



**SARDAR VALLABHBHAI NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SURAT**

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Fifty Second (52<sup>nd</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors of the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat held on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. onwards in Room No. 109-C, Shashtri Bhavan, MHRD, New Delhi.

Following members were present:

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| (1) | <b>Prof. S.R. Gandhi</b><br>Director, SVNIT, Surat   | : | <b>Chairman</b>        |
| (2) | <b>Shri Madan Mohan</b><br>Additional Director General (HE)<br>MHRD, New Delhi.                          | : | <b>Member</b>          |
| (3) | <b>Mrs. Darshana Dabral</b><br>Joint Secretary &FA (IFD)<br>MHRD, New Delhi                              | : | <b>Member</b>          |
| (4) | <b>Prof. Amit Prashant</b><br>Professor, Civil Engg. Department.,<br>IIT, Gandhinagar.                   | : | <b>Member</b>          |
| (5) | <b>Dr. P. Kundu</b><br>Asso. Prof., Elect. Engg. Department.,<br>SVNIT, Surat                            | : | <b>Member</b>          |
| (6) | <b>Mr. Prashant Desai</b><br>Practicing Architect in Surat and<br>Gujarat State Govt. Nominee            | : | <b>Member</b>          |
| (7) | <b>Mr. Nihar Doctor</b><br>Envision Environ Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Surat<br>Gujarat State Govt. Nominee | : | <b>Member</b>          |
| (6) | <b>Prof. P L Patel</b><br>Deputy Director<br>SVNIT, Surat  | : | <b>Special Invitee</b> |
| (7) | <b>Dr. K.D. Yadav</b><br>I/C. Registrar &Asso. Prof., CED,<br>SVNIT, Surat.                              | : | <b>Secretary</b>       |

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At the outset, Chairman welcomed all the members to the 52<sup>nd</sup> BoGs meeting. He specially welcomed MHRD officials Shri Madan Mohan, Additional Director General (HE) and Smt. Darshana M. Dabral, Joint Secretary & FA (IFD) for making it convenient in spite of other commitments and for their constant guidance and support. He also welcomed the new BoGs members nominated by State Government, namely, Shri Prashant Desai, Architect from Surat and Shri Nihar Doctor, Alumni of SVNIT and well known environmental consultant in Surat. He also placed on record sincere thanks to the outgoing members nominated by state government, Shri Janak Mistry and Shri J. P. Agarwal.

He briefed the members that, Prof. B. K. Samtani has voluntarily retired and has been relieved from the Institute with effect from 31/12/2019 after office hours and the term of Dr. Prashanta Kundu is getting over by the end of January 2020. The Chairman thanked both Senate nominees, i.e., Prof. Samtani and Prof. Prashanta Kundu for their constant support. He informed that Institute has already initiated the action for fresh nominations of Senate representatives which will be placed for notification in the ensuing BoGs meeting.

Before going to the agenda items, Chairman BoG's highlighted following major achievements of the Institute in recent past:

- 'External Academic Audit' Programme was undertaken by all the Academic Departments of the Institute, wherein 20 experts were invited from leading Institutes like IITs, NITs and IISc. The recommendations of 'External Academic Audit Programme' are being implemented at the Institute level in a phased manner.
- B.Tech Final Year Civil Engineering Student, Mr. Rishi Mittal secured 100 percentile score in recently conducted Common Admission Test (CAT) at the country level.
- Dr. S. M. Yadav, Professor, Deptt. of Civil Engineering was selected by MHRD for the LEAP programme.
- Students of SVNIT won various positions in weightlifting, table tennis, tennis, chess and best physique at the inter NIT sport tournament held at MNIT, Jaipur.

Following agenda items were discussed.

**Item 1: To confirm the minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 10/10/2019.**

**Reso 1:** "Resolved to confirm the minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 10/10/2019.

**Item 2: To note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 51<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 10/10/2019.**

**Reso 2:** "Resolved to note and approve the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 51<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 10/10/2019."

**Item 3:** To consider and adopt the following office memorandums/ letters received from MHRD, New Delhi during recent past.

- (i) Letter bearing F.No33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.V) dated 30 October 2019 regarding Installation of roof top rain water harvesting systems in all Govt. building.
- (ii) Letter bearing F.No33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.V) dated 30 October 2019 regarding Mandatory consultation with CVC for its advice for the organization/ institutes falling under CVC's jurisdiction
- (iii) Letter bearing F.No33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.V) dated 30 October 2019 regarding Action points on procurement of products available on GeM
- (iv) Letter No. F. No.35-4/2016-TS.III dated 11 December 2019 regarding Discontinuation of interviews at Junior Level Posts – implementation of instructions issued by DoPT in NITs and IEST, Shibpur.
- (v) Letter No.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 04/04/2019 regarding implementation of Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching staff of NITs based on the recommendations of Oversight Committee.
- (vi) Letter F.No.18-9/2019-TS.III dated 12/12/2019 regarding loss of interest due to Parking of funds in current account.
- (vii) Letter No.18018/1/2017-Pol.III dated 17/08/2017 regarding abolition of Rent-free accommodation allowance- recommendations of the seventh Central Pay Commission.

**Reso 3:** “Resolved to adopt the following office memorandums/ letters received from MHRD, New Delhi except letter No. 18018/1/2017-Pol.III dated 17.8.2017 regarding abolition of Rent Free Accommodation Allowance.”

- (i) Letter bearing F.No33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.V) dated 30 October 2019 regarding Installation of roof top rain water harvesting systems in all Govt. building (APPENDIX:3.1).
- (ii) Letter bearing F.No33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.V) dated 30 October 2019 regarding Mandatory consultation with CVC for its advice for the organization/ institutes falling under CVC's jurisdiction (APPENDIX:3.2).
- (iii) Letter bearing F.No33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.V) dated 30 October 2019 regarding Action points on procurement of products available on GeM (APPENDIX:3.3).
- (iv) Letter No. F. No.35-4/2016-TS.III dated 11 December 2019 regarding Discontinuation of interviews at Junior Level Posts – implementation of instructions issued by DoPT in NITs and IEST, Shibpur (APPENDIX:3.4).
- (v) Letter No.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 04/04/2019 regarding implementation of Recruitment Rules for Non-Teaching staff of NITs based on the recommendations of Oversight Committee (APPENDIX:3.5).
- (vi) Letter F.No.18-9/2019-TS.III dated 12/12/2019 regarding loss of interest due to Parking of funds in current account (APPENDIX:3.6).

“Further, resolved that, Institute initiate appropriate actions as per directives given by MHRD/ Govt. of India as per above O.M./Letters”.

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**Item 4:** To consider and approve the change in nomenclature of Assistant Professor (Contractual) into Assistant Professor Grade – II (Presently in AGP 6,000 and AGP 7,000) and Assistant Professor Grade – I (Presently in AGP 8,000 and AGP 9,000).

**Reso 4:** The Board of Governors was apprised that NIT Council in its 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 25/09/2019 vide Resolution No.12.15 approved the change in the nomenclature of Assistant Professor in NITs and IEST, Shibpur and adopted following resolution;

“Resolved to change in nomenclature of Assistant Professor (Contractual) to Assistant Professor Grade – II (Presently in AGP 6,000 and AGP 7,000) and Assistant Professor Grade – I (Presently in AGP 8,000 and AGP 9,000).”

“Resolved further to authorize the Director of the Institute to issue fresh appointment orders to the Assistant Professors (Contractual) in AGP 6,000, AGP 7,000 & AGP 8,000; who have been appointed during the month of September 2019 re-designating them to Assistant Professor Grade – I or Assistant Professor Grade – II as per the directives of 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of NIT Council meeting (Resolution No. 12.15) held on 25/09/2019.”

**Item 5:** To consider and note the letter No.F.No.33-3/2018-TS.III dated 05/11/2019 received from MHRD, New Delhi regarding implementation of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019.

**Reso 5:** “Resolved to adopt the directives of letter No.F.No.33-3/2018-TS.III dated 05/11/2019 received from MHRD, New Delhi regarding implementation of Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) Act, 2019”.

**Item 6:** To note and implement the recommendation of Oversight Committee for removal of anomalies of non-teaching staff issued by MHRD, New Delhi vide its letter bearing No.F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 20/02/2019.

**Reso 6:** The Board was apprised that, for adopting the directives of Oversight Committee for removal of anomalies of Non-Teaching staff issued by MHRD vide its letter bearing No.F.35-5/2018-TS.III dated 20/02/2019 and Office Memorandum No.36039/1/2019-Estt(Res) dated 31/01/2019 regarding reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in direct recruitment in civil posts and services in the Government of India issued by Department of Personnel & Training, New Delhi, the Institute has undergone for recasting of existing Roster Register of Non-teaching staff (Officer cadre) at the Institute level. Further, the Board was apprised about MHRD, DoPT guidelines which were followed by the Institute in preparation of New Roster Register of non-teaching staff (Officer cadre). The Board was also informed about the redistribution of sanctioned non-teaching posts in the ratio of 4:3:2:1 carried out by the Institute as per aforesaid MHRD letter dated 20/02/2019.

“The Board noted the new Roster Register for non-teaching staff (Officer cadre). The Board resolved that Institute can go ahead for the recruitment process of non-teaching staff as per new Recruitment Rules of NITs and give age relaxation upto 56 years to those who are working on ad-hoc/temporary/contractual / outsource basis in the Institute to participate in the first regular recruitment process for the

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post for which they fulfill all other conditions mentioned in the Recruitment Rules proposed by the Oversight Committee and also resolved to note and approve the redistribution of post in the ratio of 4:3:2:1”.

**Item 7:** To note the action taken by the Director regarding the nomination of Headship of Electrical Engineering Department and extension of Dean (Academic) for further one year.

**Reso 7:** The Board was appraised that new Head of Electrical Engineering Department has been appointed and the tenure of Dr. J. Banerjee, Professor in MED as Dean (Academic) has been extended for further one year w.e.f. 01/12/2019, and the Board has adopted following resolution:-

“Resolved to note the action taken by the Director regarding the nomination of Headship of Electrical Engineering Department and extension of tenure of Dean (Academic) as below:-

**HEADSHIP**

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Department	Office order
(1)	Dr. R. Chudamani Professor, EED	EED (w.e.f. 12/12/2019)	No.E/1894 dated 14/12/2019

**DEANSHIP**

Sr. No.	Name & Designation	Area of Deanship	Office order
(1)	Dr. J. Banerjee Professor, MED	Dean (Academic)	No.E/1971 dated 31/12/2019

**Item 8:** To consider the request received from Mrs. Sonia, Wife of Dr. Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor on Contract (AGP-6000) who is working as Laboratory Assistant in Chemistry Department at NIT, Kurukshetra for deputation at SVNIT, Surat.

**Reso 8:** “Resolved not to consider the request received from Mrs. Sonia, Wife of Dr. Amit Kumar, Assistant Professor on Contract (AGP-6000) who is working as Laboratory Assistant in Chemistry Department at NIT, Kurukshetra for deputation at SVNIT, Surat”.

**Item 9:** 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 9:** The Item was discussed at length and after thorough discussion the Board resolved not 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.

**Item 10:** To consider and approve to grant Dy. Registrar's Pay Scale to the In-charge Dy. Registrar (A/cs).

**Reso 10:** The Item was discussed at length and after thorough discussion the Board resolved not to approve to grant Dy. Registrar's Pay Scale to the In-charge Dy. Registrar (A/cs).

**Item 11:** To consider and approve the recommendations of the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of IAAC and 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 11:** "Resolved to approve the recommendations of the 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of IAAC and 42<sup>nd</sup> 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 with student intake of 27 per year including 5 regular sponsored students.

"Resolved further to utilize the existing faculty strength for running of both the M.Tech programmes."

The Board advised the Institute to explore possibility of further collaboration with relevant industries through aforesaid M.Tech programmes.

**Item 12:** To ratify the action taken by the Chairman, BOG's for approving the panel of expert for direct recruitment for the post of Registrar, Dy. Registrar & Assistant Registrar and also to note the category of experience counted as Educational administrative experience for the post of Registrar & Dy. Registrar.

**Reso 12:** The Director and Chairman, BoG's informed the Board about change in names of experts mentioned in the Agenda item due to the other occupancies of the invited experts and adopted following resolution:-

"Resolved to ratify the action taken by the Chairman, BOG's for approving the panel of expert, for direct recruitment for the post of Registrar, Dy. Registrar & Assistant Registrar; and also approve the category of experience counted as 'Educational administrative experience' for the posts of Registrar & Dy. Registrar"

**Item 13:** To consider the recommendations of the Selection Committee meetings scheduled to be held from 03/01/2020 to 05/01/2020 for recruitment to the post of Registrar, Deputy Registrar and Assistant Registrar.

**Reso 13:** Registrar

"Resolved to approve the recommendations of Selection Committee meeting held on 03/01/2020 for the post of Registrar and authorized the Director of the Institute to issue offer of appointment to the selected/ waitlisted candidate as per NIT Act/ Statutes is as detailed below;

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Sr. No.	Name of the Candidate	Category	Remarks
1	Dr. Pramod Mathur	UR	Selected
2	Mr. Tanmoy Bhattachaya	UR	Wait listed

“Resolved further to extend the tenure of existing Incharge Registrar, Dr. K. D. Yadav for further three months or till new Registrar joins the Institute whichever is earlier.”

#### **Deputy Registrar**

“Resolved to approve the recommendations of Selection Committee meeting held on 04/01/2020 for the post of Deputy Registrar and authorized the Director of the Institute to issue offer of appointment to the selected candidate as per NIT Act/ Statutes. List of selected candidates is as detailed below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Candidate	Category	Remarks
1	Sri Kamlabh Kumar Singh	UR	Selected
2	Mr. Rizwan Ahmed	OBC	Selected

“Further, resolved that all new entrants shall be covered under New Pension Scheme (NPS) based on defined contributions as per Central Government directives from time to time.”

“Resolved, further that the method of calculation of qualifying service(s) / pension and other retirement benefits for the above category shall be made in accordance with the instructions contained in the Central Civil Services [CCS] (Pension) Rule 1972 for employees on submission of technical resignation on or after 1/1/2004 by employees governed by CCS (Pension) Rules 1972 as amended from time to time.”

“Resolved, further that other allowances like Group Insurance Scheme, LTC, Leave etc. shall be admissible as per Institute rules applicable to new entrants amended from time to time as per MHRD / NIT statutes Board of Governors guidelines.”

“Resolved, further that Medical reimbursement facility shall be applicable to new entrants as per rules of the institute. However, upon their retirement on attaining the age of superannuation, Medical reimbursement will be as per MHRD /NIT statutes/ Board of Governors directives.”

“Resolved, further that new entrants be appointed subject to future clearance of Police Verification of character and antecedents, Degree & Caste certificate etc.”

#### **Assistant Registrar**

The Board was appraised that one of the applicant Mr. Girish Nahar for the post of Assistant Registrar lodged a complaint to MHRD New Delhi that, SVNIT,

Surat had not considered the Chartered Accountant qualification equivalent to the Master's Degree. The matter was discussed at length and the Board advised SVNIT, Surat to seek the clarification from MHRD regarding equivalency of CA (Chartered Accountant) to Master Degree. After getting clarification from MHRD, if the clarification is as per decision of the Institute, Chairman, BoGs/ Director, SVNIT, Surat is empowered to open the envelope and release the appointment letter to the selected candidates till then the recommendations of selection committee be kept in sealed envelope only.

“Resolved further that recommendations of Selection Committee meeting held on 05/01/2020 for the post of Assistant Registrar be kept on hold till the cited clarification is received from MHRD, New Delhi.”

**Item 14:** To consider and approve the renewal of lease deed executed with State Bank of India for using SVNIT premises for operating its branch on SVNIT campus for the period of 20 years w.e.f. 23/08/2019.

**Reso 14:** “Resolved to approve the renewal of lease deed executed with State Bank of India for using SVNIT premises for operating its branch on SVNIT campus for the period of 05 years w.e.f. 23/08/2019.”

**Item 15:** To note the status of suspension case of Shri D. B. Gohil, Associate Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt.

**Reso 15:** The house was briefed that inquiry is in progress as per CCS (CCA) Rules and regular hearing is completed, report is pending from Inquiry officer.

“Resolved to note the status of suspension case of Shri D. B. Gohil, Associate Professor, Mech. Engg. Deptt”.

**Item 16:** To note the status of case of fraudulent submission of forged and fictitious bills for settlement of advances drawn by Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor, Applied Physics Department under various research projects.

**Reso 16:** The august house was briefed about the Regular Departmental Action (RDA) initiated by the Institute to complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rules in case of Dr L. K. Saini. The preliminary hearing was held on 18/10/2019 and, on the same day, the Charged Officer accepted the all charges unconditionally and inquiry was completed. The Inquiry officer submitted the Report. The Institute referred the case to Vigilance Section, MHRD, New Delhi for further action. The queries raised by Vigilance Section, MHRD were replied by the Institute and the matter is pending due to non receipt of response from Vigilance Section of MHRD. Accordingly, the Board adopted following resolution:-

“Resolved to note the status of case of fraudulent submission of forged and fictitious bills for settlement of advances drawn by Dr. L. K. Saini, Assistant Professor, Applied Physics Department under various research projects.”

**Item 17:** To note the status of inquiry of Shri Patij K. Shah, Technical Assistant (SG-II) in Central Computer Centre.

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**Reso 17:** The house was briefed about the on-going inquiry status and Regular Departmental Action (RDA) taken by the Institute as per CCS (CCA) Rules. The hearing is in progress.

“Resolved to note the status of the inquiry of Shri Patij K. Shah, Technical Assistant (SG-II) in Central Computer Centre and further resolved that Institute should complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rules”.

**Item 18:** **To note the status of inquiry of Dr. D. P. Vakharia, Former Incharge Registrar and Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department.**

**Reso 18:** The house was briefed about the on-going inquiry and Regular Departmental Action (RDA) taken by the Institute as per CCS (CCA) Rules. The hearing is in progress.

“Resolved to note the status of inquiry of Dr. D. P. Vakharia, Former Incharge Registrar and Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department and further resolved that Institute should complete the inquiry as per CCS (CCA) Rules”.

**Item 19:** **To note and approve the minutes/recommendations of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee scheduled to be held on 09/01/2020**

**Reso 19:** “Resolved to note and approve the minutes/recommendations of the 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 09/01/2020.”

**Item 20:** **To note the merger of Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics Department.**

**Reso 20:** The august house was appraised that Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics Departments were merged as per the suggestion of External Academic Audit Team to ensure better performance of the Department in accreditation, maintain the uniformity in evaluation of UG program in Civil Engineering, smooth administration and Research/ consultancy activities of both the Departments. Moreover, the Board was also informed that, Applied Mechanics Department is offering UG & PG programmes in the name of “Civil Engineering” only.

“Resolved to note and approve the action taken by the Director to merge Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics Departments.”

**Item From Chair:**

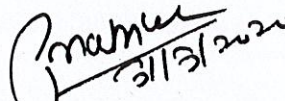
**Item C1:** **To note and approve the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2018-19.**


**ResoC1:** “Resolved to note and approve the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2018-19.”

**Item C2:** **To note Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of the National Institute of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) held on 25/09/2019 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.**

- ResoC2:** “Resolved to note Minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council of the National Institute of Technology, Science Education and Research (NITSER) held on 25/09/2019 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi and advice the Institute to take necessary action as per resolutions adopted by the Council of NITSER.”
- ItemC3:** **To note the D.O. Letter No.F.33-3/2018-TS.III dated 27/12/2019 received from Additional Director General (HE), MHRD New Delhi regarding planning of activities so as to manage within Annual Budget Allocated by MHRD.**
- Reso C3:** “Resolved to note the D.O. Letter No.F.33-3/2018-TS.III dated 27/12/2019 received from Additional Director General (HE), MHRD New Delhi regarding planning of activities so as to manage the fund within Annual Budget Allocated by MHRD”.
- Item C4:** **To consider and approve the request received from Shri H. A. Parmar, Former Registrar regarding his pending Leave Encashment and increments.**
- Reso C4:** The Board was appraised that, Shri H. A. Parmar, Former Registrar retired voluntarily on 15/04/2019 after office hours. He was informed to proceed on leave from 15/04/2015 to till further Instruction by the then Director, SVNIT. After detailed discussion the Board adopted following resolution:-
- “It is resolved that, the Institute will bring the status of his leave at the time of his voluntary retirement and the possibility of giving his regular increments for the years 2015 and 2016 as per existing rules and regulations and available records in ensuing meeting of the Board.”

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
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