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SVNIT

C/BOG (70)/ 3194

Date:20.11.2023

To,  
All the Members  
Board of Governors  
SVNIT, Surat


SUB: Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Governors held on  
07.11.2023

Sir,

Please find enclosed the Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors for Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat held on 07.11.2023 for your kind perusal and comments, if any.

The comments, if any, may please be sent back preferably within 5 days to take appropriate action as per decision of the Board of Governors.

Encl.: As above

  
(Dr. Pramod Mathur)  
REGISTRAR  
& SECRETARY – BoG's

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Director



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

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Seventieth (70<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the Board of Governors of the SVNIT, Surat held on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 4:00 PM through Hybrid mode (Online and Offline) at SVNIT Surat. The following members were present:

1. **Prof. Dr. Bhim Singh,** : Chairman (Online)  
SERB National Science Chair & Emeritus  
Professor, IIT Delhi
2. **Prof. Anupam Shukla** : Member  
Director, SVNIT, Surat
3. **Mrs. Veena Dunga** : Member (Online)  
Deputy Secretary (NITs)  
Department of Higher Education,  
Ministry of Education, New Delhi  
Representative of:  
Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS, Joint Secretary  
(NITs), Ministry of Education, GOI, New  
Delhi
4. **Shri Anil Kumar,** : Member (Online)  
Director, Finance (IFD)  
Ministry of Education,  
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi 110115  
Representative of:  
Sh. Sanjog Kapoor, IRS, Joint Secretary &  
Financial Advisor, Ministry of Education,  
GOI, New Delhi
5. **Shri Manaharbhair Sanspara** : Member (online)  
Chairman,  
Euro India Fresh Food Ltd., Surat
6. **Professor Amit Prashant** : Member (online)  
Professor, Civil Engg. Deptt.  
IIT Gandhinagar
7. **Prof. Harit K. Raval** : Member  
Professor (HAG), Deptt. of Mechanical  
Engineering, SVNIT, Surat.

8. **Dr. Namrata D. Jariwala** : Member  
Assistant Professor, Department of Civil  
Engineering, SVNIT, Surat

9. **Dr. Pramod Mathur** : Secretary  
Registrar, SVNIT, Surat

At the outset the Director warmly welcomed Hon'ble Chairman, BoG and the members present and thanked them for sparing their valuable time for this meeting. Shri Rajiv Gandhi, CEO & Managing Director, Hester Biosciences Ltd., Ahmedabad could not attend the meeting. After preliminary discussions, following agenda items were deliberated:

**Item 70.01:** To confirm the minutes of the 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors held on 21.09.2023.

**Reso 70.01:** *"Resolved to confirm the minutes of 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of Board of Governors held on 21.09.2023."*

**Item 70.02:** To note the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 68<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 12.09.2023 and 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 21.09.2023.

**Reso.70.02:** *"Resolved to note the action taken on the resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors in its 68<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 12.09.2023 and 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 21.09.2023."*


**Item 70.03:** Noting Items for consideration of Board of Governors  
70.03.1 (A) To note the status of Recruitment of Non Teaching posts  
70.03.1 (B) To note the status of Recruitment of Faculty posts  
70.03.2 (A) To note the abroad visit of faculty of the Institute  
70.03.2 (B) To note the extension of Deanship  
70.03.2(C) Resignation of Employees  
70.03.3 (a) To note the implementation of order No.F.No.12-2/2023-U1 dated 11.09.2023 issued by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India regarding revision of emoluments and guidelines on service condition for research personnel engaged in R&D programme of the Central Government Department/ agencies at SVNIT, Surat

**Reso.70.03:** *"Noted."*

**Item 70.04:** To note the recommendations of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 07.11.2023

**Reso 70.04:** The members were briefed about the decisions taken in the Finance Committee meeting held on 07.11.2023. The members noted the same.

*"Resolved to note the recommendations of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee held on 07.11.2023"*





Item 70.05: To approve the recommendations of the 48<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on 07.11.2023.

Reso 70.05: The following recommendations made by the 48<sup>th</sup> FC Meeting dated 07.11.2023 were approved.

Item 70.05.01: To approve the preliminary estimates submitted by CPWD for the work of "Repairing work, strengthening work, Renovation of toilet blocks, Internal & External colour works, to construct connecting passage between different wings of Gajjar Bhavan and other maintenance works required for Gajjar Bhavan Hostel and Nehru Bhavan Hostel in SVNIT Campus, Surat".

Reso 70.05.01: *"Resolved to approve and sanction the estimate of Rs.17,98,24,805/- for the work of Repair and Renovation work of Gajjar Bhavan Hostel Building including connecting two wings of the existing building with RCC framed structure at SVNIT Campus, Surat and Rs.7,00,22,722/-for the work of Repair and Renovation work of Nehru Bhavan Hostel Building including other miscellaneous work at SVNIT Campus, Surat based on DSR 2021/market rates (including 3% contingencies and 11.90% EPF & ESI Charges). The work will be executed through CPWD and expenditure will be met under OH-35."*

Item 70.05.02: To approve the revised proposal of preliminary estimate submitted by CPWD for the work of "Construction of 900 Seater Boys' Hostel at SVNIT, Surat".

Reso 70.05.02: *"Resolved to approve preliminary cum detailed estimate submitted by CPWD for construction of 900 seater Boys Hostel at a cost of Rs.115,37,63,000/- (Rupees One Hundred Fifteen Crore Thirty-Seven Lakh Sixty-Three thousand only) including contingencies, EPF and ESI. The work will be executed through CPWD. The work will be funded through HEFA Loan."*

*"Resolved further that the HEFA proposal for construction of 900 seater Boys Hostel be sent to the Ministry of Education for approval. The assistance of HEFA officials may be taken for vetting/ submission of document."*

*"Resolved to authorize the Director and Registrar of the institute to sign all documents on behalf of the institute for availing HEFA Loan."*

Item 70.05.03: To approve the revised proposal of preliminary estimate submitted by CPWD for the work of "Construction of Health Centre at SVNIT, Surat".

Reso 70.05.03: *"Resolved to accord administrative approval based on preliminary estimate submitted by CPWD for the work of Construction of Health Centre at SVNIT, Surat of Rs.6,54,96,000/- (including Contingences, EPF and ESI charges)*

*Praveen*

*and the estimated cost of Rs.49.07 lakh for Medical equipment and furniture. The work will be executed through CPWD and expenditure will be met under HEFA."*

*"Resolved further that the required Medical Equipment and Furniture may be procured by the institute after completion of construction activities by CPWD."*

*"Resolved further that the HEFA proposal for construction of Health Centre be sent to the Ministry of Education for approval. The assistance of HEFA officials may be taken for vetting/ submission of document."*

*"Resolved to authorize the Director and Registrar of the institute to sign all documents on behalf of the institute for availing HEFA Loan."*

**Item 70.05.04:** To approve the proposal of the estimate of "Ready-Made Furniture for proposed Administrative Building at SVNIT Campus, Surat" for the estimated cost of Rs.2,81,64,953.53.

**Reso 70.05.04:** *"Resolved to approve the estimate for the procurement work of Ready-Made Furniture for proposed Administrative Building at SVNIT Campus, Surat with an estimated cost of Rs.2,81,64,953.53 (Rupees Two Crore Eighty-One Lakh Sixty-Four Thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-Three Point Fifty-Three only) to be executed by Central Store of the Institute following the prescribed procedure through GeM/CPPP. The budget provision will be made through HEFA funding. The Director was empowered to sanction and release the purchase order for the same following the due tendering procedure."*

*"Resolved further that the HEFA proposal for procurement of Ready-Made Furniture for proposed Administrative Building at SVNIT Campus, Surat be sent to the Ministry of Education for approval only after get it vetted by HEFA authority."*

*"Resolved further that the HEFA proposal for procurement of Ready-Made Furniture for proposed Administrative Building be sent to the Ministry of Education for approval. The assistance of HEFA officials may be taken for vetting/ submission of document."*

*"Resolved to authorize the Director and Registrar of the institute to sign all documents on behalf of the institute for availing HEFA Loan."*

**Item 70.05.05:** To approve the proposal of the estimate for the work of "Annual Maintenance Contract for Civil works of Residential and Non-residential Buildings in SVNIT Campus, Surat" for the estimated cost of Rs. 2,81,53,176/-.

*Pranav*



**Reso 70.05.05:** *“Resolved to accord administrative approval for item rate contract for Annual Maintenance and repair Civil works of Residential and Non-residential Buildings in SVNIT Campus, Surat with an estimated cost of Rs.2,81,53,176/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty-One Lakh Fifty-Three Thousand One hundred and Seventy-Six only) to be executed by the Institute following prescribed procedure. The expenditure will be made under OH-31. The Director of the institute is authorized to sanction the amount after tendering process through CPPP and recommendation of BWC.”*

*“Resolved further that, the amount, quantity mentioned in the proposed rate contract should not be exceed the final sanctioned amount. In case of any deviation in quantity, prior approval of the Competent authority should be taken.”*

**Item 70.05.06** To approve the proposal of the estimate for the works (1) Repairing and Strengthening of front side 8 Nos. of damaged columns of the old Sarabhai Bhavan Hostel building SVNIT Campus, Surat, and (2) Painting, Flooring, Damaged Toilet Pan and Toilet Doors Replacement and Mirror Fixing works in Sarabhai Bhavan Hostel in SVNIT Campus, Surat for the total estimated cost of Rs.64,50,257/- [ i.e. Rs.47,37,092/- + Rs.17,13,165/- ].

**Reso 70.05.06:** *“Resolved in principle approval for repair and Strengthening of front side 8 Nos. of damaged columns of the old Sarabhai Bhavan Hostel building SVNIT Campus, Surat, and Painting, Flooring, Damaged Toilet Pan and Toilet Doors Replacement and Mirror Fixing works in Sarabhai Bhavan Hostel in SVNIT Campus, Surat. The budget provision will be made under the OH-31. The work will be carried out through CPWD. The estimate prepared by the CPWD will be placed before the Building & Works Committee.”*

**Item 70.05.07:** To approve the proposal of the estimate for the work of "Removing and Reconstructing Compound Wall with Fixing Concertina Coil Fencing Behind Bhabha Bhavan to EWS Hostel in SVNIT, Surat" for the estimated cost of Rs.94,07,759/-.

**Reso 70.05.07:** *“Resolved to deferred the proposal and will be placed again alongwith estimate from CPWD and recommendation of BWC.”*

**Item 70.05.08** To approve the water charges @ Rs.450/- per month from per residential quarter and @Rs.1080 per year from per student.



**Reso 70.05.08:** *“Resolved to approve the water charges @ Rs.450/- per month from per residential quarter and @Rs.1080 per year from per student. The new rate of water charges for employees will be effective from 1.1.2024 and for students it will be effective from Academic year 2024-25 and onwards for all students. The rates will be reviewed in every two years.”*

**Item 70.05.09** To sanction of Rs.1,96,47,614/- including all taxes for Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Training of Re-Circulating Sediment Transport Flume and Related Accessories along with the basic accessories for Department of Civil Engineering from M/s. Finite Technologies, Ambala Cantt., Haryana. The expenditure will be met from DST-FIST Grant and IRG of the institute.

**Reso 70.05.09:** *“Resolved to approve procurement of equipment under DST-FIST project subject to clarification from Tender Evaluation Committee for reasonability of rate/amount and Extension of validity of bid from the bidder and communication to DST for continuation and Extension of the project.”*

**Item 70.05.10** To approve the Guidelines to engage adjunct professor at the Institute AND to propose rules/ guidelines for permitting the institute faculty to act as Adjunct Faculty / Professor at other Institute.

**Reso 70.05.10:** *“Proposal withdrawn.”*

**Item 70.05.11** To approve the revision of Existing rate of Honorarium / remuneration / sitting fees being paid to the external examiners for PG and PhD programmes, visiting / Adjunct faculties, expert lectures, experts related to consultancy work, external members of the governing bodies of the Institute, expert members/ observer/ Ministry nominee for selection committee for Teaching and Non-Teaching posts.

**Reso 70.05.11:** *“Resolved to approve the revision of rate of Honorarium / remuneration / sitting fees as mentioned below:*

Sl. No.	Category	Revised Rate of Honorarium/ Remuneration/ sitting fees
1.	<b>PhD</b>	
	PhD Thesis evaluation (Indian Examiner)	Rs.7500/- per candidates
	Final Ph.D. Viva-Voce Examination	Rs.5000/- per candidates
	PhD Thesis evaluation (foreign examiner)	300 US\$ per thesis
2.	Visiting / Adjunct Faculty	Upto Rs. 5000/- per hour for visiting faculty
3.	Expert Lectures	Upto Rs. 5000/- per hour

*Prakash*



Sl. No.	Category	Revised Rate of Honorarium/ Remuneration/ sitting fees
4.	Sitting Charges for Experts related to consultancy work	Rs.3000/- per day
5.	Purchase Committee / Senate (for External Members)	Rs.5000/- per meeting day

*The above revised rates will be effective from 01.12.2023 and onwards."*

*"Resolved further that the revision of Honorarium for Building & Works Committee (for External Members)/ BoG / FC / Expert members/ Observer/ Selection Committee Members/ Nominee for Teaching & Non-teaching posts at the Institute be kept on hold and will be place again after obtaining rates from other NITs."*

**Item 70.05.12** To approve the plan for utilization of IRG amount generated in TEQIP-I and TEQIP-II.

**Reso 70.05.12:** *"Resolved to approve the plan/rules for utilization of IRG amount generated in TEQIP-I and TEQIP-II. There shall be no limit of frequency per financial year in the proposed activities. The Director is authorized to permit the proposal on case to case basis."*

**Item 70.05.13:** To approve to grant administrative approval for initiating the process for inviting tenders through GeM/CPPP to avail Security Services at SVNIT, Surat at the total cost of Rs. 5,00,72,621.04 including Taxes under the Account Head of (1/138) under OH-31".

**Reso 70.05.13:** *"Resolved to grant administrative approval for initiating the tendering process through GeM/ CPPP for availing Security Services at SVNIT, Surat at the total cost of Rs.5,00,72,621.04 including Taxes under the Account Head of (1/138) under OH-31. The feasible reduction of manpower be explored."*

*"Resolved further that the Director, of the institute is authorized to sanction the amount and to place work order to the eligible lowest bidder selected after proper bidding process through GeM/CPPP."*

**Item 70.05.14:** To approve proposed revised tariff rate of the Institute SVPB Guest House.

**Reso 70.05.14:** *"Resolved to approve the revised tariff rates of the Institute SVPB Guest House. The revised rates will be applicable from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. The Director of the institute may enter MoU with other PSU/Government Agencies/ Institutions/ Private Companies/ Educational Institutions and other Organizations for sharing the Guest House facilities with them. "*





**Item 70.06:** To note the status of recruitment of faculty positions

**Reso 70.06:** It was informed to the Board that, the advertisement for the post of Associate Professor and Professor was issued vide Advt. No. E/ Advt./Asso. Prof./212 and Advt. No. E/ Advt./ Prof./213 on 17.04.2023. The screening of application is under process. The institute is planning to conduct interviews for the post of Associate Professor and Professor shortly. The Board was briefed about pending court case SCA 2752 of 2018 filed by few serving faculty members in the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat during earlier recruitment process. The Board also took note about the Judgement of High Court of Haryana and Punjab in similar cases. After deliberations,

*"The Board of Governors noted the status of various court cases happened at different NITs including SVNIT, Surat during the year 2019 for the faculty positions related to one time relaxations to the Recruitment Rules for the existing faculty members of the Institute at Associate Professor and Professor level.*

*The Board decided to continue the recruitment process for the advertised post of Associate Professor vide notification no. E/ Advt./Asso. Prof./212 and Professor vide notification no. E/ Advt./Prof./213 dated 17.04.2023 and advised the Director to complete the ongoing recruitment process on priority."*

**Item 70.07:** To approve the recommendations of the Committee for grant of appointment on Compassionate Ground.

**Reso 70.07:** It was informed to the Board that, the recommendation of the committee constituted for compassionate appointment was placed before the 67th BoG meeting held on 20.07.2023 wherein it was resolved to refer back the matter to the same Committee to revisit the cases of compassionate appointment. The committee submitted its recommendations with balance and objective assessment. The Board was of the view that as per NIT Act 2007, All appointment made on the non-academic staff of group 'C' Post should be made by the Director of the Institute. As the appointment on Compassionate Ground is for Group C entry level post only, the Director may approve the recommendation and issue appointment offers to the eligible candidates on Compassionate ground which may be reported to the next Board meeting. After deliberation it was;

*"Resolved that Director of the Institute can approve the appointment on Compassionate Ground for Group 'C' Entry level posts in accordance with approved modalities & DoPT/ Govt. of India guidelines. The offer of appointment may be issued which may be reported in the subsequent meeting of the Board of Governors."*

**Item 70.08:** To consider and approve draft MoU between SVNIT Surat and SVNIT Alumni Association for construction of swimming pool and construction of Food Court

**Reso 70.08:** It was informed to the Board that, the Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology Alumni Association (SVNIT Alumni Association) has offered to construct for construction of Swimming Pool and Food Court at the institute campus and submitted a draft MoU. The Board welcome the proposal from the SVNIT Alumni Association . While going through the draft MoU for construction of swimming pool and Food Court, the Board suggested that fund for Maintenance of both the projects for a minimum period of 3 years should be included in the proposal and borne by the Alumni Association. The Total fund raising for construction of both the projects will be done by Alumni Association and after construction of Both the projects it will be handed over to the Institute. The loction for construction of both the projects will be decided by the Institute authorities as per the approved Layout Plan. After deliberation, it was

*“ Resolved to approve the draft MoU between SVNIT Surat and SVNIT Alumni Association for construction of swimming pool and construction of Food Court after incorporating the above observations of the Board.”*

**Item 70.09:** To approve conferment of the Degree & awards to the Bachelor of Technology, Master of Technology, Master of Science (Five years Integrated Programme) and Doctor of Philosophy.

**Reso 70.09:** The Board was briefed that, the 20<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute is expected to schedule shortly. The exact date of convocation is yet to be decided. In terms of NIT Statutes under clause 8 (iii) the Senate in its 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting recommended the list of 1434 degree recipients and 29 medalists/ cash prize winners to the Board of Governors for conferment of the same. The list was circulated to the members through mail and was also placed before the Board. The date for conferment of degree, shall be the date of approval by the Board of Governors for conferment of degree. After deliberation it was;

*“Resolved to approve the recommendations of the Senate for conferment of 1434 degrees/medals to the B.Tech (805), M.Tech (355), 5 Years integrated M.Sc. (148) and PhD (126) of 2022-23 batch and 27 medalists & 02 cash prize winners to be conferred during 20<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the Institute”.*

*“Resolved further that, the date of conferment of Degree/ Medal will be the date of BoG resolution, i.e 07.11.2023. The original Degree Certificate(s) may be handed over to the desirous students after 07.11.2023 with the signature of the Institute Authorities”.*



**Item 70.10:** To Sanction additional posts as per students strength of the academic year 2023-24


**Reso 70.10:** It was informed to the Board that, the present sanctioned strength for Teaching posts is 296 and for Non-Teaching posts 325 (1:1.1) which is based on the student strength for the year 2010-11 which was 3561, whereas the present student strength (2023-24) is 5801. Earlier the Institute has communicated to MoE, Govt. of India to sanction additional non- teaching post for Teaching and Non-Teaching. The Institute has advertised 121 Direct recruitment posts of Group A, B & C out of which recruitment for 117 posts has already been completed. The remaining vacant posts is for promotion posts. The institute has shortage of regular manpower (teaching and non teaching posts). The Ministry representative advised to forward the proposal again for processing at their end. After deliberation it was

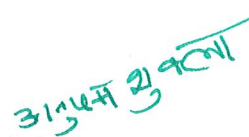
*“Resolved for creation of additional posts based on present student strength of academic year 2023-24 as follows:*

1. Total Student strength (2023-24) 5801
2. Desired number of faculty post 484 (12:1)
3. Desired number of non-teaching post 532 (1:1.1)
4. Present sanctioned post Faculty 296, Non-Teaching 325



*A detailed proposal for sanction of additional posts be sent to Ministry of Education for approval.”*

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Dr. Pramod Mathur)  
REGISTRAR &  
SECRETARY, BOG's  
SVNIT, SURAT

  
(Prof. Anupam Shukla)  
DIRECTOR &  
MEMBER, BOG's  
SVNIT, SURAT

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