

**MINUTES OF THE 34th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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HELD AT 11:30 AM ON 17th June, 2021**

The following members were present:

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| 1. Dr. R. K. Tyagi | - | Chairman, NITUK |
| 2. Dr. Satish Kumar | - | I/c. Director, NITUK |
| 3. Mr. Mrutyunjay Behera | - | Economic Adviser (HE), MoE |
| 4. Shri. Dhananjay Kumar Singh | - | Nominee of JS (IFD), MoE |
| 5. Prof. Pramod Agarwal | - | Nominee of Director, IIT Roorkee |
| 6. Dr. Hariharan Muthusamy | - | Member |
| 7. Dr. Siva Kumar Tadepalli | - | Member |
| 8. Dr. P. M. Kala, Registrar | - | Secretary |

At the outset Secretary, Board of Governors welcomed the Chairman, NITUK and all the members, and requested Chairman, Board of Governors to preside over the today's meeting of the Board of Governors. After approval of the Chairman BoG, Director NITUK briefed about the progress of the Institute.

After approval of the Chairman, the Board of Governors discussed the following agenda and resolved as under:

BoG 34.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of Board of Governors, duly approved by the Chairman, are attached as **Annexure BoG 34.01**.

The Board is requested to confirm the same.

Resolution: Confirmed.

BoG 34.02: Action Taken Report.

The Action Taken Report is as below:

Item No.	Agenda Item	Resolves	Action Taken
BoG33.03	To deliberate upon the outcome of the Tender No. NITUK/C.Stores/2020-21/021/002 regarding selection of PMC services towards construction and development of infrastructural facilities in the main campus of the Institute at Sumari, Pauri Garhwal and give further instructions with regard to the Award of Contract.	<p>The Board approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee and granted permission to the Institute to award the contract for PMC services to the only successful bidder i.e. NBCC (INDIA) Ltd. PMC charges@ 4.90% of estimated cost of the Project. Further, as advised by the Finance Committee, the Board directed to the Institute to ensure the following:</p> <p>I. The overall cap of payment from NIT Uttarakhand for this project will be Rs 596.75 Cr. inclusive of the PMC charges of 4.90%. Considering that the estimate of Rs 596.75 Cr. was made with the projected completion in March 2022 as approved by the Public Investment board (PIB).</p> <p>II. The MoU between Institute and the</p>	<p>MOU between NITUK & NBCC is in process. HEFA loan application has been uploaded on HEFA Portal.</p>

		<p>PMC shall be prepared as per the standard format of Manual of Procurement of Works given in its Annexure 8.</p> <p>III. After signing of MoU, on mutual consent, construction site should be handed over to the PMC so that the pre-construction activities could be initiated. Advance / initial deposit of 10% of the preliminary estimate submitted by PMC shall be released in due course of time after the approval of HEFA loan.</p> <p>IV. In the MoU, for the appointment of arbitrator, NIT Uttarakhand shall be the sole authority.</p> <p>V. Agency for Third-party quality control assurance shall be appointed by the Institute.</p> <p>VI. Institute shall pursue with MoE for an extension of the validity period of the PIB approval upto June 2024 without any cost escalation.</p> <p>VII. MoE shall pursue with HEFA management for an early disbursement of the HEFA loan of NIT Uttarakhand. Institute shall also ensure any assistance required by HEFA management / MoE towards early disbursement of the loan.</p> <p>VIII. Chairman, Institute Level Standing Committee for "Monitoring of the Funds through HEFA" constituted vide resolve BoG 30.11 shall: (a) regularly update the progress of the project to the members of Project Monitoring Unit constituted by MoE which is responsible for making regular inspections to the site to oversee/monitor the infrastructure works and recommend to MoE for the strict compliance of the guidelines stated in the O.M. No F.No.33-1/2012.TS-III, dated 3rd June, 2019 "Master Circular for Infrastructure Projects in Centrally Funded Institutions", and (b) monitor the monthly progress of construction at the Institute level and also update at the Ministry level through the Project Monitoring Software portal of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme</p>	
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BoG33.04	Completion of the Contract Period of Faculty Members Appointed in the year 2015 in the AGP of Rs.6000 under Four Tier Flexible Structure.	The Board resolved that the Institute shall Wait for the response of the MoE with reference to the Communications made vide letter dated 15.03.2021 and 09.04.2021. In the meanwhile, all the above faculty members shall be granted an extension of the contract upto the end of the next academic session. Also, the Institute must explore the possibility for the release of advertisement of faculty recruitment to provide fair opportunity. The Board also requested to the MoE that I/c. Director may be authorized to conduct the process of recruitment.	Order issued regarding extension of the contract upto the end of the next academic session. MoE directives regarding recruitment process is still awaited.
BoG33.05	To apprise the Board regarding the status of the ongoing construction activities regarding upgradation of infrastructural facilities in the Temporary Campus of the Institute at Srinagar Garhwal.	Considering that the project started during ongoing COVID pandemic, the Board appreciated the efforts made by the Institute with regard to the progress of construction activities in the temporary campus of the Institute at Srinagar Garhwal. Further, the Board will assess the progress of work in the M/O June 2021.	Noted
BoG33.06	To appraise the progress regarding establishment of two centers in NIT Uttarakhand.	The agenda was deferred to the next Board meeting.	Placed at agenda item no 34.06

The Board is requested to note the same.

Resolution: Noted with following directives:

1. It was noted with concern that In spite of BoG giving approval more than a month back, MoU with NBCC is yet to be signed. BoG advised for speedy finalization and execution of MoU so that work at permanent campus is initiated at earliest as per BOG mandate vide resolution 33.03.
2. As per the High Court directives constructions at temporary campus is to be completed before the commencement of the academic year 2021-22. In view of this, the Board desired that updated progress/time schedule alongwith reasons for delay be obtained from CPWD and presented to Hon'ble High Court.
3. The Board also directed that meeting notice should be circulated well in advance and hard copy of agenda should be available well in time to all the Board members as per the NIT Act & Statutes / directions issued by MoE vide F.No.41-6/2015-TS.III dated 11.02.2019 in this regard.

BoG 34.03: Regarding Pay related matter of Dr. Lalta Prasad, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Institute has received several request applications from Dr. Lalta Prasad, Associate Professor and HoD, Department of Mechanical Engineering regarding deduction of pension amount from his salary. The brief case summary i.r.o. Dr. Lalta Prasad is as under:

1. Dr. Lalta Prasad applied for the post of Associate Professor in NIT Uttarakhand against the Advt. No.02/2018 dated 14/02/2018 through proper channel from G. B. Pant Institute of Engineering and Technology, Pauri Garhwal (An Autonomous Institute of Government of Uttarakhand).
2. Dr. Lata Prasad appointed as Associate Professor vide Office Order No.A-224 dated 11/06/2018.
3. After his appointment, an application regarding service conditions at NIT Uttarakhand was received from Dr. Lalta Prasad on 21/06/2018 but as per record no written communication was sent to Dr. Lalta Prasad in this regard.
4. The last date of joining the Institute was 11/07/2018 but Dr. Lalta Prasad had requested for extension of joining upto 10/10/2018 vide his letter dated 27/07/2018, as he applied for Voluntary Retirement (VRS) from the post of Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering at GBPIET, Pauri Garhwal.
5. Accordingly, extension was granted upto 10/10/2018 vide Institute letter no.A-427 dated 01/08/2018.
6. Finally, Dr. Lalta Prasad had joined NIT Uttarakhand services on 29/08/2018 after relieving on Voluntarily Retirement Scheme (VRS) from Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Engg. & Technology, Ghurdauri, Pauri Garhwal.
7. He joined on the initial Pay Matrix Level: 13A2(1), AGP 9500/-.
8. Since, Dr. Lalta Prasad had joined the Institute after taking VRS, hence, as per Institute record proportionate recovery of pension amount (Rs.27,665/-) was started from November 2019, it was based on the LPC submitted by him on 13/08/2019. The total amount of Rs.3,89,987/- recovered from him vide letter no.A-1045 dated 28/11/2019 in 10 installments i.e. Rs.39,000/-.
9. After that a revised Last Pay Certificate (LPC) was received from GBPIET, Pauri Garhwal on 28/10/2020. However, the deduction of pension is continued as per the LPC submitted on 13/08/2019 i.e. Rs.27,665/- per month which is based on the 6th CPC.

On the basis of above facts and regular representations received from Dr. Lalta Prasad, a committee is constituted by Hon'ble Director for examine/review the case of Dr. Lalta Prasad. Accordingly, item was placed before the Board vide agenda item no BOG 31.06 and resolution of the Board is as under:

"The Board directed that case of Dr. Lalta Prasad will be placed in the next Board meeting with recommendation of Constituted committee alongwith rule provision".

As per Board directives case of Dr. Lalta Prasad is again placed before the Board with recommendation of constituted committee along with rule provisions as **Annexure BoG 34.02**.

The Board is requested to deliberate upon the case of Dr. Lalta Prasad.

Resolution: Matter be referred to Ministry of Education. Institute to forward the detailed proposal to the MOE for further deliberation/instructions.

BoG 34.04: Extension of services of Dr. Kamal Kumar, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Computer Science Engineering.

Dr. Kamal Kumar has appointed vide Office Order No.A-226 dated 11/06/2018 as Assistant Professor, Grade-II in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Pay Level:11, Cell No.2 (Basic Pay Rs.71,000/-).

Dr. Kamal Kumar has joined the Institute on 09/07/2018 (AN) vide Office Order No.A-384 dated 16/07/2018 and signed the service contract agreement on dated 19/07/2018.

Dr. Kamal Kumar had acquired B.Tech and M.Tech degree from Kurukshetra University in the year 2000 and 2007 respectively. He acquired Ph.D. Degree from Thapar University, Patiala in the year of 2014.

As per clause no.3 of contract agreement dated 19/07/2018 signed by the Dr. Kamal Kumar and Director, NIT Uttarakhand, The appointee shall be appointed as Assistant Professor (Grade-II) in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering in Level 11 of the Seventh CPC Pay Matrix [equivalent Sixth CPC designation of Assistant Professor (On Contract) in PB-3; AGP Rs.7000/-]. The basic pay of the appointee has been provisionally fixed at Rs.71,000/- i.e. Cell No.2 of Level 11 of the Seventh CPC Pay Matrix. The post is offered, on contract basis, initially for a period of three years which can be extended for a further period of maximum two years, beyond which no extension shall be considered. Service contract of Dr. Kamal Kumar will be completing on 8th July 2021.

Performance review of Dr. Kamal Kumar was conducted on 11.06.2021. Report of the committee will be placed before the Board in the meeting.

Board is requested to approve the extension of service of Dr. Kamal Kumar as per recommendation of the committee.

Resolution: Board approves the extension of service of Dr. Kamal Kumar for the period of two year as per recommendation of the committee.

BoG 34.05: Deliberation regarding pending recruitment process of Teaching /Non-Teaching vacancies in NIT Uttarakhand.

Institute had advertised the various Teaching vacancies vide advertisement No. 10/2019 & 04/2020 and Non-Teaching vacancies vide advertisement No 07/2019 and 08/2019 but recruitment could not be completed due to outbreak of COVID-19 and sudden demises of the then Director Late Prof.S.L.Soni. The brief details of the recruitment process are as follows:

Status of Teaching Vacancies	
Advertisement No. and Date	10/2019 & 04/2020
No. of Vacancies Advertised	14
No. of applicant applied	151
Present Status	Scrutiny is yet to be done

Status of Non-Teaching Vacancies	
Advertisement No. and Date	07/2019 & 08/2019
No. of Vacancies Advertised	30
No. of applicant applied	1013
No. of candidate Shortlisted	737
List of shortlisted candidates uploaded on the Institute website	26/06/2020
Written Test/Interview scheduled from	27/07/2020 onwards
Written Test/Interview re-scheduled from	18/08/2020 onwards
Written Test/Interview postponed due to COVID vide notice dated 04/08/2020	04/08/2020 till further orders

Institute is receiving many requests/representation from shortlisted candidates regarding conduct of recruitment process at the earliest.

For Non-Teaching position legal opinion was sought on dated 27.01.2021 & 08.02.2021 copy of legal Opinion is also enclosed as **Annexure BoG 34.03**.

Before starting the recruitment process clarification was sought from the Ministry vide letter No.NITUK/2021/R-Office/3163 Dated 24.02.2021 & 20.05.2021 "**whether In-Charge Director is empowered to start the Recruitment Process from the stage it was withheld**". But no reply is received till date in this regard.

Hence, Board is requested to deliberate in this matter.

Resolution: Board directed that Institute should wait for the reply from Ministry of Education in this regard.

BoG 34.06: Approval regarding establishment of two centers in NIT Uttarakhand.

The establishment of following two centers in NIT Uttarakhand was approved by the Board, in its 31st meeting vide agenda item no 31.07:

1. Disaster Management and Mitigation Center at NIT Uttarakhand.
2. Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainability Environmental Technologies.

As per Board directives Dr. Hariharan Muthusamy, (Board Member nominated by the Senate) and Dean (Research & Consultancy) have to prepare detailed administrative and financial proposal with proposed collaborative partners for perusal of the Board in the next BoG meeting. In compliance to Board resolution Dr. Hariharan Muthusamy will present the progress done so far in this regard, before the Board. Accordingly matter was again placed before the Board in its 33rd meeting vide agenda item No BOG 33.06. Resolution of the Board was as under:

The agenda was deferred to the next Board meeting.

Accordingly as per Board directives matter is again placed for perusal of the Board. Board is requested to note and appraise the same.

Resolution: Board noted the status and directed to submit update in next BOG meeting.

BoG 34.07: Adoption of Office Memorandum No.7/5/2012-P&PW(F)/B dated 12th February, 2020 regarding counting of service on joining new service in State Government/Central Government/Autonomous Body for the benefit of gratuity in respect of Central Govt. Employees covered under National Pension System (NPS).

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Govt. of India has issued an Office Memorandum No.7/5/2012-P&PW(F)/B dated 12th February, 2020 regarding counting of service on joining new service in State Government/Central Government/Autonomous Body for the benefit of gratuity in respect of Central Govt. Employees covered under National Pension System (NPS). Copy is enclosed as **Annexure BoG 34.04**

Hence, Board is requested to adopt the above mentioned Office Memorandum as welfare measure of NITUK employees.

Resolution: Deferred.

BoG 34.08: Adoption of Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021 notified vide G.S.R. 227(E) dated 30th March, 2021 and Office Memorandum notified vide F.No.I-34014/01/2020-Ad.II dated 31st May, 2021 regarding CCS (Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021.

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Govt. of India has issued a Gazette notification vide vide G.S.R. 227(E) dated 30th March, 2021 of Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021 and Office Memorandum notified vide F.No.I-34014/01/2020-Ad.II dated 31st May, 2021 regarding CCS (Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021. Copy is enclosed as **Annexure BoG 34.05**.

Hence, Board is requested to adopt the Central Civil Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2021 and Office Memorandum F.No.I-34014/01/2020-Ad.II dated 31st May, 2021 regarding CCS (Implementation of NPS) Rules, 2021 for the benefits of the employees.

Resolution: Not applicable to Autonomous Body hence cannot be adopted at this stage.

BoG 34.09: To note the Minutes of the 28th Senate Meeting.

Minutes of 28th Senate Meeting is enclosed as Annexure BoG 34.06.

The Board is requested to note the Minutes of the 28th Meeting of the Senate.

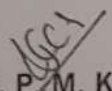
Resolution: Noted.


BoG 34.10 : Board also discussed few other points and deliberated as under:

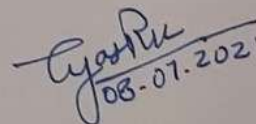
1. It was noted with concern that NIT Uttarakhand did not conduct any convocation for last Five years which reflects bad on the functioning of any institution. Board advised the Institute authorities for holding convocation latest by July, 2021/first week of Aug, 2021.
2. It was noticed that the Annual reports along with annual accounts for the year 2019-20 is behind schedule and needs to be submitted to MoE on priority after due approvals. The O/o Registrar to ensure the timely compliance.
3. The progress on earlier issues raised by CAG, like books missing, academic audit of each Deptt and absence of internal audit wing etc. be submitted in next BoG.
4. MoE was requested to pursue with Uttarakhand Government for nominating its representatives for BoG (as per constitution of the Board as per NIT Act).
5. Chairman BoG desired that the O/o registrar to ensure that the proposals/agend items should be self-contained with all relevant facts, along with financial and long-term implications so as to improve Financial management and strict compliance of rules / procedure in Institute as conveyed by MoE vide F.No.41-6/2015-TS.III dated 11.02.2019 in this regard.
6. Board also directed that following standard MIS be put up to BoG on quarterly basis:
 - i. Status/progress on different MOUs.
 - ii. ATRs on pending CAG, internal audit observations
 - iii. R&D projects, IPRs, grants, projects received, publications etc.
 - iv. Brief report of about 200 words each on activities of different departments/deans.
 - v. Preparation / Revisions of expert list of selection committee on annual/as per directives received from MoE.
 - vi. Fund position/utilization
 - vii. Major achievements/difficulties faced during the quarter
 - viii. Any other points needing attention of BoGso as to enable the BoG for effective general superintendence, direction/control of affairs of Institute as stipulated in NIT Act & Statutes.

The next scheduled date of Board meeting is 17th Sept 2021.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


(Dr. P. M. Kala)
Secretary, BoG


Approved


(Dr. R. K. Tyagi)
Chairman, BoG