

**Minutes of the 23rd Annual General meeting of the
NERIST Society held on 30.11.2015 at 11.00 A.M. in the
Board Meeting Room, NERIST**

The following were present:

- 1) Shri J.P.Rajkhowa, IAS (Retd.) - President
His Excellency, the Governor of
Arunachal Pradesh,
Raj Bhawan, Itanagar,
Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Shri Achint Kumar,US(T), Nominee of Joint Secretary (TEL) - Member
MHRD, Govt. of India,
New Delhi
- 3) Shri K Lal Nghinglova, Commissioner (HE) Nominee of
The Hon'ble Minister (Education) - Member
Govt. of Mizoram, Aizwal.
- 4) Shri Jagdish Singh, Secretary(HE) and Nominee of
The Hon'ble Minister (Higher Education) - Member
Govt.. of Tripura, Agartala.
- 5) Shri D.K.Pradhan,Addl.Secretary and Director(HE),
Nominee of The Hon'ble Minister (Education) - Member
Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
- 6) Shri Tara Nachung, - Member
P-Sector, Nirjuli,
Arunachal Pradesh
- 7) Shri Pranab Kumar Barbora, Air Marshal (Retd.) - Member
And Chairman, BoM, NERIST
- 8) Prof.P.K.Das, - Member
Director
NERIST.

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9) Dr.R.P.Bhattacharjee,
Registrar,
NERIST

- Non-Member
Secretary

The Hon'ble President, NERIST Society granted leave of absence to the following members: -

- 1) Joint Secretary & FA
IFD, MHRD, Govt. of India
- 2) The Hon'ble Minister (Higher and Technical Education),
Govt. of Assam
- 3) The Hon'ble Minister (Higher and Technical Education),
Govt. of Nagaland.
- 4) The Hon'ble Minister (Higher and Technical Education),
Govt. of Manipur.
- 5) The Hon'ble Minister (Higher and Technical Education),
Govt. of Meghalaya.
- 6) The Hon'ble Minister (Higher and Technical Education),
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.
- 7) Dr.Neeraj Sharma, Head (TDT),
Ministry of Science & Technology,
DST, Technology Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 8) Dr.Avinash S. Pant,
Vice Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi.

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of the NERIST Society started with National Anthem. At the beginning of the meeting, the Hon'ble President of the NERIST Society and His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri J. P. Rajkhowa, IAS (Retd.) himself introduced the members for attending the 23rd Annual General Meeting of NERIST Society. He informed the house that it was

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his first meeting after taking over the charge as Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and expressed his concern over the absence of many members of the Society especially all Ministers of Higher and Technical Education of North Eastern States. He enquired from the Director, NERIST about the required quorum for conducting the meeting. Director said that quorum was there. Then the Hon'ble President gave his consent for starting the proceedings of the 23rd Annual General meeting of NERIST Society.

A Brief on NERIST by Director:

Director, NERIST briefed the members about the pattern of education at NERIST. He informed that NERIST is imparting technical education to the Under Graduate students especially for the students of eight north eastern states for developing technical man power through modular pattern i.e. Certificate, Diploma and Degree programmes with each module of two years' duration and thus a student can complete B.Tech in six years after class X. Students are admitted into NERIST after class X, XII and 10+3 diploma into the Certificate, Diploma and Degree programmes through NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE- I, II and III) respectively. However, the students entering NERIST through NEE-II & III are called lateral entrants. Besides, students obtaining a certain CGPA in a module are promoted vertically to next module.

NERIST has also post graduate and research programmes as M.Tech, M.Sc. MBA and Ph.D in all the departments since 2005 after obtaining a Deemed to be University status.

On a question from Hon'ble President regarding filling up of vacant seats from other states in North East, Director informed that this Institute is established by the Govt. of India with a reservation criteria of 10% quota to each of the eight North Eastern States, 7% from all NE states together on merit based on PRC, 10% students from all over India except the NE states and 3% for the Physically handicapped students.

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Before taking up the agenda items, Director, NERIST took permission from the Hon'ble President to present a brief report through power point presentation regarding the construction activities which were already done, ongoing and to be taken up at NERIST.

Text of the power point Presentation by Prof.P.K.Das, Director, NERIST:

Academic Activities:

- Each and every department is conducting conferences/seminars/workshops frequently and faculties are also attending both national and international conferences/workshops/seminars.
- One lakhs rupees for each faculty is given as Professional Development Allowance for using the money for attending seminars/workshops/conferences at home and abroad and other purposes of purchasing laptops etc for their research work.
- Quality Improvement Programme is already exists for doing PG and Ph.D courses in other institutions like IITs, NITs and other Central Government Universities.
- TEQIP – II, which is a Government of India programme and funded by Word Bank is granted to NERIST. Under this programme various Developmental activities are being done as laid down.
- National Board of Accreditations likely to visit NERIST from January, 2016 and preparation is under progress as it is mandatory for getting schemes etc. accredited through the board.

- On line submission of applications for PG and P.hD. will be implemented from this year onwards. On line submission for UG is already implemented.

Other Developmental Activities:

A) Recently completed projects.

- Security Barrack for the security personnel is already completed for their lodging and boarding.
- LPG shed is completed as per the guidelines of IOL and the functioning of NERIST LPG Agency will be started very soon at NERIST.
- Change of water filtration unit is installed for providing pure water to the NERIST campus.
- Two Bore wells were installed in the Girls Hostel and Degree Block to solve water shortage.
- Continuing Education Programme Building was constructed for providing boarding and lodging to the outside delegates attending seminars/conferences/workshops.

Ongoing projects:

- Construction of Silver Jubilee Auditorium is under way and going to be completed by March, 2016.
- Construction of Class Room Buildings in Degree Block is under way and going to be completed within March, 2016.
- Construction of 375 Boys Hostel is in progress, which is expected to be handed over by August or September, 2016.
- Construction of separate Library Building work is in progress.

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- Construction of Utility Centre is in progress.
- Construction of Flood Protection Wall is under progress.

Developmental Activities:

- Construction of permanent Administrative Building at Degree Block is going to be started and the work was allotted to the National Projects Construction Corporation as there is no permanent Administrative Block at NERIST.
- Construction of residential quarters at three different levels is going to start.

Proposed projects:

- Installation of one bore well and iron treatment plant at UG Boys Hostel to remove drinking water problem in UG hostels.
- Construction of one more floor on the CEP building for providing more accommodation to the delegates coming from outside for attending seminars/conferences/workshops at NERIST.
- Construction of one floor to PG Girls Hostel in order to meet the scarcity for providing hostel facilities to all PG students.
- Proposal for construction of peripheral road around UG Boys Hostel Blocks in the security point of view.
- Construction of Central Workshop in the Mechanical Engineering Department in line with IITs.
- Presently NERIST has a Solar system covering a limited area, which is to be augmented in order to provide solar power to other areas.

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- Proposal for preparing of permanent campus site map is required for easy identification of the areas at NERIST through the map.
- Proposal for construction of 1000 boys hostel in one area for all the UG students by demolishing the existing different boys hostels in different locations as they are very old and constructed 25 years back.

Challenges before the Institute:

- Almost all the states are having NITs now. So in this process, the strength in Base Module may decrease in coming years and NERIST will take a challenge to draw good number of students in all modules.
- Improvement of all hostel facilities to the students is also a big challenge in future and it would be overcome by providing good facilities to the students in all hostels.
- Improvement of laboratory facilities in the departments with latest equipments at par with IITs and NITs is a challenge and NERIST is planning to provide good practical and technical education through laboratory classes to students.
- Improvement of modern library facilities to the students is also a challenge in future and NERIST is now providing books and good journals to students in order to improve their career. NERIST will take major steps to implement new methods of library facilities in near future for which construction of separate library building is in progress.
- Improvement of research facilities in the departments is also a challenge among the faculty. In all departments research is being done through projects and it needs further development and NERIST will meet this challenge.
- Improvement of academic infrastructure by adding up new programmes will be done in near future.
- Addressing the seepage problems in the building of the departments and most of the seepage problems were solved by repairing and it will

overcome in near future by repairing wherever seepage problem is identified.

- By addressing the internal and external rain water problem, the situation in the campus can be improved.
- The other issue is the Encroachment of NERIST land which can be solved with help of State administration only.

After the presentation, the following agenda items were taken up one by one for discussion.

Item No. SO. 23.01: To approve the Minutes of the 22nd AGM of NERIST Society meeting held on 21.01.2014.

(The Registrar and the Non-Member Secretary presented the minutes of the 22nd AGM of the NERIST Society held on 21.01.2014. The Hon'ble President requested the members to go through the minutes and offer comments, if any, on the floor of the house. Then he told that as no comments were received from any member the minutes may be approved.)

Resolution: The minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the NERIST Society held on 21.01.2014 was approved.

Item No. SO. 23.02: To report the "Annual Report" of NERIST for the year 2013 – 14.

(Hon'ble President informed the members that the Annual Report 2013-14 as placed on the floor of house is a bulky document and it would take more time to make observations by the members.

Director, NERIST informed the house that the Annual Report 2013-14 was already placed before the Parliament after getting approval from the 82nd Board of Management meeting as it was time bound for placing before parliament and this is placed in the Society meeting as a reporting item for ratification. He also said that every time Audit Report is first placed and considered in the Board of Management and then it is placed in the Society meeting as reporting item for ratification because Society meeting is usually held once in a year.

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Hon'ble President informed the house that generally Annual Report is an important document which is to be placed before the members of the society for critically examining and taking the views and observations of the members. He said that as it was already laid before the Parliament after getting approval from the 82nd Board of Management meeting, this may be approved.)

Resolution: The Audit Report for the years 2013 - 14 was noted and ratified.

Item No. SO. 23.03: To report the Revised Budget Estimate for 2013-14 and 2014 - 15 and Budget Estimate of 2015 - 16.

(On a question from the Hon'ble President regarding placing of these revised Budget Estimates in the Finance Committee as well as Board of Management, Director, NERIST informed the house that the revised Budget Estimates for 2013-14 and 2014-15 for additional money to meet the expenditure under plan and non-plan were placed in the 38th and 41st Finance Committee meetings and after getting approval from the Finance Committee, the revised estimates were placed in the 78th and 81st Board of Management meetings respectively for approval and now being brought to the notice of the Society meeting for ratification.)

Resolution: The 23rd Annual General Meeting noted and ratified the revised Budget Estimates for 2013-14 and 2014 - 15 and Budget Estimates 2015 - 16.

Item No.SO.23.04: Other Reporting items

Item No.23.04.01: Major Academic Activities. [Item Nos. (i) (ii) & (iii)]

(Hon'ble President, NERIST Society appreciated the increasing strength of Ph.D. students every year in all streams. Director informed the house that non-engineering Ph.D. students (M.Sc. and MBA) without NET are not getting any scholarship at NERIST although Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh is extending some minimum scholarships to those Ph.D. scholars who do not have NET/SLET.

Resolution: Noted.

(iv) 4th Convocation of NERIST was held on 19.04 2015 to award Certificate, Diplomas, Degrees and Gold medals to the pass out students for the year 2012 (December) 2013 & 2014.

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Resolution: Noted.

Item No.23.04. 02: Major construction activities.

(Hon'ble President, NERIST Society suggested to constitute a monitoring committee with the internal as well as external experts for proper monitoring the works especially for major works to examine the standard of the works. He also pointed out that land erosion is common in this area due to heavy rain and floods every year. The boundary walls should be made strong with modern designs to withstand the land erosion due to heavy rain and floods. He also advised to utilize the NERIST Civil Engineering department faculty for this purpose. Director, NERIST said that soil testing and brick testing are being done at our Civil Engineering department level under the supervision of the faculty and informed that one planning and monitoring committee was constituted at NERIST recently involving only the internal members. However, the valuable suggestion of Hon'ble President for inclusion of outside experts from reputed institutions like IITs and NITS would be done soon.

Resolution: Noted.

Item No. SO 23.05: Any other item(s) with permission of the Chair.

Director informed the house that presently NERIST runs the B.Sc (Forestry) under the department of Forestry. M.Sc Post Graduate programmes were started under all Science Departments (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Forestry). But B.Sc programme has not yet been started under Science departments, for which lot of infrastructure is required for starting it. In the North East most of the boys are going outside north east for studying B.Sc in Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

Hon'ble President, NERIST Society said that NERIST would start B.Sc. in sciences from the next academic session, for which necessary actions may be taken early.

Director said that it would not be possible to start from the next academic session as lot of infrastructure is needed and it would be placed in the next Academic Council meeting for getting opinions of the members before starting the B.Sc. in sciences.

Hon'ble President asked the Director, NERIST about the employment position of B.Sc. Forestry passed out students and it was informed that there is no problem for B.Sc forestry students in getting employment.

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Finally Hon'ble President, NERIST Society and His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri J.P.Rajkhowa, IAS (Retd.) addressed the August House. His brief address is given below.

Address by the Hon'ble President, NERIST Society and His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri J.P.Rajkhowa, IAS (Retd.).

Hon'ble President, NERIST Society and His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri J.P.Rajkhowa, IAS (Retd.) addressed the August House. He expressed that he was very happy to participate and chair the 23rd Annual General Meeting of NERIST Society in the capacity of the President, NERIST Society and discussed various important issues in the august meeting relating to the development of NERIST and members suggested many things to develop the Institute. He applauded the Director, Officers, Faculty and Staff of NERIST for their concerted efforts for the development of the institute and their contribution, especially that by the faculty, in imparting technical education to the students for developing the technical manpower in North East India as well as the whole country. He also informed that he knew, many passed out students of NERIST have joined good jobs in different fields not only in India but also abroad. They are in public and private sectors. Some are in very high positions. He felt that NERIST has been producing many good engineers every year, who are participating in the development of our nation as well as the globe. He emphasized that many new courses should be introduced in NERIST to impart more and more science and technical education to the students in order to make their career and enable them to participate in the development of the nation. He said that the present strength of the NERIST should also be increased by introducing new courses in future under the Deemed University status. He also advised that NERIST should concentrate side by side for the research and development. He reiterated that all Education Ministers are the members of the NERIST Society and they must attend the august body to extend their valuable views and suggestions in order to develop NERIST and their participation and involvement should be a must in the meeting because their state students are studying at NERIST and also this gives an opportunity to meet

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the students personally and discuss and solve their problems. I strongly believe that NERIST will definitely develop further and will become one of the very reputed institutions in India in imparting technical education and thereby developing the technical manpower in the North East as well as the Nation.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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(Dr. R. P. Bhattacharjee)
Registrar & Non-Member Secretary