

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SURAT

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Minutes for the Fifty First (51st) meeting of the Board of Governors of the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat held on Thursday, the 10th October, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. onwards in the Conference Room of the NIT Transit House, C-15, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi.

The following members were present:

(1) Prof. S.R. Gandhi : Chairman Director, SVNIT, Surat

(2) Shri Madan Mohan : Member Additional Director General MHRD, New Delhi.

(3) Ms Darshana Dabral : Member
Joint Secretary & FA (IFD)
MHRD, New Delhi

(4) *Prof. Amit Prashant* : Member Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt., IIT, Gandhinagar.

(5) Dr. B.K. Samtani : Member Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt. SVNIT, Surat.

(6) *Dr. P. Kundu* : Member Asso. Prof., Elect. Engg. Deptt., SVNIT, Surat

(7) Prof P L Patel : Special Invitee
Deputy Director
SVNIT, Surat

(8) Dr. K.D. Yadav : Secretary I/C. Registrar & Asso. Prof., CED, SVNIT, Surat.

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At the outset, Director and Chairman of BoG, Prof. S. R. Gandhi welcomed all BoGs members to the 51st meeting. He specially welcomed MHRD members, Smt. Darshana M. Dabral, Joint Secretary & FA (IFD), and Shri Madan Mohan, Additional Director General (HE). He also welcomed Prof. Amit Prashant of IIT Gandhinagar and all other members. He introduced Prof. P. L. Patel, who recently took over as Deputy Director of the Institute and requested for his presence as an special invitee.

Before going to the agenda items, Chairman highlighted following major achievements of the Institute in recent past.

- In January 2019, about 70% of faculties have been placed on higher grade pay through interviews which was pending for over last 10 years.
- In September 2019, the appointment offers to 46 newly selected faculty have been issued after the selection process across various academic department of the Institute.
- The Deputy Director has been selected in the Institute and he has taken the charge on 17th September 2019.
- Three senior faculty members including Prof. P. L. Patel (Civil Engineering Department), Prof. P. A. Parikh (Chemical Engineering Department) and Prof. R. V. Rao (Mechanical Engineering Department) werer selected for Leadership for Academician Program (LEAP) sponsored by MHRD under which they visited Institutes of Repute in India and abroad.
- Dr. Ravikant, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department was deputed to AIT Bangkok under Faculty Secondment program sponsored by MHRD.
- Total 5 patents have been awarded out of which one was awarded to Prof. D. V. Bhatt (Mechanical Engineering Department), Dr. Hemant B. Mehta (Mechanical Engineering Department), two were awarded to Dr. Kalpana Maheria (Applied Chemistry Department) and one was awarded to Dr. K. D. Yadav (Civil Engineering Department).
- Total 1203 students will be receiving degrees at the 17th Convocation of the Institute scheduled to be held 13th October 2019. Prof. Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE has consented to be the Chief Guest and Dr. V. Narayan, Director, L.P.S.C, ISRO as the Guest of Honour.

The Director and Chairman BoG's invited all BoG members to attend the convocation of the Institute.

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Following agenda items were discussed.

- Item 1: To confirm the minutes of the 49th & 50th (Special) meeting of the Board of Governors held on 15/06/2019& 12/09/2019 respectively.
- Reso 1: "Resolved to approve the minutes of 49th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 15 June, 2019, a draft of which was already circulated to all the members on 24 June, 2019 for review. As no comments were received from the members, the august house resolved to approve the same with revised resolution for Item No. 24 as given at **Annexure 1(A)**."

The minutes of the 50th (Special) meeting of the Board of Governors was circulated to all the members. It is resolved to approve the minutes of meeting with revised resolution of Item (1) (iii) (for recruitment of Registrar post), based on the discussion arrived in the present meeting and the comments of member received on draft minutes, as placed at **Annexure 1(B)**."

- Item 2: To note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 49thmeeting held on 15/06/2019 and 50th (Special) meeting held on 12/09/2019 respectively.
- Reso 2: Resolved to note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors at its 49thmeeting and 50th (special) meeting held on 15/06/2019 and 12/09/2019 respectively."

"Further, the action taken on revised resolution of item No.1(iii) of 50th (Special) meeting, as cited at Resolution No.1 above, will be reported in ensuing meeting of Board.

- Item 3: To consider and approve the application received from Dr. Kishor P. Upla, Assistant Professor, ECED for European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM) Post Doctoral fellowship at NTNU, GjOvik, Norway for 12 months.
- Reso 3: Dr. Kishor P. Upla, Assistant Professor, ECED has been selected for European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM) Post Doctoral fellowship under Dr. Raghvendra Ramachandra at NTNU, GjOvik, Norway for 12 months. As per his application, his fellowship period will be started from 01/11/2019 (i.e. 01/11/2019 to 31/10/2020). He has requested to approve his leaves (EL-169 and HAPL-197) during his fellowship duration.

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"Resolved to approve the application of Dr. Kishor P. Upla, Assistant Professor, ECED for European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM) Post Doctoral fellowship at NTNU, GjOvik, Norway for 12 months only (i.e. 01/11/2019 to 31/10/2020) as per Institute terms and condition. Dr. Kishor P. Upla will be granted Earned Leave of 169 days and HAPL of 197 days during aforesaid fellowship period."

"Resolved, further that Dr. Kishor P. Upla has to sign an agreement that he would join back the Institute after completion of his Post Doctoral fellowship after completion of 12 months."

- Item 4: To consider and approve the confirmation of compassionate appointment in respect of Shri Ashish N. Gamit, Lab Assistant, RTI Cell regarding.
- Reso 4: The Board of Governors in its 45th Meeting resolved to grant compassionate appointment for Group C Cadre (Entry level Technical) to Shri Ashish N. Gamit (son of Late Shri N. K. Gamit). Shri Asish Gamit was appointed as Lab Assistant on compassionate ground and he joined his duties w.e.f. 13/09/2017. As per offer of his appointment, he was on probation for the period of one year from the date of his joining.

"Resolved to approve the recommendations of the committee for confirmation in respect of Shri Ashish N. Gamit (son of Late Shri N. K. Gamit) and confirm him to the post of Lab Assistant w.e.f. 13/09/2018."

- Item 5: To note the action taken by the Director regarding the appointment of Dean, Associate Deanship in various area(s) and to consider the nomination of Headship of various departments.
- Reso 5: "Resolved to approve the action taken by the Director for the appointments of Dean/ Associate Deans/HODs for period of two (02) years from the date of appointment as listed below. They are also entitled remuneration, ministerial assistance and other allied facilities as per Institute rules & regulations.

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DEANSHIP / ASSOCIATE DEANSHIP

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Area	Office order
(1)	Dr. Vipul Kheraj Associate Professor	Asso. Dean (FW) (w.e.f. 01/07/2019)	No.E/559 dated 26/06/2019
(2)	Dr. H. R. Jariwala Associate Professor	Asso. Dean (Acad) (w.e.f. 01/07/2019)	No.E/560 dated 26/06/2019
(3)	Dr. P. V.Timbadiya Associate Professor	Dean (A & RG) (w.e.f. 11/09/2019)	No.E/1216 dated 11/09/2019

HEADSHIP

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Office order
(1)	Dr. S.Kumar, Professor	MED (w.e.f. 15/04/2019)	No.E/63 dated 12/04/2019
(2)	Dr. Y. D. Patil, Associate Professor	AMD (w.e.f. 01/07/2019)	No.E/562 dated 26/06/2019
(3)	Dr. Mansoor Ahammmed, Professor	CED (w.e.f. 01/08/2019)	No.E/974 dated 31/07/2019
(4)	Dr. Sushil Kumar Associate Professor	AMHD (w.e.f. 01/08/2019)	No.E/975 dated 31/07/2019

Item 6: To consider and adopt the following office memorandums/ letters/ Gazette received from MHRD, New Delhi during recent past.

- (i) Letter bearing F.No33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.II) dated 25/03/2019 regarding National Initiative to Foster Social Responsibility in Higher Education to keep provision upto Rs.10.00 lakhs for SPICMACAY activities for the year 2019-20.
- (ii) Letter No.F.No.33-1/2019-TS.III dated 26/08/2019 regarding sending of detailed agenda paper of Building & Works Committee, Board and Finance Committee to MHRD atleast 10 working days prior to the meetings.
- (iii) O.M. No.F.No. 11014/01/2018-EBSB(A) dated 29/08/2019 regarding Manual on Jal Shakti Campus and Jal Shakti Gram-A water conservation and implementation Plan for Higher Education Institutions
- (iv) Letter No. F. No.33-1/2019-TS.III dated 29/08/2019 regarding rules for deposit of gifts received by Government functionaries from domestic/unknown sources 2019

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- (v) Letter No. F.No.33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.I) dated 04/07/2019 regarding regulation of pay on imposition of a penalty under CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965
- (vi) Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section3, Subsection (i), New Delhi, Friday, September 20, 2019 published by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension (Department of Pension and Pensioner's welfare) regarding Central Civil Services (Pension) second amendment rules 2019.
- **Reso 6**: "Resolved to adopt the office memorandums/ letters/ *Gazette* received from MHRD, New Delhi during recent past."

"Resolved, further that the Institute should initiate the activities to foster other social Responsibility upto Rs 10 lakh per year, which would not be restricted to only SPICMACAY, it includes Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, CHRD, JOYFEST etc.".

- Item 7: To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, BoG to Extend tenure of appointment of Incharge Registrar of the Institute
- Reso 7: "Resolved to approve the action taken by the Chairman, BoG to Extend tenure of appointment of Incharge Registrar (Dr. K. D. Yadav) of the Institute. Further, it is resolved to extend the tenure of Incharge Registrar (Dr K D Yadav) up to 10 January, 2020 or till regular Registrar join the Institute whichever is earlier, and no further extension would be given after 10 January, 2020. Institute should make the all efforts to complete the process of appointment of regular Registrar within 03 months.
- Item 8: To ratify the action taken by the Institute to suspend Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor in Applied Physics Department.
- Reso 8: "Resolved to approve the action taken by the Institute vide office order no: E/LKS/636 dated July 08, 2019 to suspend Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor in Applied Physics Department.

The august house was briefed about the Regular Departmental Action (RDA) initiated by the Institute to complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) mnRules. Dr L. K. Saini submitted the letter regarding reconsideration of show cause notices response on 13/09/2019 against the show causes notices given by the

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Institute (Ref no E/LKS/145 dated 30/04/2019 and E/LKS/195 dated 08/05/2019). Dr. L. K. Saini has unconditionally accepted the Show-cause notice. Based on response received from Dr. L. K. Saini, institute handover the charge sheet to Dr L. K.Saini vide letter no E/LKS/1904 dated 26/09/2019. Institute received the response against charge sheet on 03/10/2019 and further based on the response Institute appointed the Inquiry officer and Presenting Officer.

"Resolved, further that Institute should complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rules at the earliest.

Item 9: To ratify the action taken by the Director to extend suspension of Shri Patij K. Shah, Technical Assistant (SG-II) in Central Computer Centre and note the status of his case.

Reso 9: "Resolved to approve the action taken by the Institute to extend the suspension of Shri Patij K. Shah, Former Incharge Deputy Registrar A/c vide office order no: E/PKS/2032 dated October 05, 2019."

The house was briefed about the on-going inquiry status and Regular Departmental Action (RDA) taken by the Institute as per CCS (CCA) Rules.

"Resolved, further that Institute should complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rules".

Item 10: To ratify the action taken by the Director to extend suspension of Dr. D. P. Vakharia, Former Incharge Registrar and Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department and note the status of his case.

Reso 10: "Resolved to approve the action taken by the Institute to extend the suspension of Dr. D. P. Vakharia, Former Incharge Registrar and Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department vide office order no: E/DPV/1868 dated September 24, 2019".

The house was briefed about the on-going inquiry status and Regular Departmental Action (RDA) taken by the Institute as per CCS (CCA) Rules.

"Resolved, further that Institute should complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rules".

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- Item 11: To ratify the action taken by the Director to extend suspension of Shri D. B. Gohil, Associate Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt. and note the status of his case.
- Reso 11: "Resolved to approve the action taken by the Institute to extend the suspension of Shri D. B. Gohil, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department vide office order no: E/DBG/1869 dated September 24, 2019 ".

The house was briefed about the on-going inquiry status and Regular Departmental Action (RDA) taken by the Institute as per CCS (CCA) Rules.

"Resolved, further that Institute should complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rules".

- Item 12: To consider the application of Shri Badal B. Patel for appointment on compassionate grounds against Late Shri B. R. Patel, Hamal in CHED who expired on 11/08/2007.
- **Reso 12:** "Resolved to defer the Item".

"Resolved further that Institute should report about sanctioned and actual strength of non teaching staff in Group C and D, and put up the same in ensuing BoG for review as per DoPT guidelines."

- Item 13: To consider the application of Dr. (Mrs.) Alka Satish Goyal for appointment on compassionate grounds against Late Shri Satish Raj Goyal, Ex. Assistant Professor, COED who expired on 22/03/2018.
- Reso 13: Board reviewed the recommendation of committee for appointment on compassionate grounds to Dr. (Mrs.) Alka Satish Goyal wife of Late Shri Satish Raj Goyal, Ex. Assistant Professor, COED who was expired on 22/03/2018.

Further, the Board also took note that her qualification is PhD (Bio Science) and she is already drawing family pension (i.e. Rs.41100/- p.m. plus admissible D.A.) from the Institute and adopted following resolution.

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"Resolved not to recommend the application of Dr. (Mrs.) Alka Satish Goyal for appointment on compassionate grounds in view of her family pension amount being drawn from the Institute".

- Item 14: To consider the re-constitution of the Purchase Committee of SVNIT, Surat.
- **Reso 14:** "Resolved to approve to re-constitution of Purchase Committee of SVNIT, Surat."

"Resolved further to authorize the Institute Director for reconstitution of Purchase Committee, SVNIT, Surat and place the same to the Board for noting in its ensuing meeting."

- Item 15: To consider and approve for counting of previous state Govt. service i.e. Govt. Polytechnic College, Bikaner, Rajasthan by SVNIT, Surat for the purpose of old pension scheme benefits of Shri Jagdish Prasad Mandawra
- Reso 15: The matter regarding counting of previous state Govt. service, i.e. Govt. Polytechnic College, Bikaner, Rajasthan by SVNIT, Surat for the purpose of old pension scheme benefits of Shri Jagdish Prasad Mandawra, Ex. Assistant Professor in Civil Engineering Department, was discussed at length. The Board was informed that, Dr. Jagdish Prasad Mandawra joined SVNIT, Surat under New Pension Scheme in 2007 and he technically resigned from the same posts on 30/05/2011. The Board adopted following resolution:-

"Resolved that pervious services rendered by Shri Jagdish Prasad Mandawra in State Govt. service, i.e. Govt. Polytechnic College, Bikaner, Rajasthan, cannot be counted for pensionry benefits as per existing guidelines."

- Item 16: To note the status of services of Dr. Mayank K. Desai, Assistant Professor in Applied Mechanics Deptt.
- Reso 16: The Board was informed that, Dr Mayank Desai, Assistant Professor was issued office memorandum No.E/MKD/653 dated 08/07/2019 as per the resolution adopted by the Board in its 49th Meeting held on 15/06/2019. In the memo it was mentioned that, Dr. Mayank Desai, Assistant Professor has to

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report back to duty within 15 days of the receipt of this memo and thereafter submit his resignation in accordance with the terms of his appointment. In the mean time, the period of his absence from duty from 29/03/2017 onwards is being treated as dies non.

In response, Dr. Mayank Desai, Assistant Professor, Applied Mechanics Department has sent an E-mail to the Head of Applied Mechanics Department on 31/07/2019 stating that due to his family problems he is not able to come to India for completion of resignation process. Dr. Mayank Desai remains absent from 29/03/2017 without any sanctioned leave from the Institute or competent authority. The Board discussed the matter at length and adopted following resolution;

"Resolved to terminate the services of Dr. Mayank K. Desai, Assistant Professor in Applied Mechanics Deptt. as per guidelines issued in CCA CCS Rules."

- Item 17: To note the status of Labour Court Cases regarding Minimum Wages Act, 1948- Claim Application No.11/2017 filed by LEO(C), Vadodara, Claim Application No.2/2017 filed by Secretary, Gujarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad, Claim Application No.6/2017 filed by Gujarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad, Claim Application No.8/2017 filed by Guiarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad, Claim Application No.7/2017 filed by Secretary, Gujarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad.
- Reso 17: "Resolved to note the status of Labour Court Cases regarding Minimum Wages Act, 1948- Claim Application No.11/2017 filed by LEO(C), Vadodara, Claim Application No.2/2017 filed by Secretary, Gujarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad, Claim Application No.6/2017 filed by Gujarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad, Claim Application No.8/2017 filed by Gujarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad, Claim Application No.7/2017 filed by Secretary, Gujarat Audhyogik Kamdar Mahamandal, Ahmedabad.

"Resolved further to authorize the Director of the Institute to take necessary action in the aforesaid matter."

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- Item 18: To note and approve the minutes of 42nd, 43rd& 44th meetings of Senate held on 27/09/2018, 04/05/2019 & 19/07/2019 respectively and to note and approve the minutes of proposed 45th meeting of Senate scheduled to be held on 30/09/2019.
- Reso 18: "Resolved to note the minutes of 42nd, 43rd, 44th & 45th meetings of Senate held on 27/09/2018, 04/05/2019, 19/07/2019 & 30/09/2019 respectively."

"Further, resolved that resolutions of Senate involving financial and disciplinary implications be brought as separate agenda, if any, in future."

- Item 19: To approve the conferment of the Degree to the Under Graduate and Post Graduate and PhD Students during the 17th Convocation of this Institute scheduled to be held on 13/10/2019.
- Reso 19: "Resolved to approve the conferment of the Degree to the Under Graduate and Post Graduate and PhD Students during the 17th Convocation of this Institute be held on 13/10/2019."
- Item 20: To consider and approve the recommendations of the 35th Meeting of IAAC and 42nd meeting of Senate to start new M.Tech. programme in Construction Technology and Management in Civil Engineering Department and M.Tech. programme in Instrumentation and Control (IC) in Electrical Engineering Department.
- Reso 20: The august house appreciated the proposals of the Institute for starting new upcoming M.Tech programs in Construction Technology and Management in Civil Engineering and Instrumentation and Control (IC) in Electrical Engineering Department.

"It is resolved to defer the item for ensuing Finance Committee and Board meetings, and directed the Institute to place separate agenda of the items including the financial implication in starting the new M.Tech programs in 'Construction Technology and Management' in Civil Engineering and 'Instrumentation and Control' in Electrical Engineering Department."

Item 21: To note the Special Civil Application No. SCA-9654 of 2019 filed by Urmila Lakhabhai Barad Vs. UOI &others in the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad

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- Reso 21: "Resolved to note the Special Civil Application No. SCA-9654 of 2019 filed by Urmila Lakhabhai Barad Vs. UOI &others in the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad."
- Item 22: To confirm the minutes of 34th Finance Committee scheduled to be held on 10/10/2019.
- Reso 22: "Resolved to confirm the minutes of 34th Finance Committee scheduled to be held on 10/10/2019 (APPENDIX:22.1)."

Item From Chair:

- Item C1: To consider and approve the Technical Resignation and request to relive Dr. Rajender Kumar, Assistant Professor in Applied Chemistry Department, SVNIT, Surat to join the post of Associate Professor in Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences at Central University of Himachal Pradesh and to retain lien of the parent position at SVNIT, Surat for three years after relieving.
- Reso C1: "Resolved to approve the Technical Resignation of Dr. Rajender Kumar, Assistant Professor in Applied Chemistry Department, SVNIT, Surat to join the post of Associate Professor in Department of Chemistry and Chemical Sciences at Central University of Himachal Pradesh and to retain lien of the parent position at SVNIT, Surat for two years after relieving subject to following conditions and signing of agreement of lien on non judicial stamp paper before reliving.
 - I. Dr. Rajender Kumar will be granted lien for two years from the date of reliving from SVNIT, Surat which may be extended upto maximum of one more year upon submission of a further application and a fresh undertaking which he has submitted before granting of lien. But in no case, the period of lien should exceed three years in total from the date of reliving from SVNIT, Surat.
 - II. Upon expiry of lien, he should either resign or revert back to his substantive post at SVNIT, Surat. In this regard, he has to give prior intimation to SVNIT, Surat at least one month before to expiry of his lien period and in event of failure to do so; he shall be treated as deemed to have resigned from SVNIT,

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Surat. No further communication will be made in this regard. In case of resignation, he has to give three months notice and complete the reliving formalities at SVNIT, Surat as per the rules of the Institute at that time.

- III. The leave earned by him during his period of lien shall not be carried forward on his reversion to SVNIT, Surat.
- IV. SVNIT, Surat will not accept any liability for his retirement benefits for the period of lien.
- V. His NPS contribution shall be arranged to be remitted to his PRAN account by Central University of Himachal Pradesh.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Dr. K.D. YADÁV) MEMBER SECRETARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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(Dr. S.R. GANDHI)
DIRECTOR
SVNIT, SURAT

(Dr. S.R. GANDHI) CHAIRMAN

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