



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला  
National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 91<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA, HELD FROM 12.30 PM – 1.00 PM ON 19.10.2023 (THURSDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.

**Members Present:**

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
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**Members Absent:**

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**A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.**

**BOG-91(2023)-01:** Welcome to new members Prof. A.K. Turuk (Professor, Computer Science and Engineering, NIT Rourkela), Secretary, Skill Development and Technical Education Department, Govt. of Odisha, and Prof. Bibhuti Bhusan Mishra (President, Odisha Bigyan Academy, Bhubaneswar) by the Director, NIT Rourkela followed by introduction of the Chairperson, BOG and other members.

*The Director, NIT Rourkela, welcomed the new members, Prof. A.K. Turuk (Professor, CSE, NIT Rourkela) and Prof. Bibhuti Bhusan Mishra (President, Odisha Bigyan Academy, Bhubaneswar), followed by the introduction of the Chairperson, BOG and other members.*

**BOG-91(2023)-02:** Welcome and appreciation note to Padma Shri N. R. Mohanty (outgoing Board member nominated by the Govt. of Odisha) and Prof. S. K. Pratihari (Professor, CR Engg., NIT Rourkela, Senate nominee) by the Director, NIT Rourkela.

*The BOG, NIT Rourkela, acknowledged and appreciated the contributions of Padma Shri N. R. Mohanty (Govt. of Odisha nominee) and Prof. S. K. Pratihari (Professor, CR, NIT Rourkela, Senate nominee) for their suggestions and guidance as Board members during their tenure that played a vital role in the growth of the Institute. The BOG authorized the Director to issue appreciation letters in this regard.*




**BOG-91(2023)-03: Welcome to all the members by the Chairperson, BOG, NIT Rourkela.**

The Chairperson, BOG, NIT Rourkela, *welcomed all the members, and a leave of absence was granted to the members not present in the meeting.*

**BOG-91(2023)-04: Confirmation of the minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 12.07.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.**

The minutes of the 90<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting held on 12.07.2023 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. A copy of the minutes is given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A1, Page 11(1) - 30]

*The Board confirmed and approved the minutes.*

**BOG-91(2023)-05: To report the action taken on the decisions made in the 90<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 12.07.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.**

The report regarding action taken on the decisions made in the 90<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting minutes held on 12.07.2023 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode is given in the Annexure for information of the Board.

[Annexure-A2, Page 31 - 33]

*The Board noted the above.*

**BOG-91(2023)-06: To consider the minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> FC meeting.**

The following agenda items of the 66<sup>th</sup> FC Meeting are placed in the BOG for approval.

FC-66(2023)-03: Confirmation of the minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 12.07.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

FC-66(2023)-04: Proposal to enhance SSB Hall establishment charges.

FC-66(2023)-05: Proposal for comprehensive AMC of Nova Nano SEM 450 by Ceramic Engg. Department.



FC-66(2023)-06: To approve the minutes of the agenda items discussed in the 48<sup>th</sup> BWC meeting held on 13.10.2023.

*The Board approved the recommendation and minutes of the 66<sup>th</sup> FC.*

[Annexure-A3, Page 33(a) – 33(d)]

**B. POLICY AND IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.**

**BOG-91(2023)-07: Approval for Appointment of Candidates recommended in Phase-II of the Non-Teaching Recruitment 2022.**

As approved by BOG vide resolution no. BOG-86(2022)-07 dated 29.09.2022, 147 vacancies of different non-teaching posts were notified vide Advertisement No. NITR/ES/08/2022 dated 13/12/2022.

- Of 147 vacancies, 15 vacancies were for 10 different posts, all of the Officer cadre (Level-10 and above).
- Interviews for 6 posts (out of 10) were held during 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
- BOG vide resolution no. BOG-90(2023)-05 approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee for these posts, and the offer of appointment was issued to the selected candidates.
- No candidate fulfilled the advertisement and scrutiny criteria for the Librarian post. Hence, the selection process was not conducted.
- For the remaining 03 posts of Officer Cadre, i.e., Assistant Registrar (04 vacancies), Student Activity & Sports (SAS) Officer (01 vacancy) and Scientific Officer (01 vacancy), the selections were made through Written Test, Trade/Skill Test and Personal Interview. The interviews were held on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023 and 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023.

As per Clause 23 (5) (d) of the NIT Statute, the Selection Committee for Senior Administrative officers and other comparable posts carrying the pay scale of Assistant Professor and above shall consist of the following members:

(1) Director or Deputy Director	-	Chairman
(2) One Expert from outside the Institute	-	Member
(3) Nominee of Ministry of Human Resource Development	-	Member
(4) Nominee of Board	-	Member
(5) Registrar	-	Member

The BOG, vide resolution No. BOG-89(2023)-08 dated 13.03.2023 authorized the Director to recommend Board nominees as the selection committee members for the selection interviews of the officer cadre posts in the current advertisement. Accordingly, the Director nominated distinguished professionals who were experts in their respective fields as BOG nominees to the Selection Committees for the posts mentioned above.

- o The constitution of the selection committee and its recommendations for the three posts mentioned above have been kept in sealed envelopes and placed before the BOG for approval.

For the Group B & C posts (Level-6 & below), a personal interview is not involved, and the selection is based on the marks obtained by the candidates in different stages of the selection process. The cumulative marks scored by the candidates were put up before the Selection Committee. Based on marks obtained by the candidates and considering the vacancies for different categories, the Committee recommended the panel of candidates for appointment. The Director, being the appointing authority for such posts, approved the Selection Committee's recommendation. The details of the candidates recommended for appointment are attached herewith for kind information of BOG.

[Annexure-A4, Page 34 - 47]

*The Board considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committees put up on the table for various positions under the officer category. The Board also noted the details of appointments of other non-teaching posts made by the Director, NIT Rourkela.*

**BOG-91(2023)-08: Approval of Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) recommendation for promotion of Officers.**

In terms of the NIT Recruitment Rule – 2019, the selection process for promotion of eligible non-teaching employees to the next higher grade was conducted by the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC), constituted as per the provision of NIT Statutes. For the post below level 7, the selection process was through a Written test and/or Trade Test and Annual Performance Appraisal Report. For the post with pay level 8 and above, the



selection process was through a Written test or Presentation, Personal interview and APAR.

In terms of section 24 of the NIT Act, BOG is the appointing authority for Non-Teaching Staff (Officer Cadre).

Accordingly, the list of successful candidates for the Officer Cadre Post recommended by DPC is placed on the table for approval by the Board.

[Annexure-A5, Page 47(a)]

*The Board approved the recommendation of the DPC put up on the table.*

**BOG-91(2023)-09: Appointment of BIS Standardization Chair Professor at NIT Rourkela.**

An MoU was signed between the Bureau of Indian Standards and the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela, for establishing the BIS Standardization Chair Professorship at NIT Rourkela on 31.10.2022. A non-refundable endowment of Rs. 1.0 Crore has been received by NIT Rourkela to create a BIS Standardization Chair Professorship. As per the terms and conditions of the MoU, the Chair Professorship Position was advertised vide recruitment advertisement No. NITR/ES/02/2023, dated 20th April 2023. Interview for the position was held on 03/10/2023. The Selection Committee has recommended the name of Prof. Pradip Sarkar for appointment to the position of BIS Standardization Chair Professor at NIT, Rourkela.

The Chairperson, Board of Governors has approved the recommendation. This is for the information of the BOG.

[Annexure-A6, Page 48 - 54]

*The Board noted and ratified the proposal.*

**BOG-91(2023)-10: Reports of the Inquiry authority in the departmental proceedings against Prof. Siba Sankar Mahapatra, EC:1860485.**

The departmental inquiry was initiated against Prof. Siba Sankar Mahapatra with memorandum no. NITR/DR/2020/M/0070 dated 09.04.2020 as per CCS (CCA), 1965 rules. Prof. Amitabha Bhattacharya,



Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, was appointed as the Inquiry Authority (IA) (vide office order no. NITR/DR/2020/M/0223, dated 18.12.20) for this case. After the conclusion of the proceedings, the IA submitted the report dated 08.09.2023, whose major highlights are reproduced in the annexure.

**Report of the Inquiry Authority (Conclusion):**

After detailed deliberations and examinations of various facts, evidence, witnesses etc., the Inquiry Authority concludes that the charges against Prof. Siba Sankar Mahapatra, EC-1860485, for violation of CCS (Conduct) Rules 3 (i), (ii), 3(1) (i), (ii), (iii), (vi) and (xviii) are vague and needs to be quashed. As per evidence and records, no CCS (Conduct) rules were violated by Prof. Siba Sankar Mahapatra, and he may be exonerated from all three charges leveled against him.

The reports of the IA and the reply submitted by Prof. Siba Sankar Mahapatra about the above report are now placed before the BOG for your kind perusal.

[Annexure- A7, Page 55 - 64]

***The Board deliberated on the conclusion report submitted by IA and decided to close the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Prof Siba Sankar Mahapatra, EC: 1860485, in the absence of any cognizable evidence that could substantiate the charges leveled against him. The Board exonerates Prof Siba Sankar Mahapatra from all charges leveled against him.***

**BOG-91(2023)-11: Reports of the Inquiry authority in the departmental proceedings against Prof. Krishna Pramanik, EC:1060785.**

The departmental inquiry was initiated against Prof. Krishna Pramanik with memorandum no. NITR/DR/2020/M/0069 dated 09.04.2020 as per CCS (Conduct), 1964 rules and CCS (CCA), 1965 rules. Prof. Amitabha Bhattacharya, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, was appointed as the Inquiry Authority (IA) (vide office order no. NITR/DR/2020/M/0222, dated 18.12.20)



for this case. After the conclusion of the proceedings, the IA submitted the report dated 08.09.2023, whose major highlights are reproduced in the annexure.

**Report of the Inquiry Authority (Conclusion):**

After detailed deliberations and examinations of various facts, evidence, witnesses etc., the Inquiry Authority concludes that the charges against Prof. Krishna Pramanik, EC-1060785, are baseless. Therefore, she should be exonerated from all the charges and her integrity, honesty and competency as a faculty of NITR need to be vindicated.

The reports of the IA and the reply submitted by Prof. Pramanik about the above report are now placed before the BOG for your kind perusal.

[Annexure-A8, Page 65 - 84]

*The Board deliberated on the conclusion report submitted by IA and decided to close the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Prof. Krishna Pramanik, EC:1060785, in the absence of any cognizable evidence that could substantiate the charges leveled against her. The Board exonerates Prof. Krishna Pramanik from all charges leveled against her.*

**C. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**BOG-91(2023)-12: Personnel issues [Superannuation/Deputation/Sabbatical/Study Leave]:**

**Superannuation:**

**Prof. Sudipta Sen, Professor, Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, relieved on superannuation from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 31/07/2023 (AN).**

**Deputation:**

**1. On selection as Registrar at Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, Mr. Bamadev Acharya, [EC-2070826], Joint Registrar, has been relieved on Deputation on Foreign Service Terms for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 25/05/2023 to 24/05/2028. Accordingly,**



as per the Institute Leave Rules, he was granted Lien w.e.f. 23/05/2023 (AN), with a one-day joining time on 24/05/2023 upon approval of the Chairperson, BOG.

2. Due to premature repatriation, **Mr. Pradeep Kumar Panda, [EC-2080890], Joint Registrar**, resumed his duties in this Institute on 05/09/2023 (FN) after availing deputation on Foreign Service Terms for the period from 26/11/2021 to 04/09/2023 as Finance Officer at NISER, Bhubaneswar.

Subsequently, on selection as Finance Officer at the Central University of Jharkhand, Mr. Panda has been relieved on Deputation on Foreign Service Terms for 5 years w.e.f. 08/09/2023 to 07/09/2028. Accordingly, as per the Institute Leave Rules, he was granted Lien w.e.f. 07/09/2023 (AN) upon approval of Chairperson, BOG.

**Sabbatical Leave:**

On the event of his selection, **Prof. Harekrushna Sahoo [EC-1121037], Associate Professor**, Department of Chemistry of this Institute, is granted Sabbatical Leave for a period from 29/06/2023 to 02/01/2024 including a journey period to pursue Ulam NAWA Programme at Poland.

**Study Leave:**

***Extension of Study Leave in r/o Dr. Sameer Patnaik –Regarding.***

Dr. Sameer Patnaik joined the Institute as Medical Officer w.e.f. 31/07/2014, and he had been granted Study leave for 36 months vide BOG resolution no. BOG-81(2022)-11, dated 09/02/2022, to pursue DNB Course (Pediatrics) at Apollo Multispeciality Hospital, Kolkata w.e.f. 18/04/2022 to 17/04/2025.

Out of 36 months, BOG approved 24 months of Study Leave with 04 months of Personal Leave and 08 months EOL (without pay) in r/o Dr. Patnaik to complete the above DNB course in terms of Rule 51 read with Rule 54(2) of CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972.

Given the above, Dr. Patnaik has requested to reconsider the captioned EOL period as study leave with pay.



Meanwhile, CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972 has been updated, and accordingly, the Clause under Rule 51(2) has been added, which states that;

*"In respect of Central Health Service Officers, study leave may be granted for 36 months for acquiring postgraduate qualification, subject to the condition that a Central Health Service Officer who has been granted such study leave shall execute a bond under sub-rule (4) of Rule 53 to serve the Government for a period of 05 years after completion of the study course"*

However, Dr. Patnaik is classified as "Administrative and others staff" according to Statute 22(iii) of NIT Statutes. His appointment is governed by Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching staff of NITs.

[Annexure-A9, Page 85 - 89]

*The Board approved the conversion of 04 months of Personal Leave and 08 months EOL (without pay) in r/o Dr. Patnaik to 12 months of study leave, in addition to 24 months of study leave approved earlier, to complete his DNB Course (Pediatrics) at Appollo Multispeciality Hospital, Kolkata, with bond regulations as per Clause under Rule 51(2) of CCS (Leave) Rules, 1972. The Board also noted and ratified other proposals.*

**D. ACADEMIC MATTERS:**

Nil

**E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

**BOG-91(2023)-13: Proposal for MoU between National Institute of Technology Rourkela, Odisha, India and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha, India**

An MoU needs to be signed between the National Institute of Technology Rourkela and the MCL, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha, India, for the execution of "Financial assistance provided by MCL (Rs. 42.69 Crores) for construction of 500 seated girls hostel at NIT Rourkela under CSR initiative of MCL".

A copy of the MoU is attached for the information of the Board.

[Annexure-A10, Page 90 - 94]

*The Board approved the above MOU.*

**BOG-91(2023)-14: Permission for organizing the International Conference.**

As per the following details, the request from the respective department has been received for organizing the international conference:

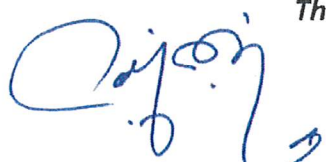
Sl. No.	Department	Title of the Conference	Date	Venue
1.	Biotechnology and Medical Engineering	4th International Conference on Bioprocess for Sustainable Environment and Energy, ICBSEE-India-2024 (Hybrid Mode)	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov. - 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec., 2024	NIT Rourkela


[Annexure-A11, Page 95 - 99]

*The Board considered and approved the above proposal.*

**BOG-91(2023)-15: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

*The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.*

  
[Prof. Rohan Dhiman]  
Registrar and Secretary  
BOG, NIT Rourkela  
1/11/2023

  
[Shri S N Subrahmanyam]  
Chairperson  
BOG, NIT Rourkela

