

**Minutes of the 22nd Annual General meeting of the NERIST
Society held on 21.01.2014 at 11.00 A.M.
in the Board Meeting Room, NERIST.**

The following members were present:

1. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Nirbhay Sharma, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM - President
H.E. The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh &
President, NERIST Society, Itanagar.
2. Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora, - Member
Chairman, BoM, NERIST
3. Shri Dalip Kapur, Deputy Secretary (T), MHRD, Govt. of India - Member
4. Shri Alex Thomas, AFA, IFD, MHRD, Govt. of India - Member
5. Dr.T.Padu, - Representative of Hon'ble - Member
Jt. Director, Education. Minister
Higher Education & Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Technical
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
6. Shri Tsetan Chombey Kee - Member
7. Prof.Dipankar Pal, - Member
Director, NERIST.
8. Dr.Sachin Shinde, - Special Invitee
Secretary to H.E. the Governor of
Arunachal Pradesh.
9. Dr. R.P.Bhattacharjee, Registrar - Non-Member
Secretary

The Hon'ble members who could not attend the meeting are as follows,

1. Hon'ble Minister (Education), Govt. of Assam,

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2. Hon'ble Minister (Education), Govt. of Mizoram.
3. Hon'ble Minister (Higher Education), Govt. of Tripura.
4. Hon'ble Minister, Education, Govt. of Manipur
5. Hon'ble Minister, Education, Govt. of Nagaland
6. Hon'ble Minister, Education, Govt. of Meghalaya
7. Hon'ble Minister, Education, Govt. of Sikkim
8. Prof.S.S.Mantha, Chairman, AICTE
9. Dr.(Mrs.) Seema Bawe, HoD(CS), Thapar Institute of Engg., Punjab

The meeting started with National Anthem.

At the outset, His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and President, NERIST Society, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Nirbhay Sharma was warmly welcomed by Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora,, Chairman, BoM, NERIST and Prof. Dipankar Pal, Director, NERIST. Then, Hon'ble President welcomed all members present in the meeting and expressed his happiness for attending the 22nd Society meeting of NERIST and declared the meeting open.

On a query from the Hon'ble President, NERIST Society regarding non attendance of all Members of the Society, Director, NERIST said that every time the meeting notice is sent to all members well in advance after getting approval of the date, time and venue from the Hon'ble President, NERIST Society and again members are reminded over phone also twice or thrice at least fifteen days before the Society meeting. Agenda papers are also sent to all members by speed post in order to reach them at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting for perusal of the Hon'ble members.

Director mentioned that all Education Ministers of all North East States are also the members of the NERIST Society. Even after reminding twice or thrice, only a few members attend the meeting. However, the meetings are conducted maintaining quorum as per MoA of the Institute. The Director showed the provision of the quorum in the MOA to the Hon'ble President. The meeting was continued.

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The President, NERIST Society asked the Director, NERIST to present a brief report through power point about the developments taken up during the period 2013.

Director informed that

- 1) Online submission of NERIST Entrance Examination Form was introduced last year and successfully done. On line submission of Post-Graduation Application Form will be introduced from next academic year.
- 2) Even though the strike call given by the Employees Union, the NEE examination was conducted without any hindrance.
- 3) Conferences/Seminars/Workshops were conducted at NERIST by the faculty members in their departments. Many faculties also attended Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in order improve their skills.
- 4) Rupees Ten crore were released under TEQIP by the Government for academic and infrastructural development of the Institutes. Under TEQIP, Staff and Faculty Development Programmes were also conducted apart from Seminars/Conferences. Scholarship was also granted to the eligible PG students under TEQIP.
- 5) ATM facilities both SBI and Canara Banks were provided in hostel areas. LPG Gas shed is completed and formalities are on and as soon as the license from IOC is cleared, it will be opened to the residents of NERIST.
- 6) Construction of CEP building is under way by the APPWD.
- 7) Solar Photovoltaic Quality Generators were installed for supplying energy to street lights and academic block.
- 8) Renovation of ET Cell is completed with latest infrastructure in order to provide net connectivity to all hostels and offices round the clock.

- 9) Construction of girls' hostel with 200 capacities is nearing completion and would be ready for use by February, 2014.
- 10) Construction of water reservoir with a capacity of 12 lakh liters is almost completed and quality water will be supplied very soon to all areas in NERIST.
- 11) Construction of Silver Jubilee Auditorium by NPCC is under way with an estimated cost of Rs.1798 lakhs.
- 12) Construction of 24 nos. of Class Rooms was approved by the Finance committee as well as Board of Management to award this work to the APPWD and the work was awarded to the APPWD and necessary MOU was also signed in this connection.
- 13) Construction of 375 capacity of Boys Hostel was approved by the Finance committee as well as Board of Management to award this work to APPWD.
- 14) Proposal for opening of new M.Tech courses in Food Processing and Technology under Agricultural Engineering Department and M.Tech. in Remote Sensing under CSE Department and M.Tech in Computational Linguistics is under active consideration of the Institute.
- 15) More Ph.D students had joined this year in comparison to previous year.

Director said that NERIST is going to conduct a two-day workshop on disaster management in a month or so in collaboration with Arunachal Pradesh State Government agencies by calling outside experts.

Institute is also planning to conduct coaching classes to the local youth who will appear for the entrance examinations to the IIT, Medical, Engineering and MBA etc through our faculty in holidays and after office hours and also planning to give

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some training to the graduates to improve their computational skills in order to face interviews etc.

Director also said that NERIST will enhance net connectivity system throughout the campus. MHRD member said that a concrete proposal should be prepared and submitted to the MHRD for approval.

Hon'ble President appreciated the Director, NERIST for the developmental activities taken and said that NERIST as a technology Institute, should focus on research and development also apart from teaching and learning to the students. Further, he also emphasized that the research and development should be used for the development of the people of the area. He also stressed that awareness programmes also should be conducted in the villages so that it would become an opportunity to teach new things to villagers like rain water storage etc. He also emphasized that seminars and conferences should be conducted on the important thrust areas, which are useful for the people calling outside experts.

Director said that faculty in some departments already conducted awareness programmes in the villages through their projects allotted by the Govt. of India. Director also said that consultancy services are also being provided by some departments like Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering etc.

Hon'ble President said that he would like to request Air Marshal (Retd.) Pranab Kumar Barbora, Chairman, Board of Management, NERIST to address on this occasion.

Chairman, BoM appreciated the developmental activities being taken up by the NERIST authority. He also echoed the views of the President, NERIST Society to enhance the research and development. He also appreciated especially for construction of girls' hostel, which is very essential to accommodate girls' students. He emphasized to see the students demands on priority and also appreciated the Director, NERIST for taking timely actions on the students' demands. He stressed on

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constructing of model class rooms so that students can utilize the facilities without going outside.

Item No.SO.22.01: To confirm the minutes of the 21st AGM of NERIST Society meeting held on 17.01.2013.

[On the point raised by the Hon'ble President, NERIST Society, regarding the procedure of confirming the last Society minutes, Director said that after getting approval from the Hon'ble President, NERIST Society, the minutes of the Society will be circulated to all members for their comments, if any, with a request to send within a specified period. If no comment is received from the member(s), it will be deemed as accepted

Director said that no comment was received from any member on the minutes of the 21st Society meeting.

Hon'ble President suggested to send Agenda papers through email also to all the members apart from sending by speed post.

Director said that it was a very good suggestion made by the Hon'ble President and noted the suggestion for implementing from next time onwards. He said that Agenda and Minutes would be sent by email also from next time onwards to all members.]

Resolution: The minutes of the 21st AGM of NERIST Society held on 17.01.2013 was confirmed by the 22nd Society.

Item No.SO.22.02: To consider the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 21st Annual General Body Meeting of NERIST Society.

[Director read out the Action Taken Report on the decision of the 21st Annual General Body Meeting of NERIST Society.]

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Resolution: The Action taken Report on the decision of the 21st Annual General Body Meeting of NERIST Society was noted by the 22nd Society meeting held on 21.1.2014.

Item No.SO.22.03: To consider the Annual Report for the year 2012 – 13.

[Director said that the detailed Annual Report for the year 2012 – 13 was prepared and placed for consideration. After approval, it should be sent to the MHRD for consideration and placed in the Parliament. He also said that before sending total Annual Report, a brief would be sent to MHRD every year. Due to late receipt of Audit Report, which is a part of Annual Report, the final Annual Report is sent to the MHRD little late as the final Annual Report is an important document contains the events, achievements and developments of the complete year, which is to be placed in the parliament every year.]

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Resolution: Annual Report for the year 2012 – 13 Society.

Item No.SO.22.04: To consider the Audit Report for the

[Director said that Audit Report is also a part of the Annual Report and it is received late from AG Office, Itanagar. It was circulated to all members on the table. Director read out the Audit Report and then members also had gone through the Audit Report 2012-13 and accepted the Audit Report 2012-13.]

Resolution: Audit Report for the year 2012 – 13 Society.

Item No.SO.22.05: To consider the revised budget estimate for 2012-13 and 2013-14 and budget estimate of 2014 – 15.

[Director, NERIST said that the revised budget estimates and revised budget estimates were placed in the Finance Sub-committees (36th, 37th, and 38th) and approved after discussion. Then, it was placed in the 74th and 78th Board of Management meetings for discussion and approval. After discussion, it was approved by the Board of Management. Now it is placed for approval of the Society.

Hon'ble President said that it should be discussed with all the members of the society attending the meeting especially with Ministry members. Then it was discussed and accepted by the members.]

Resolution: The Budget estimates as submitted were approved by the 22nd Society meeting.

Item No.SO.22.06: Major Academic Activities

- (i) Present status of Ph.D. scholars is as follows:
- (ii) Break-ups for Ph.D Scholars in Engineering/Physicals Science and Management Departments.
- (iii) Number of Ph.D Scholars who have submitted Ph.D. thesis.

[Director said that enrolment in Ph.D in all streams is increasing every year. He also read out the present status of the Ph.D scholars and Break-ups and number of Ph.D scholars who have submitted Ph.D thesis. All members appreciated and suggested to enhance the number every year]

Resolution: Noted

Item No.SO.22.06.02: Status of various Developments activities (in the intervening period):

- 1. To report on the issue of old Pension Scheme for NERIST employees (existing before 01.01.2014) and agitation by UNEUA (now NEA).**

[Director explained the members that introduction of old Pension Scheme for those who joined on or before 31.12.2004 is an old demand and the authority is pressing hard to implement it at NERIST. The matter was placed in the 74th BoM held on 19.12.2012 and resolved that this should be implemented to the eligible employees and the matter was sent to the MHRD for final clearance. As the UNEUA went on strike on this demand, one order was issued initiating the process of implementation of GPF-cum-Gratuity-cum-Pension and issued on 26th April, 2013 with a copy to MHRD. MHRD, in turn, instructed to keep this order in abeyance. Thereafter reminders were sent to the MHRD seeking their final decision.

The UNEUA/NEA intermittently went on agitation on this issue during April, September and December, 2013 which had led to loss of man days. During 16th & 17th December, 2013, two representatives from MHRD visited NERIST to explain the stand of the MHRD on this issue. It was once again clarified by the MHRD that for pension issue, it is the Finance Ministry who has the authority to allow since the cut-off date is over. However, due to repeated persuasion from Director, NEA and other stake holders and in view of the documents already available with MHRD (submitted from the Institute at different times), it was decided that the MHRD will intimate its decision in next 60 days to Director with copy to NEA.

All members noted the point]

Resolution: Noted.

- 2. Conversion of concerned employees from 1/30th to Temporary status.**

[Director said that as per the approval of the 75th BoM meeting held on 9.4.2013, the eligible 1/30th employees were converted into Temporary Status. The BoM also

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reiterated the earlier decision that henceforth no further non-RSS engagement shall be made by the institute. All members noted the points.]

Resolution: Noted.

3. Regularization of contractual employees.

[Director said that 21 contractual employees, all ST, were regularized after identifying the vacant posts through a two-member expert committee appointed by MHRD with the approval of the 75th Board of Management as a part of filling up ST posts. This matter was reported to the Society meeting. All members noted the point.]

Resolution: Noted.

4. Anomalies in implementing the order on resolving CAS anomalies for faculties.

[Director explained the members that some internal members raised the issue of CAS in the 78th BoM held on 30.9.2013 on the orders issued on 9th May, 2013 vide no. Est-101/2/2002/Vol-IV which were in violation of UGC/MHRD instruction stating undue benefit and subsequently the Board resolved to reexamine the financial part by outside expert / committee. Based on the decision of the Board and in line with the various observations from its Chairman, the institute decided to reexamine the orders in question. The orders those issued in this connection with it were kept in abeyance vide order no. EST-101/2/02/Vol-III dated 4.10.2013 while constituting a committee under the Chairmanship of Prof.L.S.Yadav vide Order No.Est-101/2/02/Vol.IV/4476-4481 dated 23.10.2013 to examine the financial aspect, to assess it and prepare the documents for further examination by outside expert committee as resolved. All Members noted the point]

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Resolution : Noted .

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Item No.SO.22.07: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

Report of the Hon'ble President, NERIST Society:

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.



(Dr.R P Bhattacharjee)

Non-member Secretary, NERIST Society