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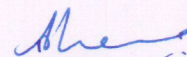
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Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
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Subject: Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Council of NITs held on 18.10.2013 at 10.30 a.m, at Manekshaw Centre, Dhaula Kuan, Khyber Lines, Delhi Cantonment, New Delhi.

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the council of National Institute of Technology (NITs) held under the Chairmanship of Shri. Ashok Thakur, Secretary (HE), MHRD and Vice Chairman of the Council on 18.10.2013 at 10.30 a.m, at Manekshaw Centre, Dhaula Kuan, Khyber Lines, Delhi Cantonment, New Delhi. Comments if any in this regards may kindly be communicated to this Ministry at the earliest.



(Amita Sharma)

AS(TE) and Member Secretary, NIT Council

Encl: as above

To,

All the Members of the Council of NITs
(as per list attached)

**Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Council of NITs held on 18.10.2013 at
10.30 A.M. at Manekshaw Centre, Dhaula Kuan, Khyber Lines, Delhi
Cantonment, New Delhi**

The Seventh Meeting of the Council of National Institute of Technology (NITs) was held on 18.10.2013 at 10.30 A.M at Manekshaw Centre, Dhaula Kuan New Delhi. Shri Ashok Thakur, Secretary (Higher Education) and Vice Chairman Council of NIT's, chaired the meeting. The list of participants who attended the meeting is placed at Annexure.

At the outset, Secretary (HE), MHRD welcomed the members of the Council. He informed that Hon'ble HRM is not attending the meeting, due to some last moment unavoidable engagement. Thereafter, item wise, agenda was taken up for discussions and decision.

Item No.7.1: To confirm the Minutes of the 5th and 6th meeting of the Council of NITs held on 14.09.2012 and 09.04.2013, respectively.

The minutes of 5th and 6th meeting of the Council of NITs held on 14.09.2012 and 09.04.2013 respectively, were circulated amongst the members of the Council. As no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed by the Council.

Item No.7.2: To report Action Taken on the minutes of the 5th and 6th meeting of the Council of NITs held on 14.09.2012 and 09.04.2013, respectively.

The Council of NITs noted the action taken on the decisions of the 5th and 6th meeting of the Council and decided the following:-

- i. Chairman CBSE will ensure that funds are made available to NIT – Rourkela for disbursement of Scholarship to the eligible students.
- ii. All NITs should go for accreditation of their programmes by National Board of Accreditation (NBA), before the next Council meeting.
- iii. NITs and IITs to start joint research projects, and encourage mobility of the students and researchers between institutions.
- iv. All NITs including those in the North East Region will contribute towards the development of the respective states by involving themselves in different developmental activities of the State Government.
- v. As for as possible Single Counseling for admissions to IITs and NITs be considered.

Item No.7.3: Decisions taken by the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs in its meeting held on 15.10.2013.

The minutes of the 3rd meeting of the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs, held on 15.10.2013 in the Conference Hall of MHRD, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, were noted by the Council. The recommendations of the Standing Committee to the Council were considered by the Council for appropriate decision.

Item No.7.4: To report the changes in the Membership of the Council.

The Council welcomed the new members and placed on record its appreciation for the services rendered by the outgoing members.

Item No.7.5: To consider the short Draft Report of the Kakodkar Committee on the review of NIT's.

Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman of the NIT Review Committee made a presentation on the short draft report of the Committee. The Council deliberated on each of the items and decided the following:-

- i. NITs to hire best quality faculty during fresh recruitment and not focus on the numbers only.
- ii. The top 15% meritorious students from NITs and others CFITs can be engaged as trainee teachers at NITs after due selection at NIT's, including their selection for M.Tech-cum-Ph.D programme by IITs. Each NIT will work out a prospective faculty recruitment plan for next five years based on current vacancies, projected growth, retirements and expected resignations.
- iii. To get its existing faculty, to continuously improve and perform better, a teacher's training and certification programme need to be evolved by NITs.
- iv. A few of top 15 percent students at the end of 3rd year of their B.Tech. Degree, can go for a integrated M.Tech & Ph.D. programme at IITs. Such students will complete the 4th and last year of B.Tech. degree programme at IITs. NIT will issue the degree after ensuring credit transfers from IITs. A model MOU between IITs and NITs needs to be worked out to make such programmes operational.

- v. The departmental visiting committee could carry out comprehensive audit every year, with the objective of improving quality of teaching, Research & development, industrial collaboration in the departments of NITs. This committee could consist of two industry experts and two persons from the academia appointed by the Board of Governors of each NIT.
- vi. There has to be external review of NITs. A minor review once in 3 years and a comprehensive review once in 6 years is desirable. The Committee would consist of two reputed persons from academia, two experts from the industry, one eminent citizen and one NIT alumni. This committee could be set up by the BoG of NITs and approved by the Standing Committee to the Council. The term of the Committee members' would be 9 years with a 3rd of its members retiring every 3rd year.
- vii. No further promotions through Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) should be carried out. Rather, NIT's to strictly follow open selection for each faculty position as in 4-tier faculty pay structure. A committee to be set up which ensures compliance/ reviews of implementation on annual basis.
- viii. CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM and other industrial bodies could help in the establishment of industry cell at each of the NIT's. The objective of these cells would be increase industry linkages in the Institute promote, research collaboration, patents, start ups and entrepreneurship development.
- ix. NIT faculty can spend some time at the industry, specially during summer. The number of faculty spending such time could be one of the bench-marks in the grading of NITs.
- x. NITs to appoint industry persons as adjunct faculty. They might not have Masters or Ph.D. but their experience and achievement in industry and R&D sector could be the parameter for appointing adjunct faculty. Such teaching could also be imparted remotely through video.
- xi. A suitable mechanism needs to be evolved for creation of awards for (i) Best teacher, (ii) Best faculty in R&D, (iii) Best faculty in technology development and industrial interface and (iv) Best faculty in administrative role.
- xii. In order to bring NITs and IITs closer to each other, the following groups can be formed for effective collaboration:-

- a. One established IIT, One new IIT and four NITs (two established and two new). IIT Roorkee and IIT Hyderabad could be grouped with three NITs (atleast one new). IIT BHU and IIT Gandhi Nagar could be grouped with three NITs (atleast one new).
 - b. For each group, three faculty members from IITs, belonging to different disciplines could be invited to be members of each NIT senate. Similarly two faculty members from each NIT could be members in each of the IIT's senate.
 - c. IIT faculty and NIT faculty to work for joint projects.
 - d. One faculty from each IIT could be made a member in the governing body of each NIT.
 - e. Some high performing IIT faculty should spend a semester at NITs and similarly some NIT faculty could spend a semester in IIT's as teachers.
- xiii. Every faculty member should set up goals for him/ herself for a particular year including the timelines. The goals could be based on broad categories as under:-
- Teaching including B.Tech. / M.Tech. Projects : say 35-40%
 - Academic Research including Research Guidance : say 15-30%
 - Industrial Consultancy and Tech Development : say 10-35%
 - Administration and outreach : say 15-20%.
- These appraisals would be examined by a Departmental committee for young faculty once in two years and institute level committee for senior faculty once in three years.
- xiv. There has been an apprehension among the directors of NITs on the use of language in the short draft report, specially branding NITs as the best UG Education Institutions in India. The Council decided that suitable changes, if required in the report could be considered to address such concerns.
- xv. Director NITs of the North East Region should report their problems regarding functioning of the Broadband connectivity by return e-mail to AS (TE) / JS (TEL) or Director NIT, MHRD.
- xvi. A standing committee to oversee implementation of Kakodkar Committee recommendations would be formed soon.

Item No.7.6: **To consider Transparency and Accountability Framework for the NITs.**

A small group under the Chairmanship of Dr. I.K. Bhat, Director, MNIT-Jaipur is working on NIT's web portal, which needs to be populated. Each NIT will have to appoint a nodal officer to provide necessary inputs, for the success of Council's website.

Item No.7.7: **To consider Leadership Development for Educational Administrators / training module for Directors in NITs.**

The Council of NITs decided that training under leadership programme for Directors of NIT's in collaboration with IIM's would continue. Similarly, training needs to be imparted to current incumbents at various level of Institutes administration such as Registrars, Deans and Heads by the respective Board of Governors.

Item No.7.8: **To consider the report of the Fee / Academic Reforms Committee.**

Based on the recommendations of the Fee Committee and the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs, the Council has decided the following:-

- (i) Tuition fee for B.Tech., M.C.A. and M.Tech. programme may be revised to Rs.70,000/- per student per year.
- (ii) In order to encourage studies in Science, tuition fees per student per year for two year Msc. programmes may be revised to Rs.15,000/- .
- (iii) The tuition fee per student per year for Ph.D. programme may be revised to Rs.15,000/-.
- (iv) Tuition fee to be charged for M.B.A. and 5-year M.Sc. programs may be decided by concerned NIT – because of variation in entry behavior.

Item No.7.9: **To consider the report of the Physical Education Personnel Committee.**

The Council accepted the recommendations of the Standing Committee and decided as under:-

- (i) Those Physical Education personnel who are already continuing as a faculty, may be allowed in the same position till he/ she retires. The cadre of such physical Education Personnel would be dying cadre after the incumbents retire.

- (ii) The Sports and Students Activity Officer scheme to continue as non-faculty as duly approved by the Council.
- (iii) No Physical Education Department be opened in NITs.

This requires congruity within MHRD system and therefore may also be seen by MHRD IFD before issue of order.

Item No.7.10: To consider migration from three-tier to four-tier flexible faculty structure in NITs.

The 4-tier flexible pay structure should be strictly based on open selection and on the recommendations of Selection Committee based on academic criteria as approved by the 5th Council of NITs. The Council approved constitution of a committee under the Chairmanship of AS (TE) and the Director each from NIT, IIT, & ISM, including Ministry officials, to work out principles of implementation across different category of institutions.

Item No.7.11: To consider provision of Search-cum-Selection Committee for appointment of Directors in NITs.

The Council approved amending the provisions of NIT Act & Statutes to make way for "Search-cum-Selection Committee" instead of "Selection Committee" for appointment of Directors of NITs.

Item No.7.12: To consider the Agenda and Programme of the Conference of Directors of NITs with the Hon'ble Visitor on 7th – 8th November, 2013 at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Council approved the reform measures for NITs which could be the framework for the discussions at the Conference of the Directors of NIT's, with the Hon'ble Visitor on 7th and 8th November, 2013.

Item No.7.13: To consider Report of the Committee on online survey on the accounting practices of the NITs.

The Council of NITs agreed with the recommendation of the Standing Committee for holding a workshop of the concern accounts officers of NITs on the implementation of uniform accounting system i.e. Brihaspati General Accounting System (BGAS). Seven NITs namely Allahabad, Durgapur, Jaipur, Jamshedpur, Rourkela, Silchar and Surathkal would be covered for the testing of the software. One official from Accounts section could be made a nodal officer for testing of the software to begin with.

Item No. 7.14: **Review on the status of infrastructure development in new NITs.**

The Council expressed concern over the delay in setting up campuses of the new NITs and directed to speed up the infrastructure work relating the campuses at the earliest.

Item No.7.15: **Miscellaneous items**

The Council agreed for the strict adherence of the following items for the development of old and new NITs:-

- (i) Filling up of faculty posts in NITs in a manner that quality of faculty is not compromised.
- (ii) Submission of Annual Report along with Audited Statement of Accounts preferably by September-October every year.
- (iii) Mandatory intimation of 15 days time period for consideration of the agenda items and minutes of the BOG, FC and BWC meetings of the Institutes.
- (iv) BOGs of individual Institutes may recommend amendments in First Statutes of NITs with regard to constitution of Search-cum-Selection Committee for appointment of Directors in NITs.
- (v) Time bound replies to the Parliament Questions and timely disposal of RTI issues.
- (vi) Property return for all faculty and non – faculty members to be posted on website.
- (vii) Nodal Officer for handling Court Cases of the Institutes and NIT Council's Websites at Institute's level, be appointed by all NIT's.
- (viii) Implementation of Brihaspati General Accounting System (BGAS) Software and nomination of suitable Officer dealing with accounts so as to have new uniform accounting standard.

Item No.7.16: **Nomination of members as Council's nominee on the Board of Governors of NITs as per Section 11 (e) of the NITSER Act, 2007.**

The Council ratified the decision taken by Hon'ble HRM in his capacity as Chairman, Council of NIT's for the Council's nominee on the Board of Governors of 11 NITs.

Item No.7.17: **Handing over charge of the posts of Director against the vacant position arising out of the departure of existing incumbents.**

The Council of NITs noted the action taken in this regard.

Item No.7.18: **Creation of 95 Supernumerary Seats for compensating errors in seat allotment under CSAB-2013 process.**

The Council ratified the action taken by Chairman NIT Council with regards to CSAB-2013

Item No.7.19: **Status report on Appointments of Directors in NITs.**

The Council noted the appointments of new Directors of NITs at Nagpur, Manipur, Agartala, and Delhi during the year 2013.

Item No.7.20: **Report of the Chairman, CCMT – 2013 on Centralised Counselling for admission of students in Post Graduate programmes in NITs.**

The Council expressed satisfaction over the work handled by Prof. I. K. Bhat and agreed to extend his term by one more year, for conducting CCMT for the academic year 2014-15.

Item No.7.21: **Report of the Chairman, CSAB – 2013 on Central Counselling for admission of students in Under Graduate programmes in NITs.**

The Council of NITs agreed to the recommendation of the Standing Committee on the usage of CSAB 2014-15 for supernumerary seats, in AICTE approved institution meant for deficient States. Prof. I.K. Bhat, Director MNIT-Jaipur to conduct CSAB for the academic year 2014-15.

Item No.7.22: **Report of the DASA Committee on admission of foreign students during the academic years 2013 – 2014.**

The Council of NITs took note of the recommendations of the Standing Committee and agreed to continue with SAT score for selection of students under DASA

scheme. Prof. Swapan Bhattacharya, Director NITK-Surathkal could supervise DASA for the academic year 2014-15.

Item No.7.23: Report of Joint Entrance Examination – 2013.

The Council of NITs agreed to continue JEE admissions 2014 on the same pattern and parameters as were used in 2013.

The Council of NITs meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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**7TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY (NITs)
AT 10:30 A.M. ON 18.10.2013 (FRIDAY)
AT MANEKSHAW CENTRE, DHAULA KUAN, NEW DELHI**

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