

MALVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR  
(Deemed University)

Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Governors  
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Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur.

The first meeting of Board of Governors of MNIT, Jaipur was held on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2002 at 11.00 a.m. in the Design Centre. The following were present.

1.	Dr. H.C. Pande Vice Chancellor Emeritus Birla Institute of Technology, Ranchi	Chairman
2.	Shri Ravi Mathur Secretary Technical Education Department Government of Rajasthan Jaipur	Member (Nominee of the State Government)
3.	Dr. D.K. Sharma, Additional Apprenticeship Adviser (T), Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.	Member (Nominee of the MHRD)
4.	Dr. R.S. Sirohi, Director, IIT, New Delhi.	Member (Nominee of the IIT)
5.	Dr. R.S. Nirjar Member Secretary AICTE New Delhi	Member (Nominee of AICTE)
6.	Dr. C.P. Srivastava Secretary UGC New Delhi	Member (Nominee of the UGC)
7.	Dr. S.K. Jain Reader in Metallurgical Engineering MNIT, Jaipur	Member (Representative from the Faculty of the Institute)
8.	Dr. P.K. Saxena Director, MNIT	Member Secretary & Member from faculty

Chairman, Dr. H.C. Pande welcomed all the members to the first meeting of the Board of Governors of MNIT Jaipur, the former MREC functioning as a deemed university. He sought the indulgence of the Board to make a few introductory remarks before taking up the regular agenda.

Dr. D.K. Sharma, Additional Apprenticeship Adviser (T) New Delhi then expressed, on behalf of the Central Government, thanks to the previous Chairman as well as the former Board of Governors of MREC for the sincere services rendered to the Institute and the responsibility so well shouldered by them. The Board fully agreed with the views of Dr. Sharma. The Board desired that the appreciation may be recorded. Further Dr. Sharma thanked all the members of the current Board for assuming the responsibility of guiding the growth and development of the new deemed university.

In the introductory remarks the Chairman stated that with MNIT as a university, the responsibility of the Board had increased several fold. He pointed out that with the autonomy and freedom the Board has to ensure that the Institute now develops at a rapid pace and attains a place in the first rank institutions of the country. However, with this freedom the Board also had a clear accountability in all matters and this responsibility was indeed very heavy. The Chairman further added that as a National Institute of Technology it is essential that, apart from turning out first rate technical manpower, research projects concerned with the development programmes of the country would have to be given first priority. The problems of the region, in particular, would have to be taken up with a definite time frame. For Rajasthan he mentioned recycling of waste water, regeneration of waste land particularly in the Indira Gandhi Canal Area, and Solar Energy as possible focussed programmes.

The Chairman emphasized that the existing facilities particularly laboratories, equipment, class rooms etc should be fully utilized and utilization figure of 80% should be aimed at. He strongly felt that the lack of resources was not the problem the real crux lay in optimal and meaningful utilization of resources both men and material.

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For effective & optimal R&D programmes the Chairman expressed the need for close networking with research laboratories and technical institutes within the region. The Chairman also desired that the student body past and present be involved in the programmes of the Institute

Finally the Chairman remarked that quality of teaching, quality of training and quality of research work has to come up to the International standards if the new shape of institute is to be really worthwhile. He was sure that with the support of the members of the Board and the faculty and the staff, the institute would certainly justify its new & enhanced status.

The Board broadly agreed with the views expressed by the Chairman.

Dr. R.S. Nirjar Secretary AICTE expressed appreciation of the sincere services rendered, by Dr. S.C. Agrawal the Former Director and member of MREC, to the Institute. The Board was unanimous in supporting Dr. Nirjar and desired that the appreciation be recorded. Dr. Nirjar also expressed the view that team work and involvement of the faculty and staff in the development programmes of the Institute should be the new work culture.

Dr. R.S. Sirohi expressed the view that participative administration should be encouraged and academic freedom should be unrestricted. He felt that systems should be put in place so that group decisions are possible.

Dr. C.P. Srivastava, Secretary UGC emphasized that involvement of faculty & staff is important in all activities and particularly pointed out the need for total quality concept. He desired that a group be constituted to work out the necessary directions in the matter.

Shri R. Mathur , Secretary Technical Education desired that the basic problems of Rajasthan should be kept in view and programmes of research as well as training should also focus on effective technology to meet these problems. He assured every support by the State Government and expressed the hope that with the enhanced status of a deemed university ~~quality programmes~~ of Technical Education and Research would come up in a large measure.

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Dr. P.K. Saxena and Dr. S.K. Jain assured the Board full support of the faculty and the staff of the Institute in meeting the new responsibility.

The Board was given a brief video presentation on the high lights of the Institute after which the regular agenda was taken up.

1.1 TO FORM THE FOLLOWING BODIES OF THE INSTITUTE

- (I) Senate
- (II) Finance Committee
- (III) Building & Works Committee
- (IV) Any other Committee

The Board approved the above Committees with the proviso of a Purchase sub-committee under the Finance Committee.

Under (IV) a Planning & Development Committee was also approved and the Chairman was authorized to constitute it.

**Buildings & Works Committee :**

The Board proposed that (i) Professor of Civil Engineering Department and (ii) Head of Arch. Department may be co-opted as members to serve on the Building & Works Committee and that the nominee of the CPWD (Civil Wing) and CPWD (Electrical Wing) be taken on the Committee.

1.2 TO CONSIDER NOMINATION ON THE BOARD AND OTHER COMMITTEES.

- I. AN ALUMNUS OF THE INSTITUTE FROM AMONGST THE ALUMNI IN EDUCATION/INDUSTRY TO BE NOMINATED BY THE BOARD AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The Board nominated Shri Anandram K. Chhatwani, the 1<sup>st</sup> batch (1968) topper and currently Executive Vice President, M/s. Larsen & Toubro Ltd., Saki Vihar Road, Powai, Mumbai-400072 to serve on the Board.

2. TWO PERSONS NOMINATED BY THE BOARD FROM AMONGST ITS MEMBERS ON FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Board authorized the Chairman to nominate 2 members from amongst the Board members.

3. ONE PERSON NOMINATED BY THE BOARD FROM AMONGST ITS MEMBERS ON BUILDING & WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Board authorized the Chairman to nominate one person from amongst the Board members.

- 1.3 TO CONSIDER 62 YEARS AS RETIREMENT AGE FOR TEACHING STAFF OF MNIT.

The item was deferred as a uniform decision is to be taken by the MHRD for all NIT's.

- 1.4 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CARRER ADVANCEMENT SCHEME.

The CAS was deferred in view of a uniform decision being taken at the level of AICTE for all technical institutions. Dr. P.K. Saxena and Dr. S.K. Jain raised the matter of stagnation and expressed the strong feelings of the faculty with regard to the inordinate delay in the implementation of the career advancement scheme. They were of the view of that the current stagnation is very discouraging for the faculty and hoped that the decisions to be taken by the AICTE would be implemented expeditiously.

- 1.5 TO APROVE ANNUAL REPORT & ANNUAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2000-2001 OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE YEAR-2000-2001.

The Annual Report and Annual Audited Accounts 2000-2001 were approved with the observation that the achievements of the Institute should be highlighted in the beginning, and the standard format should be followed in the future.

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- 1.6 TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DEANS FOR ASSISTING THE DIRECTOR OF MNIT.

The Board approved the system of Deans but desired that the process of appointing Deans should be looked into by a Sub Committee so that the process chosen is clear and transparent. The systems at IIT, Delhi could be one such possibility.

The Board authorized the Chairman to appoint the Sub Committee.

- 1.7 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2002 SO AS TO HOLD THE EXAMINATION ACCORDINGLY.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Academic Committee were approved but the Board advised that after the sanction of the Senate all such issues should be first placed in the Senate before taking them to B.O.G.

- 1.8 TO CONSIDER INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS, RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2001-2002 OF MNIT, JAIPUR.

The Income & Expenditure Accounts, Receipts & Payments Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year 2001-2002 were approved with the following observations:

- (i) The advances against RSBCC and Avas Vikas Sansthan be adjusted and recoveries if any be made without further delay.
- (ii) The outstanding balances in various heads be utilized expeditiously.

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1.9 TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF CORPUS FUND AT MNIT, JAIPUR

The Board approved the creation of an Endowment Fund with Savings from (1) RPET (2) Institute Share in Industrial Consultancy & Testings (3) Resource Generation Scheme.

The Board approved the use of this fund for general development of the Institute and the Director was authorized to utilize the fund with the approval of the Chairman under report to the Board.

1.10. TO CONSIDER ALLOWING TEACHERS OF THE MNIT TO TAKE CLASSES IN OTHER ENGINEERING COLLEGES / UNIVERSITY ON REMUNERATION/CONVEYANCE BASIS AS ALSO TO ALLOW FOR DELIVERING GUEST-LECTURES IN CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS.

It was decided that the Teachers should not be allowed to take classes in Private Engineering colleges, however, Lectures in Conferences and Seminars & in University Departments / Centers could be allowed.

1.11 TO CONSIDER TO RAISE FEES FROM THE STUDENTS WHO ARE WARDS OF INCOME TAX PAYERS.

It was decided that the status quo be maintained till the MHRD takes a uniform decision.

1.12 TO CONSIDER FILLING VACANT POSTS OF TEACHING AND NON TEACHING STAFF.

The Board was of the view that faculty and technical staff positions should be filled up as in the approved budget. Shri R. Mathur, Secretary Technical Education expressed difficulties in view of the State Government Order banning all appointments even in aided institutions. He further stated that since it is an act of legislature its violation could create problems.

Dr. R.S. Nirjar pointed out that REC's are governed under the bilateral agreements between the Central Government and the State concerned and as such any unilateral change in the terms is neither acceptable nor legal. The Board decided that the matter should be taken up at the highest level in the State Government so that the position in view of the bilateral agreement is clearly understood and the Institute can go ahead with the appointments.

1.13 TO CONSIDER THE CONVERSION OF PLAN POSTS OF IX PLAN TO NON PLAN W.E.F. FINANCIAL YEAR 2002-2003.

The Plan Posts may be examined in detail and MHRD may be informed for necessary action in the matter.

1.14 TO CONSIDER THE REVISED ESTIMATES 2002-2003 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES 2002-2004.

The revised Budget Estimates 2002-2003 and Budget Estimates 2003-2004 were approved and the Director was advised to approach the State government for the release of grants on the basis of 50:50 share till the MHRD takes a final decision in the matter.

1.15 REPORTING ITEMS

(A) TO REPORT ABOUT THE FORMATION OF GPF TRUST IN THE COLLEGE.

Dr. D.K. Sharma raised the issues of the formation of the GPF Trust as he felt it is not possible to create a society within a society. It was pointed out by the Chairman that as far as he was aware under the Provident Fund Act the Provident Fund deposit can be either with the government Provident fund Scheme / EPFO or a separate Trust has to be established according to the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance as issued by the PF Department, no other option is permitted. The Board decided that the legal position be ascertained and the GPF Trust already registered may be considered in that light.



1.16 ANY OTHER ITEMS WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

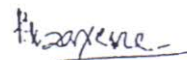
- (A) With regard to the cooperation agreement of MNIT and Hochschule Bremen the Board desired that status of the concerned institution should be ascertained before any action is taken. In future while agreements are welcome the status of the Institute concerned should be carefully examined before putting up the proposal to the Board.
- (B) The Board approved that the existing hostels should be improved and also approved in principle the construction of an international hostel for foreign students, Alumni house as well as a Faculty Club at MNIT. The Board desired that the approval on detailed proposals may be sought in due course.

At the end of the meeting Dr. P.K. Saxena on behalf of the Institute and on his own behalf expressed sincere thanks to the Government of Rajasthan and the past Governing Body including the Chairman for giving full support and assistance to the Institute. He further stated that he looked forward to the continuing support of the State Government in all matters under the enhanced status.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



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Chairman  
Board of Governors  
MNIT, Jaipur



(Dr. P. K. Saxena)  
Director MNIT  
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Board of Governors