

National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES

75th Meeting of Finance Committee

[Through Offline/VC mode]



Date : 10th March, 2026 (Tuesday)

Time : 04:00 PM – 04:15 PM

Venue: Board Room, NIT Rourkela

**Finance Committee
NIT, Rourkela**

Members present

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Members absent

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
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राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA

MINUTES OF THE 75TH MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA HELD FROM 04:00 PM TO 04:15 PM ON 10.03.2026 (TUESDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM OF NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.

FC-75(2026)-01: Welcome to all members to the meeting by the Chairman.

In the absence of the Chairperson, Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, Director, presided over the meeting in accordance with the provisions of NIT Statute 10(4). Prof. Rao welcomed all the members present.

FC-75(2026)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 74th Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 01.12.2025 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.

The minutes of the 74th Meeting of the FC, held on 01.12.2025 at NIT Rourkela in 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 6-12]

The FC confirmed and approved the Minutes.

FC-75(2026)-03: Revision of Telephone/Mobile/Internet Reimbursement Policy.

The Board of Governors vide Resolution No. BOG-32(2012)-07 dated 18.12.2012, had approved reimbursement of telephone expenses to faculty members, officers, and emergency staff engaged in official duties. Subsequently, the reimbursement ceiling was revised from ₹500/- to ₹1,000/- per month vide Resolution No. BOG-78(2021)-05 dated 16.07.2021.

There has been a substantial expansion in digital communication, online teaching-learning activities, ERP and e-Office operations, virtual meetings, and other technology-enabled administrative functions. The prevailing reimbursement ceiling does not adequately correspond to the current scale of official communication requirements or prevailing market tariffs for mobile, broadband, and data services.

Further, the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Government of India, vide O.M. dated 26.03.2018, has prescribed revised pay level-

linked monthly ceilings for reimbursement of residential telephone/mobile/internet charges under a unified ceiling framework.

It is also observed that peer institutions, such as the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee and the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology Shibpur, have aligned their reimbursement ceilings with the Government of India norms. The existing ceilings at the National Institute of Technology Rourkela are comparatively low.

In view of the above, it is proposed that the Institute revise its Telephone/Mobile/Internet reimbursement policy by adopting pay-level-wise monthly ceilings aligned with Government of India guidelines, with expenditure on mobile, broadband, and data services covered under a common monthly ceiling.

The proposed revised rates of reimbursement are placed below for consideration and recommendation of the Finance Committee:

S. No.	Designation / Level	Pay Level	Present rate of reimbursement (Rs. per month)	Proposed rate of reimbursement (Rs. per month)	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Director	17A (fixed)	As per actuals	4,200	01
2.	Professors (HAG)	15	1,000	3,000	09
3.	Professors/Officers	14A / 14		2,700	103 + 2 = 105
4.	Associate Professors / Assistant Professors Grade-I / Officers	13A2 / 13 / 12		2,250	89 + 79 + 9 = 177
5.	Assistant Professors Grade-II/Officers	10, 11		1,200	118 + 22 = 140
TOTAL					432

In addition to the categories of employees cited above, certain Group 'B' and Group 'C' employees engaged in emergency and essential services are presently reimbursed for telephone expenses at the rate of ₹500/- per month. It is also proposed to enhance the reimbursement limit for this category to ₹1,000/- per month.

On implementation of the above proposal, the additional monthly financial implication will be approximately Rs. 4.70 lakhs.

[Annexure - A2, Page 13-22]

The FC considered the proposal and directed the Institute to consult the Bureau at MoE, while also reviewing the prevailing practices followed in other NITs in accordance with the rules of the Government of India.

FC-75(2026)-04: Approval for sanctioning of loan amounting to Rs. 2.53 crores from the Institute Fund.

The Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering (MM) has procured one "SEM with EBSD along with Accessories and Sample Preparation Unit" at a total cost of ₹4,33,00,000/- as per the prevailing Institute procurement rules. The Board of Governors, in its 96th Meeting vide Resolution No. BOG-96(2024)-04/FC-71(2024)-04, dated 01.10.2024 approved the procurement. The equipment has been procured under the Department of Science and Technology (DST-FIST) project with Prof. D. Chaira, Department of MM, as the Principal Investigator. The equipment has since been successfully delivered and installed in the MM Department, and, as per the payment terms, 30% of the invoice amount has already been released to the vendor.

The vendor is repeatedly requesting to release the remaining 70% of the invoice amounting to ₹2,53,00,000/-. However, the balance sanctioned amount is expected to be received shortly from the concerned Ministry.

In view of the above and considering that the procurement has already been duly approved by the Board of Governors and the equipment has been delivered and installed, it is proposed that necessary permission may kindly be accorded to transfer ₹2.53 crores from the Institute fund at SRICCE as a temporary loan in favour of Prof. D. Chaira to enable the release of the balance payment to the vendor. On receipt of the funds from the concerned Ministry, the amount shall be adjusted against the outstanding loan for necessary settlement.

[Annexure - A3, Page 23-25]

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for BOG approval.

FC-75(2026)-05: Tender for Celebrity Night – 2026.

The tender for organizing the "Celebrity Night", an annual cultural/entertainment programme under the Student Activity Centre, was invited through the GeM/e-Procurement portal in accordance with the Institute's prescribed procurement procedures. The evaluation of bids has been completed in accordance with the Institute's laid-down norms. The approximate award value of the contract is Rs. 56,00,000/- (Rupees fifty-six lakh only).

As per the extant Delegation of Financial Powers of the Institute, expenditure for the procurement of Goods & Services exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakhs requires the approval of the Finance Committee/Board of Governors. The matter is therefore placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation to the BOG for approval of the award of the contract to the L1 bidder at the above cost.

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for BOG approval.

FC-75(2026)-06: Tender for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Training of Active LED Wall at TIIR Auditorium, NIT Rourkela.

The tender for the Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Training of an Active LED Wall at the TIIR Auditorium of the National Institute of Technology Rourkela was invited through the GeM/e-Procurement portal in accordance with the prescribed procurement procedures.

Pursuant to detailed technical scrutiny and subsequent financial bid evaluation by the duly constituted committee, the offer of M/s. Score Information Technologies Limited, Kolkata (West Bengal-700071) was found to be technically responsive and financially the lowest (L1). Accordingly, the contract has been awarded in their favour.

The total awarded value of the contract is Rs. 64,89,046.64/- (Rupees sixty-four lakh eighty-nine thousand forty-six and sixty-four paise only).

As per the extant Delegation of Financial Powers of the Institute, expenditure for the procurement of Goods & Services exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakhs requires the approval of the Finance Committee/Board of Governors. The matter is therefore placed before the Finance Committee for consideration and recommendation to the BOG for approval.

[Annexure - A4, Page 26-30]

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for BOG approval.

FC-75(2026)-07: Funding Arrangement for Completion of Construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya at NIT Rourkela Campus.

The Building and Works Committee vide BWC: 49(2023)-10 recommended an amount of ₹50.01 Crores for the construction of a Kendriya Vidyalaya within the NIT Rourkela Campus, with the proposed funding source being CSR Grant from M/s Coal India Limited. The Finance Committee subsequently recommended the proposal vide resolution no. FC-68(2024)-03 and approved by the Board of Governors vide resolution no. BoG-93(2024)-04. Construction commenced on 15.06.2024 and is scheduled for completion by 14.06.2026. The project is presently progressing as per schedule.

Meanwhile, M/s Coal India Limited has sanctioned an amount of ₹26,28,72,942/- (Rupees twenty-six crores twenty-eight lakhs seventy-two thousand nine hundred forty-two only) vide their Letter No. CIL/CSR/2024-25/383 dated 27.12.2024. Although efforts are being made to secure the

balance amount from M/s Coal India Limited, the remaining requirement of approximately ₹23.73 Crores (₹50.01 Crores – ₹26.28 Crores) has not yet been received. While attempts are ongoing to mobilize the balance funds from external sources, there is no confirmed assurance at this stage.

As the project advances towards completion and uninterrupted funding is essential to ensure its timely and successful completion, it has become necessary to explore alternative financial arrangements. In this regard, it is proposed that the Institute may be permitted to utilize its earnings from the recently concluded CSAB admissions process to meet the balance financial requirement for completion of the Kendriya Vidyalaya construction project. The amount required for this purpose would be ₹23.73 Crores or less, subject to the actual expenditure upon completion of the project. If the balance amount is subsequently secured from M/s Coal India Limited or any other external source, the amount so utilized from the Institute funds may be reimbursed/adjusted to the Institute Corpus.

Estimated cost – ₹23.73 Crores

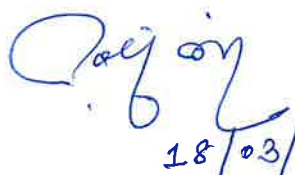
Source of the fund – Earnings from the recently concluded CSAB admissions process

[Annexure - A5, Page 31-34]

The FC considered the proposal and recommended it for BOG approval.

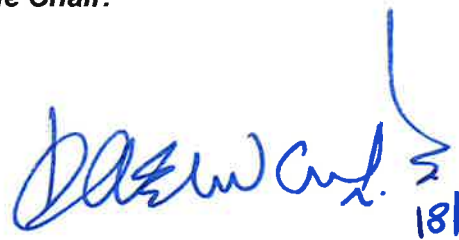
FC-75(2026)-08: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



18/03/2026

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



18/3/26

[Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao]
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