

**Minutes of the first meeting of Board of Governors (BOG) of Ghani Khan Chowdhury Institute of Engineering and Technology (GKCIET), Malda, held on November 5, 2011 at 2.00 PM at Hotel Pearl, Salt Lake, Kolkata.**

**Members present :**

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| 1. Dr. A. N. Khan Choudhury | Chairman                                       |
| 2. Mr. N. Mohan Das         | Member   |
| 3. Prof. Damodar Acharya    | Member   |
| 4. Prof. Vinayak Goutam     | Member   |
| 5. Dr. Sajal Dasgupta       | Member   |
| 6. Dr. Parijat Dey          | Member   |
| 7. Prof. Kalyan Kumar       | Special Invitee                                |
| 8. Prof. T. Kumar           | Director, NIT, Durgapur<br>Mentoring Institute |
| 9. Prof. N. K. Roy          | Coordinator for NIT, Durgapur                  |
| 10. Dr. A. Gangopadhyay     | Registrar (I/C), NIT, Durgapur                 |

The Chairman welcomed all the members present in the first meeting of Board of Governors of Ghani Khan Choudhury Institute of Engineering and Technology, Malda. He narrated the vision of Late Ghani Khan Choudhury for the development of North Bengal in general and Malda district in particular that led to the establishment of the Institute.

Prof. Kalyan Kumar, Special Invitee to the meeting, apprised the members of the initial preparatory activities for the establishment of the

Institute as to how he prepared the draft DPR, EFC Memo, Cabinet Note etc. in association with MHRD, Govt. of India.

Mr. N. Mohan Das, representative of MHRD, Govt. of India, clarified responsibilities of Government of West Bengal and Govt. of India in the establishment of Institute. The agenda items were then taken up for discussion as follows : -

**Item no. 1 : To appreciate MHRD, Govt. of India, for setting up GKCIET, Malda, and assigning as mentor institute to National Institute of Technology, Durgapur.**

The meeting started with The Chairman Dr. A. N. Khan Chowdhury, giving welcome speech. He appreciated the role of MHRD for establishment of GKCIET, Malda, and thanked all the hon'ble members of the Board for attending the meeting despite their busy schedule. He said that he would like the meeting to be held at Malda but due to short notice the meeting was to be organized in Kolkata. He assured the next meeting would be held at Malda and all of the hon'ble members would make it convenient to attend the meeting. He expressed his gratitude to the Director, NIT, Durgapur, for mentoring and helping GKCIET to start certificate courses. MHRD letter F. No. – 25-1/2009-TS-IV dt. September 7, 2011 vide order dt. August 8, 2011 constituting the BOG, GKCIET, Malda, was also referred to : following which the BOG, NIT, Durgapur, loses its status of mentoring BOG and will not be taking decision and exercising power on behalf of GKCIET, Malda. So the GKCIET would have its own decision henceforth and would take GKCIET ahead. The Chairman expressed his appreciation for having extremely qualified, competent and dedicated colleagues comprising the Board and said that he was sure that he would get their help and support in taking GKCIET forward.

**Item no. 2 : Review of the Actions Taken Report (2010-2011) by NIT, Durgapur, the Mentor Institute.**

**Resolution :** The actions taken by NIT, Durgapur, regarding GKCIET, Malda, as its mentor institute was reviewed. Thereafter Prof. N. K. Roy of NIT, Durgapur, narrated the steps taken by NIT, Durgapur, for starting the certificate courses in three disciplines and the steps being taken to start diploma courses for the academic year 2012-13. Prof. N. K. Roy also apprised the Board of the progress made in the work of renovation of Power Grid premises at Laxmipur, Malda, which has been leased for three years. He informed that the building maintenance work has started and it is expected that the work would be completed within six months.

**Item no. 3 : To consider the constitution of Finance, Building and Works Committee and Academic Council for GKCIET, Malda.**

**Resolution :** Regarding the constitution of Finance, Building and Works Committee, and the Academic Council, Prof. D. Acharya wanted to know the background and papers regarding the setting up of GKCIET and its scope of work etc. Prof. Kalyan Kumar who has prepared the DPR of the institute in the year 2007 at the behest of the Ministry of Human Resource Development informed the Board regarding the setting up of the institute and asserted that it was a unique institution as its area of work involved both formal and informal sector of technical education.

- 1) The Building and Works Committee and the Finance Committee be constituted in due earnest as per memorandum of association of the institute.

- 2) The Finance Committee be constituted comprising Chairman, BOG, Dr. A. N. Khan Choudhury, who would be the Ex-officio Chairman of the Finance Committee and other members to the Finance Committee would be coopted as per provision of Memorandum of Association of the institute.
- 3) The Building and Works Committee would be constituted as per provision as laid down in MOA. However, as an interim arrangement to expedite the matter of taking decision regarding the construction of the campus of GKCIET Dr. Parijat Dey will be the person in authority till the time of regular Director or the OSD is appointed and he will be assisted by two retired persons of the Superintending Engineer level.
- 4) The formation of the Academic Council will be kept in abeyance. However, Prof. D. Acharya who would be looking into academic issues of GKCIET will be at liberty to constitute a small committee and that committee can chalk out a plan for immediate and future need of GKCIET. The suggestion coming to the floor is being welcomed by BOG and resolved that the Academic Committee would consists of the following members at present :
  1. Prof D. Acharya
  2. Dr. Sajal Dasgupta
  3. Prof. N. K. Roy

**Item no. 4 : To consider the proposed action plan of GKCIET, Malda.**

Mr. Mohan Das informed the BOG about the end of tenure of the OSD who had come on deputation from Sant Longowal Institute, Punjab. Mr. Mohan Das said that a senior person should now be required to take over the charge of OSD of the institute.

