



**National Institute of Technology
Rourkela**

MINUTES

86th Meeting of Board of Governors

DATE : 29th September, 2022 (Thursday)
TIME : 16:30 Hrs. – 19:00 Hrs.
**VENUE : Office Chamber of the Joint Secretary,
MoE, Govt. of India, New Delhi**



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला
National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 86TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA, HELD FROM 4.30 PM – 7.00 PM ON 29.09.2022 (THURSDAY) IN THE OFFICE CHAMBER OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NEW DELHI.

Members Present:

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Members absent:

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
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A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.

BOG-86(2022)-01: Welcome to all the members to the meeting by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed all the members, and a leave of absence was granted to the members do not present in the meeting.

BOG-86(2022)-02: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 85th meeting of the BOG held on 08.08.2022 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through VC.

The 85th emergency BOG meeting minutes held on 08.08.2022 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through VC were circulated to all the members, and no comments were received.

[Annexure-A1, Page 36-43]

The Board confirmed the minutes of the 85th BOG meeting.

BOG-86(2022)-03: To report the action taken on the decisions made in the 85th meeting of the BOG held on 08.08.2022 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through VC.

The report regarding action taken on the decisions made in the 85th meeting of the BOG held on 08.08.2022 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through VC is given in the Annexure for information of the Board.

[Annexure-A2, Page 44-51]

The Board noted the action taken report.

BOG-86(2022)-04: To consider the Minutes of the 63rd FC meeting.

The following agenda items of the 63rd FC Meeting are placed in the BOG for approval.

FC-63(2022)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 62nd Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 8.08.2022 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through VC.

FC-63(2022)-03: Discussion on the draft Separate Audit Report on the Accounts of the Institute for the year 2021-22.



- FC-63(2022)-04: To approve the Revised Estimate for the FY 2022-23 and Budget Estimate for the FY 2023-2024.
- FC-63(2022)-05: To approve the agenda items discussed in the 44th BWC meeting held on 22.07.2022.
- FC-63(2022)-06: To approve the agenda items discussed in the 45th BWC meeting held on 16.09.2022.
- FC-63(2022)-06A: Report of the MoE committee on the current conditions of the buildings constructed under the major project's Phase I and Phase II: Technical Issues.
- FC-63(2022)-06B: Report of the MoE committee on the current conditions of the buildings constructed under the major project's Phase I and Phase II: Financial and Contractual Issues (BWC: 45 (2022)-06)
- FC-63(2022)-06C: Proposal for 33 kV incoming ground feeder for NIT Rourkela.
- FC-63(2022)-07: Remuneration to Question setter for Online written test for regular recruitment of non-teaching staff.
- FC-63(2022)-09: Proposal to re-consider restoring Financial Power of Director and Delegation of Financial Power by Director to the Deans, Heads/Pis, and Registrar nullified in 56th FC and 72nd BOG meetings, dated 13.01.2021.
- FC-63(2022)-10: Utilization of Professional Development Allowance (PDA) expenses.
- FC-63(2022)-11: Proposal for renewal of Internet Leased Line (ILL).

[Annexure-A3, Page 52-52]

The Board considered and approved the 63rd minutes of the FC.

BOG-86(2022)-06: To consider and approve the faculty recruitment process.

The Institute has 485 sanctioned faculty positions across the levels of Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors. There are 140 vacancies available across the above cadres among all the 20 departments. A detailed table containing the sanctioned strength, existing faculty and the clear vacant faculty positions is attached in the Annexure.

Further, the ministry letter referring to Clause 7, Vide No. F.No.33-3/2018 – T.S.III, dated 05/11/2019, directs that: "All the NITs and IEST, Shibpur are requested to implement the provisions of the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019 (10 of 2019) immediately in the manner specified in Office Memorandum, No. 36039/12019-Est/(Res.) of the Department of Personnel and Training dated 31st January 2019, to the extent mentioned in Gazette Notification dated 12th July 2019." The details of the CEI Act 2019 are attached in the Annexure.

Given the above, the vacant faculty positions must be notified to fill up all the vacancies. This matter was earlier placed in the 84th BOG dated 09-06-2022 but was deferred.

[Annexure-A5, Page 83-237]

The Board discussed the matter and advised the Institute to place it in the next meeting with the revised reservation roster.

BOG-86(2022)-07: Proposal for recruitment of the Non-Teaching Posts.

Institute has initiated the non-teaching recruitment process for 25 vacancies vide notification No. ES/03/2018 dated 21.05.2018. The recruitment process could not be initiated. Later, the Board vide resolution No. BOG-65(2019)-18 dated 01/10/2019 decided to re-advertise the vacancies with the condition that the applications received against the advertisement of 2018 shall be re-considered

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along with fresh applications against the new advertisement. Accordingly, a new advertisement for filling up the vacancies of officers and other non-teaching posts was notified vide notification no. NITR/ES/01/2020 dated 11/01/2020.

The BOG, in its 72nd and 73rd meeting dated 13.01.2021 and 14.03.2021, respectively, recommended for constitution of a committee for smooth conduct of written test of the non-teaching recruitment process. The recruitment process could not be conducted again due to prolonged Covid-19. Meanwhile, more than two years and 08 months have passed since the re-advertisement was published in January 2020.

Further, due to retirement/resignation/death and promotion of existing employees, some more vacancies are added to the existing advertised vacancies. Currently, there are 249 vacancies in the non-teaching cadre, out of which 178 are on Direct Recruitment.

Further, the 178 vacancies include 30 posts of Office Attendant / Lab Attendant (Supporting Cadre). These 30 posts belong to the erstwhile Group D (now Group C) category. For smooth conduct of recruitment process, it is proposed to float a separate advertisement exclusively for the post of 'Attendant'.

In view of the above, approval on the following is sought from the BoG:

1. Initiation of recruitment process against the advertisement notified in 2020.
2. Fresh notification of newly created vacancies.

[Annexure-A6, Page 238-240]

The Board approved the proposal for a new advertisement of the non-teaching staff as per latest clear vacancies in direct recruitment mode except Group-D cadre with following exemptions:

1. All those who have applied as per the notification no. ES/03/2018 dated 21.05.2018 and NITR/ES/01/2020 dated 11/01/2020 stand eligible for the new advertisement. The eligibility of these candidates with respect to the age and

qualifications are considered as per the notification no. ES/03/2018 dated 21.05.2018.

- 2. Application fee for all those who have applied vide notification no. ES/03/2018 dated 21.05.2018 and NITR/ES/01/2020 dated 11/01/2020 is waived off.**

BOG-86(2022)-10: Report of the MoE committee on the current conditions of the buildings constructed under the major project's Phase I and Phase II: Financial and Contractual Issues.

PART 2 of the above report addresses the long-pending financial and contractual issues the Institute has with the construction agencies of Phase I and II projects. The report suggested forming a reconciliation committee and defining specific "Terms of Reference" to achieve amicable solutions to the pending problems between NIT Rourkela and the respective construction agencies (i.e., M/s UPRNN Ltd. for Phase-I and M/s Shapoorji Pallonji & Company Pvt. Ltd. for Phase-II) and for successful closure of



Major Projects Phase-I and Phase-II. The report has also outlined a brief guideline on the committee composition subject to BoG approval.

Based on the suggestion from the committee report, the following Resolution Committee and specific "Terms of Reference" are proposed to achieve amicable solutions to the pending problems between NIT Rourkela and the respective construction agencies (i.e., M/s UPRNN Ltd. for Phase-I and M/s Shapoorji Pallonji & Company Pvt. Ltd. for Phase-II) and suggest a way for successful closure of Major Projects Phase-I and Phase-II.

Proposed Reconciliation Committee:

- I. Shri. A.K.Verma, Retd. Additional Director General, CPWD
- II. Shri C R Nanda, Chief Engineer, CPWD Bhubaneswar
- III. Prof. Japesh Bera, Former Dean (P&D), NIT Rourkela
- IV. Prof. Pradip Sarkar, Dean (P&D), NIT Rourkela
- V. A member nominated by the concerned construction agency

Terms of Reference for Major Projects Phase-I

- I. Resolution of the issue arising from the claim of M/s UPRNN Ltd. concerning the bank interest to be applicable on the pending security deposits (Rs. 6,03,87,045.0) and the response of NIT Rourkela to this claim.
- II. Resolution of the issue arising from the claim of M/s UPRNN Ltd. about the release of the security deposit and the response of NIT Rourkela to this claim.
- III. Resolution of the issue arising from the claim by NIT Rourkela concerning the defects of the structures notified during the defect liability period (DLP) and the response of M/s UPRNN Ltd. to said claim.
- IV. Resolution of the other disputes to pave the way for the final closure of the Major Project Phase - I securing the interests of both NIT Rourkela and M/s UPRNN Ltd.

Terms of Reference for Major Projects Phase-II

- I. Resolution of the issue arising from the claim of M/s SPCPL concerning the price variation adjustment (PVA) and the response of NIT Rourkela to this claim
- II. Resolution of the issue arising from the claim of NIT Rourkela about the liquidated damages (LD) of Rs. 15,14,11,993.0 and the response of M/s SPCPL to this claim
- III. Resolution of the issue arising from the claim of M/s SPCPL concerning the release of the security deposit (Rs. 17,11,59,444.0) and the response of NIT Rourkela to this claim
- IV. Resolution of the issue arising from the claim of M/s SPCPL in relation to the release of the final bill (Rs. 4,29,63,634.0 [excl. taxes]) and the response of NIT Rourkela to this claim
- V. Resolution of the other disputes to pave the way for the final closure of the Major Project Phase-II, securing the interests of both NIT Rourkela and M/s SPCPL.

[Annexure-A9, Page 272-280]

The BOG approved the proposal.

BOG-86(2022)-11: Report of the MoE committee on the current conditions of the buildings constructed under the major project's Phase I and Phase II: Administrative Issues.

PART 2 of the above report addresses the administrative and contractual issues with the infrastructures under Phase I and II major projects. The report identified the delay in the occupation of the Golden Jubilee Building as a major concern. The infrastructures of both projects have been built without the approval of the local and fire authorities. However, except for the Golden Jubilee Building, all other buildings were occupied as soon as they were handed over to the Institute. The Golden Jubilee Building could not be occupied primarily for the following reasons: (a) lack of HVAC chillers, (b) lack of fire approval, which is very important for this high-rise building, and (c) different technical issues, as discussed above. To address this problem, the Institute has prepared realistic schedules through PERT charts and hopes to occupy this building by 30.09.2023.

[Annexure-A10, Page 281-282]

The Board noted the above and advised the institute to proceed as per the plan presented in the meeting.

C. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

BOG-86(2022)-16: Proposal for extension of Contractual Services of Mrs. Archana Gupta, Public Relation Officer (on contract).

Mrs. Archana Gupta was appointed as Public Relations Officer (on contract) initially for a period of one year which may be extended up to a maximum period of three years vide order no. NITR/ES/2020/M/0205, dt.16.03.2020. After the end of her second-year tenure, Director and Chairman, BOG, approved and extended her contract for another year w.e.f. 01.06.2022 to 31.05.2023 with the same remuneration of Rs. 50,000/-

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Archana Gupta

(Consolidated). All other terms and conditions have remained unaltered as in the previous year.

Further, it is proposed that her remuneration may be enhanced to Rs. 55,000/- p.m. from the date of Board approval.

The item was deferred.

B) **Prof. Shrishailayya Mallikarjunayya Hiremath**, [EC-1111001], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, joined the Institute on 28-12-2011.

As per office order no. NITR/ES/2020/M/1023, dated 05/06/2020, the probation period of Prof. Hiremath was of one year, from 31/12/2019 to 30/12/2020. Hence, the confirmation of service in favor of Prof. Hiremath w.e.f. 31/12/2020 may be considered.

The item was deferred.

BOG-86(2022)-17: Personnel Issues [Superannuation/ Resignation/ EOL/Lien/Extension of Contract]:

Resignation:

1. Dr. Debayan Sarkar, [EC-1110984], Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, has been relieved from the Institute Service on Resignation w.e.f. 17/05/2022 (AN) vide letter no. NITR/ES/2022/M/0885, dated 17/05/2022.
2. Dr. Dhananjay Singh Bisht [EC-1110998], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Industrial Design, has been relieved from the Institute Service on Resignation w.e.f. 20/07/2022 (AN) vide letter no. NITR/ES/2022/M/1483, dated 20/07/2022.
3. Dr. Sanku Konal [EC-1201393], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Civil Engineering, has been relieved from the

Institute Service on Resignation w.e.f. 04/08/2022 (AN) vide letter no. NITR/ES/2022/M/1593, dated 04/08/2022.

Technical Resignation:

1. Dr. Bidyut Kumar Patra [EC-1110983], Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has been relieved from the Institute Service vide letter dated 15/06/2022 to enable him to join the Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi as an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. In terms of extant guidelines of DOPT, he was relieved on Technical Resignation w.e.f. 15/06/2022 (AN) on approval of Chairman, BOG.
2. Dr. Biswajit Saha [EC-1181308], Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Chemical Engineering, has been relieved from the Institute Service vide letter dated 15/07/2022 to enable him to join the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar, Gujarat, as an Assistant Professor Grade-I in the Department of Chemical Engineering. In terms of extant guidelines of DOPT, he was relieved on Technical Resignation w.e.f. 15/07/2022 (AN) on approval of Chairman, BOG.

Lien:

1. Earlier, Prof. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal, [EC- 1040771], Professor HAG, Department of Industrial Design, was granted Lien for five (5) years, i.e., from 18/05/2017 to 17/05/2022, to enable him to join as Director at NIT Meghalaya vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2017/M/2222, dated 15/05/2017 and accordingly relieved from this Institute duties w.e.f. 17/05/2017 (AN) vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2017/M/2252, dated 17/05/2017.

In pursuance of the MoE Letter No. F.No. 35-5/2021-TS.III, dated.19/04/2022, the Lien period of Prof. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswal was extended from 18/05/2022 to 30/06/2022. And again, the Lien period of Prof. Biswal is extended from 01/07/2022 to 31/12/2022 or until the joining of a regular Director at NIT Meghalaya, whichever occurs earlier.

2. Earlier, Prof. Sarat Kumar Patra, [EC- 1890547], Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, was granted Lien for five (5) years, i.e., from 05/08/2017 to 04/08/2022, to enable him to join as Director, IIIT [PPP] Vadodara vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2017/M/3004, dated 04/08/2017 and accordingly relieved from this Institute duties w.e.f. 04/08/2017 (AN) vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2017/M/3005, dated 04/08/2017.

In pursuance of the MoE Letter No. F.No. 59-3/2022-TS.I, dated 25/07/2022, the Lien period of Prof. Patra is extended as Director, IIIT [PPP] Vadodara on an officiating basis beyond 04/08/2022 until a new Director is appointed or till further orders, whichever is earlier.

The item was deferred.

Sabbatical Leave

1. In the event of his selection, Prof. Paresh G Kale [EC- 1141144], Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Electrical Engineering of this Institute, was sanctioned Sabbatical Leave for a period from 08/08/2022 to 11/11/2022 (12th & 13th November 2022 are Saturday & Sunday) to avail SERB International Research Experience (SIRE) fellowship for 2022-23 during the period from 10/08/2022 to 09/11/2022 at Solid State Physics, Institute of Physics, Hungary vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2022/M/1380, dated 08/07/2022. Accordingly, he has been relieved from NIT Rourkela w.e.f. 05/08/2022 (AN) to avail the above fellowship program from 10/08/2022 to 09/11/2022 vide Relieve Order No. NITR/ES/2022/M/1668, dated 12/08/2022.

2. In the event of his selection, Prof. Shantanu Kumar Behera [EC-1110948], Associate Professor, Department of Ceramic Engineering of this Institute, was sanctioned Sabbatical Leave for a period from 27/08/2022 to 14/06/2023 to pursue Fulbright-Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Fellowship for 2022-23 at Paul M. Rady, Mechanical Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO-80309, USA vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2022/M/1302, dated 28/06/2022.



Accordingly, he has been relieved from NIT Rourkela w.e.f. 27/08/2022 to avail the above fellowship program vide Relieve Order No. NITR/ES/2022/M/1858, dated 15/09/2022.

The item was deferred.

Extraordinary Leave (EOL):

1. Prof. Mohd Khalid Gul, [EC-1201344], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Food Process Engineering, is permitted to avail SERB International Research Experience (SIRE) Fellowship 2022-23 for the period from 01/09/2022 to 28/02/2023 at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2022/M/1427, dated 14/07/2022.

The item was deferred.

BOG-86(2022)-18: Decision on payment of Gratuity to Mr. Santosh Kumar Upadhyay, Ex-Registrar, NIT Rourkela


Shri S. K. Upadhyay joined as Registrar, NIT, Rourkela, on 01.04.2004. His tenure was extended on 21.02.2005, 27.02.2006, 08.03.2007, and 29.12.2008. His last tenure was extended up to 28.12.2018. In terms of Statute-24 (vi) and Statute 29 of the First Statutes of NIT, he was governed under NPS.

Mr. Upadhyay retired from Institute Service on superannuation w.e.f. 28/12/2018. His request for payment of gratuity could not be extended due to instruction of the Ministry of Education vide F. No. 14-1/2019-TS. III, dated 03/04/2019.

Due to denial of payment of gratuity, he moved to the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Rourkela, where the Controlling Authority ordered the Institute to pay the gratuity (₹ 17,75,232/-) with interest (₹ 3,95,415/-) to Mr. Upadhyay under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

Consequently, the Institute filed an appeal before Dy. Chief Labour Commissioner (DCLC), Bhubaneswar, against the order of RLC, Rourkela. After hearing both sides, the Appellate Authority issued an order upholding the order of the Controlling Authority to release the gratuity.

Further, the Controlling authority on 18.08.2022 asked the Institute management to intimate whether the management has moved to any higher court or authority against the appeal order of the

Appellate authority so that the controlling authority can take necessary action for payment of gratuity to Shri S. K. Upadhyay, which is lying with the appellate authority.

Regarding the above, the Institute took the Ministry's advice through letter no. NITR/RG/2022/L/0507, dated 26.08.2022, on this issue.

The MoE vide letter no. F.No.14-8/2022-TS.III, dated 07.09.2022, directed the Institute to extend the gratuity benefit to Shri S.K. Upadhyay. Accordingly, RLC Rourkela was informed by the Institute vide letter no. NITR/RG/2022/M/0559 dated 08-09-2022 to take the necessary steps to extend the gratuity benefit to Shri S.K Upadhyay at the earliest.

The item was deferred.

D. ACADEMIC MATTERS

BOG-86(2022)-19: Proposal for PG Programme on Urban and Regional Planning.

The Senate vide resolution no. Senate-101[2021]-10, dated 19.05.2021, approved the recommendation for the Introduction of Master's course on "Urban and Regional Planning" and its corresponding curricula w.e.f. the Academic year 2021-22 under Deptt. of Planning and Architecture. The Preamble, Vision, Mission and Programme Curriculum are attached in the Annexure.

"The same proposal was put in the 78th BOG, vide resolution no. BOG-78(2021)-07, dt.16.07.2021. After discussion, BOG postponed this new proposal, considering the financial constraints, and suggested the Institute may present the same to Board before the onset of next academic year, 2022-23".

The HOD, Planning and Architecture, NIT Rourkela, again has requested for the commencement of the said programme from the Academic Year 2022-23 with the existing faculty members of the Department of Planning & Architecture.

The item was deferred.



BOG-86(2022)-20: Revision of Hostel Seat rent of Rosysmita Bikram Singh, Roll No. 519CE1006, Ph. D. research scholar.

Rosysmita Bikram Singh, Roll No. 519CE1006, a Ph. D. research scholar, Civil Engineering Department, has given a representation that she is paying full hostel seat rent as per the prevailing rate of @Rs.5000/- per semester.

Rosysmita Bikram Singh, in her representation, stated that her husband, Mr. Avinash Samantray, Roll No. 519CS1003, a Ph.D. research scholar from Comp. Science Department of the Institute also pays the establishment and seat rent fee @Rs.12,000/- per semester, even though they possess the same accommodation, which is double the fee for the same accommodation.

Although both Ph.D. scholars on marriage occupy single/same accommodation but both are charged seat rent fee/semester individually as per the BOG vide resolution no. BOG-60(2018)-21, dated 22.06.2018, clause no.8. (enclosed in the Annexure). Dean (AC) has also stated that though the claim from the Ph.D. scholar seems logical, BOG approval is needed to amend the fee structure.

The item was deferred.

E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

BOG-86(2022)-21: Proposal for MoU between M/s Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (Midhani Ltd.) and NIT, Rourkela.

An MoU was signed between M/s Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (Midhani Ltd.) and NIT, Rourkela, in the year 2018 as per approval of the BOG vide resolution No.62(2018)-22(6), dated 08.12.2018. The modified MoU between M/s Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (Midhani Ltd.) and NIT, Rourkela is given in the Annexure for approval of the Board

The item was deferred.

BOG-86(2022)-22: Proposal for approval of draft MoU with NGO M/s Peoples Association for Rural Reconstruction (PARR), a society registered under the society registration Act 1860 with registration No.10041/1044 of 1991-1992 and having its office at



Antei, PS. Patakura, Odisha, PIN-754 162 represented by Shri (Dr.) Mrutyunjay Maharana, Executive Director, PARR (from now on referred to as 1st Party Vrs. NIT, Rourkela as 2nd Party).

Dr. B. Kiran Naik, Asst. Professor, Dr. K. S. Patel, Mechanical Engg. Department, Dr. W Routray, FP, Dr. S, Rao Kunja, SM and Dr. Sanjeev Patel, CS, Departments, NIT Rourkela, has given a proposal to sign an MoU between NIT, Rourkela and "M/s People's Association for Rural Reconstruction (PARR)" a society registered under the society registration Act 1860 with registration No.10041/1044 of 1991-1992 and having its office at Antei, PS. Patakura, Odisha, PIN-754 162 represented by Shri Dr. Mrutyunjay Maharana, Executive Director, PARR.

The purpose of the MoU is to help the Village Bhaluka, Kasabajaypur (Mandal), Balasore, Odisha, to improve the Socioeconomic Standards of the SC/ST community.

The MoU will help in applying for funding from DST through "STI Hub for SC/ST Community".

There will be no financial obligation on the Institute (NIT Rourkela) for this purpose. The draft MoU is attached herewith for your ready reference.

The item was deferred.

BOG-86(2022)-23: Proposal for MoU between NIT, Rourkela and Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762, USA.

The draft proposal for signing of MoU between NIT, Rourkela and Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS 39762, USA, which is put up by HOD, MA is given in the Annexure. The object of the MoU is to establish and facilitate mutual cooperation, education and research activities and exchange of faculty and students, technical and scientific information, expertise and other personnel.

The item was deferred.



BOG-86(2022)-24: Proposal for MoU between NIT, Rourkela and SAIL, Bokaro Steel Plant.

The draft proposal for signing of MoU between NIT, Rourkela and SAIL, Bokaro Steel Plant, which is put up by Prof. S. Bakshi, CSE, is given in the Annexure.

The object of the MoU is as follows:

- a) To pursue joint research & development projects, including those related to innovation and creativity, between NIT Rourkela and SAIL-BSL leading to publications, patents, copyrights etc.
- b) To identify and pursue joint research projects in Come and Sinter Production, Raw Material Handling and Processing, Steel Production, New Process Development, Safety, Improvement in the Quality, Energy Conservation, Environment Control, troubleshooting technical problems and Digital Transformation relevance to SAIL-BSL.
- c) Mentor Graduate/Post-Graduate/Research Scholars of NIT Rourkela for completing their internship/ project/ thesis work at SAIL-BSL.
- d) To utilize facilities and expertise as per the requirements of respective parties on mutually agreed terms and conditions on case to case basis.
- e) To jointly organize seminars, conferences, or workshops on topics of mutual interest and to invite each other's faculty/employee/experts to participate therein.

SAIL-BSL and NIT Rourkela agree that detailed terms and conditions that guide each activity identified above will be determined and agreed upon separately by the two parties. This MoU has no financial implication on each other.

The item was deferred.

BOG-86(2022)-25: Proposal for MoA between NIT, Rourkela and 1969 Batch, Alumni, REC, Rourkela (NITR).

The Board vide resolution No. BOG-78(2021)-13, dated 16.07.2021, has approved the above MoA between NIT, Rourkela

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and Alumni 1969 Batch (Alumni, REC, Rourkela) on "Distress Fund Management" to provide financial assistance to students for the security of study at NIT, Rourkela.

The primary purpose of the proposal is to provide financial assistance to the students for the security of study from the interest money of the contribution.

It is placed for the kind approval of the BOG in principle. The detailed modalities for its implementation is to be decided by the Office of the Dean (AIIR) with due approval of the head of the authority of the Institute.

The item was deferred.

BOG-86(2022)-26: Proposal for the signing of MoU between the University of New Haven, United States of America and NIT, Rourkela on Collaborative Research.

The draft proposal for signing of MoU between the University of New Haven (from now on referred to as "UNewHaven"), USA and NIT, Rourkela on Collaborative Research. This MoU is meant for collaborative work to undertake research projects in engineering and computer science to advance mutually beneficial efforts. Each party will bear its own costs and expenses associated with its own administration/tasks necessary for implementing objectives.

The item was deferred.

BOG-86(2022)-27: Permission for organizing the International Conference.

The Director and Chairman, BOG have approved the organization of the International Conferences by different Departments of the Institute on various dates as follows:

Sl. No	Department	Title of the Conference	Date	Venue
1.	Chemical Engineering	"International Conference on Smart Materials, Chemical & Bio-Chemical Engineering"	16th – 18th December, 2022	NIT Rourkela
2.	Industrial Design	"4th Innovative Product Design & Intelligent	25th – 26th November, 2022	NIT Rourkela

		Manufacturing Systems (IPDIMS-2022)".		
3.	Biotechnology & Medical Engineering	"International Conference on Bioprocess for Sustainable Environment and Energy (ICBSEE-2022)".	20th -24th June, 2022 (tentatively)	NIT Rourkela
4.	Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering	4th International Conference on Processing and Characterization of Materials (ICPCM-2022)	9th – 11th December, 2022	NIT Rourkela
5.	Food Process Engineering, NIT Rourkela	International Conference on key enabling technologies for sustainable agri-food chain (KETSAC-2022)	9th – 11th December, 2022	NIT Rourkela
6.	Department of Computer Science and Engineering	4th International Conference on Advances in Distributed Computing and Machine Learning (ICADCML)	15th -16th January, 2023	NIT Rourkela
7.	Department of Life Science	International Conference in Frontiers of Biological Sciences (NicoFIBS-2023)	2nd – 4th February, 2023	NIT Rourkela
8.	Food Process Engineering, NIT Rourkela	"11th Asia Pacific Drying Conference (ADC), 2023"	18th – 19th February, 2023	Science City, Kolkata, West Bengal

The details are given in the Annexure.

The item was deferred.