

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WIND ENERGY
Chennai

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY FOURTH MEETING OF
GOVERNING COUNCIL OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WIND
ENERGY HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2025 at 15:00 hours
AT MNRE, NEW DELHI IN HYBRID MODE**

The following were present:

1.	Shri. Santosh Kumar Sarangi, I.A.S., Secretary, MNRE, New Delhi	Chairman
2.	Shri. Padam Lal Negi, IDAS Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser, MNRE, New Delhi	Member
3.	Shri. Sanjay Chilwarwar Joint Secretary (Wind Energy), MNRE, New Delhi <i>represented by Shri. Rajesh Kulhari, Joint Secretary, MNRE</i>	Member
4.	Shri. Pradip Kumar Das Chairman & Managing Director Indian Renewable Development Agency Limited <i>represented by Shri. Rajneesh Rai, DGM, IREDA and Shri. Piyush Kumar, Arora, Senior Manger, IREDA</i>	Member
5.	Shri. Akash Tripathi, I.A.S. Managing Director Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) <i>represented by Shri. Sivakumar V Vepakomma, Director(PS), SECI (online)</i>	Member
6.	Dr M.V Ramana Murthy (online) Former Director (NCCR) & Mission Director (Deep Ocean Mission) Scientist H, Ministry of Earth Sciences, New Delhi & Chairman, R&D Council, NIWE	Member
7.	Shri. Aditya Pyasi Chief Executive Officer Indian Wind Turbine Manufactures Association	Member
8.	Dr. Jaya Kumar Seelam (online) Chief Scientist National Institute of Oceanography, Goa	Member
9.	Dr. Rajesh Katyal Director General, NIWE, Chennai	Member Secretary



ALSO PRESENT	
1.	Dr. Prabir Kumar Dash, Scientist E, MNRE
2.	Shri. Kailash Chand, Deputy Secretary, MNRE
3.	Shri. Suman kumar, Under Secretary, MNRE
4.	Smt.Nidhi Choudhary, Section Officer, MNRE
5.	Shri. R. Girirajan, Additional Director and DH(F&A), NIWE
6.	Shri. Bhukya Ramdas, Deputy Director (Tech.), NIWE

The Member Secretary welcomed the Chairman and other esteemed members of Governing Council of NIWE and requested Chairman for his opening remarks.

The Chairman in his opening remarks mentioned that NIWE has made significant contribution both in onshore and with special focus on offshore Wind Energy development in India.

The Council thereafter took up the Agenda for discussion.

Agenda item No. 54:01: To grant leave of absence to the Members, who were not present in the Meeting

The Council granted leave of absence to the members Shri. Gaurav Gupta, I.A.S., Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Govt. of Karnataka and Shri.Parag Sharma, President, Wind Energy Independent Power Producers Association (WIPPA) who could not attend the Meeting. .

Member Secretary also informed about the sudden demise of the member Dr. Beela Venkatesan, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu on 24.09.2025 and highlighted about her contributions to FC and GC of NIWE. Also requested the Council to observe one minute silence at the end of meeting to mark a token of respect to her.

Agenda item No.54:02: To confirm the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of Governing Council of NIWE held on 28.09.2024

The approved minutes of the Minutes of 53rd Meeting of Governing Council of National Institute of Wind Energy held on 28.09.2024 through Hybrid Mode were circulated to all the members. No comments were received from the members on the approved minutes of the meeting.

The Council confirmed the minutes of the 53rd meeting.

Agenda item No.54:03: Broad Overview of Technical Achievements of NIWE

Member Secretary explained in detail the Technical Achievements of NIWE during the year as detailed below:

- Development of wind and hybrid atlas portal (150m)
- Identification of New Sites of Wind Power Project Development for 66GW to meet the estimated target of 50GW by 2030
- Demarcation of MOD zones for wind power projects
- Preparation of wind farm repowering map
- Identification of newer States (other than wind rich states) for exploring possibilities of Wind Farm development
- Pre-project activities for Offshore Wind Development
- Establishment of Wind Tunnel Facility
- Accreditation of Inspection Services (ISO/IEC 17020)

The Council noted the Technical Achievements of NIWE.

Agenda item No.54:04: To review and approve the action taken on the decisions of previous Council Meetings

Member Secretary explained in detail the action taken by NIWE on the decisions of previous Council Meetings as mentioned in the agenda. The item wise observations made by GC is given below:

Sl. No.	Agenda Item & Action Taken so far
	To review the action taken on the decision of the previous Council meetings: (i.e. wherever action is pending.)
1.	No.41.05 : To consider and approve the progress Met- ocean measurements (Wave, Tide, Current, Water level etc.) at Gulf of Khambhat and Gulf of Mannar through RDSPAC for fostering the growth of offshore wind in the country Project Monitoring Committee constituted by MNRE has reviewed the Project and recommended for closure of the project as all the objectives were met. Project is closed. GC noted the progress.
2.	No.41.06: To Consider and approve proposal on Integrated Wind Solar Resource Assessment. Project Monitoring Committee constituted by MNRE has reviewed the Project and recommended for closure of the project as all the objectives were met. Project is closed. Financial closure likely to be completed by March 2026. GC noted the progress.
3.	No.45:17: To consider and approve Establishment of National Test Centre (NTC) for Offshore Wind Turbines & No.49.15: To consider and approve the Proposal for Greening of Rameshwaram The CRZ clearance process is underway, for which a fee of Rs.20 lakhs to be paid to TNSCZMA and the same has been approved by FC. Based on the approval by GC, NIWE will apply to TNSCZMA for CRZ clearance. After obtaining CRZ clearance proposal will be tabled

	before MoEF&CC. Based on the concurrence of MoEF&CC the proposal for Establishment of National Test Centre (NTC) for Offshore Wind Turbines for Greening of Rameshwaram would be submitted to MNRE. GC noted the progress and accorded approval for remittance of CRZ clearance fees (Rs.20 lakhs) to be paid to TNSCZMA.
4.	No.46:07: To consider the project proposal for carrying out the Wind Resource Assessment Studies at 100M Level in A&N Islands It was briefed that measurement for three mast locations is underway. Recently A&N authorities have provided NOCs for three newer sites for which AAI&MOD clearances are underway. Thereafter NIWE will take up the activities for installation and commissioning of the mast. GC noted the progress.
5.	No.46:08: To consider and approve conversion of 40 Project posts into permanent posts in NIWE Department of Expenditure, Government of India conveyed approval on 10.06.2025 for conversion of 40 Project posts into permanent posts in NIWE. GC noted the progress.
6.	No.49:08: To consider and approve the development and implementation of the wind turbine control system & mechanism for operation during national emergencies & No.51:04 : To consider and approve the development of a SCADA control system to control different OEM WTG at an estimated cost of Rs.85.95 lakhs Phase 1 of the project has been completed. For Phase II, NIWE is providing the Technical Monitoring Support to IPP / Wind Developers / OEMs for bordering areas both at Gujarat (Naliya and Jamnagar) and Rajasthan (Jaisalmer) is under process. GC noted the progress.
7.	51:06: To consider and approve the Project proposal to carry out wind resource assessment studies at 150 m level AAI & MOD clearance underway for three locations. Thereafter installation and commissioning activities will be taken up. GC noted the progress.
8.	51:08, 52:02 & 52:03 : To consider and approve proposal for carrying out "Offshore studies and survey covering integrated floating Buoy (Lidar and met-ocean parameters) Geo-physical and Geotechnical investigations" for the proposed 500MW offshore wind farm project at Sub Zone No.1 at Gulf of Mannar-off Tamil Nadu coast Wind and other Oceanographic measurements using Floating Buoy LiDAR system is underway. The field work for geotechnical studies likely to be completed by January 2026. Final report will be submitted by end of February / March 2026. GC noted the progress.
9.	53:04 : To consider and approve the Bid Processing Advisory Services Member Secretary informed that the Bid Processing Advisory Services for the Offshore tender will be engaged once SECI uploads the 500 MW



	/ 1GW combined tender for Offshore development in public domain. The Chairman desired that since this is a commercial activity it should be carried out by SECI and not by NIWE being the technical arm of the Ministry. GC noted the progress.
10.	53.05 : To consider and approve the Infrastructure requirements at WTTS cum WTRS, Kayathar CPWD has provided the detailed estimates for both projects with execution planned for the FY 2025-26. The estimated funding of about Rs.1.09 crores has been approved by FC. GC concurred the budget requirements of Rs.1.09 crores as per the recommendations of FC.
11.	53.06: To consider and approve Implementing a WTRS Wind Farm Data Collection and Dash boarding System for NIWE, Chennai The technical specifications to meet NIWE's present requirements and the process of collecting detailed software and hardware from the wind manufactures is underway. GC noted the progress.
12.	53.07 : To consider and approve hiring of manpower for various activities under direct contract mode Completed the process for engagement of manpower under direct contract mode for various activities. GC noted the progress.
13.	53.09 : To consider and approve Test facility on Calibration Wind Tunnel proposed by NIWE for SEZ to be developed by MPIDC, Madhya Pradesh NIWE has already provided draft technical specification to MPIDC. MPIDC is now in the process of finalizing the technical specification by way of Expression of Interest with prospective vendors and shall be floating tender for design, procurement, installation and commissioning of Wind Tunnel Calibration facility for Anemometers and wind vanes. GC noted the progress.

Agenda item No.54:05: To consider and approve Engaging National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI) Empanelled Managed Service Providers for Operations and Management of IT Infrastructure at NIWE Chennai.

Member Secretary explained the proposal for Engaging National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICSI) Empanelled Managed Service Providers for Operations and Management of IT Infrastructure at NIWE Chennai with an estimated budget of INR 20 lakhs annually to be met from CFA Funds.

After discussion GC accorded in-principle approval and advised to obtain the concurrence of budget estimate by FC in its next meeting.



Agenda item No.54:06: To consider and approve delegation of powers to DG, NIWE to provide Approval to NIWE staff to undertake foreign deputation / abroad visit under consultancy projects

Member Secretary explained the proposal on delegation of powers to DG, NIWE to provide Approval to NIWE staff to undertake foreign deputation / abroad visit under any consultancy projects.

After discussion GC has directed NIWE put up detailed proposal to Admin III of MNRE for further examination and needed approval which should be uniform for all the three Autonomous Bodies under the Ministry.

Agenda item No.54:07: To consider and approve Establishing a Regional Centre of NIWE for the Western Region at MEDA Office, Pune

Member Secretary explained about the request of MEDA for Establishing a Regional Centre of NIWE for the Western Region at MEDA Office, Pune.

After detailed discussions GC directed NIWE to support all the SNA's from Chennai office.

Agenda item No.54:08: To consider and approve the Recommendations of the 42nd and 43rd meeting of the Finance Committee of NIWE.

Member Secretary briefed the GC about the recommendations of the 42nd and 43rd FC meetings of NIWE.

GC approved the recommendations of the 42nd and 43rd FC meetings of NIWE.

Agenda item No.54:09: To consider and approve the Recommendations of the 32nd meeting of the R&D Council of NIWE held on 4th September 2025

Member Secretary briefed the GC about the recommendations of the 32nd R&D Council meeting of NIWE.

GC approved the recommendations of the 32nd R&D Council meeting of NIWE.

Agenda item No.54:10: To review the Statutory Compliance Report

Member Secretary explained to GC the compliances adhered to by NIWE as mentioned in the agenda.

GC noted the same.



Agenda item No.54:11: To consider and approve the Annual Report along with Audited Accounts for the year 2024-25

Member Secretary informed that the Annual Report placed contains about the activities carried out by NIWE during 2024-25 along with Audited Accounts as approved by the Finance Committee in its meeting held on 12th September 2025 and sought GC's approval for the same.

GC approved the Annual Report of NIWE for the year 2024-25 along with Audited Accounts.

Agenda item No.54:12: Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Programme Division (Wind), MNRE advised NIWE to explore the possibility of obtaining IECRE accreditation for its testing and certification services in wind energy sector.

As there were no other items to be discussed, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the participants.



Chairman, GC, NIWE

