

राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान मिजोरम
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MIZORAM

(An Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India) CHALTLANG, AIZAWL, MIZORAM - 796012

MEETING MINUTES OF THE 23rd MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
NIT MIZORAM HELD ON 22nd DECEMBER, 2020 AT 11:30AM

Members present:

1. Prof. Rajat Gupta Director NIT Mizoram	Chairperson, BOG
2. Prof. Rajat Gupta Director, NIT Mizoram	Ex-officio Member
3. Mr. Madan Mohan Addl. Director General (HE), Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 00	Member
4. Mr. D. K. Singh Deputy Secretary, IFD Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education C-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001	Member
5. Prof. P.K Ray Professor Dept of Industrial & System Engg IIT Kharagpur	Member
6. Prof. Gopal Das Dean of Research and Development IIT Guwahati	Member
7. Dr. Ranjita Das Assistant Professor Gr - II (CSE) NIT Mizoram	Member
8. Dr. Lalthanchami Sailo Registrar NIT Mizoram	Secretary

Discussion of the meeting commenced as follows:

BOG 23.1	<p>Welcome to members by the Chairperson, BOG cum Director, NIT Mizoram.</p> <p>The Chairman, BOG, welcomed the members and thanked them for their valuable presence in the meeting. The meeting was further appraised of the Institute's performance in carrying out regular online classes and churning out results on time despite the inconveniences of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>As yuletide was around the bend, the Chairman BOG wished all the Board members a Merry Christmas, 2020.</p>
BOG 23.2	<p>PROPOSAL FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE APPROVAL OF 22ND MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS BY CIRCULATION</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>This is to place before the Board, the proposal for confirmation of the approval of the 22nd meeting of the Board obtained through circulation on the 27th November 2020. The approval being related to TEQIP-III Revised Procurement Plan for 2020-21 approved in the 21st BoG meeting held on the 28th September, 2020.</p> <p>That, on account of the expiry of DSIR Certificate on 31st August, 2020, the Institute could no longer avail 5% GST. Till DSIR Certificate is renewed, the amount of 18% GST is applicable on all purchases made. The instant proposal approved being purchases of software viz. RedHat Software, SPSS Software and Origin Software. This is necessary to keep in pace with the NPIU timeline of 31st December, 2020 for completion of all purchases under TEQIP III.</p> <p>Minutes of the 22nd meeting of BoG through Circulation are placed at Annexure - I of BoG 23.2 at page no. 19-20 for confirmation.</p> <p>It may be reported that application for renewal of the DSIR Certificate had been sent to the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research, Ministry of Science & Technology Govt. of India on 10th December, 2020.</p> <p>The Board may confirm the approval of the 22nd BoG meeting obtained through circulation.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Approved with the under mentioned conditions:</p> <p>To pursue the fast track renewal of the DSIR Certificate.</p> <p>The Institute affirmed that the DSIR Certificate is expected soon as confirmed telephonically by DSIR, New Delhi.</p>

Background:

This is to place before the Board the activities and performance of TEQIP-III of NIT Mizoram under the broad head of Progress Report under the following heads:

I. Utilization of Fund : The report of TEQIP-III Fund utilization from the inception period till 08.12.2020 is as given:

Sl. No	Head	Allocated Amount (INR)	Utilised Amount (INR)	Percent age	Balance of Fund Allotment (INR)
1	Procurement	9,00,00,000.00	49190467.00	54.65%	35494939.00
2	Academic	4,50,00,000.00	50314594.00	111.81%	NIL
	Re-appro- priate- d from Proc. Head		53,14,594.00		
3	Incremental Operat- ing Cost (IOC)	1,50,00,000.00	12323077.00	82.15%	2676923.00
Total		15,00,00,000.00	111828138.00	74.55%	38171862.00

II. List of Software initiated for procurement as approved by the 17th meeting & 18th FC meetings :

Sl. No	Name	Actual Amount (INR) (inclusive of 18%GST)	Remarks
1	Lingo Software	2,97,493.00	PO issued and the amount is within the approved amount approved by the 17th FC meeting on 28.09.2020
2	RedHat Software	1,73,460.00	Purchase process initiated as approved by the 18th FC meeting by circulation on 27.11.2020
3	SPSS Software	12,69,300.00	
4	Origin Software	3,36,300.00	
TOTAL		20,76,553.00	

III. Submission of Internal Audit Report (1st April, 2020- 30th Sept, 2020) and placed at Annexure - I of BOG 23.3 at page no. 21-26.

IV. Proposal of approval due to the change of GST (5% to 18%): The procurement proposals approved under the Action Plan for October - December 2020 by the 17th FC meeting on 28.09.2020 have been initiated. The expiry of DSIR Certificate in course of time have impact on the GST rate applicable i.e 18%.

It is therefore, proposed that FC may allow the applicability of 18% GST till renewal of the DSIR Certificate.

Sl. No	Name	Approved Estimated Amount (INR)(5%GST)	Estimated Amount (INR) (18%GST)	Status
1	Workstation	7200000.00	Less than 7500000.00 (quantity will be revised if required)	Purchased through GeM - In Progress. (The Institute has applied for DSIR Certificate. Institute will issue PO with 18% GST if Institute don't have valid DSIR certificate on the day of issue PO).
2	Desktop	7350000.00	Less than 7500000.00 (quantity will be revised if required)	Institute will issue PO with 18% GST if Institute don't have valid DSIR certificate on the day of issue PO).
3	Furniture- Computer Table	-	43659.00	PO issued
	Office Table	-	72000.00	PO issued
	Almirah	-	60000.00	Re-initiated
4	NITMZ/CIVIL 3	2746590.00	3086644.00	To be procured through NIC-CPP (The Institute has applied for DSIR Certificate).
5	NITMZ/ECE1 C	3493980.00	3926568.00	
6	NITMZ/ME1	1008105.00	1132918.00	

7	NITMZ/EEE1 A	3621997.00	4070434.72	Institute will issue PO with 18% GST if Institute don't have valid DSIR certificate on the day of issue PO)
8	NITMZ/EEE1 B	800000.00	899047.62	
9	NITMZ/PHY	1000000.00	1123809.52	
10	NITMZ/CHE M	1551900.00	1744040.00	
11	NITMZ/EEE1 D	1600000.00	1888000.00	
12	NITMZ/SMA RTCLASSROOM	1900000.00	2135238.10	
13	NITMZ/SERVER	2700000.00	3034285.72	
14	Mathtype Software	25000.00	25000.00	To be initiated
15	Winedt Software	25000.00	25000.00	
	TOTAL	3,50,22,572.00	3,82,66,643.00	

V. Payment regarding the purchase of Mechanical Equipment: The NPIU has suggested to complete all installations and clear all ready invoices by November 2020 to expedite the total expenditure. Accordingly, the payment for the purchase of Mechanical Department was made with 5% GST invoice amounting to Rs. 1,02,51,150.00. In this regard following points are considered:

(i) PO of ME Department equipment was issued on **19th February 2020** with 5% GST amounting **Rs. 1, 02, 51, 150.00**. The amount Rs. 1, 02, 51, 150.00 was approved in the BoG. M/S Maverick Technologies has delivered and completed installation in the month of November

2020 whereas the Firm supposed to deliver the equipment within 3 months of issuing PO i.e. May 2020.

(ii) M/S Maverick Technologies has issued Invoice on 3rd September 2020 and 18th September 2020 total amounting Rs. 1, 02, 51, 150.00 (inclusive 5% GST).

(iii) The DSIR Certificate of Institute was expired on 31.08.2020.

(iv) In this regard, SPIU was communicated and the corresponding reply was "You are requested to complete the payments to the vendor as per the PO issued in the month of February. Also, you are informed that till the new DSIR is accepted at your end additional GST amount should be kept in your custody so that if you are not getting the benefit of GST exemption you will be able to disburse the additional GST amount to Govt".

(v) The Committee constituted by the Director also examined the issue of GST rate for clearing the bill for procurement of equipment of ME Dept. The detailed minutes is attached at Annexure - II of BOG 23.3 at page no 27.

(vi) The matter was further referred to IAO and his comment may be reproduced as.... "Pl. refer to my earlier mail related to this subject. Through oversight the date of invoice has been shown as 19.02.2020 instead of 18.9.2020 i.e. after the expiry of DSIR. Since they accepted the order and raised the invoice @ 5% Payment may be released considering 5% GST." The details mail is attached Annexure - III of BOG 23.3 at page no. 28-29.

(vii) Given the SPIU comments and recommendations as above Rs. 1,02,51,150.00 (inclusive 5% GST) as mentioned in the PO and Invoice have been paid. If the payment of 18% GST does arise at a later date, the additional GST of 13% shall be borne from the allocated funds meant for procurement under NIC-CPP. Highlight that procurement scheduled under NIC-CPP has not been initiated till date for want of registration and the possibility for future procurement could be hampered as the Institute is supposed to wind up all procurement by 31.12.2020 vide SPIU mail dated: 12.10.2020; indicating the ample fund position under the Procurement Head of TEQIP-III.

This is put up for information and approval of the Board.

VI. Action Plan (Jan.-Mar. 2021):

TEQIP-III Project closure has been extended from 30.09.2020 to 31.03.2021 vide mail received from NPIU on 11.09.2020. Hence, the Action Plan for 4th Qtr of 2020-21 (Jan.-Mar., 2021) is required to be

submitted to SPIU by 11th Dec., 2020. In this regard, meeting was conducted with all HoDs, Deans, TEQIP III officials, CPC and minutes is attached **Annexure - IV of BOG 23.3 at page no. 30-32**. Accordingly, Action plan approved by the Chairperson, BoG cum Director was submitted to the SPIU. The action plan is summarised as below and the detail is attached at **Annexure - V of BOG 23.3 at page no 33-40**:

Procurement	3,50,87,042.00
Academic	3,05,000.00
IOC	5,74,958.00
TOTAL	3,59,67,000.00

The approval of the Chairperson, BoG is put up for ratification.

The points under I to VI are placed for information, approval and ratification of the Board.

Decision of the Board:

The Board approved the issue of Purchase Order. However, even if GST 18% is considered for payment, on production of DSIR Certificate 13% GST is to be refunded by the vendor since 5% GST is applicable on DSIR Certificate

The Board decided that the Purchase Orders be issued with the rider, as proposed by the Institute.

BOG 23.4 PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 4th CONVOCATION OF NIT MIZORAM

Background:

In view of the Senate proposal for conducting the 4th Convocation of NIT Mizoram (virtual mode) on the 28th December 2020, this is to place before the Board the proposal for approval of the budget submitted by Dean (Acad) for organising the 4th Convocation of NIT Mizoram on the 28th December, 2020 is as given:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Rate (Rs.)	Quantity	Tentative Amount (Rs.)
1	Certificates			50,000.00
2	Gold Medals	22,000.00	8 nos.	176,000.00
3	Mementos- VIPs	55,000.00	3 nos.	1,65,000.00
4	Refreshments & Lunch		LS	85,000.00
5	Hall decoration, gates,		LS	2,48,000.00

	bouquets, sound system etc.			
6	Videography and Photography		LS	2,45,000.00
7	Sanitation for COVID protocols		LS	50,000.00
8	Local Transportations		LS	30,000.00
9	Miscellaneous	(10% of 1-8)		1,00,000.00
			Total	11,49,000.00

Rounded up to Rs. 11,50,000.00

The Board may approve the budget estimate of Rs. 11,50,000.00 for conducting the 4th Convocation of NIT Mizoram.

Decision of the Board:

The Board of Governors', NIT Mizoram approved in principle the Budget for 04th Convocation NIT Mizoram.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Rate (Rs.)	Quantity	Tentative Amount (Rs.)
1	Certificates			50,000.00
2	Gold Medals	22,000.00	8 nos.	1,76,000.00
3	Mementos- VIPs	----	3 nos.	65,000.00
4	Refreshments & Lunch		LS	85,000.00
5	Hall decoration, gates, bouquets, sound system etc.		LS	2,48,000.00
6	Videography and Photography		LS	2,45,000.00
7	Sanitation for COVID protocols		LS	50,000.00
8	Local Transportations		LS	30,000.00
9	Miscellaneous		(10% of 1-8)	1,00,000.00
			Total	10,49,000.00

Decision of the Board:

Approved. Institute shall exercise economic measures.

BOG 23.5 Proposal for approval of the 12th Senate meeting held on 24th July 2020.

Background

This is to place before the Board the proposal for approval of the recommendation of the Senate vide SNT 12.9 as under:

Summary of the result of Examination conducted in February, 2020.

Branch wise Result Summary Sheet for B.Tech Degree:

Branch Name	Total no. of Students appeared	Pass	Fail
Civil Engg.	14	14	00
Computer Science & Engg.	14	13	01
Electrical & Electronics Engg.	11	11	00
Electronics & Communication Engg.	11	11	00
Mechanical Engg.	14	14	00

Branch wise Result Summary Sheet for M.Tech Degree

Branch Name	Total no. of Students appeared	Pass	Fail
Computer Science & Engg.	01	00	00
Electrical & Electronics Engg.	02	02	00
Electronics & Communication Engg.	00	00	00
Mechanical Engg.	03	03	00

(i) Following Department Gold Medal winners and Institute Gold Medal winners for UG passing out 2019-20 was approved as per UG Regulations vide SNT 12.17(ii):

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Enrolment No.	CGPA	Remarks
1.	Saurabh Sunil	BT16CS016	9.25	CSE
2.	Shekhar Ranjan Gautam	BT16EE007	8.86	EEE
3.	Roushan Kumar	BT16EC002	8.49	ECE
4.	Sachin Kumar Chaudhary	BT16ME002	9.66	ME (Institute Gold Medal)
5.	Isaac Pulamte	BT16CE014	9.11	CE

(ii) The number of PG students passing out in 2019-20 is 6 (CSE-1, ME-3, EEE-2). The M. Tech Departmental Gold Medal for 2019-20 as per SNT 7.23 decision was approved. For the award of Institute Gold Medal, the PG rules are silent on the minimum number of graduating students. Hence it was decided to award Institute Gold Medal to the student securing highest CGPA subject to fulfillment of

	other conditions of PG regulations vide SNT 12.17(iii).								
	Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Enrolment No.	CGPA	Remarks				
	1.	Mahesh Kumar Pandey	MT18ME001	8.48	ME (Institute Gold Medal)				
<p>(iii) It was further decided that for the award of PG Institute Gold Medal for students passing out from 2020-21 onwards, the minimum number of students passing out would be 30 % of the total sanctioned strength. Recommended to BOG for approval vide SNT 12.17(iv).</p> <p>(iv) The similarity index of Ph.D. thesis submission was revised to 20% excluding References and students' self citations for students submitting thesis from now onwards. Recommended to BOG vide SNT 12.17(vi).</p> <p>As recommended by the Senate, the proposals maybe approved by the Board.</p>									
<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Approved except for Sl.No. (iii) & (iv), which are referred back to the Senate for review.</p>									
BOG 23.6	MEETING MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING OF SENATE, NIT MIZORAM BY CIRCULATION UNDER SNT 14.8 DATED 12.11.2020								
	SNT 14.8	To note and ratify the action taken in the meeting chaired by Director with Registrar, Deans, Deputy Registrar, HoDs and officials held on 4 th Dec and 8 th Dec March, 2020 related to 4 th Convocation on 28 th Dec 2020 in virtual mode.							
<p>Background: Minutes of the meeting placed at Annexure I of BOG 23.6 at page no. 41-43 for the ratification of the Senate.</p> <p>The Senate may kindly note and ratify the action taken by the Institute</p>									
<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Approved.</p>									

BOG 23.7	<p>PROPOSAL TO ADOPT THE NATIONAL INNOVATION AND STARTUP POLICY (NISP) 2019 BY NIT MIZORAM</p> <p>Background:</p> <p>As per the instruction of the Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Education, Govt of India, it is mandatory for NIT Mizoram to adopt the National Innovation and Startup Policy (NISP) 2019 - a Guiding Framework for Higher Education Institutions. This is to enable the active participation of students, faculties and staff in innovation and entrepreneurship related activities and through this framework it aims to bring uniformity in terms of Intellectual Property ownership management, technology licensing and institutional Startup policy thereby, creating a robust innovation and Start up ecosystem across all HEIs.</p> <p>It is therefore, necessary to adopt the National Innovation and Startup Policy 2019 as mandated for promotion of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) at NIT Mizoram. Copy of the NISP 2019 is separately attached with this agenda.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Approved.</p>
AOB 23.8.1	<p>INFORMATION REGARDING WRIT PETITION SUBMITTED BY MRS. L. ZOTE, DEPUTY REGISTRAR FOR CONFIRMATION IN THE POST OF DEPUTY REGISTRAR</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The Board is hereby informed that a Writ Petition submitted by Mrs. Lalthianghlimi Zote, Deputy Registrar in the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench vide Writ Petition (C) No. 114/2020 was received on the 14th December, 2020. The Writ Petition is against the Union of India represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, the Director General, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, the Director, NIT Mizoram and Chairman, BoG of NIT Mizoram.</p> <p>The Deputy Registrar being deeply aggrieved by the fact that after serving the Institute for 9 years 3 months and 5 days (as on 10.12.2020), her service at NIT Mizoram has not been made permanent/confirmed even after the satisfactorily completed the stipulated probation period.</p> <p>Mrs. L. Zote, joined the Institute on the 06th September, 2011 vide the Appointment Order No. D/Non-</p>

Faculty-Recruit/4 dated 11.07.2011 in the post of Deputy Registrar advertisement in May 2011. Her service confirmation after completion of 1 year probation period was not considered on ground that there was no sanctioned post of Deputy Registrar. The 2nd BoG meeting on 08.03.2014 adjusted the post of Deputy Registrar against the post of Assistant Registrar. Even after the adjustment of the post, her service remained non-confirmed till date.

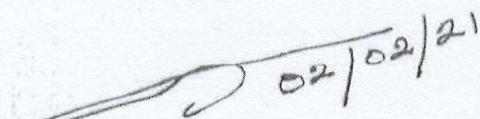
That, the incumbent Officer in her Petition has specifically referred the Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions, Department of Personnel & Training Circular issued vide No. 28020/3/2018-Estt. (C) dated 11.03.2019 regarding the Master Circular on Probation/Confirmation in Central Services. That, she further alleged that the Master Circular was referred to in the agenda note of the 21st BoG meeting on 28.09.2020 which however, was not taken into consideration in its decision. That, under sl.no-24 this Master Circular provides that-

"Confirmation is de-linked from the availability of permanent vacancy in the grade. In other words, an officer who has successfully completed the probation, as prescribed under relevant rules, may be considered for confirmation. Consequent upon the above decision of delinking confirmation from the availability of permanent post, it emerges that confirmation will be done only once in the service of an officer which will be in the entry grade post/service/cadre provided further confirmation shall be necessary when there is fresh entry subsequently in any other post/service/cadre by way of direct recruitment or otherwise. A specific order of confirmation should be issued when the case is cleared from all angles"

The decision of the BoG in the 21st meeting on 28.09.2020 was that for the post of Deputy Registrar (PB3 + GP 7600/-) the Institute requires matching savings other than the post of SASO (PB3 + GP 5400/-). In the absence of the bare minimum requirement of Non-Teaching posts not to mention the need for matching savings, the Board requests the Institute to submit requirement of posts once again to be attended in the Ministry. A letter vide No. NITMZ/C-75-2/2019/858 dated 14.10.2020 was therefore, submitted to the Ministry reflecting the actual problems faced by the Institute thereby providing justifications for sanction of 32 post due for creation/sanction in 2021-22 as per the standard Student:Teaching Faculty ratio of 1:12 and Teaching:Non-Teaching ratio of 1:1.1.

The matter is therefore, placed before the Board for favour of information and suggestion on the matter may be discussed upon.

	<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Deferred to next Board Meeting, NIT Mizoram with separate agenda item.</p>
AOB 23.8.2	<p>PROPOSAL FOR RATIFICATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN, BOG.</p> <p>Background: This is to place before the Board the proposal for ratification of the approval of the Chairperson, BoG regarding information received from the Ministry of Education vide letter No. F.33-3/2020-TS.III dated 28.10.2020 and extension of Office Memorandum F.No. 12(2)/2020-EII (A) dated 12.10.2020 and OM. F.No.12(2)/2020-EII (A) dated 04.11.2020 issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India in connection with the Special Cash Package equivalent in lieu of Leave Travel Concession Fare for Central Government Employees during the block 2018-2021 for the employees of NIT Mizoram.</p> <p>A Circular of the extension was issued vide No. NITMZ/C-102-3/2019/945 dated 07.11.2020.</p> <p>The approval of the Chairperson, BoG may be ratified by the Board.</p>
	<p>Decision of the Board:</p> <p>Ratified.</p>



(Dr. LALTHANCHAMI SAILO)

Registrar

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Secretary, BOG

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