



Minutes of the 16th Governing Council Meeting of NISE held on 25th November 2024 under the Chairmanship of Secretary MNRE

The 16th Meeting of the Governing Council of NISE was held on 25th November 2024 (in **hybrid mode**) under the Chairmanship of Sh. Prashant Kumar Singh, Secretary MNRE and President NISE. A list of members, who attended the meeting in physical and in online mode is given at **Annexure I**.

2. At the outset, Dr Mohammad Rihan, Director General, NISE welcomed the Chairman and all members of the Governing Council. Dr Rihan also highlighted the contributions of former Secretary, MNRE Shri Bhupinder S. Bhalla and former joint Secretary, Shri Dinesh Dayanand Jagdale.

3. Thereafter, with the permission of the Chairman, Member Secretary, Dr Jai Prakash presented item-wise Agenda of the meeting to the members. Agenda item-wise discussions held and decisions taken are as follows:

Agenda Item No. 1.0	To grant leave of absence to the Members, not present in the meeting
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The Governing Council was requested to grant leave of absence to the following members:

- i. Sh. R P Gupta, IAS (Retd.), CMD, SECI
- ii. Sh. B A Sawale, Director General, CPRI
- iii. Sh. Yogendra Mathur, Director (Tech), RRECL
- iv. Sh. Manoj K Upadhyay, Founder and Chairman, ACME Solar
- v. Prof. Dinesh Kabra, Department of Physics, IIT Bombay

Decision

The Governing Council granted the leave of absence to the above mentioned members.

Agenda Item No. 2.0	Confirmation of minutes of 15th GC held on 27th September 2024
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Member Secretary, GC informed that no comments were received on the minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Governing Council of NISE held on 27th September 2024.

Decision

The GC confirmed the minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Governing Council held on 27th September 2024.

Regarding the Action Taken Report of 15th GC, DG NISE mentioned that since the last GC meeting held was approximately two months before, and NISE is working on completion of the various action items as per the decisions taken in 15th GC meeting. Action taken report of 15th GC will be submitted in next GC meeting.

Agenda	New Agenda Items for approval of Governing Council
Agenda Item No. 3.0	Submission of Audited Annual Accounts and draft Annual Report of NISE for the FY 2023-24

GC was informed that the Finance Committee of NISE has approved the Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2023-24 in its 18th meeting held on 11.11.2024. The draft Annual Report and Annual Audited Accounts of NISE for the year 2023-24 were placed before the GC for its approval and recommendation to AGM for adoption in its 8th meeting to be held on 25th November 2024.

Decision

The GC accorded its approval to the Audited Accounts for the Financial Year 2023-24 and Annual Report of NISE for 2023-24 and recommended the same for placing before the 8th AGM for adoption.

During the presentation of Audited Annual Account, the Chairman highlighted that from next time, Auditor should also be made available for the GC meeting. In addition, the Chairman and other committee members also provided some general comments and suggestions which are mentioned below:

- I. NISE should focus on a) Industry oriented Research, 2) Revenue Generation, 3) Training & skill development.
- II. President NISE highlighted that NISE has enormous potential for growth. The institute should focus on increasing the technical & applied R&D activities, which are aligned with the industry need.
- III. NISE should also focus on substantially enhancing its revenue. A detailed plan to achieve this may be presented in the next GC meeting including establishment of center of excellence for important R&D activities, industry consultation, upgradation of the NISE's facilities as per the needs of Industry.
- IV. NISE should emphasize on the training and skill development activities to cater to the needs of Industry while supporting all government schemes, e.g., PM Suryaghar, PMKUSUM, etc.
- V. NISE should jointly work with IITs and renowned academic/research institutions to work on state-of-the-art research problems in alignment with the need of the solar industry.
- VI. NISE to map all Suryamitra training centers and connect them with the industry as per their requirement.
- VII. President NISE highlighted that NISE should prepare and submit status reports to MNRE for the green hydrogen components/systems and battery energy storage.
- VIII. President NISE also suggested that NISE can explore the possibilities of conducting a challenge for balance of the plant (components other than electrolyser) required for production of green hydrogen.

- IX. The next GC meeting may be held in 03 months' times in which NISE to present its current activities, future Goals, and proposed activities (in alignment with above mentioned key points) to achieve them.

Agenda Item No. 4.0	Revival of deemed abolished post in NISE
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Member Secretary informed GC that NISE has a total of 40 sanctioned posts of regular staff. The posts of office Secretary-I and Executive officer were notified on 05.03.2022 along with other regular posts. However, these posts were cancelled on 13.06.2024 due to administrative constraint. Moreover, the guideline has been recently notified by DoE on 04.01.2024 for Central Autonomous body under Para 5.1 envisages that the "A post lying vacant for more than 5 years from the date of creation or date of falling vacant, shall stand abolished" and require prior approval of DoE for their revival.

Accordingly, NISE submitted the detailed proposal to MNRE for revival of Executive officer and Office Secretary-I posts on 02.08.2024 & 15.10.2024 and accordingly PD (NISE), MNRE instructed to place the revival proposal to the Governing Council before further consideration by MNRE.

The proposal for revival of 04 posts of Executive officer & 01 post of Office Secretary-I in the Pay Level-8 was placed before the GC for soliciting approval.

Decision

GC accorded its approval for submission of detailed proposal to Administrative Ministry i.e. MNRE for onward submission to DoE for required approval of deemed abolished posts.

President, NISE pointed out that there was significant delay in recruitment process which led to the need of revival of the mentioned post. He highlighted that such unwarranted delay and lapses should be avoided. In future, NISE should take necessary steps for timely completion of recruitment process of regular staff.

Agenda Item No. 5.0	Adoption of Revised flexible complementing scheme (RFCS) in NISE
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It is submitted that the DOPT recently notified guidelines of Revised Flexible Complementing Scheme vide its no. AB-14017/41/2013-PP(RR) dated 13.03.2024 which shall replace the existing MFCS in force in scientific Ministries/Departments/Organizations of the Government of India and the Personnel Policy for Group-A S&T Officers of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for making promotions to scientific posts in Level-I 1 to Level-I 4 in the Pay Matrix, w.e.f. 1.7.2024. Further the directives of DoPT issued vide its no.Misc-14017/29/2024-PP(RR) dated 06.05.2024 were also forwarded by PD (NISE), MNRE to NISE for compliance of provision of RFCS issued on 13.03.2024.



The proposal for adoption of RFCS scheme and requisite formats viz. Annual work report & APAR as notified by DOPT dated on 13.03.2024 in pursuance of direction of DoPT dated 06.05.2024 were placed before GC for soliciting its approval.

Decision

The GC accorded its approval for adoption of RFCS in NISE and advised NISE to complete required formalities for its effective implementation as per guidelines of DoPT.

Agenda Item No. 6	Any other item with the approval of Chairman of Governing Council.
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a) DG NISE informed GC regarding the revised Medical policy of NISE which was concurred by 18th FC meeting held on 11.11.2024.

Decision

GC suggested to take up this agenda item in its next meeting.

b) Engagement of one Project Manager at NISE on short-term contract basis for Green Hydrogen activities at NISE.

Decision

GC accorded its approval to engage the said contractual manpower for Green hydrogen activities.

c) DG NISE informed to GC that the Budget Estimate of NISE for the FY 2025-26, amounting Rs. 28.40 Cr., was approved in 18th FC meeting held on 11.11.2024 and the same is placed before the GC for information.

Decision

GC noted the information.

With no other agenda item to discuss, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the members of the Governing Council.











(Jai Prakash)
Member Secretary, GC



(Prashant Kumar Singh)
Chairman GC & President NISE

Annexure-I**Attendance Sheet for the 16th Meeting of the Governing Council of NISE held on 25th November, 2024.**

Sl. No.	Name, Designation & Organization	Status	Signature
1.	Shri Prashant Kumar Singh, Secretary, MNRE	President of the Society and Chairman (Ex-officio)	
2.	Shri Padam Lal Negi Financial Advisor, MNRE	Member (Ex-officio)	
3.	Shri Lalit Bohra, Joint Secretary, MNRE	Member (Ex-officio)	
4.	Shri Ajay Yadav, IAS Joint Secretary (Solar) /Advisor (Solar), MNRE	Member	
5.	Shri R P Gupta, IAS (Retd.), CMD, SECI	Member	Absent
6.	Shri B A Sawale Director General, CPRI	Member	Absent
7.	Shri Yogendra Mathur, Director (Tech), RRECL	Member	Absent
8.	Mr. K.P. Rudrappaiah, Managing Director, KREDL	Member	Online
9.	Shri K. Ravi Kumar Reddy , Chairman, NSEFI	Member	Online
10.	Shri Manoj K Upadhyay, Founder and Chairman, ACME Solar	Member	Absent
11.	Dr. Mohammad Rihan Director General, NISE	Member	
12.	Dr. Chandan Banerjee, Deputy Director General, NISE	Member	
13.	Dr. Avadhesh Yadav, Deputy Director General, NISE	Member	
14.	Prof. Nilanjan Senroy, Electrical Engineering Dept, IIT Delhi Power Grid Chair Professor, IIT Delhi	Member	Online
15.	Prof. Asheesh Kumar Singh, Professor and Former Head of Deptt., Department of Electrical Engineering, Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Allahabad	Member	Online
16.	Prof. Dinesh Kabra, Department of Physics, IIT Bombay	Member	Absent
17.	Prof. Vamsi Krishna,	Member	Online

Sl. No.	Name, Designation & Organization	Status	Signature
	Department of Energy Science and Engineering, IIT Delhi		
18.	<u>Member Secretary:-</u> Dr. Jai Prakash, Deputy Director General, NISE	Member	
19.	<u>Special Invitee from DST:-</u> Dr. Anita Gupta, <i>Dr. Vinod Sahni,</i> Head (CEST), DST <i>Joined the meeting</i>	Member	<i>online</i>