



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA

**MINUTES OF THE 98<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA, HELD FROM 11:15 AM TO 12:35 PM ON 28.06.2025 (SATURDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.**

**A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**BOG-98(2025)-01: Welcome to all members to the meeting by the Chairperson.**

*The Chairperson welcomed all the members to the meeting.*

**BOG-98(2025)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 08.01.2025 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.**

The minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting held on 08.01.2025 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode were circulated by e-mail to all the members. No comments were received from the members. However, the following corrections were made in the Minutes:

- (i) The name of the Conference conducted by the Central Research Facility from 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 is RIDMSEF: SERIES-1 (where M stands for Materials) instead of RIDSEF: SERIES-1.
- (ii) The total number of graduating students in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Convocation (on 20.06.2025) is 2065 instead of 2064. [1 - M. Tech. (Res.)]

A copy of the minutes is given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A1, Page 17-31]

*The Board confirmed and approved the agenda item.*

**BOG-98(2025)-03: To report the action taken on the decisions made in the 97<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 08.01.2025 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.**

The action report taken on the decisions made in the 97<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting minutes held on 08.01.2025 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode is given in the Annexure for information of the Board.

[Annexure-A2, Page 32-33]

*The Board noted the above, along with the joining of the two software engineers in the Centre for Automation Technology on a contract basis. The Board also suggested that the Ministry send their views against the IGRC report submitted by the Institute in February 2025, which was discussed in the 97<sup>th</sup> Board meeting against agenda item no. BOG-97(2025)-22.*

**BOG-98(2025)-04: To consider the minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> FC meeting.**

The following agenda items of the 73<sup>rd</sup> FC Meeting are placed in the BOG for approval:

FC-73(2025)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 08.01.2025 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

FC-73(2025)-03: To approve the Statement of Accounts for the FY 2024-25.

FC-73(2025)-04: Approval of the Minutes of the agenda items discussed in the 54th BWC meeting held on 16.06.2025.

FC-73(2025)-05: Approval of the Annual Allocation of Budget for the Financial Year 2025-26 of NIT Rourkela.

FC-73(2025)-06: Procurement of 200 desktop systems by CIC.

FC-73(2025)-07: Expansion of ILL service by BSNL from 2.01 GBPS to 5.0 GBPS.

FC-73(2025)-08: Procurement of a Core Switch for Institute work.

FC-73(2025)-09: Tender for Housekeeping & Sanitation services at NIT Rourkela.

FC-73(2025)-10: Tender for Manpower for Security Services at NIT Rourkela.

**[Annexure-A3, Page 34-40]**

***The Board considered and approved the minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> FC meeting.***

**BOG-98(2025)-05: Discussion on the Ministry of Education Internal Audit Report IAR No.: IAW/IAR/2024-25/2699/689-691.**

The internal audit of the Institute for April 2019 to March 2024 was carried out by the internal audit wing of the Ministry of Education, Office of the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts from September 02, 2024, to September 11, 2024. After the audit, the Institute received the detailed report IAR No.: IAW/IAR/2024-25/2699/689-691 dated 14.01.2025, which is placed before the Board for kind consideration.

**[Annexure-A4, Page 41-111]**

***The Board considered and noted the above-mentioned Ministry of Education Internal Audit Report and suggested immediately taking the remedial steps, as appropriate.***

**BOG-98(2025)-06: Discussion on the CAG Inspection Report No. 83/ 2024-25.**

The transaction audit of the Institute for the FY 2023-24 was carried out by the Principal Director of Audit (Central), Hyderabad, at Bhubaneswar from 22.01.2025 to 27.02.2025. After their audit, the Institute received the detailed report IR No. 83/2024-25 and the outstanding para report No. CRA-V/Review of old outstanding Paras/2025-26/116 dated 05.06.2025, which has been placed before the Board for kind consideration.

**[Annexure-A5, Page 112-141]**

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

**BOG-98(2025)-09: Recommendation of the Selection Committee for Upgradation of internal faculty members of the Institute from Assistant Professor Grade-II in the Pay Level-10 (on contract) to Assistant Professor Grade-II in the Pay Level-11 (on contract).**

With reference to the BOG resolution No. BOG-96(2024)-08, dated 01.10.2024, regarding 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 Institute carried out the Upgradation process. The recommendation of the Selection Committee is placed before the BOG for consideration.

**[Annexure-A8, Page 210-213]**

*The Board approved the selection committee's recommendations and suggested that the consolidated list of successful candidates be included in the Annexures.*

**BOG-98(2025)-10: Pro-rata pension and combination of past service of Prof. Kishor Chandra Pati, MA – reg.**

Prof. Kishor Chandra Pati, Professor, MA, joined the Institute on 14/12/2006. Before joining this Institute, he rendered service at Khallikote College, Department of Higher Education, Government of Odisha (GoO) as Reader in Physics from 29/01/1990 to 13/12/2006, i.e., 16 years 10 months 15 days (around 17 years), where he was under the GPF Scheme. He was relieved from the Government of Odisha on Technical Resignation vide **Letter No. 51098(3)/HE dated 06/12/2006**. On relieving, the Government of Odisha remitted the accumulated GPF amount to Prof. Pati.

NIT Rourkela, being a pensionable establishment under the Old Pension Scheme, Prof. Pati, vide letter dated 08/02/2007, requested a combination of past service rendered at the Government of Odisha with NIT for the pension benefit. After receipt of his request, the same was intimated to his previous employer regarding the transfer of pro-rata pension liabilities, which include the gratuity and pro-rata pension. Accordingly, the Government of Odisha remitted an amount of Rs. 17,97,984/- to NIT Rourkela towards terminal benefits of Prof. Pati (which include Rs. 2,84,325/- towards gratuity and Rs. 15,13,659/- towards pro-rata pension).

Further, Rs. 1,41,025/- has been received from Government of Odisha towards leave salary of 124 days unutilized ELs for Prof. Pati.

The procedure for counting past service on mobility of employees from Central Government/Autonomous Bodies to other Autonomous Bodies and vice versa is regulated by the DPAR's OM No. 28/10/84-Pension Unit dated 29/08/1984 which inter alia provides that in the matter of combination of past service, the

previous employer will discharge its pension liabilities by paying in lump sum as a one-time payment, the pro-rata pension/service gratuity etc. for the service up to the date of absorption in the autonomous body/Government, as the case may be. Further, such benefit has been extended to employees of the State Government and State Autonomous Bodies moving to Central Government/Central Autonomous Bodies as per the provisions of DOPPW OM dated 07/02/1986, and such orders are applicable in Odisha from 14/02/1990.

[Annexure-A9, Page 214-230]

***The Board approved the grant of pro-rata pension and a combination of past service to Prof. K. C. Pati, MA.***

**BOG-98(2025)-11: Appointment of Part-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO) in NIT Rourkela.**

The Institute sent the names of three faculty members for appointment as Part-time CVO. The Vigilance Section, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, vide their letter No. C-34014/42/2024-Vig dated 08.05.2025 forwarded the CVC OM No. 024-CVO-43-54394 dated 06.03.2025 conveying the approval of name of Prof. Prasanna Kumar Sahu for appointment as Part-time CVO in NIT Rourkela initially for three (03) years from the date of assumption of charge of the post or till further orders, whichever event occurs earlier.

In this regard, the Institute vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2025/M/1576 dated 28.05.2025, appointed Prof. Prasanna Kumar Sahu, EE as the Part-time CVO of the Institute till the date of his superannuation (28.02.2027), or till further orders, whichever event occurs earlier. Prof. Sahu assumed the charge w.e.f. 28.05.2025.

[Annexure-A10, Page 231-233]

***The Board noted the above proposal.***

**BOG-98(2025)-12: Grant of Extraordinary Leave (Without Pay) to Prof. Soumya Ranjan Panda, EE.**

Prof. Soumya Ranjan Panda [EC-1241586], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Electrical Engineering of this Institute, has requested a grant of two years' Extraordinary Leave (EOL) from 01/09/2025 to pursue the Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Institute of Semiconductor Engineering, University of Stuttgart, Germany. During the fellowship, he will pursue research under Prof. Alwin Daus in the field of semiconductor devices with the title of the proposal "*Exploration of Back-End-Of-Line Compatible Te-Based P-Type Transistors with 2D Material Van Der Waals Contacts for Monolithic 3D Integration (BEOLTPT)*" funded by the European Commission.

Prof. Soumya Ranjan Panda joined this Institute on **11/09/2024 (FN)**. As per the provisions of the 4-tier flexible cadre structure, his appointment is on a contract basis initially for 2 years, i.e., till 10/09/2026.

As per the Institute Leave Rules Clause 21 (a) & (d) provisions, a faculty member confirmed in the service can avail EOL up to two years to pursue academic work outside the Institute, including a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in a reputed University.

However, Clause 34 of the Institute Leave Rules, inter alia, states that, "Notwithstanding anything contained in these policies, the leave-granting authority can sanction or deny leave to an employee as he/she thinks fit in the greater interest of the Institute."

[Annexure-A11, Page 234-240]

***The Board granted Extraordinary Leave (without pay) to Prof. Soumya Ranjan Panda for two (02) years and suggested the Institute take appropriate steps in safeguarding the interest of the Institute, if required.***

**BOG-98(2025)-13: Extension of contractual services of Mrs. Archana Gupta, Public Relations Officer (on contract).**

As approved by the BOG, vide Resolution No. BOG-95(2024)-06 dated 27.06.2024, Mrs. Archana Gupta was appointed Public Relations Officer (on contract) w.e.f. 27.06.2024 to 26.06.2025 with a remuneration of Rs. 75,000 per month. During this period, her performance has been very good.

Due to the requirement of the Institute, her tenure may be extended for another year w.e.f. 27.06.2025 to 26.06.2026.

All other terms and conditions in her offer of appointment no. NITR/ES/M/2024/2011 dated 12.07.2024 shall remain unchanged.

[Annexure-A12, Page 241-242]

***The Board approved the above proposal and recommended an extension of the tenure of Ms. Archana Gupta, Public Relations Officer (On contract), for another year w.e.f. 27.06.2025.***

**BOG-98(2025)-14: Approval for the extension of tenure of Audit Consultant (On contract).**

Mr. Akshay Kumar Nayak was appointed as Audit Consultant (on contract) on 29.08.2023 for one year, i.e., (29.08.2023 to 28.08.2024), which was further extended for another year, i.e., from 29.08.2024 to 28.08.2025, on the recommendation of the BOG vide resolution no. BOG-95(2024)-08 dated 27.06.2024.

He has been looking after CAG Audit Paras/observations and preparing suitable replies. He also liaises with the CAG Office in Bhubaneswar to settle the Audit Paras. During the transaction audit held in January 2025, he gave crucial support for preparing suitable replies to CAG.

Therefore, the Board is requested to extend his tenure for another year w.e.f. 29.08.2025.

[Annexure-A13, Page 243-245]

*The Board approved the above proposal and recommended an extension of the tenure of Mr. Akshaya Kumar Nayak, Audit Consultant (On contract), for another year w.e.f. 29.08.2025, with a suggestion to augment the capability of the internal audit wing of the institute with his expertise this year.*

**BOG-98(2025)-15: Appointment/Extension of Deans'/Associate Deans' tenure.**

The Director has nominated and proposed the responsibility (new appointment or extension of tenure) of Deans and Associate Deans to the faculty members as per the following table, which is placed before the Board for kind approval:

**A) Dean:**

S. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1.	FW	Prof. Anindya Basu (MM)	Continue	01.07.24	30.06.26
2.	AC	Prof. Snehashish Chakraverty (MA)	<b>Prof. A. K. Turuk (CS)</b>	<b>01.07.25</b>	<b>30.06.27</b>
3.	SW	Prof. Niranjan Panda (CY)	Continue	01.07.24	30.06.26
4.	PD	Prof. Pradip Sarkar (CE)	Continue	01.07.24	30.06.26
5.	SR	Prof. S. K. Pratihari (CR)	Term extended	07.12.23	30.06.26
6.	AR	Prof. H. B. Sahu (MN)	Term extended	01.07.23	30.06.26

**B) Associate Dean:**

S. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1.	FW	Prof. Manish Okade (EC)	Continue	01.07.24	30.06.26
2.	AC (UG/NBA/NIRF)	Prof. Samit Ari (EC)	<b>Prof. Anil K. Singh (PH)</b>	<b>01.07.25</b>	<b>30.06.27</b>
3.	AC (PG/RESEARCH)	Prof. R. C. Pradhan (FP)	Continue	01.07.24	30.06.26
4.	AR	Prof. Pankaj Kumar Sa (CS)	Term extended	01.07.23	30.06.26
5.	PD (Civil)	-	<b>Prof. Rabi Narayan Behera (CE)</b>	<b>01.07.25</b>	<b>30.06.27</b>
6.	PD (*MEP)	Prof. Subrata Karmakar (EE)	<b>Prof. Gopalakrishna Srungavarapu (EE)</b>	<b>01.07.25</b>	<b>30.06.27</b>
7.	SR	Prof. Madhurima Jana (CY)	Term extended	01.07.23	30.06.26
8.	SR	Prof. Shantanu Kumar Behera (CR)	<b>Prof. Samit Ari (EC)</b>	<b>01.07.25</b>	<b>30.06.27</b>

\*Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP)

**The Board approved the appointment/extension of Deans' / Associate Deans' tenure as per the above proposal.**

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### C. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

#### BOG-98(2025)-16: Voluntary Retirement of Prof. Santanu Bhattacharyya, Professor (CR).

Prof. Santanu Bhattacharyya submitted an application dated 13.01.2025, duly forwarded by the HOD (CR), requesting Voluntary Retirement w.e.f. 31.12.2025 (AN) owing to his poor health conditions.

Prof. Bhattacharyya joined the Institute on 12.10.1995 as a Lecturer and is currently a professor in the Department of Ceramic Engineering.

In terms of Rule 43 of CCS (Pension) Rules, 2021, the voluntary retirement of a Government servant may be considered under the following grounds:

1. The government servant has completed or will complete a qualifying service of 20 years on the intended retirement date.
2. The request must be submitted to the appointing authority not less than 03 months in advance with reasons thereof.

Further, as per the provisions of Statute 31(1), the appointing authority can accept the request for voluntary retirement of a Government Servant who has completed 20 years of qualifying service. Prof. Bhattacharyya fulfills the above conditions.

Since BOG is the appointing authority in this case, the request of Prof. Bhattacharyya is placed for kind consideration.

[Annexure-A14, Page 246-253]

*The Board approved Prof. Bhattacharyya's request for voluntary retirement.*

#### BOG-98(2025)-17: Personnel issues [Superannuation/Resignation/Technical Resignation/Lien/Academic Leave]:

##### Superannuation:

**Prof. Mithilesh Kumar** [EC-1970685], Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, was relieved from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 31/01/2025 (AN).

**Dr. Anil Kumar** [EC-1890541], Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, was relieved from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 31/01/2025 (AN).

**Dr. Bhatu Kumar Pal** [EC-1850466], Professor, Department of Mining Engineering, was relieved from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 28/02/2025 (AN).

**Technical Resignation:**

**Dr. Venkata Ramana Naik N.** [EC-1151240], Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, was relieved from the Institute Service on Technical Resignation w.e.f. 21/04/2025 (AN).

**Resignation:**

**Dr. Neelam Gunjyal** [EC-1241564], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Civil Engineering, was relieved from the Institute Service on Resignation w.e.f. 05/02/2025 (AN).

**Dr. Surabhi Verma** [EC-1151230], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, was relieved from the Institute Service on Resignation w.e.f. 12/02/2025 (AN).

*The Board noted/ratified the above proposals.*

**D. ACADEMIC MATTERS**

**BOG-98(2025)-18: Approval of the final list of students to be awarded degrees in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation to be held in August 2025.**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation of the Institute is scheduled to be held in August 2025. The list of B. Arch., B. Tech., Integrated M. Sc. (5 years), Dual Degree B. Tech. & M. Tech., M. Tech., M. Sc. (2 years), M.B.A., M.A., and Gold Medal candidates to be awarded degrees in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation is given in the Annexure for the kind approval of the Board. The Senate has examined and recommended the list, and provisional certificates have been issued.

Name of the program	No. of students to be awarded Degree
B. Arch.	18
B. Tech.	949
Integrated M. Sc.	51
Dual Degree	43
M. Tech.	436
M. Sc.	164
MBA	64
MA	20
M. Tech. (By Research)	0
PhD	66 (as on date)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1811</b>

The detailed list of the winners of the Institute Gold Medal, Silver Medal, Endowment Medal, and Endowment Award is given in the Annexure.

It is suggested that those who will qualify for M. Tech. (R) and Ph.D. degrees on or before 31.07.2025 will also be included in the list for award of degrees.

**[Annexure-A15, Page 254-300]**

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*The Board approved the above proposal and suggested a few names for the Chief Guest of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Convocation. The Director has been authorized to coordinate with the Chairperson, BoGs, NIT Rourkela in finalizing the name of the Chief Guest and sending the formal invitation to the Chief Guest. The Director has also been authorized to approve the name/s of the Distinguished Alumni Award/s that will be put up in the next Board meeting for ratification.*

**BOG-98(2025)-19: Introduction of a new M. Tech. course in Semiconductor Devices and Technology and the Centre of Excellence for Semiconductor Devices by the Department of Physics and Astronomy.**

The Senate of NIT Rourkela, in its 127th Meeting held on 22.01.2025, approved the proposal of the PH Department to introduce a new "M. Tech. in Semiconductor Devices and Technology" as per the instructions of the Ministry. The Senate also approved the proposal of the PH Department to establish a "Centre for Semiconductor Research and Innovation (CSRI)".

[Annexure-A16, Page 301-313]

*The Board approved the above proposal.*

**BOG-98(2025)-20: Introduction of a new M. Tech. course in Machine Learning and Signal Processing by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering.**

The Senate of NIT Rourkela, in its 127th Meeting held on 22.01.2025, approved the proposal of the EC Department to introduce a new "M. Tech. in Machine Learning and Signal Processing."

[Annexure-A17, Page 314-323]

*The Board approved the above proposal.*

#### **E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**BOG-98(2025)-21: Permission to organize the International Course/Workshop/Conference.**

The following requests from different departments have been received for organizing the International Course/Workshop/Conference on various dates as follows:

Sl. No.	Department	Title	Date	Venue
1.	Department of Ceramic Engineering (CR)	Refractories for Iron and Steel Processing Analyst (RISPA) [Short Term Course]	15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025	NIT Rourkela
2.	Department of Civil Engineering (CE)	Computer Applications in Water Resources Engineering (CAWRE-2025) [Workshop]	1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025	NIT Rourkela

3.	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HS)	Anchoring Sustainable Development in the Triad: Education, Industry and the City [Conference]	19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025	NIT Rourkela
4.	Department of Civil Engineering (CE)	HYDRO-2025 [Conference]	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2025	NIT Rourkela

The details are given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A18, Page 324-351]

**The Board approved the above proposals with advice to the Institute to get approval from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, before conducting any International Conference. The information about such approved conferences will also be sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, and the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.**

**BOG-98(2025)-22: 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 19.01.2025 till date:

Sl. No.	Name & Department	Duration	Training/Conference Title	Place of Training / Conference
1.	Prof. Tapas Kumar Mishra, CS	19.01.2025 – 24.01.2025	31st International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING – 2025)	Abu Dhabi, UAE
2.	Prof. Harekrushna Sahoo, CY	03.03.2025 – 04.03.2025	Scientific meeting on Ionic liquids and the future of soft materials	London, UK
		06.03.2025	En route: To attend a research seminar at the School of Physics, University College	Dublin, Ireland
3.	Prof. Mithun Biswas, PH	23.03.2025 – 27.03.2025	ACS Spring 2025	San Diego, USA
4.	Prof. Kishor Sahebrao Bhagwat, CE	28.03.2025 – 31.03.2025	2025 the 5th International Civil Engineering and Architecture Conference (CEAC – 2025)	Tokyo, Japan
5.	Prof. Narayan Sethi, HS	15.04.2025 – 16.04.2025	International Conference on "People on the Move: International Migration as a Catalyst for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals"	Dubai, UAE
6.	Prof. Basudatta Sarkar, PA	15.04.2025 – 19.04.2025	International Conference on Urban Affairs (ICUA - 2025)	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
7.	Prof. Arya Priyadarshini, HS	24.04.2025 – 25.04.2025	International Conference on Visual Arts, Narrative and Social Class	Turku, Finland

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8.	Prof. Anju R. Babu, BM	05.05.2025 – 07.05.2025	International Sustainable Resource Recovery Strategies Towards Zero Waste (FULLRECO4US)	Basel, Switzerland
9.	Prof. Angana Sarkar, BM			
10.	Prof. Kasturi Dutta, BM			
11.	Prof. Deepanjan Saha, PA	22.05.2025 – 26.05.2025	IASTE – 2025 Conference on Cosmopolitanism & Tradition	Bibliotheca Alexandria, Alexandria, Egypt
12.	Prof. Mohd. Khalid Gul, FP	23.05.2025 – 25.05.2025	International Conference on Polysaccharides for Nutraceuticals and Future Foods (ICPNFF-2025)	Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong
13.	Prof. Medha Nayak, HS	15.06.2025 – 19.06.2025	International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB-2025)	Brisbane, Australia
14.	Prof. Anirban Bhowal, EC	17.06.2025 – 20.06.2025	2025 IEEE 101st Vehicular Technology Conference (VTC 2025 Spring)	Oslo, Norway
15.	Prof. Neha Soman, HS	21.06.2025 – 22.06.2025	Memory Studies Conference: "The Place of Memory and the Memory of Place"	London, UK
16.	Prof. Arya Priyadarshini, HS	21.06.2025 – 25.06.2025	27th International Research in Children's Literature (IRSL) Conference	Salamanca, Spain
17.	Prof. Snehashish Chakraverty, MA	22.06.2025 – 25.06.2025	34th European Conference on Operational Research (EURO – 2025)	Leeds, UK
		02.06.2025 – 06.06.2025	En route: To deliver a seminar talk	University of Southampton
18.	Prof. Kishore Chandra Biswal, CE	22.06.2025 – 25.06.2025	Fourth International Nonlinear Dynamics Conference (NODYCON – 2025)	Hoboken, NJ, USA
19.	Prof. Bukke Kiran Naik, ME	24.06.2025 – 27.06.2025	4th Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry Conference and 10th V4 (Joint Czech – Hungarian – Polish – Slovak) Thermoanalytical Conference (JTACC+V4 2025)	Budapest, Hungary

*The Board noted/ratified the above item.*

**BOG-98(2025)-23: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

**1. Change of nomenclature from Chairman (Extra Academic Activities) to Head of the Centre (Extra Academic Activities).**

In the 234th Meeting of Deans and Heads, a committee was formed to review the nomenclature of Chairman (Extra Academic Activities). The committee recommended changing it to Head of Centre (EAA), aligning with practices in institutions like IITs, where such activities are managed through interdisciplinary centres rather than departments. The Senate, in its 127th meeting, approved this recommendation, subject to Board approval and definition of roles as per the Statutes.

[Annexure A19, Page 352-356]

*The Board approved the change in nomenclature to better reflect the nature and scope of EAA activities within the institutional framework.*

**2. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster Foundation (BCKIC) and NIT Rourkela.**

An MoU was signed between BCKIC and NIT Rourkela on 23.01.2025 to harness the knowledge and expertise available in partnering academic, R&D institutions and industries.

[Annexure A20, Page 357-361]

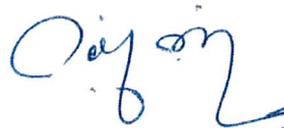
*The Board ratified the above proposal.*

**3. Renovation of all the temples present inside the NIT Rourkela campus.**

All the temples on the campus were built during REC time and are at least 30-40 years old. Due to extreme weather conditions, they have faced weathering and require immediate attention. In this regard, the Board may approve the renovation of these temples.

*The Board, in principle, approved the above proposal and has directed the Institute to approach outside individuals/organizations for funding purposes.*

*The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.*



10/7/2025

[Prof. Rohan Dhiman]  
Registrar and Secretary  
BOG, NIT Rourkela



[Shri S. N. Subrahmanyam]  
Chairperson, BOG  
NIT Rourkela