

MINUTES OF THE 54th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KURUKSHETRA

The 54th meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra was held on Thursday, the 28th January, 2021 at 12.15 p.m. through ONLINE.

Present:-

1.	Dr. Satish Kumar Director NIT, Kurukshetra	Chairperson (Acting)	
2.	Shri Madan Mohan Additional Director General Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Government of India, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi – 110115		Member
3.	Shri D. K. Singh Deputy Secretary (Finance) Representative of Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Government of India, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi – 110115		Member
4.	Dr. Jyotindra Singh Sahambi Professor & Dean Planning, Department of Electrical Engineering Indian Institute of Technology Ropar Representative of Director, IIT Ropar, Ropar, Punjab – 140001		Member
5.	Dr. Brahmjit Singh Professor Electronics & Communication Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra		Member
6.	Mrs. Rupanshi Batra Associate Professor Electrical Engineering Department NIT, Kurukshetra		Member
7.	Sh. G. R. Samantaray Registrar (I/C) NIT, Kurukshetra	Selu	Secretary

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At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting) welcomed the esteemed members of the BoG present in the 54th meeting of the Board of Governors. Then the Chairperson (Acting) requested the Secretary to present the agenda items.

The discussions / decisions taken in the meeting are recorded as hereunder:

BoG 54.1 To note the nomination of faculty member as Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors of the Institute.

The Board noted the nomination of Dr. Brahmjit Singh, Professor, Electronics & Communication Engineering Department as Senate Nominee member on the Board of Governors of the institute. Thereafter, he joined the meeting and Chairperson, Board of Governors welcomed him.

BoG 54.2 To note the leave of absence of members.

All the members of the Board were present in the meeting.

BoG 54.3 To confirm the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 21.08.2020.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 53rd meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 21.08.2020.

BoG 54.4 To confirm the minutes of the circulated agenda of the Board regarding the amendments in the Statutes of NITs and IIEST, Shibpur as per the Ministry of Education letter dated 27th October, 2020.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the circulated agenda of the Board regarding the amendments in the Statutes of NITs and IIEST, Shibpur as per the Ministry of Education letter dated 27th October, 2020.

BoG 54.5 To note the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 53rd Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 21.08.2020.

The Board noted the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of 53rd Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 21.08.2020.

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BoG 54.6 To note the minutes of 40th meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 17.11.2020.

The Board noted the minutes of 40th meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 17.11.2020.

BoG 54.7 To consider and approve the minutes of 41st meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 15.01.2021.

The Board noted the minutes of 41st meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 15.01.2021.

BoG 54.8 To note the instructions of Ministry of Education letter dated 28.10.2020 regarding Special cash package equivalent in lieu of Leave Travel Concession Fare for Employees of the Institute during the block year 2018-2021.

The Board noted the instructions of Ministry of Education letter dated 28.10.2020 regarding Special cash package equivalent in lieu of Leave Travel Concession Fare for Employees of the Institute during the block year 2018-2021.

BoG 54.9 To adopt the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Technical Section-III letter dated 19.11.2020 for mandatory utilization of network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

The Board adopted the Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Technical Section-III letter dated 19.11.2020 for mandatory utilization of network of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL).

BoG 54.10 To adopt the instructions of the Vigilance Section, Ministry of Education O.M. dated 06.01.2021 regarding submission of immovable property return by the employees of Autonomous and subordinate Institutes/Organizations of the Ministry.

The Board adopted the instructions of the Vigilance Section, Ministry of Education O.M. dated 06.01.2021 regarding submission of immovable property return by the employees.

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BoG 54.11 To report the approval accorded by the Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting), Board of Governors.

The Board ratified the approval accorded by the Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting), Board of Governors.

BoG 54.12 To consider the nomination of the Board of Governors on the Finance Committee of the Institute.

The Board decided that Dr. Brahmjit Singh, Professor, Electronics and Communication Engineering Department, NIT Kurukshetra and Director or his nominee (not below the rank of professor), Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar (Punjab) will be the nominee of the Board on the Finance Committee of the Institute till the nomination of Council of NITSER and State Government members on the Board of Governors of the Institute.

BoG 54.13 To consider and review the performance evaluation (quarterly basis) as per Clause-H of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra and administrative Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Department of Higher Education, New Delhi.

The Board considered and reviewed the performance evaluation upto 3^{rd} quarter as per Clause-H of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the year 2020-21 as detailed in Agenda.

BoG 54.14 To approve the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts & Audit Report of the Institute for the year 2019-20.

The Board was apprised about the status of Separate Audit Report (SAR) for the financial year 2019-20. Thereafter, the Board approved the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2019-20. Further, the Board decided that on receipt of the Separate Audit Report (SAR) of the Institute be sent to all the members of the Board of Governors through circulation for noting.

BoG 54.15 To consider requirement of additional Faculty and Nonfaculty posts on the basis of students strength for the current year 2020-21.

The Board considered and approved the proposal of the Institute regarding the requirement of additional Faculty and Non-faculty posts on the basis of students strength for the current year 2020-21 as per norms issued by the Ministry. Further, the Board desired that a proposal for sanction of additional faculty and non-faculty posts be sent to the Ministry expeditiously.

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BoG 54.16 To consider the confirmation of Shri Vishal Gill on the post of Senior Technical Officer and Ms. Pratibha on the post of Technical Officer.

The Board considered and approved the confirmation of Shri Vishal Gill on the post of Senior Technical Officer w.e.f. 28.11.2020 and Ms. Pratibha on the post of Technical Officer w.e.f. 31.10.2020 subject to outcome of the respective CWP.

BoG 54.17 To consider the confirmation of Shri Pankaj Kumar Bayati to the post of Deputy Registrar.

The Board considered and approved the confirmation of Shri Pankaj Kumar Bayati to the post of Deputy Registrar w.e.f. 28.01.2021 i.e. the date of 54th BoG meeting.

BoG 54.18 To consider the confirmation of the non-teaching employees of this Institute recruited against Advertisement No.41/2018.

The Board considered and approved the confirmation of the nonteaching employees of this Institute recruited against Advertisement No.41/2018 for serial no. 1 to 5 in the agenda w.e.f. the dates as mentioned against their names subject to the final outcome of the respective CWPs.

BoG 54.19 To consider and approve the recommendation of the Selection Committee for appointment of Sr. Students Activity & Sports Officer (Ref.Advt.No.33/2019).

After detailed deliberations, the Board decided that the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Sr. Students Activity & Sports Officer be placed in the next meeting of the Board with more details as per DoPT guidelines.

BoG 54.20 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Registrar (Ref.Advt.No.33/2019).

The Board was apprised about the recruitment procedure followed in the Institute in the recruitment process of Registrar in the light of BoG minutes (53.21). Subsequently, the Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee "None found suitable" for the appointment of Registrar.

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BoG 54.21 To apprise the Board about various initiatives / activities / achievements undertaken in the Institute by the Director.

The Director apprised the Board about the various initiatives / activities / achievements undertaken in the Institute since the last Board meeting held on 21.08.2020. The Board noted the various initiatives and activities undertaking in the Institute with appreciation. Further, the Director also apprised the Board that Professor Mahesh Pal, Department of Civil Engineering, is ranked 130th among the International Researchers in the field of Geological and Geomatics Engineering by Mr. John P.A. Laonnidis, Mr. Kevin W. Boyack and Mr. Jeroen Bass based on the Scopus database in the international ranking (2020) in the journal 'Updated Science-Wide Author Data Base of Standardized Citation Indicators'. He has been ranked No. 1 among his Indian Peer Researchers. Likewise, another faculty member Professor Ashwani Kumar, Department of Electrical Engineering, is ranked at 2383 position in the field of Energy. The Board decided with pleasure that these faculty members be honoured with appreciation letters by the Director on behalf of the Board to motivate other faculty members of the Institute.

BoG 54.22 To note the actions taken / progress made by the Institute regarding establishment of Siemens Centre of Excellence (SCoE) at NIT Kurukshetra.

The Board noted the actions taken / progress made by the Institute regarding establishment of Siemens Centre of Excellence (SCoE) at NIT Kurukshetra.

BoG 54.23 To consider and approve the minutes of 45th meeting of Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.01.2021.

The Board considered and approved the minutes of 45th meeting of Finance Committee, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.01.2021.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Satish Kumar) Chairperson (Acting), Board of Governors and Director NIT, Kurukshetra

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(G R Samantaray) Registrar (I/C) & Secretary Board of Governors NIT, Kurukshetra