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Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Department of Pharmaceuticals

New Delhi, Dated 5th October 2018

Subject: Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Steering Committee of National Institutes of Pharmaceutical Education & Research (NIPERs) of Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Hajipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Rae Bareli.

The 33rd meeting of the Steering Committee was held under the chairmanship of Secretary, Pharmaceuticals on 01.10.2018 at 1.00 P.M. at NIPER, Kolkata. The list of participants is at **Annexure**.

2. At the outset, Director, NIPER Kolkata welcomed all the participants.
3. The decisions taken by the Steering Committee on each agenda item are as under:-

Agenda Item No.	Subject	Decision
33.1	Action Taken Report on the decision taken in 32 nd Meeting of Steering Committee To start B Pharma courses in NIPERs from Academic Session 2019-20	The following decisions were taken on ATR on Minutes of 32 nd Meeting of Steering Committee Meeting The comments of AICTE, PCI and UGC have since been received. DoP to examine and obtain views of the Department of Legal Affairs as to whether any amendment to the NIPER ACT would be required to start the B Pharma courses. Simultaneously, NIPERs may approach PCI/ AICTE for completing the procedural formalities for starting the undergraduate courses. (Action: All NIPERs/ DoP)
	Creation of NIPER Knowledge portal	On receipt of comments from other NIPERs, the NIPER Hyderabad has finalized the

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		<p>NIPER Knowledge portal. Third party safety audit of the same is being conducted by NIPER Hyderabad in consultation with departmental NIC unit before the same can be up-loaded on the Department's website. The same should also link up with <i>Shodh Ganga</i> portal. Exercise has to be completed at the earliest.</p> <p>(Action: NIPER Hyderabad/ DoP)</p>
	Creation of Corpus / Endowment fund in NIPERs	<p>A separate account for endowment fund is to be created by all NIPERs and to deposit funds received by way of fees, user charges etc. in a separate account (corpus /endowment fund). DoP has to finalize the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for utilization of the same. The guidelines be issued early.</p> <p>(Action: DoP)</p>
	Commencement of construction of sanctioned phase of the NIPER Ahmedabad Project	<p>The design/ construction of the campus has to be as per EFC approval. A joint meeting be called at the earliest under the chairmanship of Secretary, DoP.</p> <p>(Action: NIPER Ahmedabad/ DoP)</p>
	Approval of Academic Council of NIPER Raebaerli	<p>Approved, subject to change that Director, NIPER Hyderabad is included in place of Director, NIPER Mohali.</p> <p>(Action: NIPER Raebareli)</p>
NIPER AHMEDABAD		
33.2	Release of funds for procurement of equipment	<p>The proposals for procurement of equipment need to be first considered by the recently constituted Common Purchase Committee. Funds have already been allocated for the current financial year. Additional funds, if any, available during the year would be released equitably amongst all the NIPERs.</p> <p>[Action: NIPER Ahmedabad/ NIPER Raebareli]</p>

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33.3	Report on conduct of NIPER-JEE 2018	Noted
33.4	Streamlining the process of institute sponsored category admissions to PhD	NIPER sponsored candidates should be treated as other sponsored candidates by the Industry. JCC may follow the laid down rules/ procedure in this regard. [Action: All NIPERs/ NIPER Ahmedabad]
33.5	Advertisement issued by UPSC regarding post of Drug Inspector (Medical Device)	The Institute may at first instance take up the matter with CDSCO, with a copy to the DoP. The Department would also follow up the matter with CDSCO. [Action: NIPER Ahmedabad/ DoP]
33.5 (a) Table Agenda		Committee noted that SAR received from CAG was primarily related to change in format with no changes in figures. The Institute to take further appropriate action in the matter. [Action: NIPER Ahmedabad]
NIPER GUWAHATI		
33.6	Separate logo for each NIPER	Majority of the NIPERs were not in favour of having a separate logo. After deliberations, it was decided that the Institute may submit 2-3 different draft logos, which may be considered further by the Committee. It was further decided that each NIPER should have a separate motto and should submit the work in this regard. [Action: All NIPERs]
33.7	Inclusion of specialization in the Marks Statement, Provisional Certificate, Degree Certificate	The matter need to be examined/ decided by the Academic Planning & Development Committee (APDC) of the Institute. [Action: NIPER Guwahati]
33.8	Recognition of NIPER Degree by other Statutory bodies like UGC	Institute need to furnish specific instances, if any, where the degrees awarded by NIPERs were not honoured by other UGC recognized Institutes, so that the matter be further examined by the Department, and, if need be, reference made to UGC.

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		[Action: NIPER Guwahati/ DoP]
33.8a (Table Agenda)		The draft composition of APDC may be shared at first instance with other NIPERs and their suggestions/ comments obtained. It need be ensured that only a select few persons are not proposed to be nominated to the Committee. [Action: NIPER Guwahati]
NIPER RAEBARELI		
33.9	Request for additional funds under capital grant	Institute should submit a detailed proposal indicating the correct and complete picture of the funds utilized/ required, which would be examined by the Department. [Action: NIPER Raebareli/ DoP]
33.10	Funds (around 20 lacs) for purchase of Science Finder	Since this is a common matter for NIPERs, Common Purchase Committee to examine and decide. [Action: NIPER Raebareli]
NIPER HYDERABAD		
33.11	Approval for constitution of Academic Planning and Development Committee	An Industrialist may preferably be chosen as Chairman of the Committee. Proposed composition should be shared amongst NIPERs so as to avoid duplication. As decided earlier vide Agenda Item No. 32.15, out of six external experts, two may be Directors of other NIPERs. Conflict of interest may be avoided. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.12	Approval for constitution of Board of Governors (BoG)	BOG has to be constituted with approval of the Visitor (Hon'ble President of India) and the subject falls outside the domain of the Steering Committee. Suggestions of NIPER Hyderabad would be considered by the Department appropriately. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad/DoP]
33.13	Approval for Laboratory	Suitable experts from neighboring

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	and Building Works Committee	universities/ laboratories may be incorporated in the Committee. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.14	Formation of Internal Finance Committee for NIPER Hyderabad for Annual Accounts of the year 2017-18, Nomination of DoP Member	Under Secretary, IFD may be included as a member of the Committee. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad/DoP]
33.15	Approval for Up-gradation of Laboratories and Infrastructure facilities	NIPER Hyderabad should clearly specify when and for what purpose the amount of Rs. 5.10 cr was released; whether the Department has re-appropriated the amount to be utilized during the current financial year and the detailed break-up of activities for which the amount is proposed to be utilized. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.16	Approval of demarcation of land and construction of boundary wall	The land would be formally transferred to NIPER only after approval of the Cabinet. As such, the proposal is deferred for the time being. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad/DoP]
33.17	Approval for setting up National Centre for Research and Development in Bulk Drugs (NCRDBD) and fund release	The Institute to submit a detailed proposal indicating the activities/ projects for which the amount of Rs.10.00 cr. is proposed to be utilized. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.18	Approval for purchase of new vehicle (Innova) for Director, NIPER Hyderabad	As per extant instructions, no new vehicle can be purchased. The Institute may take the vehicle on long term lease directly from the manufacturer or through GeM. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.19	Renewal of MoU signed between IDPL and NIPER Hyderabad for release of premises	The MOU for lease of premises expiring in December, 2018 may be extended. As regard extension of lease of Training Centre Hostel, which is valid till June, 2019, the Institute may wait.

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		[Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.20	Permission to hold sports meet 2019 of all NIPERs at NIPER Hyderabad	The matter may be decided amongst the NIPERs themselves. Steering Committee vide agenda item no. 32.6 had already noted that the annual sports event for the year would be held at NIPER Ahmedabad. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.21	Guidelines for faculty staff and students to attend national and international conferences, workshops and seminars	The guidelines followed in other similar Institutes and instructions issued earlier, if any, may be gone into. The Institute may come up with draft guidelines for further consideration by the Committee. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.22	Canteen facility for students of NIPER Hyderabad	Approved. The canteen facilities for students be created out of the funds already allotted to the Institute. No separate funds for the purpose would be given by DoP. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.23	Status of MoU between CSIR and DoP, NIPER and IICT (Mentor Institute)	Noted. MOU is deemed to have expired on joining of the regular Director. Further follow up action be taken by the Institute. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad]
33.24	Release of funds of Rs. 10.00 cr. towards procurement of capital items for year 2018-19.	As per decision taken to Agenda Item No. 33.2. [Action: NIPER Hyderabad/ NIPER Raebareli]
NIPER KOLKATA		
33.25	Approval of estimated cost of Rs. 131.00 lakh for construction of Boundary wall and fencing on the 10 acres of Land allotted and handed over to NIPER-Kolkata at Kalyani	Not approved [Action: NIPER Kolkata]
33.26	Repair and renovation	Approved. The repair and renovation be

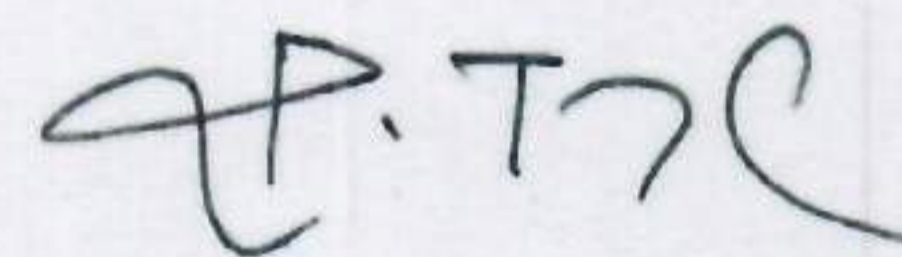
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	of existing old shed for conversion to Animal House at existing Campus (Chunnilal Bhawan)	carried out of the funds already allotted to the Institute. No separate funds for the purpose would be allotted by DoP. [Action: NIPER Kolkata]
33.27	Consideration and approval for formation of Academic Planning & Development Committee for NIPER Kolkata and constitution thereof.	The draft composition of APDC may be shared at first instance with other NIPERs and their suggestions/ comments obtained. Private/ Industry people be also included. [Action: NIPER Kolkata]
NIPER HAJIPUR		
33.28	Annual Accounts for the financial year 2017-2018	Committee approved the Annual Accounts for onward transmission to CAG.
33.29 and 33.30	Fate of Ph.D students of Pharmacoinformatics – Shri Venkateshwaran T and Ms. Bhavana Panthi and Two other junior students.	The Committee, after noting the orders passed by the High Court in Writ Petition and LPA, pending reference of Bihar SC Commission, report of the Committee constituted by the Department and undertaking given by the students, decided as a one-time exemption, not to be quoted as a precedence in future, that all the four PhD students in Phamacoinformatics stream at NIPER Hajipur be transferred to NIPER Kolkata with immediate effect, as the said specialization has been discontinued at Hajipur. The Committee further decided that NIPER Kolkata would take immediate steps to fill up one post of faculty in Pharmacoinformatics at Assistant Professor level, initially for a period of one year, as per provisions of NIPER Statutes. The Committee further decided, as a special case, that the two PhD students, who have completed five years, be provided fellowship for a period of six months, with no further extension. These students would need to re-registrar as per provisions of NIPER

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		Statute/ Ordinance with no exemption in payment of fee for the purpose. [Action: NIPER Hajipur/ NIPER Kolkata]
33.31	Release of fellowship to Ph.D scholar after submission of thesis	Deferred.
Other decisions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. All NIPERs to send their list of equipment purchased to Director, NIPER Raebareli, who has been nominated as Chairperson of the Common Purchase Committee. ii. NIPER Ahmedabad will conduct the NIPER JEE -2019 exam. iii. The next meeting of the Steering Committee would be held at NIPER Guwahati.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



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