

**MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE SENATE
(Through Agenda by Circulation)**

The Chairman, Senate had approved to seek the resolution to an urgent Agenda of the Senate through Circulation. The Agenda was circulated by e-mail to the following members of the Senate on 16th November 2018, requesting all the members to solicit their comments/suggestions/resolve on the same, on or before 1500 hrs, 17th November 2018:

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| 1. Prof. Shyam Lal Soni, Director | - | Chairman |
| 2. Prof. Ravindra Nagar, MNIT, Jaipur | - | Member |
| 3. Prof. Mannar Ram Maurya, IIT, Roorkee | - | Member |
| 4. Prof. Nupur Tondon, MNIT, Jaipur | - | Member |
| 5. Prof. R.B. Patel, Dean (P&D), NIT Uttarakhand | - | Member |
| 6. Col. Sukhpal Singh, Registrar | - | Secretary |

The response from all the members of the Senate were received by e-mail and the content of their comments/suggestions/resolves have been summarized in the form of a collective resolve as under:

S 13.01: Indefinite strike by the students and issues related to probable academic loss in the Odd Semester 2018.

Brief History

National Institute of Technology, Uttarakhand (NITUK) was established in the year of 2009 under the Act of Parliament. Its temporary campus is located in Srinagar, District: Pauri Gahrwal which is 150 kms. away from Dehradun, 130 kms. from Haridwar and 110 kms. from Rishikesh.

The present temporary campus location is very remote, deep in the hills of Garhwal which is devoid of basic amenities like medical, primary education for children, roads & transport infrastructure, vendor support etc. due to which the Institute's academics, research, consultancy, and placements are suffering since its inception.

The inherent problems of the present temporary location have forced the student to agitate two times in the past and now they are on strike again with a singular demand of shifting the temporary campus to the Dehradun/Haridwar/Rishikesh. Many letters have been written by Hon'ble Human Resource Minister (HRM) to the State Government, supporting the cause of the students.

Students Indefinite Strike and their Demands

Consequent to a fatal road accident on NH-58 in front of the Temporary Campus in Srinagar (Garhwal), in which two students of NIT got very severe injuries, all students of NIT Uttarakhand are sitting on an indefinite strike since 04.10.2018, demanding shifting of Temporary Campus to any safe location in Dehradun/Haridwar/Rishikesh so that students can pursue their studies safely, till such time the Permanent Campus is ready.

The whole issue took a very **SERIOUS** and **DRAMATIC TWIST** on the 20th day of the strike the student agitation when all the agitating students gathered in the campus, in the early hours of the morning of 23.10.2018, with their baggage's and left for their home's. The CSA submitted a memorandum as an official communication to the Institute administration, however, they did not withdraw their agitation. They were shouting slogans, of their demands, stating that they will return only when the temporary campus will be shifted to Dehradun/Haridwar/Rishikesh.

The inaction of the State Government

The students continue to be on strike, boycotting all academic activities since 04.10.2018. Since the first day of the strike, there has been no response from the State Government towards resolving the issues related to land for the permanent campus as well as shifting of temporary campus to any other safe location.

Taking a serious view of the developments, Hon'ble Human Resource Minister wrote another letter on 24.10.2018 to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Uttarakhand requesting him to shift the temporary campus to plains or pooling of campus with renowned Institutes near the major cities like Haridwar, Dehradun and Rishikesh and allotment of suitable land for the establishment or permanent campus of the Institute. But no any information has been received from the Government of Uttarakhand.

The students of NIT Uttarakhand continue to be on indefinite agitation since 4th October 2018, till date. The Institute has appealed several times to the students and their parents to resume their classes.

During their period of absence the Academic loss of running Odd Semester 2018 is as under:

- (i) The students have boycotted the **Mid Term Exam-II** scheduled from **10th to 12th Oct. 2018** and they have been marked as absent.
- (ii) All the B.Tech and M.Tech students are found absent for **Registration for Even Semester 2019** which was scheduled on **14th and 15th Nov 2018**.
- (iii) In the present Odd Semester, before going on Strike, the students had attended classes for 8 weeks i.e. from **1st Aug. 2018 to 3rd Oct 2018** (almost 23 theory classes per course).
- (iv) Resultantly, the students have boycotted almost 5 weeks of classes (i.e. almost 14 theory classes per course) till date.
- (v) Hence, only two weeks of classes are left (i.e. **from 19th Nov 2018 to 2nd Dec 2018, almost 5 classes per course**) before the **End Semester Examination** which is scheduled from **5th to 15th Dec. 2018**.

Keeping the above in the mind the Senate is requested to allow invoking the provisions of Clause Rule 3.18 in the Ordinance Rule and Regulation

The Senate is requested to deliberate upon this emergent situation and render valuable guidance.

Resolution: The Senate deliberated upon the whole issue and expressed its serious concern on the prevailing situation in the campus. The Senate decides to issue an appeal to all the agitating students to immediately resume academics activities so as to enable the Senate to take possible steps to save the student from apparent academic loss and its ill effect on their long-term career prospects. The Senate observed that it would be possible for the Senate to save the student from losing their Semester, if they resume their classes from 19th November 2018 onwards.

The Senate also urges the State and the Central Govt. to take immediate steps to bring the students back to the campus so that the academic activities can be restored immediately.

The Chairman, Senate expressed his gratitude to all the Senators for rendering their support, guidance and valuable advice in this movement of crises.


18/11/2018
(Col. Sukhpal Singh)
Secretary

Approved/ Not Approved


28/11/2018

(Prof. Shyam Lal Soni)
Chairman