



राष्ट्रीय औषधीय शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान
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MINUTES OF THE 85TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOARD) HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER, 2024 (FRIDAY) AT 10.00 AM AT NIPER, S.A.S. NAGAR (MOHALI)

Present physically:-

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| 1. | Prof. Dulal Panda, Director, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) | Chairperson
(Officiating) |
| 2. | Prof. Bikash Medhi, Department of Pharmacology, PGIMER | Member |
| 3. | Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, Scientist G, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Hqs., New Delhi | Member |
| 4. | Prof. Ipsita Roy, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) | Member |
| 5. | Dr Sushant Sharma, Deputy Drugs Controller (India), CDSCO Baddi subzone representing DCGI, MoHFW | Member |
| 6. | Wing Cdr PJP Singh Waraich (Retd.), Registrar, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) | Secretary |

Present virtually :-

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| 7. | Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary, Sr Economic Advisor & Acting Joint Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, MoCF, New Delhi. | Member |
| 8. | Dr. Rajesh Jain, Managing Director, Panacea Biotec Ltd. New Delhi | Member |
| 9. | Prof. R.S. Verma, Director, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT) Allahabad, Prayagraj | Member |
| 10. | Dr. T. Rajamannar, Executive Vice President and Advisor to MD, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., Vadodara, Gujarat | Member |
| 11. | Dr. Harinder Pal Singh, Co-ordinator representing Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Punjab. | |
| 12. | Prof. Arvind Kumar Bansal, NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) | Member |

The Registrar & Secretary, Board of Governors (BoG), NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) on his behalf and on behalf of the Director of the Institute welcomed the learned BOG Members to the 85th Board Meeting. The Secretary (BOG), informed the Board about the sudden demise of Dr. Girish Sahni, Ex. Chairman, Board of Governors of the Institute on 19.08.2024. Dr Girish Sahni served as a board member from 16.03.2012 to 21.06.2014 (nominee of DG, CSIR) and Chair of the BOG from 02.11.2022 to 19.08.2024. The Secretary, BOG further informed that a condolence message was forwarded to his bereaved family on behalf of the Institute. He requested that the members stand in silence for two minutes to pay respects and tribute to Dr. Girish Sahni. Accordingly, the Board paid its homage to Dr. Girish Sahni.

Further, the Secretary, Board apprised that the Nodal Ministry vide letter No. 50013/7/2022-NIPER (E-22034) dated 2nd September 2024 conveyed to the Institute that the process for nominating the Chairperson, BoG of the Institute has already

been initiated to solicit approval of the Visitor of the Institute (Hon'ble President of India). The Ministry further intimated that nomination may take some time and advised the Institute referring to provisions of NIPER Statutes, 2003 vide Section 3.1.3 (g) that the Director of the Institute may convene meetings of the BoG and take decisions that are time-sensitive. Accordingly, the instant 85th meeting of the BoG is convened. The Board noted the information as reported.

The Director and the Officiating Chairperson, BoG first welcomed the members and thanks them for joining the meeting. He placed on record the immense contributions of Dr. Sahni to the growth of NIPER, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) and his keen interest in the overall development of the Institute. He also appreciated the full strength of the Board attending this meeting.

Thereafter, the Agenda was taken up and a pointwise record of deliberation is contained in the following paragraphs.

- 85.1 To confirm the minutes of the 84th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 07.06.2024.

Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary, Sr. Economic Advisor, DoP pointed out that minutes of agenda item No. 84.2.13 do not reflect his versions as well as communication of the Nodal Ministry appropriately and need to be recorded as *Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary, Sr. Economic Advisor, DoP remarked Clause 3.5.2. (b) of the NIPER Statutes does not need an amendment as it contains sufficient provisions and the status quo should be maintained. Besides, the Director of the Institute has sufficient administrative and financial powers in this regard. Thereafter, the Board unanimously accepted the Institute's request to drop the agenda.*

Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary further pointed out that DoP had approved Rs. 100 Crores for establishing the "Establishment of Centre of Excellence (COE) at NIPER- SAS Nagar for Anti-Bacterial and Anti-Viral Drug Discovery and Development." instead of Rs. 62 crores as mentioned in agenda item no. 84.2.15. Thus, the same needs to be modified appropriately.

The Board unanimously resolved that the minutes of the 84th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 7th June 2024 be confirmed with the above modifications. The Board also approved uploading the final minutes of its 84th meeting on the Institute's website.

- 85.2 To report the action taken on the minutes of the 84th Board of Governors (BoG) meeting held on 07.06.2024.

The Board noted the information w.r.t. action taken by the Institute on its directions and provided specific observations/directions on the following agenda items/action taken report, which are enumerated hereunder:

1. Agenda Item no. 84.2.2 about allowing faculty members, staff, and students to form a Startup/legal entity/Company and Incubate at the Institute Incubation Center.

The Board noted that the Institute has circulated policy 'Guidelines to allow the faculty members staff and students to form Startup/Legal Entity/Company and incubate at Institute Incubation Centre' amongst the stakeholders.

Prof. Bikash Medhi asked for the succession plan of the Startup/Legal Entity/Company in the event faculty/employee/ student is relieved from the Institute. It was apprised that the matter of the succession plan will be deliberated and if required, appropriate amendments be made in the policy with the approval of BoG.

2. Agenda Item No. 84.2.5 regarding modification in format for the Annual Performance Assessment Report (APAR) for the faculty of the institute.

Sr. Economic Adviser, DoP referred to the minutes of the 84th BoG meeting and reiterated that the institute may forward the Annual Performance Assessment Report (APAR) format developed by it to the Nodal Department as it may be an important input in the designing of the APAR for other NIPERs as well. The APAR format approved by the NIPER Council shall be applicable uniformly for all the NIPERs as it is directly associated with the career progression of the faculty members as per NIPER Statutes, subject to amendment/ modification by the NIPER Council.

3. Agenda Item No. 84.2.15 "Establishment of Centre of Excellence (COE) at NIPER- SAS Nagar for Anti-Bacterial and Anti-Viral Drug Discovery and Development"

Shri Awadhesh Kumar Choudhary, Sr. Economic Advisor, DoP pointed out that although TSA account for CoE has been opened with RBI for the "Establishment of Centre of Excellence (COE) at NIPER- SAS Nagar for Anti-Bacterial and Anti-Viral Drug Discovery and Development" by the Institute as part of PRIP, TSA Account of NIPER needs to be pursued with Bharatkosh for settlement of challan to ensure it reflects zero balance. Otherwise, the transfer of funds in the TSA account may be delayed/blocked.

The Institute apprised that the matter will be pursued to ensure settlement of challan.

4. Agenda Item no. 84.5 regarding the Annual Statement of Accounts of the Institute for Financial Year 2023-24.

The Board noted that post submission of Approved Annual Statement of Accounts for the FY 2023–2024 to the CAG office, the audit was conducted by the O/O Director General of Audit (Central) Chandigarh from 03.07.2024 to 16.07.2024. Thereafter, the Institute received the draft SAR FY 2023-24 and the Institute submitted an interim reply.

The Board also noted that the final Separate Audit Report (SAR) by CAG of India on Annual Accounts Statements for the Financial Year has been received by the Institute and the institute has already scheduled the Finance Committee meeting for 12.11.2024 for consideration and recommendations on said SAR report as required under statutory provisions. Thereafter, it will be placed before BoG for ratification/approval for placement in Parliament on time.

5. Agenda Item no. 84.7 regarding the Governing Board and Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for the Centre for Pharmaceutical Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CPIE)/Institute Incubation Centre.

The Board approved the names of Mr. S.K. Vohra, Senior Controller of Finance and Accounts, CSIR-IMTech, Chandigarh, and Mr. Jagdeep Singh, M.D., Parex Pharma Limited, SAS Nagar as experts from Finance and Business backgrounds in the Governing Board for Centre for Pharmaceutical Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CPIE)/Institute Incubation Centre.

- 85.3 To ratify the minutes of the 22nd meeting of the Academic Planning and Development Committee (APDC) held on 13.06.2024.

Prof. Medhi opined that the proposed Vision document of the Institute should be for a specific period to review and revise the same periodically. The Board unanimously agreed with Prof. Medhi.

With the above observations, the Board unanimously resolved to approve/ratify the 22nd meeting of the Academic Planning and Development Committee (APDC) held on 13.06.2024.

- 85.4 To ratify the minutes of the 30th meeting of the Senate held on 20.09.2024.

The Board appreciated the initiative for adopting QR Code system on Institutional Degrees, as it is right step towards digitization as mandated in the National Education Policy (NEP) policy and advised to explore the possibilities of pasting of photograph of the respective students on the Degrees.

With the above observations, the Board unanimously resolved to approve/ratify the 30th meeting of the Senate held on 20th September 2024.

85.5 Recruitment of faculty (Advertisement no. 03/2024, dated 06.04.2024): recommendations of Selection Committee- approval reg.

It was pointed out that in the first paragraph of the agenda item, the year was only mentioned without the date. It was appraised that the date of the advertisement may be read as 06.04.2024 and the typographical error is regretted.

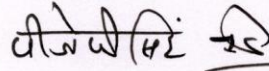
After deliberations, the sealed envelopes containing recommendations of the Selection Committee were opened by the Chairman (Officiating), and the names of the following selected candidates were declared:

Specialization	Post	Post Code	No. of Post	Cat.	Name of the selected candidate	Name of the waitlisted candidate
Medical Devices	Professor	F-313	01	UR	Dr. Tarun Kumar Sharma	
	Assistant Professor	F-331	01	OBC	Dr. Dipankar Das	
	Assistant Professor	F-332	01	UR	Dr. Ajay Kumar	
Pharmacoinformatics	Professor	F-301	01	SC	Dr. Manoj Kumar	
	Associate Professor	F-315	01	UR	Dr. Rajendra Kumar	
Pharmaceutics	Professor	F-306	01	UR	Dr. Anupama Mittal	
	Professor	F-307	01	SC	NONE FOUND SUITABLE	
	Associate Professor	F-320	01	UR	Dr. Sundeep Chaurasia	
	Assistant Professor	F-329	01	EWS	NO CANDIDATE APPEARED FOR INTERVIEW	
Medicinal Chemistry	Associate Professor	F-314	01	OBC	Dr. Deepak B. Salunke	---
	Assistant Professor	F-326	01	SC	Dr. Ravi Kumar	---
Pharmacology & Toxicology	Professor	F-305	01	UR	NONE FOUND SUITABLE	

The Board unanimously resolved to approve the aforementioned recommendations of the Selection Committee. The members appreciated the efforts and congratulated the institute for the successful selection of the faculty.

In concluding remarks, the Director and Chairman (Officiating) thanked the learned members for sparing their valuable time and making the 85th Board meeting a full house meeting. He also intimated that due to the Statutory provision of a Separate Audit Report by CAG of India on Annual Accounts Statements for the Financial Year 2023-24 and the Annual Report of the Institute for the year 2023-24 needs consideration and approval of the Board, hence, 86th Board of Governor meeting shall be held on 09th December 2024 and requested the learned Members to mark the date in their schedules. He would appreciate it if the learned Members attend the meeting in physical mode.

There being no further points, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and by the Chair to the members.



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