

**THE XXX (30<sup>th</sup>) MEETING  
OF  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
MEGHALAYA  
MINUTES**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>: WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>: 22.05.2024</b>
<b>TIME</b>	<b>: 11.00AM</b>
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>: THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NIT MEGHALAYA, BIJNI COMPLEX, LAITUMKHRAH, SHILLONG.</b>

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**Minutes of XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 22.05.2024**

The XXX Meeting of the Finance Committee of National Institute of Technology Meghalaya was held on Wednesday, 22.05.2024 at 11:00 AM and the following members attended the meeting.

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| 1. Shri Sunil Alagh,<br>Chairman & Managing Director,<br>SKA Advisor Pvt. Ltd   | Chairman              |
| 2. Ms. Soumya Gupta,<br>Joint Secretary (NITs II),<br>Department of Higher Education,<br>Ministry of Education, New Delhi             | Member                |
| 3. Shri Anil Kumar<br>Director, Finance<br>Integrated Finance Bureau<br>Department of Higher Education (TE),<br>Ministry of Education | Member Representative |
| 4. Prof. Devendra Jalihal,<br>Director IIT Guwahati   | Member                |
| 5. Prof. Pinakeswar Mahanta<br>Director, NIT Meghalaya  | Member                |
| 6. Shri Wallamphang Roy<br>Managing Director, Power Carrier Pvt. Ltd<br>Shillong, Meghalaya   | Member                |
| 7. Prof. Ayon Bhattacharjee<br>Professor, Dept. of Physics &<br>Dean (FW), NIT Meghalaya  | Member                |
| 8. Dr. B. Chakravarty,<br>Registrar, NIT Meghalaya  | Secretary             |

At the outset, the Chairman, Finance Committee, NIT Meghalaya welcomed the members to the XXX meeting of the Finance Committee and then the agenda items of the day were taken up.

**FC-XXX (2024)-1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the XXIX Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute held on 16.02.2024.**

The XXIX Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Institute was held on 16.02.2024 in the Conference Room of NIT Transit House, New Delhi. The Minutes of the meeting were circulated amongst the members of the Committee for their comments / observations. No Comments have been received from any members of the Committee. The Minutes of the XXIX Meeting of Finance Committee was placed before the Committee. The Finance Committee deliberated on the minutes and resolved to confirm the minutes of XXIX Meeting held on 16.02.2024.

***FC-XXX (2024)-R1: The Finance Committee RESOLVED to CONFIRM the Minutes of the XXIX Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16.02.2024.***

**FC-XXX (2024)-2: ATR of the decisions of the XXIX Meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Institute held on 16.02.2024.**

The action taken on the decision of the XXIX Meeting of the Finance Committee was circulated as part of the agenda items. During the meeting, the action taken on each of the agenda items were explained to the Committee members.

The Committee deliberated briefly regarding the Study in India (SII) initiative. The Joint Secretary (NITs II) emphasized that the admission criteria for students in NITs are approved by the NIT Councils. She noted that the Ministry is not aware of the selection criteria for foreign students admitted through the Study in India program, as their admission to NITs has traditionally been conducted through the Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme. She requested the Director to submit a status report of NIT Meghalaya including admission criteria, selection procedure, quality and performance of foreign students enrolled through SII at NIT Meghalaya, and suggested to place the status report in the next Board of Governors meeting. The Joint Secretary asked for an appraisal of the foreign students enrolled, including the number of students taken, the number of dropouts, etc. She also suggested that she would try and organize a meeting of the All-India NIT Council for the Chairman/Director. Hon'ble Chairman also suggested the Ministry representatives for proper guidelines on SII to the Institute.

The Committee also deliberated on the actions taken regarding the Provision of Internet connection and ICT works at NIT Meghalaya, Sohra, and suggested that the work be completed by June 15, 2024.

After deliberation on each of the ATR, the Committee noted and agreed to the decision/action taken by the Institute.

***FC-XXX (2024)-R2: The Finance Committee NOTED and AGREED to the ACTION TAKEN by the Institute on the decision of the XXIX Meeting of the Finance Committee held on 16.02.2024.***

**FC-XXX (2024)-3: Proposal for Procuring an Ambulance with Advanced Life Support Facilities.**

The Committee members were informed that the Institute will start shifting to its permanent campus at Sohra in the month of July-August 2024. An ambulance with advanced life support facilities is essential since the Institute lacks a health complex, and Sohra has no fully operational hospital. The absence of such ambulances and treatment facilities in the nearby areas and hospitals is a significant concern. Sohra is a remote location, and none of the local PHCs/CHCs are equipped to handle critically ill patients or students who require intensive care or ventilator support. The NIT Meghalaya campus at Sohra is approximately 75 kilometers from the nearest hospitals in Shillong, such as NEIGRIHMS, Nazareth Hospital, and Bethany Hospital. It takes a minimum of two hours to drive this distance in the mountainous region, which often experiences regular traffic congestion and low visibility during rainy days.

Under these circumstances, the Institute needs to purchase an advanced life-saving ambulance for the benefit of NIT Meghalaya's students, faculty, and staff. Procuring such an ambulance will provide the much-needed initial life-saving treatment and facilitate the transfer of emergency patients to hospitals in Shillong.

The detailed cost is approximately Rs. 28 lakhs for a Force Type C Ambulance including RTO and Insurance, and approximately Rs. 8 lakhs for medical equipment like oxygen cylinders, multipara monitors, defibrillators, infusion pumps, portable ventilators, scoop stretchers, and spinal boards.

The Committee discussed and deliberated on the matter and recommended placing it before the Board for consideration and approval to procure from the Institute IRG fund.

*FC-XXX (2024)-R3: The Finance Committee AGREED and RECOMMENDED the Proposal for Procuring an Ambulance with Advanced Life Support Facilities from the Institute IRG fund and to place the matter before the Board for Approval.*

**FC-XXX (2024)-4: Annual Allocation of funds sanctioned for Financial Year 2024-25.**

The Committee members were informed that in pursuance to the Ministry letter F.No.36-2/2024-TS.III dated 09.04.2024 regarding the tentative annual allocation of funds for NIT Meghalaya for the Financial Year 2024-25 was made based on the requirement projected by the Institute and the Budget Estimate allocated under the Scheme 'Support to NITs & IEST'. The Object Head-wise tentative allocation for the Financial Year 2024-25 is tabulated below:

Name of the Institute	OH-31 (Grant in Aid General)	OH-35 (Grant for creation of Capital assets)	OH-36 (Grant in Aid Salaries)	Total (₹ in Lakh)
NIT Meghalaya	4767.45*	1500.00	2603.00	8870.45*
*Revised amount as communicated to Ministry vide email dated 21.05.2024				

It was further conveyed through the letter that the allocated grants will be released to the Institute upon receipt of the MoU for 2024-25, along with the pending audited/final utilization certificates of the previous financial year. Additionally, if there is a shortfall under a particular Object Head compared to the tentative allocation, the Institute may submit a proposal during the supplementary demand for Grant-in-Aid for 2024-25.

The Ministry has asked the Institute to present the allocation of funds before the FC and BoG and finalize the MoU for FY 2024-25.

The Final Utilization Certificate for FY 2022-23 was submitted in November 2023. The Separate Audit Report (SAR) on the accounts for 2022-23 from the Principal Auditor General (Audit), Meghalaya, Shillong, has been included with the Annual Report and Annual Accounts for FY 2022-23. These documents were sent to the Ministry in March 2024 for submission to Parliament. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 2024-25 with the Ministry is pending receipt and will be prepared and finalized once received.

**FC-XXX (2024)-R4: The Finance Committee NOTED the item Annual Allocation of funds sanctioned for Financial Year 2024-25 and RECOMMENDED to place the matter before the Board for Information.**

