

**Minutes of the 20th Annual General meeting of the NERIST Society held
on 06.01.2012 at 15:30 HRS. in the Board Meeting Room**

The following members were Present:

1. Gen. (Retd.) J.J. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM - President
H.E. THE Governor of Arunachal Pradesh &
President, NERIST Society, Itanagar
2. Prof. Gautam Barua - Member
Director, IIT/Guwahati &
Chairman, BoM, NERIST
3. Shri A.N. Jha, IAS - Member
Financial Adviser, MHRD
New Delhi
4. Shri F.P. Solo, IAS - Representative of Hon'ble Edu. Minister
Commissioner, Govt. of Nagaland
Hr. & Technical Education,
5. Smti L.R. Sangma, IAS - Representative of Hon'ble Edu. Minister
Secretary, Education Govt. of Meghalaya
Govt. of Meghalaya
6. Shri R.K.Y Singh - Representative of Hon'ble Edu. Minister
Addl. Director University & Govt. of Manipur
Hr. Education, Govt of Manipur
7. Dr. Joram Begi - Representative of Hon'ble Edu. Minister
Director, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Technical & Hr. Education
8. Prof. Dipankar Pal - Member
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9. Shri Ankur Garg, IAS
Secretary to H.E. Governor
Arunachal Pradesh - Special Invitee
10. Dr. R.P. Bhattacharjee
Registrar i/c - Non-Member Secretary
Society, NERIST

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

1. Shri N.K. Sinha, IAS, Addl Secretary (T), MHRD, Govt. of India.
2. Hon'ble Minister (Education), Govt. of Assam.
3. Hon'ble Minister (Education), Govt. of Mizoram.
4. Hon'ble Minister (Higher Education), Govt. of Tripura,
5. Hon'ble Minister (Education), Govt. of Sikkim.
6. Dr. Kamal Kant Dwivedi, Scientist-'G', Department of Science & Technology.
7. Prof. S.S. Mantha, Chairman, AICTE.
8. Dr.(Mrs) Seema Bawe, Head, Deptt. of Computer Sciences, Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology,
9. Shri Tsetan Chombey Kee.

His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and President, NERIST Society, Gen. (Retd.) J. J. Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, arrived at the New VIP Guest House, NERIST at 15:30 hours. Director, NERIST welcomed His Excellency and requested His Excellency to kindly plant saplings in the New VIP Guest House to mark the occasion. Prof. Gautam Barua, Director, IIT, Guwahati & Chairman, BoM, Mr. A.N. Jha, Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi and Prof. Dipankar Pal, Director, NERIST also planted saplings.

His Excellency then arrived and took seat in the Board Meeting Room, NERIST, followed by National Anthem, welcomed all the members and invitees in the Board meeting Room of NERIST and declared the meeting of the 20th AGM of NERIST Society to order.

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The honorable members were then felicitated by the Director and Registrar, NERIST.

The Chairman then started his address and at the outset of it expressed his happiness to preside over the 20th Annual General Meeting of NERIST Society attended by the distinguished members and lauded the guidance of Prof. Gautam Barua, Director, IIT, Guwahati and Chairman, BoM, NERIST and the academic vision and leadership of Prof. Dipankar Pal, Director, NERIST.

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for development of various infrastructure sectors in the state through much-needed infusion of resources and managerial capability of the private sector. It will require lots of technical help. He expressed his hope that NERIST will

learns, perform challenging work in industry and work sites and gain substantive professional experience. He suggested that the premier technical institute should collaborate with other universities within the country and outside and create online networks for knowledge sharing. Maintaining that experienced engineers working along young engineering students and local residents can develop workable solutions for areas where working conditions are tough. Through a cross-disciplinary approach, the Governor also suggested for creating network alumni. He also weighted importance to extra-curricular activities. (Speech of H.E. Governor is annexed herewith as 'A'.)

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

Director, NERIST thereafter submitted his report to all the Hon'ble members present in the meeting and conveyed few important points.

At the outset the Director pointed out that last (19th) AGM of NERIST Society was held on 32nd June, 2010 and since then, the Institute did average in terms of academic activities. A few post graduate programme were started

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and construction of new girls' hostel and transit hostel started. These are stated in brief as follows:

(a) Academic :

1. Academic achievements since last meeting of NERIST Society.

i) New enrolment of Ph. D programme (Full time and Part time) up to 2009-10 total was: 72, while during 2010-11, it was 38 and during 2011-12, it was 34.

The institute offers Ph.D. programmes in all 11 departments and Centre for Ph.D scholars during 2010-11 was 01 and during

2011-12 it was 05

iii) Number of Ph.D scholars

iv) The Institute has introduced

are (i) Soil & water

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2. **Placement :**

A total number of 59 students got campus placement until 12 April, 2011.

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(b) Administration :

Director, NERIST stressed the need to pay immediate attention of faculty recruitment, retention and promotion of faculty to maintain cadre

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ratio, recruitment of technical manpower to support laboratories, maintenance of laboratories, procurement of laboratory-equipment, software and chemicals, to improve the overall teaching-learning process, improvement of internet service, e-campus and most important students' placement through campus selection. He stressed the need to pay attention to the issue of severe shortage of general and administrative manpower in various cadres in order to avoid a situation where a single officer is forced to hold multiple positions.

Director NERIST said campus maintenance, planning and development work keeping the infrastructure requirement for next 10 years should also start now as we are zeroing on the start of the 12th five-year plan-period starting from 1st April, 2012.

(C) Infrastructure Development

Building and construction and development work since last meeting of NERIST-Society.

- (i) A new 200 capacity Girls' Hostel is under construction.
- (ii) Transit Hostel (Continuing Education Programme) is under construction.
- (iii) A 1200 kilo liter overhead tank is under construction.
- (iv) The Silver Jubilee Hall (Auditorium) work had been awarded to NPCCL for construction. The work was first approved by 29th FC and 66th BoM and then re-examined by experts from IIT, Guwahati as per the recommendation of 69th BoM and finally been approved by 33rd FC and 71st BoM for total outlay of Rs. 1,850.00 lakh. The work is expected to start during 12th five-year Plan.

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(D) Others :

- (i) NERIST has been given the status of Project Institution under the World Bank project of TEQIP-II funded through MHRD. The Institute has entered the project recently (October 2011) in its 2nd year and has received the first installment grant of Rs. 2.00 crore.
- (ii) 37 students qualified GATE in the academic year ended in 2011-12 with highest score being 99.5 percentile from ECE as well from EE and 97.4 from Agriculture Engineering.

The Report of Director is enclosed as Annexure – 'B'.

His Excellency thereafter took up the agenda items as under.

Agenda Item No. SO.20.01

To confirm the Minutes of 19th AGM of NERIST Society held on 22.06.2010.

[Minutes of the 19th AGM of NERIST Society were circulated to all members. No comments were received either from MHRD/IFD or from any of the members.]

Resolution : The minutes of the 19th AGM of NERIST Society is confirmed.

Agenda Item No. SO.20.02

To consider the Action taken report on the decision of the 19th Annual General Body Meeting of NERIST Society.

[Hon'ble members perused the action taken report as was furnished at Annexure- 25 and 25(a).]

Resolution : Noted.

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Agenda Item No. SO.20.03

To consider the Annual Report for the year 2009-10.

[The Annual Report for the year 2009-10 was placed to Hon'ble members for review.]

Resolution: Accepted.

Agenda Item No. SO.20.04

To consider the Audit Report for the year 2009-10.

[The Audit Report for the year 2009-10 had been placed to the Hon'ble members. Shri A.N. Jha, Financial Adviser, MHRD observed that the Annual Report 2010-11 has not been submitted. It was informed by Member Secretary that the Audit Report has not been received till date. However, the Annual Report 2010-11 will be completed on receipt of Audit Report from AG, Itanagar.]

Agenda Item No. SO.20.05

To consider the revised budget estimate for 2010-11 and 2011-12 and budget estimate of 2012-13.

[The revised budget estimate for 2010-11 and 2011-12 and budget estimate of 2012-13 was placed to Hon'ble members.]

Resolution: Noted.

Agenda Item No. SO.20.06

Reporting Items.

(A) Major Academic Activities:

(i) Present status of Ph.D. scholars: enrollment of Ph. D. scholars up to 2009-10 was 72, new enrollment during 2010-11 and 2011-12 are 38 and 34 respectively.

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Resolution: Noted. However Hon'ble members advised to initiate action to enhance this figure particularly from Engineering Departments.

(ii) Number of Ph.D. Scholars submitted Ph.D. thesis during 2010-11 was one and during 2011-12 were five (till date).

Resolution: Noted.

(iii) Revision of Academic Bye law.

[Academic Bye Law of Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Ph. D revised and introduced from 2011-12.]

Resolution: Noted.

(iv) Introduction of Professional Development Assistance (PDA).

Resolution: Noted.

(v) Introduction of TEQIP.

[TEQIP-II - a World Bank Finance Project of Govt. of India introduced in NERIST with a project fund of Rs.10 Crore over a span of four years.]

Resolution: Noted.

(vi) Starting of M.Tech in Soil & Water conservation and Geotechnical Engg.

Resolution: Noted.

(vii) Starting of Repository of all the M.Phil/ Ph.D Students.

Resolution: Noted.

(B) **Major Construction Works under taken :**

(i) Construction of 200 seat capacity Girls Hostel.

Resolution: Noted.

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- (ii) Construction of RCC Storage Tank 12.00 (Twelve) lakh liters capacity for NERIST Campus.

Resolution: Noted.

- (iii) Construction of Continuing Education Programme (CEP) Building.

Resolution: Noted.

- (iv) Construction of Silver Jubilee Hall (Auditorium).

Resolution: The Construction of Silver Jubilee Hall (Auditorium) work was awarded to NPCCL. However, the actual work will be taken up from 12-five year Plan.

(C) Details of on-going Project (SRIC) in the Institute.

[A total of 56 research project are funded by different sponsoring agencies.]

Resolution: Noted.

Item No. SO 20.07: Any other item with permission of the Chair.

1. 3rd Convocation of NERIST.

[The Convocation of the institute had become overdue and could not be taken up earlier due to various reasons. Hence it was decided to take it up at a suitable date.]

Resolution: His Excellency the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh will examine the date of his availability before finalization of 3rd Convocation date.

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2. Issue of AICTE Approval:

[NERIST has been declared a deemed university on 31st May, 2005. Therefore, it does not need AICTE approval for the different programmes run by it and/ or introduced by it from time to time with the approval of the Academic Council/ Board of management/ Society of the Institute. On the contrary as a deemed university it needs UGC approval/ guidelines to follow. If the Society passes a resolution prompting this change the Institute can take it up with their end.]

Resolution: Members opined that for technical courses, the approval of AICTE may still be taken in view of the institutional interest.

3. Issues of Petty Construction Work of NERIST:

[The Institute has been facing regular pressure from local people who demand that works of petty civil construction should be given to them through Contractors' Welfare Association (a registered body of local contractors) without tendering. This however has faced severe objection from the office of the Auditor General of Arunachal Pradesh. Moreover, some of the local contractors do not have proper registration, PAN etc. As such the present Director had initiated the process of tendering for awarding all items of civil construction works including petty works up to Rs. 10 lacs, as per norm. However, due to law and order issues created by some dis-satisfied contractors, the tendering had to be stopped recently in two such cases till further notice. As a result a stale-mate is created particularly for petty construction work. This assumes further significance as weather condition for construction work is possible in this area only during winter months.]

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Resolution: The members resolved that the construction work needs proper tendering as per rules. Withstanding law and order, members appreciated the initiatives of the Director to this end.

4. Encroachment in 240 acre Hill Top Campus.

[It was pointed out that there is encroachment in the 240 acres of allotted to NERIST and Institute should take deterrent steps for possession of the land and construction work of compound wall. The work has been approved by the 33rd FC, 71st BoM subject to availability of fund.]

Resolution: Issue of the 240 acre was informed by the Director and it has been noted, that there is a huge number of encroachment. Chairman directed that there should not be any further new encroachment. There is a need of watch tower in 240 acres land to avoid new encroachment in near future. The construction of boundary wall can be started as soon as possible with support from local administration to maintain law and order and also to reach out to local citizens.

5. Revision of Pay of Daily Wage etc:

[Revision in the salary of persons employed under various categories on daily wage proposed.]

Resolution: This is a financial matter. The matter may be placed to Finance Committee / BoM in due course.

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