

52nd Meeting
Board of Governors
National Institute of Technology, Uttarakhand

Date : 28th February, 2024
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Venue : NIT Uttarakhand, Srinagar (Garhwal)
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**Registrar &
Secretary, BoG**

BoG 52.01: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Minutes of the 51st Meeting of Board of Governors, duly approved by the Chairman, are enclosed as **(Annexure BoG 52-I)**.

The Board is requested to confirm the same.

BoG 52.02: Action Taken Report on 51st Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Action Taken Report is as below:

Item No.	Agenda Item	Resolves	Action Taken
BoG 51.02	Action Taken Report on 49th and 50th Meeting of the Board of Governors.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.03	Status Report and Quarterly MIS of the Institute.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.04	Ratification of notes approved by the Chairman.	Ratified.	Noted.
BoG 51.05	To note the minutes of 35th Meeting of the Finance Committee.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.06	To note the minutes of the 38th Meeting of the Senate.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.07	To note the Minutes of the 21st Building and Works Committee meeting.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.08	Regarding provision of Gratuity for Institute employees as per Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.	Board approves the adoption of Gratuity provision recommended by the committee with the modification in the Annexure-III regarding ceiling of the gratuity amount at the time of superannuation from NIT Uttarakhand minus gratuity already received as retirement benefits or any other benefits from the previous employer.	Implemented (Office Order issued).
BoG 51.09	To note and deliberate the SAR of NIT Uttarakhand for the financial year 2022-23.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.10	Regarding Revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2023-24 and Budget Estimates for the financial year 2024-25 in respect of NIT Uttarakhand.	Board approves the Revised Budget Estimates for the financial year 2023-24 and Budget Estimates for the financial year 2024-25.	Noted.
BoG 51.11	Approval regarding Fee remission for M.Tech students.	Approved.	Implemented.
BoG 51.12	Adoption of MoE letter dated 11.09.2023 regarding revision of emoluments and guidelines on service conditions for research personnel engaged in R&D programme of the Central Government Department/Agencies.	Approved.	Implemented.

BoG 51.13	To increase the number of Institute fellowship for Ph.D.	Approved.	Implemented.
BoG 51.14	Opening of Non-Residential Master Program (M.Sc.) in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics from Academic year 2024-25 onwards along with fee structure and admission process.	Approved.	In process. (Communication made with MoE regarding approval for M.Sc. Program vide letter no. 3113 dated 09.02.2024)
BoG 51.15	Approval regarding the increase in the annual intake Under B.Tech Programme.	Approved.	Implemented. (Letter communicated to MoE)
BoG 51.16	To apprise the Board about the land allotted for the construction and development of Infrastructural facilities at NIT Uttarakhand- Sumari Campus.	Board approves the resolution of BWC vide agenda item no.21.03. It was decided to follow up the matter of mutation of land with the State Government. Also, NBCC shall be asked to give a concrete recommendation about the technical quality and suitability of newly allotted land parcels for safe construction of the Institute. Board also directed that Institute shall pursue for the demarcation of the remaining 250 acres of land.	Out of revised 60 acres land, 54.869 acres have been mutated in the name of NIT Uttarakhand and for remaining 5.335 acres letters sent to Secretary Technical Education for mutation of land from Govt. of Uttarakhand to NITUK and for demarcation of boundary letter sent to the District Administration.
BoG 51.17	To apprise the Board about the approval of HEFA for the additional sanction of ₹54.10 crores.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.18	To apprise the Board about the construction status of Phase-I and Phase-II at Srinagar campus.	Noted.	Noted.
BoG 51.19	Procurement of Workstations for Machine Learning Lab and GPU Server for AI.	Approved.	In process. (Bid published, bid opening date: 28/02/2024)
BoG 51.20	Procurement of Computing and Storage Server and IP Camera with Network Video Recorder.	Approved.	In process. (Bid published, bid opening date: 28/02/2024)
BoG 51.21	Regarding approval for the appointment of a Placement Officer in the Career Counseling and Placement Section for liaisoning with companies/organizations for career counseling and placement activities.	Approved.	In process. (Proposal submitted to Competent Authority for approval)
BoG 51.22	Regarding appointment of Professor of Practice, Visiting Professor and Distinguished Professor.	Board asked Institute to examine the norms adopted in the matter with other NITs like NIT Jaipur, Surathkal and Calicut and prepare a comparative statement for placing the matter again for re-consideration of BoG.	In process. (Letters sent to NIT Jaipur, Surathkal and Calicut, reply is awaited)
BoG 51.23	Confirmation of service of Dr. Sarita Yadav after completion of probation period.	Approved.	Implemented. (Office Order No. A-1254, dated: 05.02.2024 issued)
BoG 51.24	Confirmation of service of Dr. Nitanshu Chauhan after completion of probation period.	Approved.	Implemented. (Office Order No. A-1255, dated: 05.02.2024 issued)

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BoG 51.25	Confirmation on completion of probation period of Dr. Muskan Mayank.	Approved.	Implemented. (Office Order No. A-1253, dated: 05.02.2024 issued)
BoG 51.26	Regularization of services on completion of Ph.D. of Dr. Sneha Chauhan, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.	Approved.	Implemented. (Office Order No. A-1252, dated: 05.02.2024 issued)
BoG 51.27	Permission to advertise the promotion posts of Superintendent, Technical Assistant and Junior Assistant through Direct recruitment.	Board resolved that financial implication in promotional posts with the existing posts shall be examined and placed the comparison for the conversion of existing posts to next level of promotional posts. It is also resolved that the promotional vacant posts shall be filled through deputation or on contractual basis.	In process. (File initiated for approval regarding publishing of vacancy advertisement)
BoG 51.28	Regarding extension of contract period of Dr. Kamal Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & Engineering.	Board approves the extension of contract period from 16/09/2023 to 18/09/2023.	Implemented. (Office Order No. A-1251, dated: 05.02.2024 issued)
BoG 51.29	Representation regarding promotion to the post of Deputy Registrar in NIT Uttarakhand i.r.o. Dr. Vineeta Negi Panwar.	Board approves to fill post of Deputy Registrar on Direct recruitment basis.	In process. (post being advertised with other non-teaching posts)
BoG 51.30	Regarding appeal of Mr. Anoop Sharma, Superintendent (Accounts) to exonerate from the imposed minor penalty.	Not approved.	Implemented. (Letter No. A-1290, dated: 07.02.2024)
BoG 51.31	Regarding Ministry letter w.r.t. action to be taken on "Self-Contained Note from CBI, Dehradun in respect of Irregularities in purchase of air tickets by the Officers/ Officials at National Institute of Technology (NIT), Uttarakhand.	Board resolved to lodge FIR against Dr. V. K. Sharma, Ex-Dean (P&D).	In process. (File initiated regarding approval for communication with Srinagar Police Station)
BoG 51.32	Regarding report submitted by the Inquiry Officer w.r.t. Dr. Vineeta Negi Panwar for the case related to "Self-Contained Note from CBI, Dehradun in respect of Irregularities in purchase of air tickets by the Officers/ Officials at National Institute of Technology (NIT), Uttarakhand.	Sealed envelop of report submitted by Inquiry officer was opened and apprised to Board. Board approved the report of the Inquiry Officer. It was decided to impose the following penalty Dr. Vineeta Negi Panwar, Assistant Registrar as per the Rule 14 of CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965: "Major penalty i.e. reduction to a lower stage in the timescale of pay for a period of one year with cumulative effect, the reduction will not have the effect of postponing the future increments of her pay"	In process. (File initiated regarding approval of Competent Authority to issue Office Order)
BoG 51.33	Regarding the writ petitions filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand.	Noted.	Noted.

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BoG 51.34	Recruitment for the post of Registrar.	Sealed envelop as recommended by the selection committee, was opened and apprised to BoG. The Board approves the recommendation of the selection committee. The Board also resolved that the appointment order be issued to the selected candidate as recommended by the committee. The details of selected candidate are as follows: <table><tr><th>S. No</th><th>Name of Candidates</th><th>Category</th><th>Pay Level</th><th>Pay Protection</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Mr. Hari Maul Azad</td><td>UR</td><td>14</td><td>As per rule</td></tr></table>	S. No	Name of Candidates	Category	Pay Level	Pay Protection	1.	Mr. Hari Maul Azad	UR	14	As per rule	Implemented. (The candidate joined Institute on 31.01.2024)
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1.	Mr. Hari Maul Azad	UR	14	As per rule									
BoG 51.35	Ratification of details related to revised rate of H.R.A. for UGC Fellowship.	Withdrawn.	-										
BoG 51.36	Revised allocated budget in Annual Procurement Plan (APP) of FY 2023-24 of departments and sections.	Approved.	Noted.										
BoG 51.37 (A)	Regarding applicability of coverage of OPS in place of NPS to Mr. Jagdeep Singh, Ex-Assistant Registrar (On Lien).	Board resolved that the applicability of coverage of OPS in place of NPS i.r.o. Mr. Jagdeep Singh, Ex-Assistant Registrar is not applicable as per MoE OM dated 24/04/2023.	Implemented. (Letter no. 2059, dated: 05.02.2024 issued)										

The Board is requested to note the same.

BoG 52.03: Status Report and Quarterly MIS of the Institute.

Status Report will be presented by Director, NIT Uttarakhand with detailed quarterly MIS of the Institute.

The Board is requested to note the same.

BoG 52.04: Ratification of notes approved by the Chairman and details for related to board nominee for upcoming Non-Teaching recruitment.

(A) Ratification of notes approved by the Chairman.

1. Regarding technical resignation from the post of Assistant Professor (Grade-I), Department of Computer Science & Engineering i.r.o. Dr. Kamal Kumar.
2. Regarding technical resignation from the post of Assistant Professor (Grade-I), Department of Computer Science & Engineering i.r.o. Dr. Maheep Singh.
3. Regarding technical resignation from the post of Assistant Professor (Grade-I), Department of Chemistry and retention of lien i.r.o. Dr. Rampal Pandey.

Copies of above Chairman Note are enclosed as **(Annexure BoG 52-II-A)**.

(B) Ratification of details related to board nominee for upcoming Non-Teaching recruitment.

Prof. Onkar Singh, Vice Chancellor of Uttarakhand Technical University has been approved to be nominee of Board of Governors by the Competent Authority. The details for the same are placed herewith for ratification. **(Annexure BoG 52-II-B)**.

The Board is requested to ratify the same.

BoG 52.05: To note the minutes of 36th Meeting of the Finance Committee.

The Minutes of 36th meeting of the Finance Committee is enclosed as **(Annexure BoG 52-III)**.

The Board is requested to note the same.

BoG 52.06: To note the Minutes of the 22nd Building and Works Committee meeting.

The Minutes of 22nd Building and Works Committee meeting are enclosed as **(Annexure BoG 52-IV)**.

The Board is requested to note the same.

BoG 52.07: Regularization of services on completion of Ph.D. of Dr. Vivek Kumar, Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering.

Dr. Vivek Kumar joined the Institute on 01/06/2016 (FN) as a Trainee Teacher in the Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering under the Trainee Teachers Scheme on the basis of a B.Tech. qualification. He was deputed for M.Tech./Ph.D. coursework at IIT Roorkee vide Office Order No.A-286 dated 21/07/2016.

As per clause no.6 of the contract agreement dated 20/07/2016 signed by Dr. Vivek Kumar and Director, NIT Uttarakhand, the Party No.1 (TT) shall complete his/her M.Tech. and Ph.D. within period of **5-8 years** from the date of joining NITUK as Trainee Teachers.

Dr. Vivek Kumar successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis on **08/12/2023** (within 07 years 06 Months from date of joining) and submitted a provisional degree with serial no.43172.

The Institute has also carried out a Performance Review of Dr. Vivek Kumar through a duly constituted Committee of Experts. The committee report is enclosed as **(Annexure BoG 52-V)**. As per the committee report, the performance of Dr. Vivek Kumar is "Satisfactory".

As per the Trainee Teacher Scheme notified by the Ministry of Education vide letter no. F.23-12/2009-TS.III (Pt.) dated 22/03/2013, *"After successful completion of Ph.D. from IIT, the TT will be absorbed as an Assistant Professor in that NIT in regular scale with all associated benefits and services rendered as trainee will be counted for various benefits admissible to employees of NITs."*

The Board is requested to deliberate upon the same and issue necessary directions to regularize the services of Dr. Vivek Kumar, Trainee Teacher, Department of Electronics and Electrical Engineering as per the Trainee Teacher Scheme.

BoG 52.08: Regarding request of Mr. Nitesh Kumar, Ex-Trainee Teacher, Department of Electrical Engineering for reappointment as Trainee Teacher.

1. Mr. Nitesh Kumar has joined the services of the Institute on 02/07/2015 as Trainee Teacher in the Department of Electrical Engineering under Trainee Teachers Scheme on the basis of B.Tech. qualification.

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2. As per the Trainee Teachers Scheme, he was required to complete the M.Tech and Ph.D. degree within a period of 8 years i.e. upto 01/07/2023 but could not complete his Ph.D. within due time.
3. Further, the matter of Mr. Nitesh Kumar was placed before the Board vide agenda item no. BoG 49.16 dated 14/08/2023 and as per resolution of the hon'ble BoG, six months extension was granted for completion of his Ph.D. which expired on 31.12.2023.
4. However, Mr. Nitesh Kumar could not complete his Ph.D. by 31.12.2023. Therefore, his services were discontinued from 01.01.2024.
5. Now, Mr. Nitesh Kumar has intimated through email on 13/02/2024 that he has successfully completed his Ph.D. degree from IIT Roorkee and submitted the provisional degree certificate no.43219 dated 13/02/2024 (**Annexure BoG 52-VI-A**).
6. Mr. Nitesh Kumar has submitted his request for continuation of his appointment as Trainee Teacher to the institute and same has also been communicated to the MoE vide letter no NITUK/Estt//Pers.(AS)/2024/116/2093, dated: 06.02.2024 (**Annexure BoG 52-VI-B**).

Therefore, in view of the above facts and requirement of the services of Trainee Teachers at the Institute, the board is requested to consider and deliberate upon the request of Mr. Nitesh Kumar, Ex-Trainee Teacher.

BoG 52.09: To update the Board of Governors about:

- (A) The status of the transfer of the remaining 5.335 acres of land out of the total revised 60 acres land.
- (B) Technical quality and feasibility of newly added land parcels in revised 60-acres land and related implications on the overall project cost.
- (C) Alternate master layout on the revised 60-acres land.

A. The status of the transfer of the remaining 5.335 acres of land out of the total revised 60 acres land:

Vide agenda BoG 51.16 dated 29.12.2023, the members of the Board were apprised in detail about the land related issues at Sumari campus of the Institute. It was also informed to the esteemed members that following the meeting with Honorable Minister of Education in New Delhi on 15.11.2023, the District Magistrate, Pauri Garhwal on 16.11.2023 during a site visit to Sumari assured Institute to provide a clear parcel of 60 acres land without any private patches alongwith complete mutation details and Khasra map. Subsequently, the office of the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Srinagar Garhwal vide letter no 02/वाचक/2023-2024 Srinagar dated 20.11.2023 provided the revised 60 acres land comprising of the land which is either already mutated in the name of NIT Uttarakhand or is in the name of the State Government. The revised 60 acres land includes about 54.86-acres land registered in the name of NIT Uttarakhand and about 5.335 acres land (17 farms having area 1.047 acres of Bagwaan village and 17 farms having area 4.288 acres of Nayalgarh village) which is currently registered in the name of State Government of Uttarakhand.

For transfer of the remaining 5.335 acres land (*precisely* 5.3365 acres) to NIT Uttarakhand, Office of District Magistrate, Pauri Garhwal communicated to the Revenue Secretary, Govt. of Uttarakhand vide its letter

copy to:-

512/08-एल०ए०सी०-भूप्रस्ता०/2023 dated 23.11.2023. Subsequently, the Institute rigorously pursued the process of 5.335 acres land transfer from the State Government to NIT Uttarakhand. As tabulated below, several communications were made by the Institute to the offices of the Chief Secretary & the Revenue Secretary, Uttarakhand Government.

Sl. No.	Reference	Description
1.	Letter no. 1719 dated 14.12.2023	Communicated to Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand requesting for the land transfer.
2.	Letter no. 1722 dated 14.12.2023	Communicated to Revenue Secretary, Uttarakhand requesting for the land transfer.
3.	Letter no. 1744 dated 18.12.2023	Request made to SDM Srinagar for demarcation report for revised 60 acres land based on the on-site demarcation exercise done on 11.12.2023 in the presence of Patwari, Revenue Sub-Inspector, NBCC and NIT Officials. To this, SDM office vide letter no. 53/Reader/2023-24 dated 20.12.2023 responded that the land details earlier provided to the Institute vide letter no 02/वाचक/2023-2024, dated 20.11.2023 are final.
4.	Letter no. 1821 dated 28.12.2023	Communicated a reminder to Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand requesting for the land transfer.
5.	Letter no. 1844 dated 02.01.2024	Communicated a reminder to Revenue Secretary, Uttarakhand requesting to expedite land transfer, give a time for personal meeting & informed about bid validity expiring soon.
6.	Meeting on 05.01.2024	Hon'ble Director personally met with the Revenue Secretary.
7.	Letter no. 1949 dated 17.01.2024	Communicated a reminder to Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand requesting to expedite land transfer & informed about bid validity expiring soon.

Subsequently, vide letter no. 184177/XVIII(II)/2024 dated 23.01.2024, the State Revenue Department, Uttarakhand ordered transfer of the 5.335 acres land to the Technical Education Department, Uttarakhand for use of NIT Uttarakhand. The Institute first received this communication via email dated 30.01.2024. In compliance with the order from the office of the Revenue Secretary, the office of the District Magistrate Pauri Garhwal issued order vide no. 192/08/LAC-LT/ 2024 Pauri dated 02.02.2024 for transfer of land to technical education with a copy to Secretary Revenue and Secretary, Technical Education Uttarakhand, and NIT Uttarakhand for further action. Thus, the 5.335 acres land from the Technical Education Department, Uttarakhand Government would now be transferred to the NIT Uttarakhand.

Further, on 02.02.2024, Institute officials visited the office of the DM Pauri, and submitted vide letter no. 2046 dated 02.02.2024 request to expedite the transfer of the land in the name of NIT Uttarakhand from the Department of Technical Education, Uttarakhand. Also, the Institute vide letter no. 2058 dated 03.02.2024 communicated its request to expediate the land transfer to the Secretary, Technical Education Department, Uttarakhand Government. On 08.02.2024, Institute authorities personally attended a meeting with the Secretary, Technical Education, Uttarakhand Government at Secretariat, Dehradun. It was assured by the Secretary, Technical

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Education that the land transfer process in the name of NIT Uttarakhand would be done with priority.

In conclusion, the status of revised 60 acres land (precisely 60.204 acres) as on date is: 54.869 acres mutated in the name of NIT Uttarakhand and the remaining 5.335 acres transferred to Technical Education Department, Uttarakhand Government.

The above matter was deliberated in the 39th meeting of the Institute level Project Monitoring Committee (ILPMC) meeting held on 10.02.2024 and the 22nd Building and works committee meeting held on 16.02.2024. Based on the recommendation of the ILPMC and deliberations in the meeting, the BWC vide agenda BWC 22.03 resolved:

Resolve BWC 22.03: *"The Building and Works Committee resolved that the AA & ES can be awarded to the PMC, i.e., NBCC (India) Ltd., with clear instructions that the 5.335 acres land which is yet to be transferred in the name of NIT Uttarakhand from the Department of Technical Education, Uttarakhand Government, should not be disturbed in anyway by the PMC / Contractor until the mutation of this 5.335 acres is done in the name of the Institute. NBCC can start execution of the project on the remaining 54.869 acres land which has already been mutated in the name of NIT Uttarakhand. The construction at the 5.335 acres should be started only after completion of the land mutation process from Technical Education Department of State Govt. on the name of NIT Uttarakhand."*

B. Regarding technical quality and feasibility of newly added land parcels in revised 60-acres land and related implications on the overall project cost:

The revised 60 acres land vide demarcation report bearing no 02/वाचक/2023-2024 Srinagar dated 20.11.2023 includes about 11.753 acres of newly added land parcels adjoining to the original land.

The Board vide resolution BoG 51.16 dated 29.12.2023 conceded with the resolve of the Building and Works Committee vide agenda BWC 21.03(a) dated 04.12.2023 that *"The technical quality of newly allotted land and its suitability for safe construction shall be evaluated by a technical team of PMC i.e. NBCC (India) Ltd."*

The Institute vide letter no. 1673 dated 08.12.2023 and Institute vide letter no. 1986 dated 19.01.2024 communicated NBCC to submit a technical report based on field study to support its assessment of quality of suitability of revised land. Subsequently, NBCC vide letter no. NBCC/RBG (UK/INFRA)/NIT/2024/ 131 dated 08.02.2024 provided its response. Stating the following points, NBCC has submitted an 'interpolatory' soil report prepared by their consultant M/s DDF for the new parcels in the revised 60-acre land corroborating that :

- a) It is to apprise that in March 2014 NBCC was awarded the work of fencing of the entire 300 Acres land parcel and a geotechnical investigation of the area where the NIT campus was proposed was carried out and a report for the same had been submitted to NIT.
- b) Further, another geotechnical investigation was carried out in March 2022 on the 60 Acres land identified for the present Tender and submitted to NIT in May 2022.

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- c) In addition to the above NBCC has engaged Geological Survey of India for a geological assessment of the site to determine the suitability of construction of the NIT campus at the proposed site and after conducting a site Survey by the scientists of GSI in June 2023. At page no 4 of the report the GSI report has mentioned that it has been found that phyllite is the main lithounit in the area and in the absence of any major adverse structural discontinuities slope failure/landslides, slopes presently appear to be stable.

Based on the above, NBCC corroborates that the soil profile and technical parameters of the newly allocated land are almost the same as Old land parcels and safe bearing capacity of 13 T/sqm could be assumed for designing of the foundation of structure as also at the Old land parcels. Hence, it is fairly assumed that the newly allocated land adjacent to previously allocated land shall have the same soil profile and is technically feasible for safe construction. However, soil testing for the entire land parcel will be done by the L-1 bidder before designing the structures as per the guidelines of EPC contracts.

In continuation of the above, it is also pertinent to bring following points to the attention of the esteemed members of the Board:

- In 2019, Ministry of Education (MoE) vide its letter no. D.O. No.33-1/2012.TS-III, dated 10.07.2019 directed CPWD to conduct survey of Sumari land for the purpose of establishment of the permanent campus of NIT Uttarakhand. Further, MoE vide its letter F.No.33-1/2012.TS-III, dated 25.07.2019 informed the Institute that the Geological/Geotechnical Report prepared by Geological Survey of India has been submitted by CPWD for the Sumari land with recommendation that the area appears to be feasible for establishing permanent campus of NIT Uttarakhand.
- It can be noted from the page 2 of the Geological /Geotechnical report prepared by Geological Survey of India that *"the objective of the study is to assess the feasibility of the proposed (at that time) layout plan of the NIT, Sumari. The entire area comprises 300 acres of land wherein the various infrastructures (Academic blocks/hostels/Library/Departments etc.) are proposed approximately in 100 Acres of land."* It is also evident from Plates II, III, XI XII, XIII and the layout map attached at the end of report that the revised 60-acres land presently in question was also part of the study area.
- The layout map referred to in the above mentioned Geological /Geotechnical Report is the basis of the DPR dated 28.09.2019 prepared by CPWD and submitted by the Institute to MoE for approval. However, consequent to the deliberations in the Revised Cost Committee (RCC) meetings held during November 2019, the layout was later revised based on the site visit by Prof. V.K. Paul, Member of RCC, with an objective of minimizing project cost. This Geological /Geotechnical Report was also annexed in the DPR which was finally approved by the Public Investment Board dated (PIB) dated 30.06.2020.

Cost implications due to revision of land:

Regarding the implications on the overall approved project cost due the changes in Master layout consequent to the revision of land parcels, NBCC vide letter No. NBCC/RBG (UK/INFRA)/2023/1200 dated 20.12.2023 has informed the Institute that based on their assessment the revised project cost of Rs. 650.84 Cr as sanctioned by the Ministry of Education based on lowest bid received will not increase due to this change of land parcel and even in case any minor financial impact is observed at a later stage due to revised land parcels, the same can easily be absorbed under 3% contingency head within the overall cost of Rs. 650.84 Crores.

The above matter on technical quality & feasibility of additional land parcels and related cost implications based on the NBCC assessment was deliberated in the 39th meeting of the Institute level Project Monitoring Committee (ILPMC) meeting held on 10.02.2024 and the 22nd Building and works committee meeting held on 16.02.2024. Based on the recommendation of the ILPMC and deliberations in the meeting, the BWC vide agenda BWC 22.04 resolved:

Resolve BWC 22.04: *"The Building and Works Committee agreed on the technical quality and feasibility of additional land parcels in revised 60-acres land with the assessment of the PMC based on their 'interpolatory' soil report submitted vide letter no. NBCC/RBG (UK/INFRA)/NIT/2024/ 131 dated 08.02.2024.*

Further, the Building and Works Committee recommended that AA & ES can be awarded to the PMC, i.e. NBCC (India) Ltd., based on their commitments during the meeting and via earlier communication to the Institute vide letter No. NBCC/RBG (UK/INFRA)/2023/1200 dated 20.12.2023 wherein it was stated that "based on their assessment the revised project cost of Rs. 650.84 Cr as sanctioned by the Ministry of Education based on lowest bid received will not increase due to this change of land parcel and even in case any minor financial impact is observed at a later stage due to revised land parcels, the same can easily be absorbed under 3% contingency head within the overall cost of Rs. 650.84 Crores."

C. Regarding alternate master layout on the revised 60-acres land:

NBCC vide letter no. NBCC/RBG (UK/INFRA)/NIT/2024/ 131 dated 08.02.2024 has submitted an Alternate Master Plan based on the revised Plot boundary which shows the Old Plot Boundary as well as New Plot Boundary. The alternate master layout submitted by the NBCC was deliberated in detail in the 39th meeting of the Institute level Project Monitoring Committee (ILPMC) meeting held on 10.02.2024 and the 22nd Building and works committee meeting held on 16.02.2024. NBCC also presented this alternate layout to the BWC during the meeting dated 16.02.2024. Based on the recommendation of the ILPMC and deliberations in the meeting, the BWC vide agenda BWC 22.05 resolved:

Resolve BWC 22.05: *"The Building and Works Committee agreed in-principle with the alternate master layout submitted by NBCC considering revised 60-acres land vide letter no. NBCC/RBG (UK/INFRA)/NIT/2024/ 131 dated 08.02.2024 and presented by its representative during the meeting.*

Further, as informed by the NBCC during the meeting and vide letter no. 131 dated 08.02.2024 that “this alternate Master Plan depicts that all the original scope of work can be accommodated in the Revised Plot boundary, but the buildings layout is tentative & other features like Roads/soil dumping areas, finished levels, etc. may be modified subsequently by the EPC contractor and as per approvals/advise of vetting agencies like IIT etc.”, any subsequent modification in the master layout by the EPC contractor / NBCC during execution of the project must be made only after due approval by the Institute.”

All relevant documents as mentioned are enclosed in **(Annexure BoG 52-VII)**.

The Board is requested to deliberate on the above matters as mentioned under points A, B, & C and give necessary directions regarding the award of administrative approval and expenditure sanction to the PMC.

BoG 52.10: To deliberate and approve the release of administrative approval and expenditure sanction alongwith disbursement of 10% initial deposit to NBCC towards the construction and development of Infrastructural facilities at NIT Uttarakhand-Sumari Campus.

Regarding construction and development of Infrastructural facilities at NIT Uttarakhand- Sumari Campus, following facts are brought to the notice of the esteemed members of the Board:

1. The MoU was signed between NIT Uttarakhand and duly appointed Project Management Const (PMC) i.e., NBCC (India) Ltd. on 16.07.2021.
2. Tendering process was completed by the PMC on 17th July 2023 after re-tendering and M/s Sam India Builtwell was awarded the contract being the L1 bidder with a cost of Rs 594.46 crores. **The initial bid validity was upto 13.12.2023 which was further extended twice to 31.01.2024 and then upto 29.02.2024.**
3. The estimated cost after re-tendering escalated to Rs.650.84 crores which is Rs. 54.10 crores higher than the approved cost of Rs 596.75 crores by Public Investment Board (PIB).
4. The Board in its 49th meeting held on 14.08.2023 resolved vide agenda item no. 49.14 that the overall project cost of ₹ 650.84 crores based on re-tendering cost is approved subject to the receiving of additional grants of ₹ 54.10 crores from MoE. It also directed the Institute that any change in the scope of the work shall be placed in BWC, FC and BoG for approval.
5. The Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi vide letter F.No. 30-3/2019-TS.III, dated 26.10.2023 concurred the proposal of NIT, Uttarakhand towards release of additional fund of Rs. 54.10 crores to meet the revised re-tendering cost of construction and development of infrastructural facilities at NIT Uttarakhand.
6. Communication was made with HEFA to consider the additional requirement of capital loan of Rs. 54.10 crores and revise the sanction of existing term loan of Rs. 659.37 Crores. HEFA conveyed above sanction vide Sanction Letter no: SAN/NITUK/607/2023-24 Dated 20-11-2023 of Rs. 54.10 Crores to National Institute of Technology, Uttarakhand. In this regard, the stamp duty fee of Rs. 10,01,630/-has been paid by the Institute vide voucher No. BP 2023-24-1048

dated 30-11-2023 towards the execution loan documents. Loan documents have been signed by the Institute on 03.01.2024. Thus, the process of HEFA loan is completed for the total sanction amount of Rs. 713.47 crores as shown below:

Phases	Component/ Project Name	Sanctioned Loan Amount (in Crores)
Phase-I	Up-gradation of existing temporary campus at ITI & Resham farm, Srinagar	48.81
Phase-II	Civil Works	596.75
	Additional released under 20% provision beyond approved outlay, Lab Equipment, Furniture	67.91
	Total Phase (II)	664.66
Grand Total (Phase-I & Phase-II), in Crores		713.47

7. The status of the land transfer of the entire revised 60 acres land in the name of NIT Uttarakhand, its technical quality and feasibility for safe construction, related cost implications, and consequential changes in the master layout have been deliberated as separate agenda item in the current meeting of the Board.
8. A draft administrative approval and expenditure sanction letter vetted by the ILPMC is attached with detailed terms & conditions in the annexure to this agenda.

Important clauses from the MoU between NIT Uttarakhand and NBCC (India) Ltd. dated 16.07.2021:

9. According to clause no. D.2, the works shall not be awarded by 'Project Management Consultant' to contractors till all statutory approvals/ certificates/ permissions required for taking up the work, are in place.
10. Further Clause E.5 of the MoU states that, total time duration of project shall be 36 months which includes 06 months for planning and 30 months for execution.
11. In accordance with the Clause H, NBCC (India) Ltd. shall submit a performance security equivalent to 10% of the contract value within 15 days from the award of Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction after which the amount as stipulated in the agreement shall be released. The Performance security shall remain valid for a period of sixty days beyond the date of completion of all contractual obligations and project defect liability period. The Performance Security shall be liable to be forfeited by the Institute in case of any breach of any term and conditions of this contract by NBCC (India) Ltd.
12. Against A/A & E/S, the Institute shall release the first Instalment of Rs. 6500 lakhs (Rs. Six Thousand Five Hundred Lakhs only) towards Initial deposit (i.e. 10% of the approved preliminary estimate) through HEFA within 15 days after receipt of performance security from NBCC or the date of issue of this AA & ES, whichever is later. Subsequent release of the funds shall be as per relevant clauses under section 'C' of the MoU and shall be made only after submission of Demand Note, Progress Report and in the form of recoupment of the expenditure made by NBCC (India) Ltd. on the work as per monthly expenditure statements which shall be submitted in Monthly Expenditure

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Statement (MES). Final Instalment will be released only after completion of the work. As per the monitoring of physical and financial progress indicators, 'Procuring Entity' will take necessary steps for recoupment of the monthly expenditure incurred based on the Monthly Physical and Financial Progress Report / Fund Utilization Certificate to be submitted in the enclosed format.

The proposal to release administrative approval and expenditure sanction alongwith disbursement of 10% initial deposit to NBCC was deliberated in detail in the 39th meeting of the Institute level Project Monitoring Committee (ILPMC) meeting held on 10.02.2024 and the 22nd Building and works committee meeting held on 16.02.2024. Based on the recommendation of the ILPMC and deliberations in the meeting, the BWC vide agenda BWC 22.06 resolved:

Resolve BWC 22.06: *"Keeping in view to the resolutions in the current meeting on the status of land transfer vide agenda item BWC 22.03, on the technical quality and feasibility of additional land parcels in revised 60-acres land vide agenda item BWC 22.04, and on alternate layout vide agenda item BWC 22.05, the Building and Works Committee recommended that the AA & ES can be awarded to the PMC, i.e., NBCC (India) Ltd., with disbursement of funds through HEFA as per the terms and conditions of the MoU between NIT Uttarakhand and NBCC date 16.07.2021 and the AA & ES. However, the disbursement of funds through HEFA shall be only after NBCC deposits the performance security as stipulated in the MoU and AA & ES. Further, the AA & ES may be duly approved by the Institute at its own level."*

All relevant documents as mentioned are enclosed in **(Annexure BoG 52-VIII)**.

In the light of the above facts and circumstances, the Board is requested to deliberate and approve the release of 'administrative approval and expenditure sanction (AA & ES)' alongwith 10% initial deposit, i.e. Rs. 6500 lakhs (Rs. Six Thousand Five Hundred Lakhs only), through disbursement of HEFA loan in favor of the NBCC (India) Ltd. towards the construction and development of Infrastructural facilities at NIT Uttarakhand- Sumari Campus.

BoG 52.11: To deliberate and approve the disbursement of funds to CPWD for construction Phase-I of NIT Uttarakhand - Srinagar Campus.

In compliance of the resolve BoG 27.06 dated 10.08.2020, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NIT Uttarakhand and CPWD was signed on 29.08.2020 for "Site Development and the Construction of Non-Residential & Residential Buildings at Extension Campus of NIT Uttarakhand at Srinagar (Garhwal)" for a total cost of Rs. 784,494,733.00 only (Rupees Seventy-eight crores forty-four lakhs ninety-four thousand seven hundred and thirty-three rupee only).

It is pertinent to mention here that the Finance Committee vide agenda item no 22.04 dated 10.08.2020 recommended expenditure of Rs 30 crores to start the construction activities at temporary campus from the funds available with the Institute under OH 35. Further, BoG vide agenda item no 27.04 dated 10.08.2020 has approved the expenditure of Rs 30 crores to start the construction activities at temporary campus from the funds available with the Institute under OH 35.

Subsequently, based on approval of the Board of Governors (resolve BoG 27.06 dated 10.08.2020) the Administrative Approval & Expenditure Sanction (AA&ES)

amounting 37.72 Cr. for the work of Construction Phase-1: Site Development and Construction of Boys & Girls Hostel was issued to CPWD vide letter no NITUK/AD(P&D)/2020/726, dated 11.09.2020 along with an advance of 12.50 Cr.

After the award of AA&ES, CPWD floated the tender and informed that the work is awarded to M/s Arsh Constructions with a tendering cost of Rs 23,35,24,335/- vide letter no. 54(833)/A.B./E.E.-Garhwal/28 dated 02.01.2021. The Institute has released Rs. 22,93,78,930/- to CPWD including advance of Rs.12.50 crores. The details of amount paid to CPWD for work construction phase-I as per MPR submitted by CPWD are as under:

Description	Amount	Date of payment
Advance	Rs. 12.50 Crores	11.09.2020
Payment against bills as per MPR of Dec 2021	Rs. 8,35,13,226/-	22.07.2022
Payment against bills as per MPR of June 2022	Rs. 2,08,65,704/-	27.10.2023
Total	Rs. 22,93,78,930/-	

Earlier, CPWD vide letter no. डी०बी० 29(24)/का०अभि०-गढ़वाल/2339 dated 29.11.2021 has informed that the work construction phase-I of NIT Uttarakhand, Srinagar Campus will incur a cost of Rs. 30.84 crores.

CPWD vide letter no. 215, dated 07.02.2024 requested to release the additional fund amounting to Rs. 5.0 cr for construction Phase-I. As per the MPR of December 2023 the physical progress of the work is 93%.

The above matter was deliberated in the 39th meeting of the Institute level Project Monitoring Committee (ILPMC) meeting held on 10.02.2024 and the 22nd Building and works committee meeting held on 16.02.2024. Based on the recommendation of the ILPMC and deliberations in the meeting, the BWC vide agenda BWC 22.07 resolved:

Resolve BWC 22.07: *"The Building & Works Committee recommended that the Institute shall communicate with the Ministry of Education (MoE) for the disbursement of Rs 5.0 crores through GIA under OH-35 towards the payment as requested by the CPWD for Construction Phase-1 at NIT Uttarakhand-Srinagar Campus. However, the Institute shall justify the expenses vis-à-vis the payment made to CPWD till date. Further, CPWD shall ensure to complete the work within the additional Rs. 5.00 crores only and also that no further escalation in the project cost takes place."*

All relevant documents are enclosed in **(Annexure BoG 52-IX)**.

The Institute does not have sufficient funds under OH-35. Therefore, the Board is requested to deliberate and approve the disbursement of funds to the CPWD for construction phase-I of NIT Uttarakhand-Srinagar Campus through GIA under OH-35.

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BoG 52.12: Pay protection of newly appointed Officer/Teaching Staff.

(A) Pay Protection of Mr. Hari Maul Azad, Registrar.

As per BoG resolution no.51.34 dated 29/12/2023, Mr. Hari Maul Azad was appointed as Registrar of the Institute. Accordingly, as per Office Order No. A-1247 dated 01/02/2024, Mr. Hari Maul Azad joined the Institute on 31/01/2024 (FN) after reliving from Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (A Central University), Srinagar Garhwal.

Mr. Hari Maul Azad has requested for protection of pay, accordingly, the facts of the case are as follows:

1. The Basic Pay of Mr. Hari Maul Azad was fixed at entry level of pay level 14 i.e. ₹1,44,200/-
2. Mr. Hari Maul Azad applied for the post of Registrar through proper channel and appointed on contract for a fixed term of five years. Copy of reliving letter of his parent organization is enclosed **(Annexure BoG 52-X-A)**.
3. As per Last Pay Certificate of Mr. Hari Maul Azad, his last Basic pay was ₹1,48,500/- in the pay level 14. Copy of LPC is enclosed **(Annexure BoG 52-X-B)**.

Since, Mr. Hari Maul Azad joined in the Institute through proper channel. Hence, the Board is requested to protect his basic pay at pay level 14 (2) i.e. ₹1,48,500/- with date of next increment 01/07/2024.

(B) Pay Protection of Dr. Vivek Srivastava, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering.

As per BoG resolution no.49.26 dated 14/08/2023, Dr. Vivek Shrivastava was appointed as Professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of this Institute. Accordingly, as per Office Order No. A-1226 dated 29/01/2024, Dr. Vivek Shrivastava joined the Institute on 16/01/2024 (FN) after reliving from NIT, Delhi.

Dr. Vivek Shrivastava has requested for protection of pay, accordingly, the facts of the case are as follows:

1. The Basic Pay of Dr. Vivek Shrivastava was fixed at entry level of pay level 14A(1) i.e. ₹1,59,100/-.
2. Dr. Vivek Shrivastava applied for the post of Professor through proper channel and appointed as Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering as per Schedule-E of NIT Statutes. Copy of reliving letter of his parent organization is enclosed **(Annexure BoG 52-X-C)**.
3. As per Last Pay Certificate of Dr. Vivek Shrivastava, his last Basic pay was ₹1,71,700/- in the pay level 13A2. Copy of LPC is enclosed **(Annexure BoG 52-X-D)**.

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Since, Dr. Vivek Shrivastava joined in the Institute through proper channel. Hence, the Board is requested to protect his basic pay at pay level 14A(4) i.e. ₹1,73,900/- with date of next increment 01/01/2025.

BoG 52.13: Any other item with the permission of Chair.


**Registrar &
Secretary, BoG**



