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**Minutes of the 57th meeting of the**

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**held on**

**Date: 19.10.2019**
**Time: 01.00 PM**

**at**

**NIT Transit House, C-15, Panchasheel Enclave, New Delhi 110117**

## Minutes of 57th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 57th Meeting of the Board of Governors began at 01.00 PM as meeting was rescheduled due to request of Shri Madan Mohan who was attending another meeting of NIT Srinagar. Chairperson welcomed the members present. Chairperson extended welcome to the New Member Maj. Gen. Shyam Shrivastava (Retd.), nominee of Government of Madhya Pradesh. Chairperson also put on record his thanks to the outgoing Members Shri Shailendra Sharma and Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education and Skill Development, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

Following members were present:

1. Prof. Bhim Singh, Chairperson
2. Prof. N S Raghuwanshi, Director MANIT, Member
3. Shri Madan Mohan, ADG (HE), MHRD, Member
4. Shri D. K. Singh, Deputy Secretary (Finance MHRD) represented Ms. Darshana M Dabral, JS and FA, MHRD, Member
5. Maj. Gen. Shyam Shrivastava (Retd), Member
6. Prof N D Mittal, Professor Mechanical Engineering, Member
7. Dr. Praveen Kaushik, Associate Professor, CSE Department BOG Member

Director IIT Indore who could not attend due to preoccupation was granted leave of absence. Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education & Skill Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh was also not present.

Thereafter the Agenda was taken up.

# SECTION - A: PRELIMINARIES

| BoG-57(2019-2)/A-1 | Welcome of new members |
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Members noted the nomination received. Maj. General (Retd.) Shayam Shrivastava was welcomed by all the Members.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/A-2 | Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of 56th BoG meeting |
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Members noted the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the previous decision(s) of the Board.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/A-3 | Confirmation of the Minutes of the 56th BoG meeting held on 30/05/2019 and 28/06/2019 |
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Members noted that no comments have been received from any Member. Members noted that the Final Minutes of 39th Finance Committee had some changes. Members took on record the revised Finance Committee Minutes.

Thereafter, the Members confirmed the Minutes.

| BoG-57(2019-1)/A-4 | Ratification of decisions by Chairperson, Board of Governors and confirmation of matters approved by the Board through circulation |
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Members observed that all decisions pertained to confirmation of matters approved by the Board through circulation and none by Chairperson, BOG hence the title of the item be changed from "Ratification of decisions by Chairperson, Board of Governors and Confirmation of matters approved by the Board through circulation" to "Confirmation of matters approved by the board through circulation".

**1. Conducting Inquiry against Shri Rajendra Khare:**

Members noted that the Institute has communicated the decision of the Board obtained through circulation and communicated the same to MHRD.Board approved the matter and noted the action taken by the institute.

**2. Appointment of Adv. Gajendra Singh Yadav, New Delhi as Senior Counsel for LRC Arbitration Order Case:**

**3. Engagement of Shri B.N. Malhotra in the Arbitration Case:**

## SECTION – B: VIGILANCE MATTERS

| BoG-57(2019-2)/B-1 | LRC Matter |
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**i. Inquiry against Shri Satya Narayan Tomar**

Members noted the matter.

**ii. Inquiry against Shri R.K. Khare**

Members noted the matter.

**iii. Inquiry against Smt. Jyoti Khatavkar**

Members noted the matter.

**iv. Issue of Memo to obtain version of Shri Rajesh Lokhande, Shri A.K. Soni, Shri Virendra Singh, Shri N.D. Joshi, et.al**

Members noted the progress.

V. **Status of CBI Inquiry in LRC Case**

Members noted the matter.

**vi. Appeal against Arbitration Award**

Members noted the progress. Director informed that due to transfer of the Judge the matter could not be heard on 4th October and now the same is expected to be heard in the first week of November.

**vii. Possession of LRC Building**

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/B-2** | **Shri K.K. Dhote's Case** |

Board considered the advice of CVC and reaffirmed the decision.

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/B-3** | **Shri Ajit Narayan's Case** |

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/B-4** | **Other matters lying with CVC – Shri Sanjay Soni, Smt. Savita Raje** |

Board noted the matter and advised CVO MANIT to request CVC to expedite.

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/B-5** | **Prof. Ashutosh Sharma's Case** |

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/B-6** | **Other Disciplinary Matters** |

**i. Case of Smt. Shammi Davood**

Board noted the matter presented. Board was apprised that Smt. Dawood has been granted time till **25th October 2019 to** submit her reply.

**ii. Case of Shri R.K. Salve, Assistant Engineer**

**iii. Case of Shri Radha Kishan**

Board considered the matter in detail. Board resolved to issue Administrative Warning to Shri Radha Kishan and also warn that if his behaviour does not improve then it shall be viewed seriously.

**iv. Case of Shri Badami Lal**

Board considering the fact that Shri Badami Lal is due to retire shortly resolved to issue Administrative Warning to Shri Badami Lal for his misconduct.

## SECTION – C: ESTABLISHMENT MATTERS

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/C-1** | **Court Decision in matter of Dr. Aruna Saxena, Training & Placement Officer** |

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/C-2** | **Case of Leave of Dr. K Sudhakar** |

Board considered the matter and resolved that as Dr K Sudhakar failed to rejoin the duty on or before 31st July 2019 he shall be considered deemed to have resigned as per undertaking submitted at the time of proceeding on EOL.

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/C-3** | **VRS of Prof. Rajnish Shrivastava** |

Board considered the matter in detail and MHRD communication enclosing the DOP&T note, and resolved that if there be no provision in VRS rules to accept cheque in lieu of notice period the amount deposited be returned to Professor Rajnish Shrivastava and on expiry of his notice period he shall be deemed to have retired as per rule as no request for withdrawal of VRS application within notice period was received nor was the same rejected by the Appointing Authority. His retirement dues may also be released as Vigilance clearance has been received from CVC and matter was pending before the Board for his representation.

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/C-4** | **Compulsory Retirement of Dr. Lavit Rawtani on medical ground from service** |

Board considered the matter of Dr Lalit Rawtani in detail and decided to await the report of Committee constituted under FR 56(j). Considering the Supreme Court decision he is not fit for service and if he does not apply for retirement on Medical Grounds on his own volition then Board as appointing Authority will have no recourse but to proceed on taking action in Public Interest under CCS (CCA) Rules to compulsory retire him from service.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/C-5 | Approval of Annual Report for 2018-2019 |
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Board considered the draft report and desired that only major achievements be highlighted. Board further advised that care should be taken to avoid mistakes and errors. Board resolved to approve the draft Annual report 2018-2019 for submission to MHRD.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/C-6 | Recruitment under 100 days programme |
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## a) Faculty Recruitment

Board resolved to authorize the Chairperson Board of Governors for approving of Selection Committees for Various Teaching positions.

## b) Non-Teaching Staff Recruitment

Board resolved to authorize the Chairperson Board of Governors for approving of Selection Committees for various Non-Teaching positions.

As regards selection of testing agency on nomination basis for conducting written test for various positions, Board was of the opinion that this is a matter to be decided at the Institute level. Board was apprised that IIT Madras and NIT Trichy have in past exercised the same option.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/C-7 | Delegation of Powers to Execute additions/alternations/modifications etc of Civil or Electrical works in the existing buildings and execution of original/minor works as per the provisions of GFR-2017 |
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Board considered the recommendation of Finance Committee and approved the same.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/C-8 | Nomination of Member of Board to Finance Committee |
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Board considered the matter and resolved to nominate Maj. Gen. Shyam Shrivastava (Retd), BOG Member, as its nominee to the Finance Committee.

## SECTION – D: OTHER STATUTORY BODY MINUTES FOR BoG

| BoG-57(2019-2)/D-1 | BWC Minutes for record of BoG |
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The Minutes of the 31st BWC placed were taken on record of the Board. The BWC recommendations made at its 31st Meeting held on 01/10/2019 along with recommendation of the 40th Finance Committee were considered by the Board in respect of following items:

Board approved the major repair of Hostel No. 5 & 6 at an estimated cost of ₹10.30 crores. Institute may ask CPWD to visit the hostels and prepare an estimate for the same.

**BWC Items requiring specific approval of the Board**

i) **Construction of 1200 Capacity Hostel for Boys**

BOG considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee "Considering the shortage of Hostel accommodation Committee recommended the proposal of construction of 1200 capacity Hostel for Boys at an estimated cost of ₹ 90 crores as estimated by CPWD and asked the Institute to prepare and place the DPR for funding through HEFA at the earliest. " and approved the same.

ii) **Construction of 200 Capacity Married Research Scholars Accommodation**

BOG considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee "Members noted that the institute presently does not have any accommodation for married research scholars. Considering the same Committee recommended the proposal of construction of residential blocks of 1 BHK, for about 200 research scholars at a tentative cost of ₹ 53 crores as estimated by CPWD in two phases. (100+100) and asked the Institute to prepare and place the DPR for funding through HEFA at the earliest. "and approved the same.

iii) **Construction of Multistory Staff Housing**

BOG considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee "Members noted the shortage of accommodation on campus for faculty and staff. Members considered the proposal to have four buildings of nine storied (Eight story with stilt parking) residential buildings with six units on each floor total 48 units in each building, with each dwelling unit of approximately 128 sqm, to be constructed in two phases (96+96). Members recommended the proposal of construction in two phases at a tentative cost of ₹ 134 crores as estimated by CPWD and asked the Institute to prepare and place the DPR for funding through HEFA at the earliest. "and approved the same

**In addition to above following items also need recommendation of BoG:**

BOG considered the following recommendations of the Finance Committee and approved the same:

1. Members underlined the need for Networking facility in Residential Area and recommended the PIC Networking proposal of phase III of Networking covering residential area with an outlay of ₹117 lakhs. It was agreed that only I/O box be provided uniformly in each residence.
2. Members agreed with the recommendation to adopt the Government of India, Directorate of Estate Rules, Orders on Residence Allotment, License Fee, It was also decided that Building Section should do re-categorization of existing category based on plinth area norms of Directorate of Estate. Members noted that this will also help realize license fee on rates as revised by Directorate of Estates from time to time.
3. Members recommended adopting the Manual of Procurement of Works 2019 issued by Ministry of Finance.
4. Members recommended adoption of MHRD notified use of EPC mode of execution through CPWD vide letter F. No.33-1/2019-TS.III dated 28th February 2019 and F. No.33-1/2019-TS.III (Pt.I) dated 26th march 2019.

With respect to proposals requiring HEFA loan, Institute is also required to furnish before FC/BoG, project-wise details in checklist to verify compliance of HEFA area norms.

| **BoG-57(2019-2)/D- 2** | **Finance Committee Minutes for the record of the Board** |
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The confirmed Minutes of the last Finance Committee placed for the record of the Board were accepted. The Board permitted placing of the Recorded minutes of the Finance Committee held just before this Board at the next meeting. The items which need specific approval of the Board were considered and decided as below:

**a) Finance Committee items needing specific approval of the Board**

**i. Approval of Audited Annual Accounts 2018-2019**

Board considered the Finance Committee recommendation on the draft SAR and the Audited Annual Accounts 2018-19 and approved that on receipt of SAR with the Audit Certificate the same be forwarded to MHRD, New Delhi to lay the same on the table of the Parliament.

**ii. Approval of Revised Estimate 2019-2020 and Budget Estimate 2020-2021**

Members considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the Institute proposals for Revised Estimate for the 2019-2020 and Budget Estimate for 2020-2021 and recommended RE 2019-20 of ₹188.14 crores and BE 2020-21 of ₹207.91 crores and approved the same.

Members noted that Institute has made provisions for vacant posts under Teaching and Non-teaching in view of ongoing recruitment and asked the Institute to prioritize the items within available resources i.e. Grants and IRG on receipt of communication on Budget from MHRD.

Member noted that ₹.76.00 crores has been sanctioned under HEFA and ₹16.52 crores has been released up-to-date and Institute has also started the re-payment. Up-to-date ₹.7.60 crores has been paid as Principal and ₹36.80 lakhs as interest.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/D-3 | Revision of Honorarium to Contract Faculty |
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Board considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved to revise the remuneration to Contract faculty to ₹65000/- pm for Ph.D. and ₹50000/- pm for Non-Ph.D.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/D- 4 | Revision of Honorarium and TA/DA payable to Examiners/Experts visiting Institute for various purposes |
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Board considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee and asked the Institute to follow the existing procedure of seeking approval from MHRD.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/D- 5 | Research Grant/Seed Money to newly inducted Faculty |
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After discussion that Research Grant may not be confused with any other issue, the item was permitted to be withdrawn.

| BoG-57(2019-2)/D- 6 | Senate Minutes for the Record of BoG |
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The draft Minutes of 37th meeting of the Senate held on 13th September 2019 placed were taken on record..

**Senate items requiring specific approval of the BoG**

Board considered the recommendation of the Institute Senate and approved the following as proposed:

**a) PROGRAM DURATION (Clause 10.3.4, Ph D Ordinance)**

Second para of above mentioned clause is

“The period allowed for the submission of the Doctoral thesis is 5 years from the date of admission. This may be extended up to maximum 7 years subject to recommendations of DRPC to Dean (AA) and approval of Chairman Senate (for both full time and part time).”

This may be modified as
"The period allowed for the submission of the Doctoral thesis is 5 years from the date of admission. This may be extended up to maximum 7 years subject to publication of at least one paper in SCI/SCIE class of journals and recommendations of DRPC to Dean (AA) and approval of Chairman Senate (for both full time and part time)."
Third para reads as
"There will be a residential requirement of minimum two and half years for full time candidates"
This may be modified as
"There will be a residential requirement of minimum two years for full time candidates"

**b) Extension in teaching assistantship beyond 03 years for six months.**

**Item S-37.2019-III-1.2:**

Board considered the recommendation of the Senate on "**extension for 06 months may be given as one time relaxation. In future the clause of ordinance will be followed"** and approved the same. Chairperson BOG expressed the need to have practical and flexible norms to help the Institute to attract more Ph.D. Scholars and devise mechanism/schemes for them to excel in their achievements in research.

**Item S-37.2019-III-3.6**

Board approved the recommendation of the Senate of signing the degrees by the Registrar who is custodian of Institute seal along with signature of the Director and Chairperson, BoG.

## SECTION – E: REPORTING ITEMS

| BoG-57(2019-2)/E-1 | Reporting Items |
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**a) Legal Cases Status**

Members noted the status of legal cases.

**b) Appointment of Grievance Officer**

Members noted the same.

**c) Appointment of Liaison Officer(s)**

Members noted the same.

**d) Appointment of new Deans, HoDs**

Members noted the same.

**e) Inspection Report for the year 2018-2019**

Members noted the same.

**f) Foreign Visits**

Members noted the same.

**g) New MOUs**

Members noted the same.

**h) Govt. of India/MHRD Orders for adoption**

Members approved adoption of the same.

**i) Important Events/Development**

1. **CISF Security and Fire Audit**

Members noted the same.

2. **Diamond Jubilee Year**

Members noted the same.

**j) Appointment of Retired SE/EE from CPWD**

Since this needed a decision, instead of just reporting, Chairperson permitted this under any other item.

**k) Uploading of Minutes of BoG, FC, BWC and Senate Meetings on Institute Website**

Members noted the same.

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/E-2** | **Performance Review of Registrar** |

Registrar was asked to leave the meeting when this item was taken up. The recorded minute pertaining to this item shall be circulated separately by the Director, MANIT.

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| **BoG-57(2019-2)/F** | **Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair** |

1. **<u>Appointment of Retired SE/EE from CPWD</u>**

As per approval of the Board at its 56th the advertisement has been published and the process of recruitment was taken up. However, it is observed that the number of people from CPWD is very few. Therefore, retired SE/EE from other Central Government Organizations/PSUs which follow CPWD procedure like MES, NBCC, IRCON, BSNL etc. may also be considered besides CPWD.

**Resolution:**
Considering the poor response to earlier attempt, Board permitted inclusion of retired candidates also from MES, NBCC, IRCON, BSNL to be considered along with CPWD.

**2. <u>Alumni Cell</u>**

Maj. Gen. Shrivastava raised the issue of strengthening the Alumni Cell, which is at present is in nascent stage. However, the Institute has more than 50,000 alumni and many of them are holding key positions in industry, academia, and administration. In order to garner support of alumni base in development of Institute, it is utmost important that institute shall provide initial support for alumni cell. Board agreed to the suggestion and asked the institute to further strengthen the cell.

**3. <u>Rolta Incubation Centre</u>**

Rolta Incubation Centre was established by the support of one of our alumni with the aim to built an ecosystem of innovation and start-up. However, Incubation centre at the present is not working at its potential. Therefore, there is need to strengthen Rolta Incubation Centre with the support of Institute. Board agreed to the proposal to strengthen activities and functioning of Incubation centre.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Registrar and Secretary
Board of Governors
MANIT Bhopal