Minutes of the 31st Meeting of Board of Governors (BoG) of GKCIET, Malda held at 12:00 noon on 28/03/2024 through Online Mode.

Following members were present in the meeting

1. Shri. Prashant Pole Chairman Maitra, 1126, beside Samadhan Hospital

Wright Town, Jabalpur

2. Prof. V. K. Tewari Member Director, IIT Kharagpur

3. Prof Lalit Kumar Awasthi Special Invitee

Director NIT Uttarakhand Srinigar, Pauri (Garhwal)-246174

Shri M. M. Singh Member

4. Shri M. M. Singh
Director, Dept. of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education, New Delhi - 110001
{Represented JS (TEL), Ministry of Education}

5. Shri Uday Kiran. Member

Under Secretary. IFD
Ministry of Education. New Delhi - 110001
{Represented (JS & FA), Ministry of Education}

6. Dr. Dipankar Chakraborty Member
WBSCTE & SD, New Town
Rajarhat, Kolkata
{Represented Principal Secretary, DTE,T&SD}

7. Prof. P. R. Alapati Member Director, GKCIET, Malda

8. Dr. Sandip Chanda Member Dean (FW), GKCIET. Malda

9. Shri Umesh C Prasad Non-Member Secretary Registrary, GKCIET, Malda

Hon'ble Chairman, BoG called the meeting to order. Director, GKCIET welcomed all members present in the meeting. Chairman, BoG welcomed all members of BoG and briefed the circumstances under which this virtual meeting is convened, although offline meeting would have been preferred. Thereafter, the Chairman asked the non-member secretary to present the agenda items for discussion. Then, the non-member secretary presented the agenda.

(U. C. Prasad) (Parameswara Rao Alapati) Non-Member Secretary, BoG Director, GKCIET

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Director, GKCIET Chairman, BoG

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.01: To consider and confirm the minutes of the 30th meeting of Board of Governors of GKCIET, Malda held on 17.01.2024 at 11.30 AM.

Resolution: - The Board confirmed the minutes of 30th meeting of BoG with the following modification in agenda item no BoG 30.04

Ageda No.	MoM circulated	Revised MoM
BoG 30.04	After a threadbare discussion, considering all aspects including the under-utilization of infrastructure created due to the poor admissions from rest of India quota, BoG resolved to transfer 30% of the portion of 50% sanctioned seats to the students of West Bengal state quota w.e.f the AY 2025-26 for 3 years. With this the seats allocated to the students of West Bengal through JEXPO becomes 80% of total sanctioned seat strength of 210 in diploma. BoG also resolved to revisit the issue after 3 years from 2025-26, if any improvement takes place in the remaining 20% seats from rest of India quota in diploma module.	After a threadbare discussion, considering all aspects including the under-utilization of infrastructure created due to the poor admissions from rest of India quota, BoG resolved to transfer 30% of the portion of 50% sanctioned seats to the students of West Bengal state quota w.e.f the AY 2024-25 for 3 years. With this the seats allocated to the students of West Bengal through JEXPO becomes 80% of total sanctioned seat strength of 210 in diploma. BoG also resolved to revisit the issue after 3 years from 2025-26, if any improvement takes place in the remaining 20% seats from rest of India quota in diploma module.

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.02: To consider the action taken report on the minutes of the 30th meeting of Board of Governors of GKCIET, Malda held on 17.01.2024 at 11.30 AM

Resolution: BoG noted the AT report. Hon'ble Chairman, FC highlighted that the NBCC is missing the deadline for the construction activity, especially the construction of boundary wall which was of utmost importance and was required to be completed in the current financial year as per the work order issued. Further, the construction activities are likely to be affected once monsoon arrives and that construction of Girl's hostel is of utmost importance as absence of the same is adversely affecting the admission of girl students. Therefore, the BoG resolved and advised the Institute to write a letter to NBCC in order to seek milestone dates for construction boundary wall & other buildings and seek commitment to stick to these dates from NBCC.

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.03: To consider the Minutes of 21st meeting of Finance Committee held on 28.03.2024.

Resolution: - The recommendations made by the Finance Committee in its 21st meeting of held at 11:00 am on 28/03/2024 were apprised to the members of BoG and informed that the minutes of Finance Committee will be circulated to all members as soon as possible. The BoG approved the same.

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Agenda Item No. BoG 31.04: To consider Budget Estimate 2024-25

Resolution: After a brief discussion, in view of ongoing construction activities in the Institute, BoG advised to seek more funds than the projected amount of Rs. 15 Cr under OH-35 (GIA for creation of capital assets) and resubmit the budget estimates for 2024-25 to the ministry soon.

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.05: To consider the revised DPR for Centre of Excellence (CoE) in AE and FPT.

Resolution: - The minutes of the meeting of the committee constituted for expert advice, along with revised DPR was placed before the Board. After a short briefing by Director on this item, a power point presentation on revised DPR for establishment of Centre of Excellence in AE & FPT integrating with AI, ML & IoT was made by Prof. Kshirod K Dash. The BoG appreciated the efforts made by the institute and after a detailed discussion approved, in principle, the initiation of the establishment of the CoE as detailed in the revised DPR by using the facilities already available and augmenting them through the institute funds till external funding is available; especially in the post-harvest processing technology area in the beginning. It was further advised that the process technology developed out of above work may be got patented.

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.06: To consider recommendation of the committee in the case related to Dr Sudip Kumar Das, Assistant Professor

The minutes of the expert committee meeting held on 22/03/2024 along with its recommendations and a gist of the recommendations made by the expert committee was placed before the Board. The findings and recommendations of the expert committee are reproduced here for completeness.

Considering all relevant documents examined by the committee including AICTE norms & DoPT orders and their interaction with Dr. Sudip K Das, on the aspect of his suitability for the post of Assistant Professor in Food Processing Technology while possessing all degrees in Chemical Engineering; the Committee opines that his standing in the institute puts a question mark. However, based on the total circumstances of the case while giving benefit of doubt to Dr. Das, the Committee recommended his qualification for the post of Assistant Professor in Food Processing Technology department in GKCIET, Malda without any precedence subject to the following conditions.

- A. Dr. Das has to carryout his post-doctoral research under a Professor of the premier institution such as IITs, NITs, CFTIs and CSIR laboratory in the area of Food Processing Technology. He will consult Professor in the premier institution mentioned above, submit the research proposal and finalize within a period of 5 months. He will start carrying out research immediately after finalization.
- B. He will take consent from the Institute to finalize Professor from the premier Institute as per point
- C. He will also get involved in academic activities deeply and for this he may complete certain specialized courses from NPTEL/MOGCS.
- D. He will also submit research proposal to different funding agencies.

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- E. He is also advised to develop his own research laboratory so that he is involved into the research with interest.
- F. The above points from A to E should be fulfilled in a period of 3 years and his progress may be monitored by the Institute annually and based on the satisfactory performance his increment is to be granted. Till then the promotion of Dr. Das may be decided by BoG

Resolution: After a threadbare discussion, the BoG unanimously approved the recommendations of the expert committee. Further, the Board resolved to assess the performance and the progress of Dr Sudip Kumar Das as per the recommendations of the expert committee on annual basis before release of annual increment for a period of 3 years. The promotion of Dr Das will be considered only after satisfactory completion of the above 3 years period and after an objective assessment by an expert committee.

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.07: To consider the Draft MoU betweeen GKCIET & MoE (2024-25) approved by Chairman BoG for ratification.

Resolution: The BoG ratified the draft MoU approved by Chairman, FC & BoG; along with advice from Shri M M Singh to incorporate certain other aspects on NEP-2020 implementation, initiatives for skill development and other initiatives including the plan of action for reducing instances of suicide, assessment of the parliament questions etc., {which are likely to be communicated by the ministry soon after this meeting is over} and submit the MoU to the ministry.

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.08: To consider the Grant of Service Benefit to Shri U. C Prasad, Registrar

Resolution: Mr. Umesh C Prasad left the BoG meeting as this item pertains to his service benefits. After a threadbare discussion, the FC resolved to seek advice of the C & AG, Kolkata on the aspect of grant of service benefit to Shri U C Prasad, including that of pay protection as he is not holding any substantive post elsewhere and that the post of Registrar at GKCIET is a Contract/Deputation post.

Agenda Item No. BoG 31.09: Reporting Item:

i. To consider the Progress of Construction work:

Resolution: Noted and resolved as at agenda item no. BoG 31.02.

ii. To consider the advertisement notice for filling up the vacant post and promotion of Faculty members under CAS.

Resolution: - Noted

iii. To consider the participation of Institute as co-organizer in Swabalambi Bharat (making of a self-reliant India) at Kolkata.

Resolution: Noted and appreciated the initiative.

Meeting ended with vote of Thanks to the Chair.

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Director, GKCIET

(Prashant Pole) Chairman, BoG