl. No. | Ministry Instructions | NIT Reply |
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| 1. | To include a separate chapter in their Annual Report (starting from 2021-22) depicting the status of filling up of backlog vacancies in tabular format during the year. | The Institute shall include a separate chapter in their Annual Report (starting from 2021-22) depicting the status of filling up of backlog vacancies in tabular format every year. |
| 2. | To include an Agenda Item in every Finance Committee / Board of Governors, giving the status of filling up of backlog vacancies. | The Institute at present has 10 numbers of vacancies for Faculty out of which 07 are backlog vacancies and 03 are fresh vacancies. The 07 backlog vacancies are in reserved category i.e., 05 OBC and 02 SC. The Institute is in the process of filling up both the backlog vacancies and fresh vacancies shortly. Scrutiny of the applications are over. The receipt of Visitor's nomination from MoE is awaited. The finalization of the new reservation policy by MoE is awaited. |
| 3. | The Heads of all CHEIs to send a monthly report to Secretary (HE) (starting from September 2021) appraising the status of action taken. | The Institute is regularly sending the monthly report to the Office of Higher Education (HE), Ministry of Education, appraising the status of action taken in filling up the backlog vacancies. The report for the month of January 2022 was send on 03 February 2022 vide Letter No. NITMGH/ ES/ MoEd-RPT/BV/2021-22/2578 dated 03.02.2022 |

BoG-XXX(2022)-R8: The Board NOTED the ACTION TAKEN by the Institute.

BoG-XXX(2022)-9: Notable Resolutions of XXVII Meeting of the Senate held on 13.12.2021 for information.

It was informed to the Board that the XXVII Meeting of the Senate was held on 13.12.2021, following are some of the notable resolution of the Institute:

(a) Proposal on Selecting the Best Thesis and Best Project Awards of PG Students:

The Senate approved the revised proposal on selecting the "Best Thesis" and "Best Project" Awards of PG students and decided to implement the scheme from this academic year onwards. The selected students for the Best Thesis and Best Project may be awarded on the pre- Convocation day. Possibilities of finding suitable sponsors for cash-prize may also be considered.



(b) Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Hyderabad:

The Senate Approved to intimate IIT Hyderabad for signing of MoU after incorporating curriculum changes, if any, in accordance with the proposal. IIT Hyderabad has expressed interest to build special relations with NITs of the North-East states in consideration to the recommendations of the Kakodkar Committee. The best B. Tech students of NITs can carry out the Internship program along with final year study at IITs and then they can also pursue the PhD program, if eligible.

(c) Annual Conference on Inter disciplinarity (COIN-2021) organized by HS Department.

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, of the Institute had organized its Annual Conference on Inter disciplinarity (COIN-2021) on the theme "Literature, Language, and Culture of North East India" on 19th & 20th November 2021.

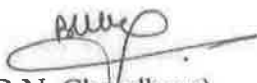
(d) Online Lectures Organized by CE Department

The Civil Engineering Department of the Institute had organized two online lectures as under:

1. Technological Advances and Applications of Geoinformatics" on 07/10/2021. The online Lecture was attended by over 50 participants comprising B. Tech, M. Tech and Ph. D scholars of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya.
2. Artificial Intelligence in Civil Engineering" on 28/10/2021.

BoG-XXX(2022)-R9: The Board NOTED the important events organized by the Institute.

BoG-XXX (2022)- 10: Any other item with permission of the Chair.


(B.N. Choudhury)
Registrar & Secretary to BoG