



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA

MINUTES OF THE 102ND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA, HELD FROM 04:45 PM TO 05:30 PM ON 30.06.2026 (TUESDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE

A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

BOG-102(2026)-01: Welcome to all the members, including a new member nominated by the Senate, NIT Rourkela, from the Associate/Assistant Professor Category, Prof. Santos Kumar Das (Electronics and Communication Engineering, NIT Rourkela), to the meeting by the Chairperson, BOGs, NIT Rourkela.

The Chairperson, BoGs, welcomed all members to the meeting, including the newly nominated member from the Senate representing the Associate/Assistant Professor category, Prof. Santos Kumar Das (Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering). Leave of absence was also granted to the members who could not attend the meeting.

BOG-102(2026)-02: Appreciation note to Prof. Manmath Narayan Sahoo (outgoing Board member nominated by the Senate, NIT Rourkela) by the Chairperson, BOGs, NIT Rourkela.

The Chairperson, BOGs, placed on record the valuable contributions of Prof. Manmath Narayan Sahoo, outgoing Board member nominated by the Senate, during his term as Board member. The Chairperson further authorized the Director to issue an Appreciation Note to Mr. Sahoo on behalf of the Board.

BOG-102(2026)-03: Confirmation of the minutes of the 101st meeting of the BOG held on 10.03.2026 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The minutes of the 101st meeting of the BOG held on 10.03.2026, in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela via offline/VC modes, were circulated by email to all members. No comments were received from the members. A copy of the minutes is given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A1, Page 14 – 30]

The Board confirmed and approved the agenda item.

BOG-102(2026)-04: To report the action taken on the decisions made in the 101st meeting of the BOG held on 10.03.2026 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The action report detailing the decisions made in the 101st meeting of the BOG held on 10.03.2026, in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela via offline/VC modes, is provided in the Annexure for the Board's information.

[Annexure-A2, Page 31 – 32]

The Board noted the above.

BOG-102(2026)-05: To consider the minutes of the 76th FC meeting.

The following agenda items of the 76th FC Meeting are placed in the BOG for approval:

FC-76(2026)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 75th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 10.03.2026 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

FC-76(2026)-03: To approve the Statement of Accounts for the FY 2025-26.

FC-76(2026)-04: Approval of the Minutes of the agenda items discussed in the 56th BWC meeting held on 27.03.2026.

FC-76(2026)-05: Approval for procurement of furniture and digital equipment for Shankh (LA-2).

FC-76(2026)-06: Establishment of a Modern Data Centre at NIT Rourkela and approval of additional funds for replacement of Data Centre equipment.

FC-76(2026)-07: Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) of the Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) at the Central Research Facility (CRF) at NIT Rourkela.

FC-76(2026)-08: Mess Tender for different Halls of Residence at NIT Rourkela.

FC-76(2026)-09: Tender for Housekeeping & Sanitation services (Cleaning services) at NIT Rourkela.

[Annexure-A3, Page 32(a) – 32(e)]

The Board considered and approved the minutes of the 76th meeting of the FC.

BOG-102(2026)-06: Discussion on the CAG Inspection Report No. 102/2025-26.

The transaction audit of the Institute for the financial year 2024–25 was conducted by the Principal Director of Audit (Central), Hyderabad, at Bhubaneswar from 16.02.2026 to 06.03.2026.

Following the audit, the Institute has received the detailed Inspection Report (IR No. 102/2025–26) from the CAG. The report is placed before the Board of Governors for kind consideration and appropriate directions.

The Board considered and noted the above-mentioned CAG Inspection Report and suggested filing a suitable reply to CAG after compliance, if required.

B. POLICY AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

BOG-102(2026)-07: Proposal for appointment of Deputy Director.

The Ministry of Education, vide Letter F. No. 35-1/2026-TS.III dated 18.05.2026, has requested the Institute to initiate immediate necessary action for the appointment of a Deputy Director within three months.

As per Clause 18 of the First Statutes of National Institutes of Technology and subsequent amendments, the salient provisions governing the appointment and role of the Deputy Director are as follows:

- i. *The appointment of the Deputy Director shall be made by the Board on the recommendations of the Selection Committee constituted in terms of provisions under Statutes 23 (5) (a) of the First Statutes of National Institutes of Technology.*
- ii. *The appointment shall be for a period of 3 years initially which may be extended by two times for one year each on recommendation of the Board.*
- iii. *The Deputy Director shall be governed by the terms & conditions of the Contract of Service entered into between the Institute and the Dy. Director.*
- iv. *The Deputy Director shall have all the powers of the Director during the vacancy in the post of Director of the Institute.*
- v. *The Deputy Director shall assist the Director in academic and administrative work and in maintaining in liaison with other institutions of Higher learning and research, and also industrial undertakings and other employers.*

Further, Clause 23 (5) (a) of the First Statutes of the National Institutes of Technology (Amendment) Statutes, 2017 *inter-alia* states that, "The qualification and other terms and conditions of appointment of Academic Staff (excluding Director), or promotion shall be as specified in Schedule 'E' and the Selection Committee for making recommendations for appointment of Academic Staff (excluding Director) shall consist of the following members, namely:

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| (1) Director or Deputy Director | - | Chairman |
| (2) Visitor's Nominee | - | Member |
| (3) Two nominees of the board, one being an expert, but other than a member of the Board | - | Member |
| (4) one expert nominee of the Senate from outside the Institute | - | Member" |

The Board approved initiating the process for the appointment of the Deputy Director. The Board further authorized the Director to nominate two members to the Selection Committee on its behalf.

BOG-102(2026)-08: Upgradation of internal faculty members of the Institute from Assistant Professor Grade-II in Pay Level-10 (on contract) to Assistant Professor Grade-II in Pay Level-11 (on contract).

The Schedule 'E' of NIT Statutes [as amended vide Clause No. 5 (g) – 1 (I) of the Gazette of India Notification CG-OR-E-20062023-246694] regarding National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, dated 19th June 2023 inter-alia states that:

“(1) Any change in the pay scale shall be through an open advertisement and on the recommendations of the duly constituted Selection Committee, except where specifically exempted in these Statutes:

Provided that the Assistant Professor Grade-II appointed on a contract basis in the Institute shall be, on successful completion of one year of service in Level-10 of the Pay Matrix of the 7th Central Pay Commission, may be upgraded to Level-11 of the Pay Matrix of the 7th Central Pay Commission or any other corresponding pay scale or grade pay or pay level, if found suitable by a duly constituted Selection Committee, but not through open advertisement.”

Accordingly, it is proposed to undertake the upgradation process of eligible internal faculty members serving as Assistant Professor Grade-II (on contract) from Pay Level-10 to Pay Level-11.

The Selection Committee for this purpose shall be constituted in accordance with the provisions of the NIT Statutes, drawing upon the panel of experts and SC/ST & Minority Community Observers approved by the Board of Governors vide Resolution No. BOG-101(2026)-08 dated 10.03.2026. The Director shall finalize the Visitor's Nominees from the panel notified by the Ministry of Education. The proposal for initiating the Faculty Upgradation Process-2026 is placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and approval.

[Annexure-A6, Page 56 – 57]

The Board approved the above proposal.

BOG-102(2026)-09: Implementation of Compassionate Appointment Scheme for the employees of NIT Rourkela (Deferred Item).

The Board of Governors, in its 90th Meeting held on 12.07.2023 vide resolution No. BOG-90(2023)-10, approved the adoption and implementation of the Compassionate Appointment Scheme in the Institute in accordance with the DoPT Guidelines (OM No. DOPT-1667555281194 dated 02.08.2022).

As per the guidelines, every organization must develop a point-based merit system to assess applications under the Compassionate Appointment Scheme, ensuring transparency, objectivity, and uniformity in the selection process.

In compliance with the above decision, the Institute constituted a Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Dean (Faculty Welfare) to examine the matter and frame a suitable policy for the Institute. The Committee, after reviewing the policies and practices followed by various Central Government organizations and Higher Educational Institutions, has formulated a draft Policy for Compassionate Appointment for implementation at NIT Rourkela.

The draft Policy is placed before the Board for consideration and decision.

[Annexure-A7, Page 58 – 71]

The Board approved the proposal.

BOG-102(2026)-10: Approval of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) recommendation for promotion of Officers.

In accordance with the Non-Teaching Recruitment Rules, the Institute initiated the process for promotion of eligible non-teaching employees, including to Officer cadre posts, for the vacancy year 2026 through the constitution of a Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC).

The Board of Governors, vide Resolution No. BOG-101(2026)-09 dated 10.03.2026, had authorized the Chairperson, BOG, to approve the recommendations of the DPC, with the same to be placed before the Board in its subsequent meeting.

Accordingly, the DPC process was conducted, and its recommendations regarding promotion to Officer cadre posts were submitted to the Chairperson, BOG, for kind approval. Upon receipt of approval, three (03) employees were promoted to the Officer cadre with effect from 07.05.2026.

The recommendations of the DPC, along with the approval accorded by the Chairperson, BOG, are placed before the Board for the kind information.

[Annexure-A8, Page 72 – 78]

The Board ratified the above agenda item.

BOG-102(2026)-11: Grant of Extra Ordinary Leave (Without Pay) to Dr. Arya Priyadarshini, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dr. Arya Priyadarshini (EC: 1241580) has requested EOL (Without Pay) to avail the Postdoctoral Fellowship for 2 years. She has been awarded a

Postdoctoral Fellowship grant to support her project proposal, which has received the 'Seal of Excellence' from the European Commission. The details are given below:

Name of the Faculty / Designation Department	Date of Joining the Institute	Aca. Pay Level	Name of the Fellowship	Duration
Dr. Arya Priyadarshini Assistant Professor Grade-II Department of Humanities & Social Sciences	30.07.2024	APL – 10	Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA-PF) 2025	24 Months (Tentative) 01.08.2026 to 31.07.2028

The Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowship (MSCA-PF) 2025 is one of the most prestigious and competitive research funding programs of the European Commission under the Horizon Europe framework. Her proposal has received funding support under the Mobilitas 3.0 'Support for the Implementation of MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowship Projects' Incoming Postdoctoral Grants scheme, with Tallinn University, Estonia, as the host institution. Prof. Hannes Palang, Head of the School of Humanities and Professor of Human Geography at Tallinn University, Estonia, will host her.

The Institute always looks for meritorious faculty members of this type, as they are assets for international research collaboration and for enhancing their peer perception. In addition, Dr. Arya Priyadarshini may not have such an opportunity later in her career, as the field is becoming increasingly competitive.

As per the extant guidelines of the Institute Leave Rules, 'Sabbatical Leave' can only be availed by a faculty after completion of six years of continuous regular service, and 'EOL' can be admissible only after confirmation of a faculty in the service of the Institute for the said purpose. Since Dr. Arya Priyadarshini joined the Institute only at APL-10, she is not eligible for such leave to join this fellowship program under the Institute Leave Rules.

However, Clause-34: "Exception" of the Institute Leave Rules says *"notwithstanding anything contained in these policies, the leave granting authority can sanction or deny leave to an employee as he/she thinks fit in greater interest of the Institute"* and

Clause-31: "Authority Empowered to Sanction Leave" says *"EOL beyond 3 months, Study Leave, Sabbatical Leave, Secondment, Deputation and Lien to faculty and officers will need approval of the BOG on recommendation of*

the Director." Here, it may be noted that the Director has recommended EOL (Without Pay) for one (01) year.

Since the BOG is the leave-sanctioning authority for foreign travel, and in view of Clause 34 and Clause 31 of the leave rules, the BOG may consider approving EOL for the faculty member for the above-mentioned period to join the fellowship program.

[Annexure-A9, Page 79 – 104]

The Board considered and approved the proposal.

BOG-102(2026)-12: Grant of Post Graduate (PG) Allowance to Medical Officers and Senior Medical Officers of the Institute – reg.

Dr. Sameer Patnaik joined the Institute as Medical Officer on 31.07.2014 (FN) and has been serving in the Institute Health Center, providing medical services to students, staff, and their dependents.

During his tenure, Dr. Patnaik was granted Study Leave by the Competent Authority to pursue the DNB (Pediatrics) program for a period of three years from 18.04.2022 to 17.04.2025. The said qualification is recognized as a Postgraduate qualification by the National Medical Commission (erstwhile Medical Council of India).

As per the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare O.M. No. A.29015/7/2004-CHS.V dated 05.10.2006, Post Graduate Allowance is admissible to Medical Officers possessing recognized PG Degree/Diploma/DNB qualifications, provided the same has been acquired with prior approval of the Competent Authority and after availing Study Leave/Extra-ordinary Leave. Further, the allowance is payable from the date of publication of the result in cases where the qualification is acquired after joining service.

Subsequently, the Ministry, vide O.M. No. A.45012/02/2017-CHS.V dated 29.08.2017, revised the rate of Post Graduate Allowance to ₹2,250/- per month in accordance with the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission.

Further, the Ministry of Education, vide its communication F. No. 11-6/2019-TS.III dated 25.02.2020, has clarified the applicability of Government of India allowances, including Post Graduate Allowance, to Medical Officers and Senior Medical Officers of National Institutes of Technology and other Centrally Funded Technical Institutions.

Dr. Patnaik has acquired the DNB (Pediatrics) qualification after joining the Institute, with prior approval of the Competent Authority and by availing sanctioned Study Leave. Accordingly, he fulfills the prescribed eligibility conditions for the grant of Post Graduate Allowance, which is admissible w.e.f. 20.05.2025, i.e., the date of declaration of the result.

It is further proposed that the above provisions may be extended to other Medical Officers and Senior Medical Officers of the Institute who fulfill the conditions stipulated in the aforementioned Office Memoranda.

The Board considered and approved the proposal.

BOG-102(2026)-13: Discussion on the reconstitution of the Board of Directors, Foundation for Technology and Business Incubation (FTBI).

The Board of Directors of the Foundation for Technology and Business Incubation (FTBI) was last reconstituted as approved by the Board of Governors, NIT Rourkela, vide Resolution No. BOG-93(2024)-08 dated 24/01/2024.

Since then, the scope and functional activities of FTBI have expanded significantly in alignment with emerging institutional priorities and the broader objectives of the Government of India towards innovation, entrepreneurship, and societal impact. Additionally, certain members of the existing Board of Directors have since demitted office/ceased to be associated with the Institute, necessitating reconstitution of the Board.

S. No.	Name	Position
1.	Director, NIT Rourkela	Chairman (Ex-officio)
2.	President, FTBI	Member Secretary (Ex-officio)
3.	Mr. Chiranjibi Samal, CEO, FTBI	Member
4.	Mr. D. B. Sundar Raman, Vice President, Raw Materials, Tata Steel, Jamshedpur (Class of 1990, MN)	Member
5.	Ms. Lisa Mohapatra, Founder & CEO, Hopeto, Bengaluru (Class of 2004, ME)	Member

[Annexure-A11, Page 117 – 121]

The Board considered and approved the proposal.

BOG-102(2026)-14: Matter related to Report of the Internal Grievance Redressal Committee (IGRC).

The matter relating to the report submitted by the Internal Grievance Redressal Committee (IGRC) was deliberated by the Board of Governors in its 97th & 99th Meetings. In its 99th Meeting held on 01.12.2025, vide Resolution No. BOG-99(2025)-11, the Board authorized the Director to constitute an external member committee to examine and verify the findings of the IGRC and submit its observations.

In compliance with the above directions of the Board, an External Committee was constituted with the following members:

Prof. Fazal A. Talukdar, Professor (HAG)
ECE Department, NIT Silchar - Chairman

Dr. Ranajit Kumar Bandyopadhyay
DS (NITs) (Retd.), MHRD (now MoE), Govt. of India - Member

Mr. Raj Kumar Manjhiwal
Registrar, IISER Mohali - Member

The Committee has since completed its deliberations and submitted its report on 25.04.2026. The report of the External Committee is placed before the Board of Governors for kind consideration and appropriate decision.

[Annexure-A12, Page 122 – 140]

The Board approved the report given by the External Committee.

BOG-102(2026)-15: Appointment/Extension of Deans'/Associate Deans' tenure.

As per Statute 19 of the First Statutes of NITs, the Director is empowered to appoint Professors and Associate Professors as Deans under intimation to the Chairperson, Board of Governors. The tenure of such appointments shall ordinarily be for a period of two years, extendable by a further period of one year, subject to satisfactory performance and institutional requirements.

In exercise of the above powers, the Director has nominated faculty members and proposed assignment of responsibilities (including fresh appointments and extension of tenure) of Deans and Associate Deans, as indicated in the table below:

A) Dean:

S. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1.	FW	Prof. A. Basu (MM) relinquished charge of the post on personal grounds w.e.f 04.06.2026. The incumbent Dean (SW) is holding an additional charge.	Prof. Poonam Singh (EC)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
2.	AC	Prof. A.K. Turuk (CS) was relieved w.e.f. 26.05.2026 on deputation. Prof. B G Mishra, PIC (Exam), holding the additional charge.	Prof. Saroj Kumar Patel (ME)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
3.	SW	Prof. Niranjana Panda (CY)	Prof. Rajeev Kumar Panda (SM)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
4.	PD	Prof. Pradip Sarkar (CE)	Extension of Term	01.07.2021	30.06.2027
5.	SR	Prof. Swadesh Kumar Pratihar (CR)	Prof. Saurav Chatterjee (CY)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
6.	AR	Prof. Himanshu Bhushan Sahu (MN)	Prof. Dipti Patra (EE)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028

B) Associate Dean:

S. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1	FW	Prof. Manish Okade (EC)	Prof. Rama Chandra Pradhan (FP)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
2	AC (UG & Examination)	Prof. Anil Kumar Singh (PH)	Continue	01.07.2025	30.06.2027
3.	AC (PG & RESEARCH)	Prof. Rama Chandra Pradhan (FP)	Prof. Jugal Mohapatra (MA)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
4.	AC (International Students)	-	Prof. Balasubramanian P (BM)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
5.	AR	Prof. Pankaj Kumar Sa (CS)	Prof. Archana Mallik (MM)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
6	PD (Civil)	Prof. Rabi Narayan Behera (CE)	Continue	01.07.2025	30.06.2027
7	PD (*MEP)	Prof. Gopalakrishna Srungavarapu (EE)	Continue	01.07.2025	30.06.2027
8.	SR	Prof. Madhurima Jana (CY)	Prof. Madhuresh Dwivedi (FP)	01.07.2026	30.06.2028
9	SR	Prof. Samit Ari (EC)	Continue	01.07.2025	30.06.2027

*Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP)

The Board considered and approved the proposal.

C. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

BOG-102(2026)-16:Personnel issues [Superannuation/Resignation/Deputation].

Superannuation

Prof. Dillip Kumar Bisoyi [EC - 1980719], Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, relieved on superannuation from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 30/04/2026 (AN).

Prof. Siba Sankar Mahapatra [EC - 1860485], Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, relieved on superannuation from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 31/05/2026 (AN).

Prof. (Mrs.) Krishna Pramanik [EC - 1060785], Professor, Department of Biotechnology and Medical Engineering, relieved on superannuation from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 31/05/2026 (AN).

Resignation

Dr. Saroj Ray [EC - 1241559], Assistant Professor Grade-II, APL-10, Department of Mechanical Engineering, relieved from the Institute Service on Resignation w.e.f. 01/06/2026 (AN) vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2026/M/1791, dated 11/06/2026.

Deputation

On his selection for the position of Central Project Advisor in EdCIL (India) Limited, New Delhi/NCR, **Prof. Ashok Kumar Turuk** [EC-1970688], Professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, was granted deputation for a period of one year with the approval of the Chairperson, Board of Governors.

Accordingly, he was relieved from his duties at the Institute with effect from 26.05.2026 (AN), vide Letter No. NITR/ES/2026/M/1581 dated 26.05.2026, to enable him to join the said assignment for the period from 27.05.2026 to 26.05.2027.

The Board noted/ratified the above agenda item.

BOG-102(2026)-17: Adoption of the “Guidelines/Procedures for Banning of Business Dealings – 2026.”

The Purchase Section of the Institute has formulated a comprehensive “Guidelines/Procedures for Banning of Business Dealings – 2026.” The proposed guidelines shall provide a framework for regulating business dealings with agencies/firms engaged in unscrupulous, anti-competitive, unethical, restrictive trade practices, or other undesirable business practices. The policy includes procedures for (i) placing a hold on participation of agencies/firms in tenders, (ii) Suspension of business dealings, and (iii) banning of business dealings with agencies/firms, wherever warranted. The guidelines aim to ensure transparency, fairness, and integrity in the Institute's procurement and contractual matters.

The guidelines are placed for the approval of the Board.

[Annexure-A13, Page 141 – 153]

The Board approved the above proposal.

D. ACADEMIC MATTERS: NIL

E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

BOG-102(2026)-18: Discussion on Submitted Data (Engineering) and Probable NIRF Performance (Deferred Item).

The Institute has submitted the requisite data for participation in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2026 under the Engineering category. An internal review has been undertaken to assess the overall performance trends and the Institute's comparative standing. During the meeting, a brief presentation on the submitted data will be followed by a broad review of parameter-wise performance and an assessment of the probable score range and expected ranking band based on trend analysis.

The Board deliberated in detail on the presentation by the Director and the PIC (Accreditation & Ranking) and expressed its best wishes for the Institute's improved performance in the forthcoming NIRF rankings.

BOG-102(2026)-19: Permission to organize the International Conference/Short-term course

The following requests from different departments have been received for organizing the International Conferences on various dates as follows:

Sl. No.	Department	Title of the Conference / Short-Term Course	Date	Venue
1.	Department of Food Process Engineering (FP)	Advanced Thermal and Non-thermal Sustainable Technologies for Food Industry Waste Reduction and Waste Valorization	3 rd – 9 th June, 2026	NIT Rourkela
2.	Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME)	Design, Simulate, and Innovate with SOLIDWORKS & COMSOL Multiphysics	29 th June – 03 rd July, 2026	NIT Rourkela
3.	Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)	SPARC International Workshop on Smart Healthcare and Robotics (SHRO-2026)	2 nd – 4 th September, 2026	NIT Rourkela
4.	Department of Biotechnology and Medical Engineering (BM)	International Bioengineering Conference – Future of Bio-engineering: From Discovery and Technology Development to Market (IBEC-2026)	2 nd – 4 th November, 2026	NIT Rourkela
5.	Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (MM)	8 th International Conference on Processing and Characterization of Materials (ICPCM 2026)	3 rd – 5 th December, 2026	NIT Rourkela
6.	Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME)	13 th International and 53 rd National Conference on Fluid Mechanics and Fluid Power (FMFP 2026)	10 th – 12 th December, 2026	NIT Rourkela
7.	Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)	9 th International Conference on Data Analytics and Cyber Security (DACS 2026)	21 st – 23 rd December, 2026	NIT Rourkela

The details are given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A14, Page 154 – 206]

The Board approved the above proposals.

BOG-102(2026)-20: Faculty members participated in the International Conference/Training Workshop (Abroad).

The following faculty members have participated in various International Conferences/Training Workshops (Abroad) during the period 26.03.2026 to date:

S. No.	Name & Department	Duration	Training/Conference Title	Place of Training / Conference
1.	Prof. Arya Priyadarshini, HS	26.03.2026 to 27.03.2026	10 th edition of Transformation Digital Art (TDA)	Amsterdam, Netherlands
2.	Prof. Kalipada Maity, ME	22.04.2026 to 24.04.2026	37 th International Congress on Surface Modification Technologies (SMT37)	Cambridge, UK
3.	Prof. Dayal Ramakrushna Parhi, ME	16.05.2026 to 17.05.2026	International Conference on Control, Automation, Robotics and Vision Engineering (ICCARVE – 2026)	Boston, USA
		20.05.2026 to 21.05.2026	International Conference on Advanced Sensors and Surveillance Engineering (ICASSE – 2026)	Chicago, USA
4.	Prof. Anirban Bhowal, EC	09.06.2026 to 12.06.2026	The 2026 IEEE 103 rd Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC2026-Spring)	Nice, France
5.	Prof. Abanti Sahoo, CH	10.06.2026 to 11.06.2026	International Conference on Microplastics, Pollution and Wastewater Sustainability (ICMPPWS) - 2026	San Francisco, USA
6.	Prof. Annuncy Vinoliya D, HS	11.06.2026 to 12.06.2026	TABU Dag Conference – 2026	Groningen, Netherlands
7.	Prof. Anil Kumar Singh, PH	14.06.2026 to 16.06.2026	Bharat Innovates 2026	Nice, France
8.	Prof. Rajeev Kumar Panda, SM			
9.	Prof. Manish Okade, EC			
10.	Prof. Rajiv Kumar Mishra, EE	17.06.2026 to 21.06.2026	The 15 th Asian Control Conference (ASCC) – 2026	Bali, Indonesia
11.	Prof. Abhishek Dey, EE			
12.	Prof. Seemita Mohanty, HS	19.06.2026 to 21.06.2026	11 th International Conference on Research in Education	Oslo, Norway
13.	Prof. Somnath Maity, EE	23.06.2026 to 26.06.2026	The 2026 International Symposium on Industrial Electronics (ISIE)	WINC AICHI in Nagoya, Japan
14.	Prof. Anurag Sharma, CE	30.06.2026 to 04.07.2026	13 th International Conference on Fluvial Hydraulics	Thessaloniki, Greece

The Board noted/ratified the above item. The Chairperson, however, reiterated the appeal made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for austerity in foreign travel and emphasized the need for strict adherence to it. The Board directed the Institute to review and revise its policy governing foreign travel, and to ensure that permission to attend international conferences/training programs abroad is granted only in exceptional, well-justified cases till the end of Sept. 2026.

BOG-102(2026)-21: Status of ongoing Civil and E & M works by CPWD in NIT Rourkela (Deferred Item).

The status of ongoing Civil and E & M works by the CPWD in the Institute is placed for the kind perusal of the Board.

[Annexure-A15, Page 207 – 209]

The Board took note of the status of ongoing projects being executed by CPWD in the Institute. The Board suggested that the Institute continue to engage with the contractors through CPWD to address any delays and ensure the timely completion of the projects.

The Board further suggested that future presentations on the matter should include updated progress reports supported by photographs, along with clearly defined timelines for completion of each project.

BOG-102(2026)-22: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

1) Appointment of Prof. Rohan Dhiman as Registrar.

The Board of Governors, vide Resolution No. BOG-83(2022)-03, while considering the continuation of Prof. P. K. Das as Registrar, authorized the Director to appoint a faculty member of the Institute as Interim Registrar. Accordingly, Prof. Rohan Dhiman, Associate Professor, Department of Life Science, was appointed as Interim Registrar w.e.f. 28.02.2022.

Subsequently, with the approval of the Board vide Resolution No. BOG-84(2022)-07, the post of Registrar was advertised. Based on the recommendations of the duly constituted Selection Committee and approval of the Board vide Resolution No. BOG-89(2023)-07, Prof. Dhiman was appointed as Registrar on a deputation basis for a period of five years w.e.f. 21.03.2023.

Further, in the 95th Meeting of the Board, while considering the Faculty Recruitment Drive-2023, the Board was apprised of the selection of Prof. Dhiman (holding lien as Associate Professor) to the post of Professor in Academic Pay Level 14A (AGP ₹10,500) in the Department of Life Science. The Board permitted him to join as a Professor while continuing to discharge his duties as Registrar.

In terms of Statute 21(3) of the First Statutes of NITs, the performance of Prof. Dhiman upon completion of one year as Registrar was reviewed by the Board vide Resolution No. BOG-97(2025)-11, and he was allowed to continue till the completion of his tenure.

Meanwhile, the Transaction Audit of the Institute for the financial year 2023-24, conducted by the Principal Director of Audit (Central), raised an audit observation under the head "Improper Human Resources



Management" regarding the appointment of Prof. Dhiman. The said Inspection Report was placed before the Board in its 98th Meeting vide Resolution No. BOG-98(2025)-06, wherein the Board noted the observation and advised submission of an appropriate reply to CAG after ensuring necessary compliance, if any.

The relevant observation of CAG and the submission of the Institute on the matter are placed at Annexure for kind perusal.

In view of the above, the matter regarding the appointment of Prof. Rohan Dhiman as Registrar is placed before the Board for consideration and suitable directions.

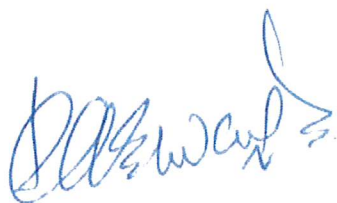
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The Board considered the matter in the absence of Prof. Rohan Dhiman, Registrar and Secretary to the Board, to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

After reviewing the records and inputs placed before it, including the observations of the audit authority (CAG), the Chairperson sought the views of the nominee members of the Board representing the Ministry of Education. Upon detailed deliberations, the Board was of the considered view that the appointment of Prof. Rohan Dhiman as Registrar had been processed in accordance with the prescribed procedures and guidelines and is administratively tenable.

The Board also recalled that the matter had been examined in depth during its 95th Meeting and concluded that no further action was warranted in this matter.

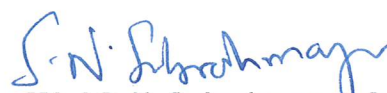
The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



[Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao]

Director

Ex-Officio Member, BOG, NIT Rourkela



[Shri S. N. Subrahmanyam]

Chairperson, BOG
NIT Rourkela