

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL

P.O. SRINIVASNAGAR, MANGALURU-575025



MINTUES FOR THE 81st MEETING (SPECIAL) OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date : Friday, 12th September 2025

Time : 10.00 AM

Venue: Director's Office / Through Google Meet



NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KARNATAKA, SURATHKAL

Proceedings of the 81st Meeting (Special) of the Board of Governors (BoG)
of NIT Karnataka, Surathkal, held on Friday, 12th September, 2025 at 10.00 AM
In Director's Office, NITK, Surathkal/ Through Google Meet

Members Present:

Name	Participation Mode
1 Shri B.V.R. Mohan Reddy Founder and Executive Chairman, Cyient Limited, 1020, Road No. 46, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033	Chairperson & Member Online
2 Prof. B. Ravi Director, NITK, Surathkal, Mangaluru-575025	Director & Member In person
3 Shri Sanjog Kapoor Office of JS&FA, Integrated Finance Bureau Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Room No. 120-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001. Represented by: Shri N.S. Bisht Deputy Secretary (IFD), Dept. of Higher Education Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya) Room No. 220-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001	Member Online
4 Prof. K.P. Kaliappan Dean (Strategy) & Professor, Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay IIT Powai, Mumbai – 400076.	Member Online
5 Prof. H.N. Jagannatha Reddy Professor, Civil Engg., Bangalore Institute of Technology, K.R. Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru - 560004	Member Online
6 Shri K. Ajith Kumar Rai Founder and Chairman, Suprajit Group of Companies Tara, 144/1, 4 th Main, Defence Colony Indiranagar, Bengaluru - 560038.	Member Online
7 Prof. Dwarakish G. S. Professor, Water Resources & Ocean Engg. Dept. NITK, Surathkal, Mangaluru-575025	Member In person
8 Dr. Vasudeva Madav Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engg. NITK, Surathkal, Mangaluru-575025	Member In person

Members who expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

Ms. Saumya Gupta, IAS

Joint Secretary (TE), Dept. of Higher Education
Ministry of Education (Shiksha Mantralaya)
Room No. 429A-C, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

With the permission of the Chairperson, the Board began its deliberations on the single-point agenda. As the agenda was pertaining to Shri Ravindranath K., incumbent Registrar, who had a conflict of interest, he was not invited for the meeting. The Board advised the Director to take a note of the proceedings and prepare the minutes of this meeting.

81 BoG
Item 81.1

To consider the "Preliminary Investigation Report" submitted by one-person committee on the matter of submission of misleading and factually incorrect affidavit to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka-reg.

The BoG went through the report submitted by Prof. Sachin Maheshwari, Vice Chancellor of Guru Jambheshwar University, Moradabad in his capacity as One-Person Committee, on the role of Shri Ravindranath K., Registrar of NITK, in the submission of factually incorrect affidavit to the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in the Contempt of Court Case (CCC) 709/ 2024. After due deliberations and detailed discussions, it was unanimously resolved to accept the findings of the report submitted by Prof. Sachin Maheshwari. Based on the report and discussions, the Board resolved the following:

1. *Shri Ravindranath K, while performing his duties as Registrar of the Institute, has committed a series of misconducts in the matter of the contempt of Court case (CCC) 709/2024, some of which can be enumerated thus;*
 - a. *that he had not properly and carefully gone through the draft Counter Affidavit prepared by the Institute's Counsel and approved the same in undue haste,*
 - b. *that he had signed the Counter Affidavit on behalf of the Director without taking his consent, approval or assent, and made a false declaration to the effect that he has been authorized to swear the affidavit on behalf of the Director; and,*
 - c. *that he had filed a false and factually incorrect affidavit before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, thereby exposing the Institute and its officers to judicial censure, which would have lowered the reputation and credibility of the Institute.*
2. *As the misconducts committed by Shri Ravindranath K., are of very grave nature, there is an urgent need to initiate Departmental Proceedings against him in terms of Rule 14 of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965.*
3. *The Board authorized the Director to issue a detailed Charge Sheet on the said matter to Shri Ravindranath K., in consultation with the MoE and Chairperson.*
4. *The Board authorized Director to file Caveat, if required, in appropriate Court of Law.*
5. *Pending inquiry, Shri Ravindranath K., shall be placed under suspension with immediate effect. All the administrative offices and sections shall be declared "out of bound" for him. He shall seek prior permission from the Director before entering the administrative offices and sections. He shall not leave the headquarters without taking prior written permission from the Director.*
6. *The charge sheet issued to Shri Ravindranath K., and his representation submitted, if any, pertaining to the Departmental Proceedings shall be presented to the BoG in its next meeting.*

7. The Board authorized the Director to entrust the responsibility of Registrar (i/c) to Dr. Kumar G.N., Professor, Mechanical Engineering Department, until further order.


The Board authorized the Director to take related actions for the implementation of above resolution with immediate effect.

[Action owner: Director | Timeframe: with immediate effect]

81 BoG Item 81.2	Any other item with the permission of the Chairperson.
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Some of the members highlighted other major lapses committed by Shri Ravindranath K. as the Registrar of NITK. The Board decided to discuss these in the next meeting in relevant agenda items with supporting documents.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chairperson.


(B.V.R. Mohan Reddy)
Chairperson – BoG, NITK, Surathkal