

# **National Institute of Technology Rourkela**

## **MINUTES**

### **90<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**[Through Offline/VC mode]**



**Date : 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 (Wednesday)**

**Time : 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM.**

**Venue : Board Room, NIT, Rourkela**



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला  
National Institute of Technology Rourkela

MINUTES OF THE 90<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ROURKELA HELD FROM 3.30 PM TO 4.30 PM ON 12.07.2023 (WEDNESDAY) IN THE BOARD ROOM, NIT ROURKELA THROUGH OFFLINE/VC MODE.

**Members Present:**

Sl. No.	Name	Contact No.
1.	Prof. K. Umamaheshwar Rao, [through VC], Director & Acting Chairman, BOG, National Institute of Technology Rourkela-769008, Odisha, India.	Tel : 0661- 2462001(0)/2472050(0)/ 2463001(R) Mob : 9437972455 Fax : 2472926/ 2462022 Email : <a href="mailto:director@nitrkl.ac.in">director@nitrkl.ac.in</a>
2.	Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS, [through VC], Joint Secretary (NITs), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.	Tel : 011-23073687 Email : <a href="mailto:saumya.gupta@ias.nic.in">saumya.gupta@ias.nic.in</a>
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4.	Padmashree N. R. Mohanty [through VC], Ex-Chairman, HAL, Flat No.620 B4, Yamuna Block, National Games Village (NGV), Koramangala, Bangalore-560047 (Karnataka).	Mob : 9845038631 Email : <a href="mailto:nalinirmohanty@yahoo.co.in">nalinirmohanty@yahoo.co.in</a>
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**Members Absent:**

8.	Principal Secretary, Skill Development & Technical Education Dept., Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha, India.	Tel : 0674-2391319(O) Fax : 0674-2391324 Email : <a href="mailto:etet.od@nic.in">etet.od@nic.in</a>
9.	Prof. Shreepad Karmalkar, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, Argul, Khordha-752050, Odisha, India.	Tel : 0674 7134448, 0674 7134449 (O) Fax : 0674 7134450 Email : <a href="mailto:director@iitbbs.ac.in">director@iitbbs.ac.in</a> / <a href="mailto:karmal@iitbbs.ac.in">karmal@iitbbs.ac.in</a>

**A. GENERAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS.**

**BOG-90(2023)-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 not present in the meeting.*

**BOG-90(2023)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 13.03.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.**

The minutes of the 89<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting held on 13.03.2023 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode were circulated by e-mail to all the members including consolidated list of the selection committee's recommendations for the faculty recruitment process 2022 that was sent separately. No comments were received from the members. A copy of the minutes is given in the Annexure.

**[Annexure-A1, Page 21 – 39 (j)]**

*The Board confirmed and approved the minutes.*

**BOG-90(2023)-03: To report the action taken on the decisions made in the 89<sup>th</sup> meeting of the BOG held on 13.03.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela, through offline/VC mode.**

The report regarding action taken on the decisions made in the 89<sup>th</sup> BOG meeting minutes held on 13.03.2023 in the Board Room of NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode is given in the Annexure for information of the Board.

**[Annexure-A2, Page 40 – 40(a)]**

*The Board noted the above.*

**BOG-90(2023)-04: To consider the minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> FC meeting.**

The following agenda items of the 65<sup>th</sup> FC Meeting are placed in the BOG for approval.

**FC-65(2023)-02: Confirmation of the minutes of the 64<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 13.03.2023 in the Board Room, NIT Rourkela through offline/VC mode.**



FC-65(2023)-03: To approve the Statement of Accounts for the FY 2022-2023.

FC-65(2023)-04: To approve the minutes of the agenda items discussed in the 47<sup>th</sup> BWC meeting held on 19.06.2023.

[Annexure-A3, Page 41 – 41(b)]

*The Board approved the recommendation and minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> FC.*

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

**BOG-90(2023)-05: Approval for Appointment of Officers recommended in Phase-I of the Non-Teaching Recruitment 2022.**

As approved by the 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.

The applications received against the advertisement were scrutinized by a committee based on the advertisement criteria as well as the requirement of the post. It was decided that for the posts carrying the Pay Level-12 and above and also for the post of Medical Officer (PL-10), the selection shall be made through Presentation-cum-Personal Interview/Personal Interview method and for other posts, the selection shall be made through Written-test, Trade/skill test and Interview, wherever applicable as per DoPT guidelines.

As a first phase of the recruitment process, the selections for the following posts were conducted from 21st-25th June 2023:

Sl. No.	Name of Post	Pay Level of the post	Total number of valid applications received	Total number of applications shortlisted	Date of Interview
1.	Librarian	14	17	Nil	The selection process was not conducted as no applicants fulfilled the advertisement and scrutiny criteria.



2.	Principal Scientific Officer	14	33	07	21/06/2023
3.	Superintending Engineer	13	33	18	23/06/2023
4.	Deputy Registrar	12	113	13	21/06/2023
5.	Senior Scientific Officer	12	136	23	22/06/2023
6.	Senior Executive Engineer	12	41	18	24/06/2023
7.	Medical Officer	10	27	25	25/06/2023

As per Clause 23 (5) (d) of NIT Statute, the Selection Committee for Senior Administrative 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

In terms of Clause 23 (6), the Registrar shall be substituted by another nominee of the Board in case the selection is made for the Registrar or the equivalent post.

The BoG vide resolution no. BOG-89(2023)-08 dated 13.03.2023 authorized the Director to nominate selection committee members for selection of officers posts in the current advertisement as Board nominees. Accordingly, the Director nominated distinguished professionals who were



experts in their respective fields as BOG nominees to the selection committees for the above-mentioned posts. The detailed constitution of the selection committee is given in the annexure for kind information of the BOG.

The recommendations of the selection committee for the above posts have been kept in sealed envelopes, and the same are being placed to the BOG for approval.

[Annexure-A4, Pg. 42- 42(a)]

***The Board approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee put up on the table and advised the Institute to upload the details of the selected candidates on the DoPT portal at the earliest. It was also informed to the Institute to intimate the selected candidates to collect their offer letters from the Rozgar mela going to be organized on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.***

**BOG-90(2023)-06: Applicability of Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 to NIT Rourkela.**

In terms of Statute 29 of NIT Statutes, the employees appointed before 01.01.2004 will be governed by CCS (Pension) Rules, 1960 and the employees appointed on or after will be governed by the New Pension Scheme of central government. The New Pension Scheme has been named 'National Pension System' in terms of Section 20 of the PFRDA Act 2013. Accordingly, the Institute employees appointed before 01/01/2004 are governed under the old Pension Scheme, i.e., CCS (Pension) Rules, and the gratuity is payable to them under the provisions of the Rules.

Ministry of Education vide letter no. 33-3/2022-TS III dated 28.12.2022 has issued instructions regarding the applicability of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, to the employees covered under NPS.

[Annexure-A5, Page 43 - 52]

***The Board considered the agenda item and approved its implementation to the eligible beneficiaries of the Institute w.e.f. 01/01/2004.***

**BOG-90(2023)-07: Combination of past service of Prof. Santanu Kumar Behera rendered in the State Government for terminal benefits under CCS (Pension) Rule, 1972:**

Prof. Santanu Kumar Behera, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, joined NIT Rourkela as an Assistant Professor on 01/07/2007 on his selection against an open advertisement. Before joining this Institute, he served UCP Engineering School Berhampur/Women's Polytechnic Dhenkanal, Government of Odisha as lecturer/Senior lecturer from 02.05.1992 to 30.06.2007 (15 years, one month and 28 days). His service was governed by GPF-cum-Pension scheme under the Government of Odisha, similar to the CCS (Pension) Rules 1972.

Revised pension under CCS Pension rules, 1972, as per 6<sup>th</sup> CPC, was implemented in NIT Rourkela w.e.f. 01/01/2006, his pension liability and gratuity were calculated as **Rs 12,53,984/-** and **Rs 1,72,725/-** respectively. As Prof. Behera was relieved from the Government of Odisha on **30/06/2007**, the remitted value of the one-time pension liability has been calculated under the provision as applicable. Govt. of Odisha has paid a sum of **Rs 9,82,317/-** towards its pension liability and **Rs 1,72,725/-** towards gratuity. As a result, a differential amount of **Rs 2,71,666/-** comes out as the pro-rata pension liability because the state government calculated its liability in 2017 as per the prevailing rules because new regulations were issued later.

In this regard, communications were made to the Department of Education, Ministry of Education, Shastri Bhawan, Government of India, New Delhi, to seek clarification vide Letter No. NITR/ES/2021/L/0835, dated 24.03.2021. The Technical Section-III, Department of Higher Education, MoE, has advised us vide letter no. F.No. 14-6/2021-TS-III dated 11/08/2021 and email on 11/08/2021 to put the matter before the Board of Governors for settlement.

[Annexure-A6, Page 53 - 84]

***The Board considered the agenda item and advised the Institute to put up the consolidated proposal to the Ministry, citing the eligibility guidelines that make Prof. S.K. Behera eligible for counting past service and pensionary benefits after retirement, as per the old***

*pension scheme. It was further decided to apprise the Ministry through the same proposal regarding pro-rata pension liability of Rs. 2,71,666.0 so that a suitable decision in this regard is also taken.*

**BOG-90(2023)-08:** Representation of Mrs. Anasuya Panda regarding Pension benefit in regards to the OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B), dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 of Department of Pension & PW, GOI.

An open advertisement vide no. RECR/Estt/194, dated 07/01/1998, for appointment as Junior Assistant-Cum-Typist was published in view of a likely vacancy. It was decided to create a panel for consideration for the above post based on a recruitment examination. Mrs. Anasuya Panda had passed the selection process for the said post and qualified to be on the panel. She was placed at the Sl. no. 3 in the panel.

(i) Mrs. Anasuya Panda was issued an appointment order to join as a Matron, as her name was in the panel, vide O/o dated 31.08.2000, and she was on a consolidated remuneration of Rs. 1500/- per month, though the advertisement was against a substantive and available vacancy. She worked till 27/01/2005 in different offices as a temporary engagement with consolidated pay.

She was granted maternity leave from 01.11.2002 to 09.03.2003 – a benefit available to permanent lady employees as per the norms.

(ii) In the 6<sup>th</sup> BOG dated 28/01/2005 vide resolution no. 6(2005)-9, Mrs. Anasuya Panda's service was regularized. Since Mrs. Anasuya Panda was selected for the panel w.r.t. the advt. RECR/Estt/194, dated 07/01/1998, she was offered an appointment order as Jr. Asst. on an initial pay of Rs. 3050/- pm in the pay scale of Rs. 3050-75-3950-80-4590 vide office order no. NITR/Estt./3886, dated 12/05/2005.

(iii) Since her service has been regularized w.e.f. 28/01/2005, she is under National Pension Scheme (NPS) vide office order no. NITR/Estt./07/3222, dated 02/04/2007.

(iv) As per the OM of the Department of Pension and PW, GOI, "in all cases where the results for recruitment were declared before 01/01/2004 against vacancies occurring on or before 31/12/2003, the candidates declared successful for recruitment shall be eligible for coverage under the CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972. Accordingly, such Government servants who





were declared successful for recruitment in the results declared on or before 31.12.2003, against vacancies occurring before 01.01.2004 and are covered under the National Pension System on joining service on or after 01.01.2004, may be given a one-time option to be covered under the CCS(Pension) Rules, 1972.”

(v) The grievance of Mrs. Anasuya Panda, EC: 4050773, is that she should have been regularized against the post of Matron/Jr. Asst. and accordingly, her pay should have been fixed as per the rule and on the scale applicable to Jr. Asst, which is equivalent to Matron.

Further, she claims that since her selection into the panel was against the Advt. RECR/Estt/194, dated 07/01/1998, on 03.09.2021 and subsequent to this, a Special Grievance Committee was constituted to probe into the above matter. The report submitted by the committee is enclosed herewith as Annexure. The Institute Legal Advisor has also submitted his report on the said matter, which is enclosed as Annexure.

The institute lawyer opined that: “conglomerating the aforesaid factual position and the official orders that have been passed from time to time, I am of the view that her grievance regarding her pay anomaly and ambiguity in regularization to the substantive post is genuine and needs to be addressed in its right perspective.”

(vi) Before this, an agenda item pertaining to Mr. Anasuya Panda regarding pension benefits in reference to the OM No. 57/04/2019-P&PW(B), dated 17.02.2020 of Department of Pension & PW, Govt. of India, has been deliberated in the 71st BOG meeting vide resolution No. BOG-71(2020)-06, dated 18.11.2020.

*“After deliberation, it was decided by the Board to refer her case for clarification on the matter, with regards to her service status and of applicability of the stated OM in her case, from the Bureau, Ministry of Education.”*

Accordingly, the same had been communicated to the Ministry vide letter no. NITR/RG/2021/L/0024, dated 04.01.2021. The clarification received from the Ministry vide letter No.14-2/2021-TS-III, dated 03.03.2021, is placed as Annexure.



(vii) The matter was also referred to Sr. Advocate Mr. S. Das, former Asst. Solicitor General of India vide letter no. NITR/RG/2021/L/0029, dated 05.01.2021, for his opinion. The opinion of the Sr. Advocate is placed as Annexure.

(viii) Recently MoE has issued clarification on the matter vide letter No. F. No.33-2/2023-TS.III, dated 02.05.2023, wherein it has been intimated that the provisions of DoP&PW's OM No.57/04/2019-P&PW(B) dated 17.02.2020 can not be extended to employees of CFTIs under the Department of Higher Education.

**[Annexure- A7, Page 85 - 120]**

***The Board discussed and decided that this agenda item cannot be considered for further discussion due to the explicit clarification from MoE (F. No.33-2/2023-TS.III, dated 02.05.2023) for the employees of the autonomous bodies and CFTIs.***

**BOG-90(2023)-09: Adoption and implementation of the provisions in the amended statutes of the National Institute of Technology Rourkela**

As directed by the MoE, New Delhi, vide letter no. F.No. 35 – 7/2022 - TS.III, dated the 26th May 2023, the Amended Statutes of the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela (English and Hindi version) approved by the Hon'ble Visitor of NITs were forwarded to the Dy. Secretary/Controller of Publications, Department of Publication, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, New Delhi, for publication in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 on June 1, 2023. The amended statutes have been published in the Gazette of India (Ref. CG-OR-E-20062023-246694, no. 422, dated June 19, 2023) and placed before the Board for adoption and implementation of the provisions contained therein. A copy of the Gazette notification is placed in the Annexure for consideration of the Board.

**[Annexure-A8, Page 121 - 127]**

***The Board approved the adoption of the amended statutes for implementation of the provisions contained therein.***

**BOG-90(2023)-10: Compassionate appointment for NIT Rourkela employees.**

The Ministry of Education vide F.No.18-7/2017-TS.III, dated 7th July 2017, has forwarded a copy of Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) vide O.M. No. 14014/02/2012-Estt (D), dated 16.01.2013 on compassionate appointment for Central Govt. employees and advised that as per the provisions of the Statutes 23(3) of First Statutes of NITs, the rules applicable for appointments to the Central Govt. shall apply to NITs. Further, the MoE has instructed that the provisions of said DoPT OM on compassionate appointment may be adopted by NITs on approval of respective BOG.

**[Annexure-A9, Page 128 - 151]**

*The BOG considered and approved the adoption of Compassionate appointments for NIT Rourkela employees as per the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) guidelines.*

**BOG-90(2023)-11: Extension of contractual services of Mrs. Archana Gupta, Public Relations Officer (PRO) On Contract.**

The contractual services of **Mrs. Archana Gupta** [EC-T20234], Public Relations Officer (On Contract) have been extended for a further period of six months, i.e., from 01/06/2023 to 30/11/2023 with enhanced remuneration of Rs. 60,000.00 per month or till finalization of non-teaching recruitment process whichever occurs earlier by the Chairman, BOG on same consolidated remuneration.

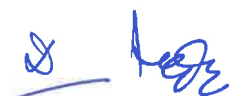
All other terms and conditions embodied in her offer of appointment vide no. NITR/ES/2020/L/0205, dated 16/03/2020, will remain unaltered.

**[Annexure-A10, Page 152]**

*The Board ratified and approved the proposal.*

**BOG-90(2023)-12: Policy on “Professional Development Activity” by the SRICCE office.**

SRICCE handles various regular research and development activities like Sponsored Research Projects, Consultancy Projects, and Continuing Education Programmes (Seminars, conferences, workshops, short-term courses etc.



However, there are various activities that are out of the regular scope of SRICCE activities viz: INSPIRE fellowship, INSPIRE Award, N-PDF, women scientist schemes, mentorship schemes, hosting schemes, travel grants, special grants, visiting fellowships, overseas research schemes etc. All such activities fetch great laurels to the Institute on a general note and specific to the various "Ranking" process of the Institute across the globe. Therefore, the same requires a separate grouping to be noted appropriately in records with proper financial management, as these activities are monitored with validation of Utilization Certificates (UC) and Statement of Expenditures (SoE) to the funding agencies.

In this regard, it is proposed that all such activities may be recorded as "Professional Development activity" with coding structure as PT/00/xx/000 [PT- PDA, 00- the concerned year, xx-department code and 000-generated running no.].

A new form vide no. SR-EF01 has been created for the "Registration of Professional Development Activity" and "Receipt of funds" for the same. The Director and Chairman BOG has already approved the above proposal.

[Annexure-A11, Page 153 - 155]

***The Board ratified and approved the above proposal.***

**BOG-90(2023)-13: Grievance of Dr. S. Bal, Sr. Scientific Officer, reg. her pay fixation**

Dr. Smrutisikha Bal, Senior Scientific Officer, NIT Rourkela, was promoted without change of designation and only change of Grade pay with effect from 21.06.19 as per 64<sup>th</sup> BOG of NITR. The BOG also advised the Institute to refer her matter to the MOE for consideration of retrospective date with regards to pay fixation, if applicable to her. The Institute furnished information to the Ministry as per directions of BOG (No. NITR/RG/2019/L/0352 dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and NITR/ES/2022/L/1737 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022). The Ministry vide letter no. F.No. 14-7/2022-TS.III dated 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2019 has suggested that since the issue pertains to the service matter of the NIT Rourkela employee, Institute is therefore requested to take a suitable decision in the matter as per the RR enforced at the time of



the employee's entry into service. The committee within the Institute was constituted to look into this matter on 09-03-2023 and submitted its report on 19-05-2023. The committee report has suggested that since the Ministry has not given any relief and 63<sup>rd</sup> BOG vide resolution no. BOG-63(2019)-21 has decided to upgrade the pay scale through internal assessment, hence there is no need for further re-examination on this matter. The matter is now placed before the Board for a suitable decision.

[Annexure-A12, Page 156 - 161]

***The Board discussed the matter and decided that the case has no merit for further re-examination based on the recent developments regarding this case and further reiterated that the decision has already been taken in earlier board meetings, and it stands valid.***

**BOG-90(2023)-14: Booking of Air and Train tickets from M/s Eastern Travels (P) Ltd., Jamshedpur, an authorized private company having its regional office at Rourkela.**

As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry (OM no. 19024/03/2021-E.IV dated Dec. 31, 2021), the Institute for its guests, along with its employees, are currently booking their air tickets from three authorized travel agents, namely M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd., M/s Ashok Travels & Tours and IRCTC. Out of these travel agents, only M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd. has one office in Odisha and that too at Bhubaneswar only (approx. 400 km. away from Rourkela) with minimal staff strength of 2 personnel (one Manager and one accountant) which is not at all sufficient to cater to the requirements of many institutes including us within this state. We have requested them to open one office at Rourkela, but it has not been materialized. Further, it is important to mention that Rourkela is not well connected by air with other cities of the country, so we have to also make connecting train bookings for ourselves or Institute guests to either reach or start from Rourkela for the nearest airports like Ranchi, Bhubaneswar and Jharsuguda. M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd. only extends the facility of booking air tickets but not train tickets. Thus, Institute is facing difficulty in booking train tickets for guests coming from different parts of the country. Apart from booking, settling the bills after payment is also a herculean task



with no clarity from their end w.r.t. canceled tickets and previous payments. Due to this, M/s Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd. have refused to book the tickets for emergency travel of Institute functionaries due to the exhaustion of the credit facility given to the Institute. Apart from these points, we really find it hard to get the optimum facility from them during odd hours with emergency cancellations and bookings. M/s Eastern Travels (P) Ltd., Jamshedpur, an authorized private company having its regional office at Rourkela, was earlier booking train and air tickets for NIT Rourkela with great service. Keeping in view of the Ministry's OM, during unavoidable circumstances, Director is authorized to grant the relaxation if the booking is done from unauthorized travel agents/websites. To streamline the booking process and to reduce the problem associated with it being faced by the Institute, the matter is placed before the Board to allow booking of travel tickets from M/s Eastern Travels (P) Ltd., Jamshedpur, apart from three authorized agents stated above.

[Annexure-A13, Page 162 - 169]

*The Board decided to follow the guidelines issued by the Ministry (OM no. 19024/03/2021-E.IV dated Dec. 31, 2021, with no scope for further examination.*

**BOG-90(2023)-15: Appointment and Extension of tenure of Deans/Asso. Deans.**

The director has nominated and given the responsibility (new appointment or extension of tenure) of Deans and Associate Deans to the faculty members as per the following table:

**A) Dean:**

Sl. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1.	FW	Prof. Chandan K. Sahoo (SM)	Term Extended	01.07.21	30.06.24
2.	AC	Prof. Susmita Mishra (CH)	Prof. S. Chakraverty (MA)	01.07.23	30.06.25
3.	SW	Prof. Sidhartha S. Jena (PH)	Term Extended	01.07.21	30.06.24
4.	PD	Prof. Pradip Sarkar (CE)	Term Extended	01.07.21	30.06.24
5.	SR	Prof. Santanu Paria (CH)	Prof. Mukesh K. Gupta (BM)	01.07.23	30.06.25
6.	AR	Prof. Kishanjit K. Khatua (CE)	Prof. Himanshu Bhushan Sahu (MN)	01.07.23	30.06.25

**B) Asso. Dean:**

Sl. No.	Dept. Code	Existing Incumbent	New Incumbent	Effective Date	
				From	To
1.	FW	Prof. Kakoli Karar (Paul) (CE)	Term Extended	01.07.21	30.06.24
2.	AC (UG/NBA/NIRF)	Prof. Samit Ari (EC)	Continue	26.05.22	30.06.24
3.	AC (PG/RESEARCH)	Prof. Jyoti Prakash Kar (PH)	Continue	01.07.22	30.06.24
4.	AR	Prof. Bibhudatta Sahoo (CS)	Prof. Pankaj K. Sa (CS)	01.07.23	30.06.25
5.	PD (*MEP )	Prof. Subrat Karmakar (EE)	Continue	01.07.22	30.06.24
6.	SR	...	Prof. Madhurima Jana (CY)	01.07.23	30.06.25

\*Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP)

*The information is placed before the Board for kind perusal.*

**[Annexure-A14, Page 170 - 171]**

***The Board approved and ratified the proposal.***

**C. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**BOG-90(2023)-16: Personnel issues [Superannuation/Resignation/EOL/Lien/Sabbatical Leave/Academic Leave/Extension of Contract]:**

**Superannuation:**

Dr. Bata Krushna Ojha, [EC-1920621], Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, relieved on superannuation from Institute Service on attaining the age of 65 years w.e.f. 28/02/2023 (AN).

**Engagement of retired non-teaching employees for three months:**

The following Non-Teaching Ministerial staff members were retired in the following dates:

- 1) Mr. T. K. Sarangi, Office Supdt. (AC) ... 28.02.2023
- 2) Mr. Jayanka Kr. Sahu, Private Secretary (AC) ... 28.02.2023
- 3) Mr. P. K. Mohanty, Supdt. (IA) ... 31.03.2023

All three employees were given contractual appointments as per resolution no. BOG-89(2023)-16 for three months, which got over on June 30, 2023.

**Resignation:**

Dr. Krunal M. Gangawane [EC-1181303], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Chemical Engineering, has been relieved from the Institute Service on resignation w.e.f. 03/03/2023 (AN) vide letter no. NITR/ES/2023/M/0519, dated 03/03/2023.

### Technical Resignation:

Dr. Siddharth Deshmukh [EC-1141117], Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering [EC], has been relieved from the Institute Service vide letter no. NITR/ES/2023/M/1068, dated 01/05/2023, to join the National Institute of Technology, Raipur. In terms of extant guidelines of DOPT, he was relieved on Technical Resignation w.e.f. 01/05/2023 (AN) on approval of Chairman, BOG.

### Lien

Prof. Sarat Kumar Patra [EC-1890547], Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering of this Institute, is granted Lien for a period of five years w.e.f. 24/05/2023 to 23/05/2028 to enable him to join as Director, National Institute of Technology, Agartala (Tripura). As per the Institute Leave Rules (Appendix-A), he was relieved from this Institute duties on 22/05/2023 (AN) ), with a one-day joining time on 23/05/2023 vide letter no. NITR/ES/2023/M/1280, dated 22/05/2023, for availing Lien w.e.f. 24/05/2023 to 23/05/2028 on approval of Chairman, BOG.

### Academic Leave:

On the event of his selection, **Prof. Bukke Kiran Naik** [EC-1201372], Assistant Professor Grade-II, Department of Mechanical Engineering of this Institute, was sanctioned Academic Leave for a period from **29/05/2023 to 12/07/2023** and including a journey period from **27/05/2023 to 14/07/2023** by availing vacation to carry out Paired Earlier Career fellowship in Applied Research (PECFAR) sponsored by Indo-German Science and Technology Centre at Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt (PTB), Braunschweig, Germany vide Office Order No. NITR/ES/2023/M/0811, dated 05/04/2023.

***The Board noted/ratified the above proposals.***

## **D. ACADEMIC MATTERS:**

### **BOG-90(2023)-17: Proposal for PG Programme on Urban and Regional Planning.**

The Senate vide resolution no. Senate-113[2022]-10, dated 19.05.2021, approved the recommendation of the CDC for a new PG program on "Urban and Regional Planning" and its corresponding curricula. 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 the next academic year.*

The HOD, Planning and Architecture, NIT Rourkela, again has requested for the commencement of the said program from the Academic Year 2023-2024 with the existing faculty members of the Department of Planning & Architecture for commence of the program.

**[Annexure-A15, Page 172 - 214]**

***The Board considered and approved the proposal.***

**E. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

**BOG-90(2023)-18: Proposal for MoU between National Institute of Technology Rourkela and Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IITH), Telangana, India**

An MoU has been signed between the National Institute of Technology Rourkela and the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IITH), Telangana, India, for the scope of collaboration on the following academic and research activities:

- Academic and research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
- Exchange of academic and scholarly information. materials and publications based on mutual agreements.
- Exchange of students and faculty.
- Conducting joint seminars, workshops and other academic meetings.

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

**[Annexure-A16, Page 215 - 220]**

***The Board ratified the proposal.***

**BOG-90(2023)-19: MoU between National Institute of Technology Rourkela and Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar (IITBBS)**

An MoU has been signed between the National Institute of Technology Rourkela (NITR) and the Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar



(IITBBS) for collaborative efforts on the following academic and research activities:

1. Academic and Research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest.
2. Sharing the research and instrumentation facilities and being part of institute-wise joint proposals.
3. Exchange of academic information, Scholarly information, materials and publications based on mutual MoUs.
4. Exchange of students and faculty.
5. Conducting joint seminars, workshops and other academic meetings etc., as per the MoU.

The signed copy of the MoU is attached for the information of the Board.

[Annexure-A17, Page 221 - 231]

*The Board ratified the proposal.*

**BOG-90(2023)-20: MoU between M/s NIT Rourkela Overseas Alumni Association (NITROAA) and the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela.**

An MoU has been signed between M/s NIT Rourkela Overseas Alumni Association (NITROAA), a 501(c)(3) US non-profit located at 5194 Timber Bluff Ln, Frisco TX 75034, USA & having an office at TIIR building, NIT Rourkela represented by Shri Jit Goel, President, NITROAA and National Institute of Technology, Rourkela.

NITROAA is an alumni organization with former students of REC/NIT as its members and desires to create a fund to provide financial assistance towards travel, lodging, boarding, and payment of Registration fees or other expenses required for attending the seminar, symposium, workshop, paper presentation, poster presentation, research internships at National or International level to students (joining through JEE Main) of NIT Rourkela. The NIT Rourkela has been authorized and empowered to manage the fund prudently by making safe and secure investments to maximize earnings. The details of fund allocation and financial assistance, fund management and selection of students for financial assistance under this scheme are given in



the MoU. The signed copy of the MoU is attached for the information of the Board.

[Annexure-A18, Page 232 - 236]

*The Board ratified the proposal.*

**BOG-90(2023)-21: MoU between M/s Indian Meteorological Department and National Institute of Technology, Rourkela.**

An MoU has been signed between M/s Indian Meteorological Department, Mausam Bhawan, Lodi Road, New Delhi and the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela.

Both parties agree to collaborate on the following areas for the pursuit of academic excellence in the field of metrology and climate modeling:

- i. To plan and execute joint research, capacity building, field studies and consultancy projects in the field of Earth and Atmospheric sciences.
- ii. Undertake development of case studies, conduct research and bring out publications and report.
- iii. Organize round table meetings, seminars, and conferences on emerging issues in the area of environment.
- iv. Jointly explore use of emerging technologies such as geospatial technologies in the areas of Meteorology/Atmospheric Science/Oceanography/Environment.
- v. Exchange of resource persons and sharing training resources including online/offline modules developed separately or jointly.
- vi. To take up joint supervision of Research Project/Dissertation work of students with IMD, scientists as co-guides along with NIT Rourkela faculty in the areas of Meteorology/Atmospheric Science/Oceanography/Environment related.
- vii. Setting up of a multi-parameter IMD observatory and automatic weather station at NIT Rourkela.

The signed copy of the MoU is attached for the information of the Board.

[Annexure-A19, Page 237 - 244]

*The Board ratified the proposal.*



**BOG-90(2023)-22: Draft MoU between National Institute of Technology, Rourkela and National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India.**

The Draft MoU between the National Institute of Technology, Rourkela and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Earth System Sciences Organization, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India is attached in the Annexure.

The Scope of the MoU is as follows:

- i) Academic guidance to the postgraduate students and doctoral scholars for joint research work and supervision.
- ii) Collaborative research for the generation of knowledge and application in problem-solving.
- iii) Scientist/faculty cooperation/exchange.
- iv) Exchange of young researchers.
- v) Joint organizations of seminar/conferences/workshops/webinar/ brainstorming session.
- vi) Exchange of relevant information, joint publications, joint research project etc.
- vii) Other such activities as may be mutually agreed upon;
- viii) Research fellows (JRF/SRF), research associates and scientists (regular/contract) from the NCMRWF engaged in research may be considered for registration of Ph.D. degree (through the Executive Ph.D./QIP program) under the joint supervision from the ER Dept., NIT Rourkela and NCMRWF. The Ph.D. candidates and researchers working full-time at the ER Department can also choose a Ph.D. supervisor/guide from the NCMRWF scientists on mutual consent and resource availability.

The continuation of the Ph.D. Registration of the NCMRWF candidates will be subject to satisfactory progress monitored by a six-monthly review by a joint committee comprising members from NCMRWF/MoES and ER Department, NIT Rourkela. The Ph.D. registration of regular contract scientists and JRF/SRF personnel from the NCMRWF will not automatically guarantee continued financial remuneration of the candidates from the NCMRWF or NIT Rourkela. The NCMRWF candidate has also to satisfy 'NCMRWF satisfactory



work progress criteria' as reviewed by the NCMRWF from time to time to continue Ph.D. work. The other terms and conditions are given in the MoU, which is attached for the information of the Board.

[Annexure-A20, Page 245 - 250]

*The Board considered and approved the proposal.*

**BOG-90(2023)-23: 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.	Electrical Engineering Department	International Conference on Power Electronics, Energy & Control (ICPEEC-2024)	11th – 12th, May, 2024	NIT Rourkela
2.		1st IEEE International Conference on Smart Power Control and Renewable Energy (ICSPCRE-2024)	19th – 21st July 2024	NIT Rourkela
3.	Industrial Design Department	5th Innovative Product Design and Intelligent Manufacturing Systems international conference (IPDIMS-2023)	6th - 7th December 2023	NIT Rourkela


The details are given in the Annexure.

[Annexure-A21, Page 251 - 262]

*The Board ratified the above proposals.*

**BOG-90(2023)-24: Any other item with the permission of the Chair.**

*The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.*

  
21/7/2023

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

  
21.7.23

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