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OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
HELD ON 06.03.2024**



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The 65th meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra was held on Wednesday, the 06th March, 2024 at 03:30 p.m. through blended (online/offline) mode.

Present:-

1. Prof. B. V. Ramana Reddy
Director
NIT, Kurukshetra ----- Chairperson (Acting)
2. Ms. Veena Dunga
Deputy Secretary (NITs)
Representative of
Joint Secretary (NITs)
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115 ----- Member
3. Shri Anil Kumar
Director (IFD)
Representative of
Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser (IFD)
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Government of India, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi – 110 115 ----- Member
4. Prof. Rajeev Ahuja
Director
Indian Institute of Technology Ropar,
Ropar (Punjab) – 140 001 ----- Member
5. Dr. Krishan Kumar Kataria
Director, Technical Education, Haryana
Representative of
Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana
Technical Education Department, Haryana
Chandigarh – 160 009 ----- Member
6. Dr. Manish Jindal
Director-Principal,
State Institute of Engineering & Technology, Nilokheri
Representative of
Director General, Technical Education
& Secretary, Technical Education, Haryana
Panchkula ----- Member



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| 7. | Dr. (Ms.) Minati Baral
Professor
Department of Chemistry
NIT, Kurukshetra | ---- | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Sandeep Santosh
Assistant Professor Grade-I
Department of Electronics &
Communication Engineering
NIT, Kurukshetra | ---- | Member |
| 9. | Sh. G. R. Samantaray
Registrar (I/C)
NIT, Kurukshetra | ---- | Secretary |

At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting) welcomed the esteemed members of the BoG present in the 65th meeting of the Board of Governors with the following introductory remarks:

It was observed that, the Institute was facing large number of court cases and the number crossed even 125. Attention has been laid to reduce the litigations as the court cases are not only draining the resources in terms of Efforts, Time and Finances. Litigations are also leading to the demotivation amongst the Faculty and Non-Teaching Staff. Off late, the efforts made in this direction proved to be effective and the number of the court cases have been scaled down to less than 100. It is expected that this number will further be reduced drastically in near future.

It has also been noticed that dereliction of duties from the staff is also one of the contributing factors for increased litigations. To check this, efforts are being made to motivate the staff and also to curb the unwarranted practices and to improve the efficiency and productivity. Efforts are being made to revamp the administrative systems, and to rejuvenate the vigour and to speed up the administrative processes. Revamping and reorganize the sections, units, activities by merging and demerging, clubbing of various activities of the Institute and to entrust the Section/Unit/Activity to the right official at the right time and at right place, as and when need/ requirement arises. These proposed measures will put an end to the lethargy creeping in the administrative processes. There is also a proposal to change the nomenclatures of various sections like Establishment, General Administration, Stores, Accounts as Admin-I, Admin-II, Admin-III and Admin-IV etc. These sections will be supervised through a Faculty-In-charge and assisted by an official/officer from the Non-Teaching and overall control will be with monitored by the Registrar. These measures will tone up the administrative efficiency of the Institute in all spheres and bring more positive results and also to reduce litigations. Such changes, will bring the desired results in taking NIT Kurukshetra to new heights.

The Board appreciated the proposed good initiatives for implementation. Thereafter, the Chairperson (Acting) asked the Secretary to present the agenda items.

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

BoG 65.1 To note the leave of absence of members.

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

BoG 65.2 To confirm the minutes of the 64th Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 05.12.2023.

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 64th Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 05.12.2023.

BoG 65.3 To note the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 64th Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 05.12.2023.

The Board noted the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 64th Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 05.12.2023.

BoG 65.4 To ratify the minutes of the Circulated Agenda dated 24.01.2024 regarding the minutes of the Finance Committee.

The Board ratified the minutes of the Circulated Agenda dated 24.01.2024 regarding the minutes of the Finance Committee.

BoG 65.5 To consider and approve the minutes of 50th meeting of the Finance Committee, National institute of Technology Kurukshetra held on 05.12.2023.

The Board considered and approved the minutes for the Agenda items no. FC 50.1, FC 50.2, FC 50.3, FC 50.4, FC 50.5, FC 50.6 and FC 50.11 of 50th meeting of the Finance Committee, National institute of Technology Kurukshetra held on 05.12.2023. Further, the Board also confirmed the minutes of this Agenda Item.

BoG 65.6 To note the minutes of 51st meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.11.2023.

The Board noted the minutes of 51st meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 28.11.2023.

BoG 65.7 To note the minutes of 52nd meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 12.02.2024.

The Board noted the minutes of 52nd meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 12.02.2024.



BoG 65.8 To approve the Agenda item nos. S 52.09, S 52.12, S 52.13, S 52.14 and S 52.16 of 52nd meeting of the Senate, NIT Kurukshetra held on 12th February 2024.

The Board considered and approved the minutes in respect of Agenda items nos. S 52.09, S 52.13, S 52.14 and S 52.16 of 52nd meeting of the Senate, NIT Kurukshetra held on 12th February 2024.

In respect of minutes of agenda item no. S 52.12, a discussion was initiated with regard to additional fees to be charged for obtaining the minor degree over and above the normal fees being collected for obtaining a Bachelors degree as per the NIT Council decision. There was divergent views in this regard whether additional charge to be collected or should it be offered free of cost.

The cost per credit to be charged will be decided after discussion at the Senate meeting and further concurrence from the Ministry of Education will also be sought by giving a complete brief of the process alongwith the information of offering the minor degree courses by other NITs & IITs.

The Board observed that the proposal to start minor degree courses in all Departments is a good initiative.

Further, the Board also confirmed the minutes of this Agenda Item.

BoG 65.9 To report the appointment of non-teaching posts at the Institute.

The Board noted the appointment of non-teaching posts at the Institute.

BoG 65.10 To consider the proposal for the establishment of NIT Kurukshetra Alumni Endowment Board (NITK-AEB) to generate Alumni Endowment Fund.

The Board approved the proposal for the establishment of NIT Kurukshetra Alumni Endowment Board (NITK-AEB) and the constitution of NITKKR-AEB along with the guidelines as detailed in the agenda.

BoG 65.11 To consider the confirmation of Assistant Professors Grade-I recruited by way of direct recruitment against Advt. No. 08/2022.

The Board considered and approved the confirmation of Assistant Professors Grade-I as proposed by the Institute from Serial No. 1 to 14 in the Agenda w.e.f. the due date of confirmation as mentioned against their names.

BoG 65.12 To consider the proposal for the nomination of Assistant Professors with at least 10 years of experience within the institute for the posts of Associate Deans.

After detailed deliberation, the Board decided that the Associate Deans be nominated from amongst the Assistant Professors Grade-I of the Institute who are eligible for the post of Associate Professors.

BoG 65.13 To consider the proposal for the cancellation of the lease agreement of the land of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra (excluding the area of 33/11 KV Sub-Station) provided to Haryana State Electricity Board (now Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd.).

After detailed deliberation, the Board cancelled the lease agreement of the land of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra provided to Haryana State Electricity Board (now Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd.) and decided that the said land of the Institute (excluding the area of 33/11 KV Sub-Station) be taken over from the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. at the earliest.

Further, the Board also confirmed the minutes of this Agenda Item.

BoG 65.14 To consider the proposal for the appointment of a Counsellor on contract basis under clause 28(2) of the Statutes against the vacant promotional post of Students Activity & Sports Assistant SG-II in the Institute.

The Board considered and approved the proposal for the appointment of a Counsellor on contract basis under clause 28(2) of the Statutes against the vacant promotional post of Students Activity & Sports Assistant SG-II in the Institute initially for a period of one year.

BoG 65.15 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee constituted for the appointment of Professors.

The Board was apprised that Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh had dismissed both the court cases i.e. CWP No.30552 of 2019 (Vikas Mittal and Others Vs National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra and Others) and CWP No.19409 of 2020 (Shelly Vadhera & Others Vs National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra and Another) on 31.08.2023 and 22.09.2023 respectively filed against the recruitment of Professors for various departments (Advt. No. 29/2019). After detailed deliberation, the Board decided that the matter be placed before the Board after obtaining the legal opinion from the ASG through the Ministry of Education.





BoG 65.16 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for Up-gradation of AGP of Professors to HAG Scale in view of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh.

Dr. (Ms.) Minati Baral, Member of the Board was asked to leave the meeting when this agenda item was considered as she was a candidate for the Up-gradation of AGP of Professors to HAG Scale.

After detailed deliberation on the matter of Up-gradation of AGP of Professors to HAG Scale w.r.t. the decision of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh dated 07.12.2023, the Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee dated 04.03.2024 as presented to the Board for the Up-gradation of AGP of Professors to HAG Scale. The Board resolved that the above decision of the Board be implemented w.e.f. the date of the meeting of Board i.e. 06.03.2024. In order to maintain the parity, the Board opined that the cases of remaining eligible applicants (5 nos.) w.r.t. notification No. Estt.-I/4700 dated 11.09.2018 be reconsidered within one month.

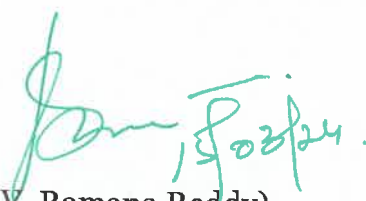
In reference to the decision (BoG 62.4) of the Board taken in its 62nd meeting held on 06.09.2023, the Board clarified that the Up-gradation of AGP of professors to HAG Scale w.r.t. the Agenda item no. BoG 50.22 will be notionally effective from the date of 50th BoG meeting i.e. 20.06.2019 and the financial benefit will be from the date of 62nd BoG meeting i.e. 06.09.2023.


Further, the Board also confirmed the minutes of this Agenda Item.

BoG 65.17 Any Other Item:

The Board was apprised about the arbitration case of M/s. Goldenray Service (Security Division), Gurugaon (Haryana) in detail in which an amount of Rs.3569711/- was debited from the Institute bank account as per the execution order of Additional District and Session Judge, Kurukshetra. It was informed that the Institute has filed a First Appeal Order (FAO) at Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana, Chandigarh against the Arbitration Award. Further necessary action will be taken by the Institute as per the decision of Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana.

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


(B. V. Ramana Reddy)
Chairperson (Acting), Board of Governors
and Director
NIT Kurukshetra


(G. R. Samantaray) 15/03/24
Registrar (I/C) & Secretary
Board of Governors
NIT, Kurukshetra