

Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of the NERIST Society
held on 22.06.2010 at 11.00 A.M. in the Board Meeting Room

The following members were present:

1. Gen. J.J. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.) - Chairman
H.E. the Governor of A.P. &
President, NERIST Society, Itanagar
2. Prof. Gautam Barua - Member
Director, IIT, Guwahati &
Chairman, BoM, NERIST
3. Dr. Audrey Apang, MD, - Member
Siang Tea & Industry Pvt. Ltd, (Reputed Industrialist)
Itanagar
4. Shri M. Sora - Representing from
Under Secretary Education Govt. of A.P.
5. Shri Basanta kumar Singh - Representing from
Deputy Director (T.E.) Govt. of Manipur
6. Dr. Joram Begi - Member
Director, NERIST
7. Shri Ankur Garg, IAS - Special Invitee
Secretary to Governor,
Itanagar
8. Shri P.G. Nair, - Special Invitee
OSD, NERIST
9. Shri P.K. Modak - Non-Member Secretary
Registrar, NERIST

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His Excellency the Governor of A.P. and President of the NERIST Society Gen. J.J. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd.) earlier in the day inaugurated the Bio fuel Demonstration Plant set up in NERIST campus Nirjuli at about 11.00 A.M. a pioneer Project under Mr. Pradeep Lingfa, Associate Professor, NERIST with financial support from Department of Science & Technology(DST), New Delhi followed by inauguration of the Newly constructed Guest House building in august presence of Prof. Gautam Barua, Director, IIT, Guwahati and Chairman BoM, NERIST and accompanied by Shri Ankur Garg, IAS, Secretary to Governor, Dr. Joram Begi, Director, NERIST, invitees, officers and staff and students.

His Excellency arrived in the Board Meeting Room, NERIST followed by recitation of the National Anthem by K.V. students of NERIST.

Thereafter, Chairman called the meeting of the 19th AGM of NERIST Society to order and extended a warm welcome to the H'ble members and invitees in the Board Meeting Room of NERIST.

Dr. Joram Begi, Director, NERIST welcomed His Excellency the Governor of A.P. and President NERIST Society presiding over the society's meeting twice in succession. Director, NERIST then welcomed Prof. Gautam Barua, Director, IIT/Guwahati & Chairman, BoM, NERIST to this important meeting. Director NERIST also welcomed Madam Audrey Apang leading industrialist cum journalist of the region, Shri Basanta Kumar Singh – representative, state of Manipur and Shri M. Sora, Under Secretary, Education – representative, of Arunachal Pradesh and Shri Ankur Garg, IAS, Secretary to Governor of A.P., was as a special invitee to the meeting. The H'ble Ministers could not attend the meeting due to

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their preoccupation with CAGE meeting at Delhi, Assembly Session etc. Thereafter, Director NERIST requested His Excellency for his opening address.

The Chairman expressed his happiness to preside over the 19th AGM meeting attended by the distinguished members and lauded the leadership of Prof. Gautam Barua, Director, IIT, Guwahati and Chairman, BoM, NERIST and the Academic stewardship of Dr. Joram Begi in steering all-round development of NERIST as a Deemed University.

His Excellency observed that getting a university degree is not all that important but putting it into day-to-day use to improve upon the Society around and one's own family matters. Thereafter, His Excellency has delivered a speech on the occasion of 19th Annual General Meeting of NERIST Society which is attached at Annexure – 'A'.

After concluding his address, His Excellency invited the Director, NERIST to present the Director's Report to the august gathering.

Director, NERIST thereafter submitted his report to all the Hon'ble members present in the meeting and conveyed few important points of progress made after the 18th AGM of NERIST Society on 21.07.2009.

(a) Academic :

1. Comprehensive revision of syllabi of all modules – Certificate/Diploma/Degree was completed after a gap of about 10 years by

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following a rigorous procedure of Seminars/Conferences, discussion with external experts and approval of Academic Council. The new syllabi are coming into force in this Academic session 2010-11. In addition to the earlier started M.Tech. programmes in Civil & CSE and M.Sc. in Forestry Institute started full time M.Tech. programmes in 'all Engineering departments followed by M.Sc. programmes in Physics , Chemistry and Mathematics departments.

2. The centre for Management studies was separated from HSS Department with ~~Prof~~ Prof. R.M. Pant, as the Head for creating management graduates proficient.

3. Institute introduced computerized evaluation of its NEE results for student's intake by declaring its results within 2 – 3 days of the examination with accuracy and transparency.

(b). Administration :

Recruitment of faculty was done after many years replenishing the cadre strength exhausted to low levels due to migration to other institutions. A comprehensive advertisement no. 3/2010 was issued recently to recoup the cadre strength to 200 nos.

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Advancement Scheme :

1. Career Advan

is taken up long pending implementation of Career Advancement Scheme of Faculty in cadres of Professor/Assistant

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Professor/Lecturer in accordance with the standing MHRD/AICTE norms bringing in desired level of satisfaction among the faculty.

2. Departmental Promotion Committee :

Institute personnel were in deep legal litigation/invoking contempt jurisdiction on account of not conducting DPC's for Group C & D employees over a decade. Limited DPC's following the rationalized Staff Structure (RSS) not only restored normalcy in the campus but also could instill much needed confidence among the staff cadres.

3. Rationalization of faculty Position :

Institute had been operating faculty cadre strength of 204 nos as per 1996 EFC provision. In pursuance of the recent MHRD orders limiting the faculty cadre strength to 200, the institute took up faculty rationalization by a committee and implemented the recommendation with approval of the last Board of Management.

4. Networking of Campus :

Institute took up comprehensive net working of the campus including all Hostels, KV, NERIST and Residential areas enhancing the capacity from 2 MBPS to 16 MBPS to meet the communication needs.

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5. Completion of Boundary walls/eviction of Encroachment :

Institute has successfully under taken the construction of boundary wall around 48 acres of Type-I campus site through Urban Development clearing considerable encroachment there with the persuasion of the public leaders/local MLA etc. and 64.5 acre new Degree Block site with the removal of the AH & V department and boundary wall was raised there protecting the land.

6. 240 acre Hill site :

240 acres of hill locked land is lying encroached for want of plan funds. priority expediting funds release by

MHRD.

Special effort has borne fruits this day with His Excellency the Governor of A.P. and President, NERIST Society inaugurating new Guest House block at NERIST. It was lying half done along with nearby steel bridge which was completed through constant liaison with APPWD.

7. Inauguration of VIP Guest House

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His Excellency desired it be named without 'VIP' misnomer and be thrown open to genuine visitors to Itanagar as an income generating service activity.

8. Defending Deemed University Status :

Director mentioned his special efforts with his team of Deans and other officers in successfully defending Deemed University status during the visit by Prof J.V. Prabhakar Rao Committee of UGC at NERIST and later presentation before Govardhan Mehta Committee at New Delhi.

His Excellency stated the need for maintaining high standards strictly in view of the fact that the Deemed University status is subject to review on merits.

Director, NERIST expressed his gratitude to the unstinted support and guidance of His Excellency the President of NERIST Society, Chairman, BoM, Hon'ble members of NERIST Society, BoM, Academic Council, faculty, staff and officers enabling the institute to achieve these in pursuit of the objectives of the Society.

advancement of Technical Education through this august body was sought by His Excellency to this important meeting.

**Agenda Item No. SO. 19.01 : To confirm the Minutes of the 18th AGM of
NERIST Society held on 21.07.2009**

The notice dated 20.05.2010 was circulated for the 19th AGM meeting on 21.6.2010. It was later changed to 22.6.2010 and circulated among the members vide notice dated 31.05.2010 to enable them to avail helicopter flights from Guwahati to Naharlagun (no helicopter service on 20.6.2010, Sunday). Full agenda papers were speed posted to Hon'ble members well ahead on 26.05.2010 followed by detailed programme of the meeting in addition to fax messages/telephonic reminders.

No comments were received either from MHRD/IFD or from any of the members.

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H'ble members perused the action taken report on the observation of His Excellency furnished at Annexure-11(a) and the achievements on the item wise decisions taken as furnished at Annexure II (b)

His Excellency appreciated the significant achievements of NERIST students in getting selected in campus interviews and observed that His Excellency could talk to some industry luminaries in IT/ Computer Engg. and industry for better employment placement.

His Excellency shared his experience with a student of NERIST who has shown international excellence in Rubic Cube manipulations. Students of NERIST are generally held in high esteem all over the region and outside and need be supported from being hidden away at this hinterland for campus selection. Other experiences with a lad from Nagaland moving to NDA with four gold medals and a Kashmir boy coming up under his patronage illustrates hidden talents in remote areas deserving special attention.

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Deputy Director (TE) representing state of Manipur supported the deliberations and desired that NERIST may encourage with TA/D and financial inputs to distantly located companies to come to far-flung Itanagar for campus interviews. H'ble Member also pointed out the need for enhance

for engineers. Director conveyed that local transport and hospitality is liberally provided now to the visiting companies for placement.

His Excellency desired to examine enhancement of the intake quota by 5 – 15% in departments wherever feasible. List of pass out students with % marks may be furnished to Raj Bhawan secretariat for assistance in campus selection as desired by His Excellency.

Director, NERIST brought out that recently on termination of base module in Forestry, the student intake was enhanced in various other teaching departments from 30 to 40 students within the class room limitation.

Thus the Action Taken on the decisions of the 18th AGM meeting of the NERIST Society was approved.

Agenda-Item No. SO.19.03 : To consider the Annual Report and Audit Report for the year 2008-09

Director, NERIST conveyed that being a centrally funded technical education institute, funds are audited by CAG, New Delhi through AG Itanagar. Due to paucity of time immediately on receipt of the audit report the Annual Report was finalized with approval of Chairman/BoM and President, Society and sent to MHRD for timely placement before the Parliament of India in session.

His Excellency stressed that himself is always available for meetings at short notice to keep up such statutory commitments.

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Dr. (Mrs) Audrey Apang representing local industry. H'ble member pointed out the need for installing iron removal filter/Reverse osmosis plant and machine system at the tube well head to ensure public health and safety of the consumers at a nominal cost of a few lakhs of rupees.

(iii) Expansion of the LAN facilities in the campus.

Noted.

(iv) Compulsory retirement of Prof. K. Kumar, Ex-Director, NERIST.

The AGM took note of the logical conclusion of the matter and directed the release of terminal dues of Dr. K. Kumar as per rules and close the issue.

(v) Filling up of vacant Group-A posts at NERIST.

OSD informed that the subjudiced status of the case due to writ petition (Civil) filed by Shri Ashok Singh, Ex-Registrar against his termination by NERIST. The case has been accepted on file at the Principal Seat of Guwahati High Court and will be coming up in settlement of the issue Advocate General A.P. as assigned by then Chairman/BoM is defending the case.

(vi) Handing over the structures from the land allotted to NERIST from Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department at Nirjuli.

Noted.

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(vii) Eviction of encroachment at Type-I site.

Noted.

(viii) Construction of Silver Jubilee Hall of NERIST.

The Chairman/BoM expedited early submission of the estimate/drawings from NPCC to IIT Guwahati expert scrutiny to bring down non essential cost.

(ix) 2nd Convocation Ceremony of NERIST

His Excellency appreciated the plans of forthcoming 2nd Convocation with Former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on 4th August 2010.

(x) Revision of Syllabi at NERIST

Noted.

(xi) Academic innovations, Seminar/Workshop/T&P activities from last meeting to till date.

His Excellency appreciated the R&D pursuit of NERIST faculty and suggested to take up a Bamboo based building for accommodation at NERIST which is fully earth quake proof. Lauding the NGO venture by Dr. (Mrs.) Audrey Apang in Bamboo cultivation, His Excellency invited her to visit the papum Pare bamboo processing/demonstration plant to be liased by Secretary to Governor.

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(xii) Renewal of Registration of NERIST Society.

Noted.

(xiii) Amendment to Rule 15(C) of the Rules of NERIST.

Noted.

(xiv) Award of First Prize of NERIST during exhibition at IG Park, Itanagar during Statehood day

His Excellency lauded the achievement of NERIST team at I.G. Park exhibition and called for a list of participants for cash award of Rs.500/- each by Raj Bhawan Secretariat

- (a) His Excellency pointed out the need for spot reward for outstanding contribution by the cadres to bring out the best of talents.
- (b) Education creates jobs in this ever competitive world and need for additional skills like knowledge of a foreign language/computer will push up the grading of the student in competition for jobs.
- (c) His Excellency desired to talk on such added skills for students from NERIST.

Shri P.K. Modak, Registrar i/c & Non-Member Secretary proposed the vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and President, NERIST Society, all Hon'ble members and participants.

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