

**MINUTES OF THE 95th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SECONDARY STEEL TECHNOLOGY (NISST) HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2026 AT NISST COFERENCE ROOM, MANDI GOBINDGARH.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Shri Daya Nidhan Pandey – Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel – Chairperson
2. Shri Sushil Kumar, General Secretary, All India Steel Re-Rollers Association (AISRA)
3. Shri Rajesh Kumar Vijayavergia, Former Executive Director (Operation), SAIL
4. Shri Parmjeet Singh - Director (NISST)
5. Shri Sandeep Pal Singh – Secretary to the Board

**MEMBERS ATTENDED THROUGH VC:**

1. Dr. Jagannath Pal, Chief Scientist, National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur
2. Dr. Anil Dhawan - Director General, Alloy Steel Producers Association (ASPA)
3. Mr. Yogesh Mandhani, President, All India Induction Furnace Association (AIIFA)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

1. Shri B K Bansal, Sr. Dy. Director(F&A) (P&A), NISST

Secretary, Board of Governors welcomed the Chairman and informed that for the first time, the meeting of the Board of Governors of NISST is being held at Mandi Gobindgarh campus. Chairman greeted all the Board Members present in the Meeting and after confirming the requisite quorum, requested Member Secretary to take up the agenda points.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Member Secretary informed that following members have requested leave of absence.

1. Mr Nitin Jain, Director, Ministry of Steel
2. Mr. Shalabh Sharma, Executive Secretary, Joint Plant Committee
3. Sh. Vipul Singhal, Director (SBR) Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways
4. Mr. Deependra Kashiva, Director General, Sponge Iron Manufacturers Association
5. Mr. D. Ravi Kumar, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering

*The leave of absence was granted to all the above members.*



**ITEM NO.1: NOTING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING NO 94 HELD ON 21.07.2025**

The Minutes of the 94th Board Meeting of the Institute held on 21.07.2025 were noted and confirmed by the Board.

**ITEM NO.2: FOLLOW UP ACTION IN REGARD TO THE 94th BOARD MEETING**

- (a) **ITEM NO. 2.1: RECRUITMENT OF MANPOWER** - Director informed that the process for recruitment of Five (05) persons in NISST on contract basis have been completed and four (04) candidates have so far joined. The fifth candidate is scheduled to join on 05.03.2026 in the position of Technical Manager (Electrical & Electronics)

The new recruiters introduced themselves and explain their work profile. Chairman advised energy auditors to increase the volume of work of energy audits.

- (b) **ITEM NO. 4B: Meeting of MECON & NISST representatives with Director (SBR), Ministry of Road & Shipping for resolution of issues related to preparation of feasibility report through a suitable agency**

Director informed that the Ministry of Shipping is directly taking up the matter with MECON regarding preparation of feasibility report.

Chairman instructed Director NISST to appraise the Board members about the decision taken in the review meeting of NISST held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Steel). Director informed that it has been decided that the annual grant of Rs. 50 lakhs being received from FSDF may be forgone along with membership of Ministry of Shipping from NISST Board.

- (c) **ITEM NO. 5: REPAIR OF NISST CAMPUS AT MANDI GOBINDGARH, PUNJAB –**

Director informed that an amount of ₹4.95 Crore has been sanctioned by the JPC for the repair and renovation works of the NISST Campus. MECON has been entrusted to complete the repair & maintenance work on turnkey basis. The work commenced in the first week of November and approximately 75% of the indoor work of the Administrative Block has been completed so far.

- (d) **ITEM NO. 6: PROPOSAL FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS TO BE CONDUCTED ON PAN INDIA BASIS -**

Director informed that NISST is organizing two training programme every month in different steel clusters. Fifteen (15) such training programs have been conducted until December' 2025.

- (e) **ITEM NO. 7: PROPOSALS TO MAKE FUNCTIONAL ALL THE AUTHORITIES OF THE INSTITUTE AS PER NISST RULES & REGULATIONS -**

(i) **(7A) Extension of tenure of Board Members:** Director informed that Mr. Sushil Kumar as representative from AISRA has been appointed to the Board in place of Mr. Vinod Vashisht for 3 years with effect from the date of 94th Board Meeting. However, despite two communications to SFAI, the association has not nominated any person in place of Sh A.K. Jain whose term had been expired.

Board decided to revoke the membership of SFAI from NISST Board.

(ii) **(7B) Appointment of Secretary to the Board:** It was informed that Mr. Sandeep Pal Singh, Senior Deputy Director (Technical) has been appointed as Secretary to the Board.

(iii) **(7C) Committee of Management (COM):** Director informed that Committee of Management consisting of Director, Sr Dy Director (T), Sr Dy Director(T) & Sr Dy Director (F&A/(P&A) has been formed. It was also informed that one of the officer, Sh Anil

Mohindru shall be retiring in February' 2026.

Chairman advised that NISST may continue the management committee with remaining 03 members.

**(iv) (7D) Academic Council:** Director informed that requests have been made to IIT, Ropar; PEC, Chandigarh for nomination of academicians to the council and to M/s Arjas Modern Steel Private Limited and Bhagalaxmi Private Ltd for nomination of industry experts. Confirmation has already been received from IIT, Ropar. M/s Arjas Modern Steel Private Limited and Bhagalaxmi Private Ltd have also given telephonic confirmation.

**(v) (7E) Filling – up of the vacancy in the NISST Board:** Director informed that following members have been nominated to NISST board: -

- a) Mr Yogesh Mandhani, representative from AIIFA under clause no.-4.1.7 of Rules 7 Regulations
- b) Mr Rajesh Kumar Vijayavergia, Expert, under clause no.- 4.1.2

**(vi) ITEM NO. 8B: PROPOSAL FOR RECRUITMENT OF MANPOWER ON DEPUTATION:**

It was informed by Director that Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) shall be contacted to provide list of their panel of candidates for interview/appointment in NISST for the following posts:

- 1.) Executive in Personnel & Administration
- 2.) Executive in Technical (Electrical Branch)

**ITEM NO. 3: STATUS REPORT**

Director briefed the Board about activities carried out by NISST during the period 1st April 2025 to 31st December, 2025 as per following details: -

**Green Steel Certification:**

Guidelines for Green Steel Certification were finalized and detailed worksheet for calculation of CO2 emission per tonne of finish steel after consultation with stakeholders were finalized. The empanelment of Audit Firms along with rates for green steel audits were completed. The first Green Steel Certificate was awarded in the month of Aug 2025 and till date, green steel certificates to 76 units have been issued.

Awareness on Green Steel certification is being spread through various platforms

Green Steel Portal developed by MSTC is already in place and further development of portal is under way.

**GHG Baseline Study:**

O NISST was appointed as the Technical Nodal Agency to oversee the studies and review the reports submitted by the agency in response to tender floated by JPC to measure baseline GHG emissions and emission intensity of steel plants across India. Due to non-completion of work within the stipulated timeline by the agencies, the entire scope of work has subsequently entrusted to NISST by the Ministry.

O NISST floated fresh tender on 11.12.2025 for award of work zone wise and for this purpose six different zones have been marked out where one bidder was eligible for award of work for a maximum of 02 zones.

O Work for two zones N-1 and N-2 has already been awarded to successful bidder. The award of work to rest of the six zones are under process.

**ITEM NO. 4A: BUDGET FOR THE F/Y 2026-27**

The Budget for the year 2026-27 was explained to Board Members in detail by Director. Chairman stressed that income from NISST activities should increase considerably (preferably upto Rs. 5.00 Crores) due to increase in manpower during the year.

After protracted discussions the budget for the year 2026-27 was approved by the Board.

**ITEM NO. 4B: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NISST**

Chairman informed the Board that an amount of Rs. 5.00 crores have been approved for the year 2026-27 and if required, supplementary budget will be sought later.

**ITEM NO. 5: RELEASE OF PAYMENT TO LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION (LIC) FOR GROUP GRATUITY SCHEME**

Director informed that NISST had taken LIC Group Gratuity Scheme with Life Insurance Corporation of India for its employees vide policy no. GG/CA/315142 w.e.f 19/10/2002. The premium is payable annually as per demand raised by LIC based on actuarial valuation. An amount of Rs. 41,29,780/- is now payable to LIC mainly due to enhancement of gratuity limit from Rs. 20 lakhs to 25 lakhs.

The Board approved the payment of 41,29,780/- to LIC from surplus funds available in current financial year i.e. 2025-26.

**ITEM NO.6: IMPLEMENTATION OF PENSION SCHEME FOR NISST EMPLOYEEES**

After going through the proposal, the issue was postponed for the next board meeting.

**ITEM NO.7: ENHANCEMENT OF THE LIMIT OF MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT OF OUTDOOR TREATMENT IN RESPECT OF NISST EMPLOYEES.**

Board approved the maximum limit for reimbursement on account of outdoor medical treatment for the employees to Rs.50,000/- per annum from Rs. 30000/- p.a. for all categories of employees with immediate effect.

**ITEM NO.8: APPROVAL FOR THE UTILISATION OF SURPLUS GENERATED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR.**

Board accorded it's approval for the following:

1. Purchase of a SUV vehicle for the office within a maximum limit of 25 lakhs
2. Installation of shed in centre of administrative block at top of roof with a budget of 4.0 lakhs
3. Meet expenses to carry out activities presently not covered in ongoing repair work of NISST building

Further Board authorized Chairman to approve any other expenditure towards utilization of revenue surplus generated during the financial year.

**Miscellaneous:** Director informed that tenure of following members is ending shortly:

- Tenure of Sh. D Kashiva, representative of SIMA as board member is completed in December 2025.
- Tenure of Prof. D. Ravi Kumar, Dept. of Mechanical Engg. from IIT Delhi as member of board

is completing March 2026.

- Tenure of Dr. Anil Dhawan, DG, ASPA as member of board is completing March 2026.

Board approved for making request to SIMA & ASPA for nomination of new Board members. Board also decided that nomination may be sought for a member from Department of Material Science, IIT, Delhi.

Chairman advised the following:

- A. That NISST should strive to increase its energy audit business by 100% in next financial year. Industry members were requested to extend their support to increase consultancy business of NISST. Members from AISRA, ASPA & AIIFA assured to appraise their members in this regard.
- B. That a request may be made to steel cluster-based State Governments for empanelment for NISST for safety audits.
- C. That board members from industry associations may create awareness for increased participation of the industry in green steel certification program. The members from association assured the Chairman to take it forward aggressively.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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*S. S. Singh*  
20/9/26