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OF
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The 73rd meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra was held on Tuesday, 10th June, 2025 at 04:00 p.m. through blended (online/offline) mode.

Present: -

1.	Dr. Tejaswini Ananth Kumar Chairperson, Board of Governors NIT Kurukshetra	----	Chairperson
2.	Prof. B. V. Ramana Reddy Director NIT Kurukshetra	----	Member
3.	Ms. Garima Sharma Deputy Secretary (NITs) Representative of Joint Secretary (TE) Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Government of India, Shastri Bhawan New Delhi – 110 115	----	Member
4.	Shri Harihara Sundaram. S Under Secretary (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
5.	Prof. Rajeev Ahuja Director Indian Institute of Technology Ropar, Ropar (Punjab) – 140 001	----	Member
6.	Dr. Vishal Sharma Joint Director, DHE, Haryana Representative of Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Department of Higher Education, Haryana Room No.- 406, 4th Floor, New Secretariat Sector – 17, Chandigarh – 160 017	----	Member

7.	Dr. Kanwar Pal Singh Joint Director, DTE, Haryana Representative of Director General, Department of Technical Education, Haryana, Bays No. 7–12, Sector – 4, Panchkula – 134 112	----	Member
8.	Dr. Baldev Setia, Professor Civil Engineering Department NIT Kurukshetra	----	Member
9.	Shri Jaideep Gupta Associate Professor Mechanical Engineering Department NIT Kurukshetra	----	Member
10.	Sh. G. R. Samantaray Registrar (I/C) NIT Kurukshetra	----	Secretary

At the outset, the Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the esteemed members of the BoG present in the 73rd meeting of the Board of Governors. Thereafter, the Chairperson directed the Secretary to present the agenda items.

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

BoG 73.1 **To note the assignment of charge of the position of Chairperson, Board of Governors of the Institute.**

The Board noted the assignment of charge of the position of Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Kurukshetra to Dr. Tejaswini Ananth Kumar for a period of six months w.e.f. 08.05.2025 or till nomination of new Chairperson, or until further order, whichever is earlier, in terms of the provisions contained under Clause (v) of Statute 14 of the amended Statues of NITs.

BoG 73.2 **To note the nomination of two persons by the State Government of Haryana on Board of Governors of the Institute as State Government Nominees.**

The Board noted the nominations of Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Department of Higher Education, Haryana and Director General, Technical Education, Haryana on the Board of Governors of the Institute.

BoG 73.3 **To note the nomination of faculty member (one Professor) as Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors of the Institute.**

The Board noted the nomination of Dr. Baldev Setia, Professor, Civil Engineering Department as Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors of the Institute.

BoG 73.4 **To note the leave of absence of members of the Board of Governors of the Institute.**

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

BoG 73.5 **To confirm the minutes of the 72nd Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra held on 07.01.2025.**

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 72nd Meeting of the Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra held on 07.01.2025.

BoG 73.6 **To note the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra held on 07.01.2025.**

The Board noted the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 72nd Meeting of Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra held on 07.01.2025.

BoG 73.7 **To adopt the notification dated 21.02.2025 of National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra published in The Gazette of India on dated 13.03.2025.**

The Board adopted the notification dated 21.02.2025 of National Institute of Technology Kurukshetra published in The Gazette of India on dated 13.03.2025.

BoG 73.8 **To note the action taken by the Institute on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra and Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India for the year 2025-26.**

The Board noted the action taken by the Institute on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Institute of Technology (NIT), Kurukshetra and Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India for the year 2025-26.

BoG 73.9 To consider the nomination of members of the Board of Governors on the Finance Committee of the Institute.

The Board considered the matter and nominated Dr. Baldev Setia, Professor, Civil Engineering Department as member of the Board of Governors on the Finance Committee of the Institute.

BoG 73.10 To consider the names of two expert members in the Building & Works Committee of the Institute.

The Board considered the matter and nominated Sh. Pradeep Sharma, Executive Director (Engg.) RBG-Head, Business Development Division, NBCC (INDIA) LTD., New Delhi and Sh. Ashish Kumar Vinodiya, Executive Engineer (Electrical Division-I), Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, New Delhi of as expert members in the Building & Works Committee of the Institute.

BoG 73.11 To note the minutes of 55th meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 09.04.2025.

The Board noted the minutes of 55th meeting of the Senate, National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra held on 09.04.2025.

BoG 73.12 To consider the proposal to start the M.Sc. programme in Economics in the Humanities & Social Sciences Department of the Institute from the Academic Year 2025-26.

The Board considered and approved the proposal to start the M.Sc. programme in Economics in the Humanities & Social Sciences Department of the Institute from the Academic Year 2025-26.

BoG 73.13 To consider and approve the proposal for creation of new Departments of UG & PG programmes.

The Board considered and approved the proposal for establishment of the Departments of "(i) Data Science & Artificial Intelligence, (ii) Robotics & Industrial Engineering, (iii) VLSI Design & Systems Engineering and (iv) Energy Science & Engineering" in the Institute. Further, the Board opined that as the two new departments 'VLSI Design & Systems Engineering' and 'Energy Science & Engineering' have been created, therefore as per Clause-8(xii) of the Statutes of NITs; the matter of existence for the school (i) 'School of VLSI Design & Embedded System' and (ii) 'School of Renewable Energy & Efficiency' be placed in the Senate for recommendation to the Board. However, with due recommendation of the Senate the existing school (i) School of VLSI Design & Embedded System and (ii) School of Renewable Energy & Efficiency will be discontinued as they have become new departments. However, on receipt of such recommendation from the Senate the same will be placed to the Board for consideration.

BoG 73.14 To consider and approve the proposed amendments to House Allotment Rules of National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra.

This agenda item was deferred for being taken up in the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

BoG 73.15 To consider the appointment of Public Relation & Media Officer in the Institute.

The Board considered the matter and decided that the services of Public Relation & Media Officers be availed through the Outsource Service Provider.

BoG 73.16 To consider the confirmation of Assistant Professors Grade-I recruited by way of direct recruitment against Advt. No. 08/2022.

The Board was apprised that proposal for confirmation of Assistant Professors Grade-I namely i) Dr. Rajneesh, Deptt. of Mechanical Engineering, ii) Dr. Bhanu Pratap, Deptt. of Electrical Engineering and iii) Dr. S. Suresh, Deptt. of Computer Applications was delayed due to the clearance of verification of character and antecedents, caste certificate and other administrative reasons as these are technical formalities to be complied and the delay in placing the proposals for their confirmation are not due to any reason of their performance. After detailed deliberations the Board considered and approved the confirmation of above Assistant Professors Grade-I recruited by way of direct recruitment against Advt. No. 08/2022 with effect from the due date of their confirmation as mentioned against their name.

BoG 73.17 To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committees constituted for the appointment of Assistant Professors Grade-II, Level-10.

The Board was apprised that as per the decision taken in its 72nd meeting held on 07.01.2025, factual reports on the complaints / representations were sent to the Ministry of Education. Further, it was also apprised that the Advertisements for the faculty recruitment were issued as per the Reservation Roster prepared by following the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019 and the selection process was conducted by following the criteria laid down by the Ministry of Education under Recruitment Rules notified in The Gazette of India dated 24th July, 2017 & the guidelines / procedure approved by the Board.

After detailed deliberations, the board decided to open sealed envelopes, read out the contents of the recommendations of selection committees and approved the selections held in their meetings during 19.07.2024 to 28.07.2024, 17.08.2024 to 26.08.2024 and 07.01.2025 to 08.01.2025 for the appointment of Assistant Professors Grade-II, Level-10. Further, The Board confirmed the minutes of this agenda item.

BoG 73.18 **To consider and approve the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the appointment of Registrar (Ref.Advt.No.01/2023 & 01/2024).**

After detailed deliberations, the Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee "None found suitable" for the appointment of Registrar and directed to issue a fresh advertisement.

BoG 73.19 **To consider the eligibility of the Office Attendants (Erstwhile Group D employees) of the Institute for promotion to the post of Junior Assistant in terms of Recruitment Rules-2017 as one-time measure.**

After detailed deliberations the Board decided that the matter be referred to the Ministry of Education with request to take up the issue for decision by the Council of NITSER.

BoG 73.20 **To ratify 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 73.21 **To consider the interim directions dated 08.04.2025 issued by Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana passed in Contempt (COCP) No.889 of 2025 regarding re-fixation of minimum pay of Assistant Professors recruited in the year 2013 in compliance to the orders dated 19.09.2023 allowing 07 non-compoundable increments, passed by the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No.4701 of 2016 filed by Dr. Awnish Kumar Tripathi and Others.**

The legal issue on the matter about 07 non-compounded advance increments has been discussed in detail. Since the matter is under subjudice, the Board desired to have legal opinion. Accordingly, this agenda item was deferred for being taken up in the next meeting of the Board of Governors. The observations of the Ministry of Education will be brought to the notice of the BoG in the next meeting.

BoG 73.22 **To consider the decisions dated 21.04.2025 and 22.04.2025 passed by the Division Bench of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court at Chandigarh vide which the 16 LPAs filed by the Institute have been disposed of with the directions to implement the Single Bench order dated 24.07.2018 and 25.09.2023.**

After detailed deliberations, the Board suggested that SLPs be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India against the decisions dated 21.04.2025 and 22.04.2025 passed by the Division Bench of Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court at Chandigarh vide which the 16 LPAs filed by the Institute were disposed of with the directions to implement the Single Bench order dated 24.07.2018 and 25.09.2023.

BoG 73.23 To establish an Incubation Centre in the Institute with the name "NIT Kurukshetra Incubation Forum (NITKIF)" as Section 8 Company under Companies Act 2013.

The Board allowed the Institute to establish a Section 08 company under Companies Act 2013 in the amended name 'NIT Kurukshetra Innovation & Incubation Forum'.

BoG 73.24 To consider and approve the minutes of 53rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute held on 10.06.2025.

The Board decided to circulate the minutes of 53rd meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute held on 10.06.2025 to the members of the Board.

BoG 73.25 To consider adoption of the Office Memorandum No.19/116/2024-Pers.Pol. (Pay)(Pt) dated 20.05.2025 for granting notional increment on 1st July/1st January to the employees who retired/are retiring from the Institute on 30th June/31st December.

The Board adopted of the Office Memorandum No.19/116/2024-Pers.Pol. (Pay)(Pt) dated 20.05.2025 for granting notional increment on 1st July/1st January to the employees who retired/are retiring from the Institute on 30th June/31st December; subject to receipt of communication in this matter from the Ministry of Education.

BoG 73.26 To ratify action taken by the then Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting) in approving the revised guidelines for the utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) effective for the Block Year 2024-27.

The Board ratified the action taken by the then Hon'ble Chairperson (Acting) in approving the revised guidelines for the utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) effective for the Block Year 2024-27.

BoG 73.27 To consider and approve the fees for engaging Advocate for contesting contempt proceedings COCP No. 889 of 2025 in Civil Writ Petition No. 4701 of 2016 and other related cases filed by 29 faculty members of the Institute before the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.

The Board decided that the information in this regard be obtained from other NITs. Further, the Board authorized the Hon'ble Chairperson, BoG to decide the fees for engaging Advocate for contesting contempt proceedings COCP No. 889 of 2025 in Civil Writ Petition No. 4701 of 2016, LPA No. 1 of 2024 and other related cases before the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

BoG 73.28 To consider the proposal regarding honorarium/ remuneration to the Guest Faculty to be engaged in the Department of Architecture and Planning.

The Board adopted the Gazette Notification No.CA/193/2020/MSAER, dated 11th August, 2020. Further, the Board considered and approved the proposal regarding honorarium/ remuneration to the Guest Faculty to be engaged in the Department of Architecture and Planning at the rates prescribed per lecture hour subject to the maximum amount of honorarium Rs. 70,900/- per month Guest Faculty with Ph.D degree; and in case of non-availability of required no. of Ph.D degree candidates, Rs. 57, 700/- per month be paid to guest faculty with Masters' degree guest faculty as decided in the 58th meeting of the BoG held on 25.08.2022.

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

(G. R. Samantaray) 01/07/25
Registrar (I/C) & Secretary
Board of Governors

01.7.25

(B. V. Ramana Reddy)
Director
NIT Kurukshetra

(Tejaswini Ananth Kumar)
Chairperson, Board of Governors
NIT Kurukshetra