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MINUTES OF 31st MEETING OF THE SENATE

Date	:	29th October 2025
Time	:	3:00-5:00 PM
Venue	:	Conference Hall, NIT Goa (Hybrid Mode)

Proceedings of the 31st meeting of the Senate of NIT Goa held on 29th October 2025 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, in the Conference Hall, National Institute of Technology Goa, Cuncolim. The meeting was held in Hybrid mode.

Senate Members

S.No	Name	Designation		Mode of Presence
1	Prof. Omprakash R Jaiswal	Director, NIT Goa	Chairperson, Senate	In person
2	Prof. Prem Pal	Department of Physics, IIT Hyderabad	External Member	In person
3	Prof. Vasant Matsagar	Department of Civil Engg, IIT Delhi	External Member	Online
4	Prof. Smita Jha	Department of Humanities & Social Science, Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee	External Member	Online
5	Dr. Shashidhar K. Kudari	Registrar	Secretary	In person
6	Dr. S. Mini	Dean (Academics)	Member	In person
7	Dr. Soumitra Das	Dean (Students Welfare)	Member	In person
8	Dr. Chirag Modi	Dean (Research & Consultancy)	Member	In person
9	Dr. Amol D Rahulkar	Dean (Faculty Welfare)	Member	In person
10	Dr. Velavan Kathirvelu	Dean (Planning & Development)	Member	In person
11	Dr. Trilochan Panigrahi	Dean (Institutional Relations & Alumni Affairs)	Member	In person
12	Dr. Veena T	HoD, CSE	Member	In person
13	Dr. Veerakumar T	HoD, ECE	Member	In person
14	Dr. Suresh Mikkili	HoD, EEE	Member	In person
15	Dr. Shangerganesh L.	HoD, APS & HSS	Member	In person
16	Dr. Prasenjit Dey	HoD, MCE	Member	In person
17	Dr. Harikumar M	HoD, CVE	Member	In person
18	Dr. Shivnarayan Patidar	Associate Dean (Academics)	Special Invitee	In person

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ITEM No. SN-31.1	To confirm the minutes of the 30th meeting of Senate held on 26th June 2025

Minutes of 30th meeting of the Senate of NIT Goa held on 26th June 2025 were circulated.

Comments received:
1. Item No: SN 30.3: This measure is intended to prevent situations where the same research work/publication is claimed by more than one student.
2. Item No: SN 30.5:
   a. "each having minimum 2 lecture hours" has to be changed to "each having minimum 2 lecture hours per week".
   b. typo correction: (excluding Minor course/early completion) has to be changed to (including Minor course/early completion).
   c. The sentence "In case of timetable slot clashes between backlog courses from different semesters, the student must obtain approval from both the Faculty Advisor and the Head of the Department (HoD) to determine which backlog course to register for" has to be added to avoid ambiguity.

These modifications are incorporated in the finalized minutes.

The Senate is requested to approve the finalized minutes.

Resolution: Senate confirmed the minutes of 30th Senate meeting.

ITEM No. SN-31.2	Action taken report on the resolutions taken in the 30th meeting of the Senate

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ITEM No. SN-30.3 Proposal to Modify the Ph.D. Rules and Regulations

(a) As per the existing Rules and Regulations, the minimum requirement for Ph.D. thesis submission currently states: "*A minimum of three reputed Journals/Patents are to be published/granted respectively, as a part of Ph.D., out of which………*". To improve clarity, it is proposed to reframe the sentence as "*A minimum of three reputed journal publications or granted patents, based on the Ph.D. work, are required, out of which….*"

(b) It is proposed to include the following in the Ph.D. Rules and Regulations:
"*The Supervisor's name must appear on all research publications and patents submitted as part of the Ph.D. requirements. For a research paper or patent to be considered as part of the Ph.D. thesis work, the scholar must be listed as either the first author/inventor or the second author/inventor, in cases where the Supervisor is the first author/inventor.*"

(c) It is proposed to include the following regarding synopsis submission:
"*Ph.D. scholars are required to submit their thesis within 3 months of synopsis submission. In exceptional cases, a special permission may be granted to extend this period up to 6 months. If the thesis is not submitted within 6 months, the scholar will be required to deliver the pre-synopsis seminar again and resubmit the synopsis for further consideration.*"

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Resolution: *The Senate approved Item No. 30.3 (a) and 30.3 (c) and suggested the following points for Item No. 30.3(b) and 30.3(c) respectively:*

  i.   *An undertaking shall be obtained from the student and the supervisor stating that the work reported in the thesis has not been submitted towards the award of any other degree and that no part of it has been copied or reproduced from any other source such that it may be claimed by another individual or institution. This measure is intended to prevent situations where the same research work/publication is claimed by more than one student.*

  ii. *Submission of the draft of the thesis along with synopsis to meet the deadline.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-30.4: Proposal to modify minimum attendance requirement for B.Tech. and M.Tech. students to appear for end semester examination

The existing minimum attendance requirement for a student to be eligible for the End Semester Examination is 80%. An additional 5% relaxation is granted on medical grounds or for students representing the Institute in competitions or other events.

It is proposed to modify the Rule as,

  (i)   *Students are expected to attend all lectures, tutorials, and practical classes.*

  (ii)   *A student whose attendance is less than 75% (inclusive of all types of leave, such as participation in technical, cultural, or sports events, as well as absences due to medical or personal reasons) for a course is not eligible to appear for the End-semester examination of that course and will be awarded "W" grade.*

  (iii) *A student with "W" grade in a course is not eligible to appear for End Semester examination, Re-examination & Summer Term of that course.*

Resolution: *Senate approved the proposal.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-30.5: Modification of Course Registration Rule for all the UG Students of the Institute

It is proposed to modify the course registration rule for all the UG students of the Institute:

  i) Backlog courses must be mandatorily registered first if offered, followed by dropped courses if offered, and only then can regular courses be registered. Since the same courses are offered in both semesters of the first year across different sections, the following guidelines must be followed:
  (a) Students are not allowed to register for backlog courses in their second semester of admission.
  (b) A second-year student may be allowed to register for first-year backlog course(s) for the first time, corresponding to the original semester in which the course was first attempted, provided it falls within the permissible academic regulations.
  ii) All existing clauses related to the Termination of Registration shall remain applicable and must be verified prior to course registration.
  iii) (a) A maximum of 6 theory subjects (each having minimum 2 lecture hours per week)

(including Minor course/early completion) per semester is allowed for all students of the Institute, except in cases of slow pace learning, where exceptions may apply. In addition, the student may register for 1-credit courses of the concerned semester, and a maximum of 4 laboratory courses may be registered in a semester.

(b) In cases where 6 regular core theory courses (each having minimum 2 lecture hours per week) are offered in a semester, one additional course (having minimum 2 lecture hours per week) may be considered for registration, subject to the availability of slots in the timetable. In addition, the student may register for 1-credit courses of the concerned semester, and a maximum of 4 laboratory courses may be registered in a semester.

iv) The theory course registration for students with two or more backlog courses and a CGPA$\leq$5 shall be carried out according to the following table:

No. of Backlogs	CGPA	Maximum No. of theory subjects permitted for registration
2 to 4	$\leq$5	5
More than 4	$\leq$5	4

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal and recommended the inclusion of the following guidelines for handling backlog courses:

(a) As proposed, backlog courses, if offered, should be registered first. However, any deviation from the above distribution of backlog courses across semesters for first-year courses shall require prior approval at the time of course registration. Such approval must be based on the recommendation of the respective Faculty Advisor and Head of the Department (HoD), and shall be granted only with the permission of the Dean (Academics). In case of timetable slot clashes between backlog courses from different semesters, the student must obtain approval from both the Faculty Advisor and the Head of the Department (HoD) to determine which backlog course to register for.

(b) For the purpose of registration, "backlog" in Item 30.5(iv) shall refer only to theory courses, not practical/laboratory courses, or 1 credit courses.

(c) The terminology in the table should be updated from "No. of Backlogs" to "Total No. of Theory Backlogs."

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-30.6: Refund of fee

A student who was under suspension (for indiscipline) during the Even Semester of the AY 2024-25 has submitted a request for a refund of the semester fee paid to the Institute. A committee was constituted to examine the matter. The recommendation of the committee will be placed before the Senate.

Resolution: The Senate resolved that the fee would not be refunded.

Action Taken: Implemented

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ITEM No. SN-30.7: Approval for a course HU701: Fundamentals of Literature and Contemporary Cultural Theory

The Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) has proposed the introduction of a 4-credit course, HU701: Fundamentals of Literature and Contemporary Cultural Theory, specifically designed for Ph.D. students in English. The syllabus, which has been approved by the subject expert (BoS), is presented for consideration.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-30.8: Approval for Open Elective Courses

The CSE, ECE, and EEE departments will offer the following Open Electives in the upcoming semester: Data Structures, Mathematical Foundations for AI and ML, and General Aspects of Electric Safety, respectively.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-30.9: Panel of Examiners for Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation

It has been decided that a panel of ten examiners, comprising both Indian and foreign experts as per the conditions approved in the 29th Senate meeting, will be submitted. It is proposed that the Director will select two/three examiners from this pool. Upon receiving two review reports, the viva voce examination may be conducted. It is proposed to defer the inclusion of industry experts as examiners at this time.

Resolution: The Senate recommended that the thesis defence may be conducted upon the receipt of any two positive reports out of the three thesis review reports. Furthermore, a minimum one-week waiting period shall be observed to allow time for the receipt of the third review report and the incorporation of any modifications, if applicable. During this period, a formal reminder shall be issued by the Dean (Academics) to the third examiner. The Senate also suggested to seek the guidelines from IITD.

Action Taken: Based on the information from other institutes, a set of guidelines for qualification of proposed examiners is to be finalized.

Recommendation: The Senate recommended that Item No. 30.9 be resolved within one month from the date of this meeting.

ITEM No. SN-30.10: Change of course credit structure

The course CV203 Engineering Geology in the new curriculum currently has a credit structure of 2-0-1 (3 credits). To maintain uniformity, it is proposed that this be revised to 2-1-0 (3 credits).

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal.

Action Taken: Implemented

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ITEM No. SN-30.11: Proposal to Remove the Clause Regarding Semester Withdrawal Deadline from the Rules and Regulations for UG Students Admitted from 2023 onwards

The Rules and Regulations for UG students admitted from 2023 onwards has a statement *"Application for semester withdrawal must be made as early as possible and latest by one week before the start of the end term examination. No applications for semester withdrawal will be considered after this time limit."*

It is proposed that it be removed.

Resolution: The Senate recommended that the deadline for submitting an application for semester withdrawal should be aligned with the course drop deadline, to ensure uniformity and clarity in the academic calendar.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-30.12: Proposal to remove mid-semester and end-semester examination components from courses with a 1-0-0 credit structure

It is proposed to eliminate the mid-semester and end-semester examinations for all courses following the 1-0-0 credit structure. Instead, these courses will adopt a continuous evaluation procedure for assessment.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-30.13: Assessment Procedure for Engineering Drawing (1-0-3) Course

It is proposed that Engineering Drawing (1-0-3) course will be evaluated using a method similar to laboratory courses. It will not be included in the centralized examination timetable, and the course instructor will be responsible for conducting the assessments.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal stating HoD to ensure that continuous evaluation processes are implemented, and the Course instructors shall conduct the examinations and evaluations with the same level of seriousness and rigor as regular examinations, even though it will not appear in the centralized examination timetable.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-30.14: Proposal to modify eligibility criteria for summer term courses

(a) Summer term courses for Students Admitted from 2013 to 2022:

The Rules and Regulations has a clause *"Summer term courses shall be offered for those students who got 'F' (Fail) and 'W' (Attendance Shortage) grade in an earlier attempt provided the last attempt was not in summer term."*

It is proposed that this can be reframed as *"A student shall be eligible to register for the summer*

term of a course only if he/she has got an 'F' grade in that course in at least one of the previous examinations."

(b) Summer term courses for Students Admitted from 2023 onwards:

Rule B19.2. states, *"The students who have obtained 'F' grade in the end-semester examination as well as re-examination of a course are eligible to register for the summer term".*

It is proposed to reframe this to *"Students must have got an F grade in both the End Semester Examination and the Re-examination of the on-going Academic Year to be eligible to appear for the Summer term."*

Resolution: *The Senate approved the proposal.*

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-30.15: Ratification of IITH Credit Mapping

Two students who undertook their final year at IITH as part of student exchange program had encountered an issue related to credit mapping. They had enrolled in a course CS5996: Industry Lecture Series, which was listed as a 1-credit course and was accordingly mapped to NIT Goa's credit system. Upon the declaration of results, it was observed that the course CS5996 is a Pass/Fail course at IITH and does not contribute to the CGPA calculation. As per our Institute's academic requirements, students must earn a minimum of 165 credits that count towards the CGPA. Due to the exclusion of this course from CGPA consideration, these two students had a shortage of 1 credit.

Following AAC recommendation, the Chairperson (Senate), approved the credit value of the course EM3020: Introduction to Entrepreneurship, which these students have completed and was a 1-credit course, be revised to 2 credits.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the proposal with the recommendation to take necessary measures to avoid such oversights in the future.*

Action Taken: Noted

ITEM No. SN-30.16: Offering ES300: Environmental Studies in Summer Term 2025

ES300: Environmental Studies is a Mandatory Learning Course (MLC) offered in the third year of the B.Tech. program and is graded Satisfactory (SA)/Unsatisfactory (US). In the Summer Term of 2025, the course was offered specifically for final year students who had previously received a US grade. The Chairperson (Senate) had approved this upon the recommendation from the AAC.

Resolution: *The Senate has ratified the same.*

Action Taken: Noted

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ITEM No. SN-30.17: Approval for Substitute Course for Final Year Student in Summer Term 2025

There was a request from a student of final year B.Tech., (student who was at IITH as part of student exchange program), for a substitute course during summer term as he had missed the NPTEL exam due to payment issue. Since he was a final year student and was short of only one course for completion of degree requirements, the Chairperson (Senate) approved that he can be given a course in the summer term, without it being marked as a backlog course in the grade card.

Resolution: *The Senate has ratified the same.*

Action Taken: Noted

ITEM No. SN-30.18: Academic Audit of Departments

An Academic Audit was conducted from 21-24 April, 2025 for all the Engineering departments, with each department undergoing a one-day audit. The audit team consisted of one expert from academia and one from the industry. The main objective of this audit was to identify the strengths and weaknesses within the department. The HoD's will present a summary of the audit reports to the Senate.

Resolution: *The Senate noted the suggestions of all the Audit teams.*

Action Taken: Noted

ITEM No. SN-30.19: Additional items, if any, with permission of The Chairperson, Senate.

(a) A Ph.D. student had completed 7 years of Ph.D. in January 2025. According to the Institute rules and regulations, the maximum duration of Ph.D. is 7 years. Currently, he has three papers under review in journals, and three conference publications. Additionally, the student is a second author on a journal paper. An extension is recommended by the DRC for the upcoming semester as well.

Resolution: *The Senate resolved to grant the student an extension up to 31 December 2025, as per the recommendation of the DRC.*

Action Taken: Implemented

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AGENDA NOTES

ITEM No. SN-31.3	Proposal to Introduce M.Sc. Programmes in Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry

Proposals have been received to start Master of Science (M.Sc.) programmes in the departments of Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry. The proposal (Annexure 31.3) will be placed before the Senate for discussion and approval.

Senate is requested to deliberate and approve the proposal.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item with the following suggestions and modifications:

1. The subject "Physics of Nanomaterials and Nanophotonics" listed in the proposed curriculum should be offered as an elective course.
2. The subject "Advanced Materials Science" should be replaced with a core subject.
3. A core subject on "Semiconductor Physics" is currently missing and should be included in the curriculum.
4. The subject "Optics" should be renamed to "Optics and Photonics."
5. A course on "Professional Communication Skills" (0-0-2) should be introduced for all M.Sc. programs, to be evaluated on a Pass/Fail basis. If feasible, it should be offered in the second semester.

ITEM No. SN-31.4	To consider and approve the list of students of 2019-2023 batch of B. Tech. (Passed in 2025) for the award of degree in the 11th Convocation

01 student from 2019-2023 batch, who has completed all the requirements towards the award of degree, is recommended for the award of B.Tech. degree in the 11th Convocation. The list of students proposed for the award of B.Tech. degree are given in Annexure 31.4-10.

Dept.	No. of students with CGPA 8.5 and above	No. of students with CGPA 6.5 and above but less than 8.5	No. of students with CGPA Less than 6.5	Total No. of Students Eligible for Degree Award
MCE	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	0	0	1	1

Senate may approve the proposed name for the award of the B.Tech. degree.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

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ITEM No. SN-31.5	To consider and approve the list of students of 2020-2024 batch of B. Tech. (Passed in 2025) for the award of degree in the 11th Convocation

04 students from 2020-2024 batch, who has completed all the requirements towards the award of degree, are recommended for the award of B.Tech. degree in the 11th Convocation. The list of students proposed for the award of B.Tech. degree are given in Annexure 31.4-10.

Dept.	No. of students with CGPA 8.5 and above	No. of students with CGPA 6.5 and above but less than 8.5	No. of students with CGPA Less than 6.5	Total No. of Students Eligible for Degree Award
CVE	0	0	02	02
CSE	0	0	02	02
TOTAL	0	0	04	04

Senate may approve the proposed names for the award of the B.Tech. degree.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

ITEM No. SN-31.6	To consider and approve the list of students of 2021-2025 batch of B. Tech. for the award of degree in the 11th Convocation

Total **154** students from 2021-2025 batch of B.Tech. are recommended for the award of B.Tech. degree in the 11th Convocation, who have completed all the requirements towards the award of degree. The list of students proposed for the award of B.Tech. degree is given in Annexure 31.4-10.

Dept.	No. of students with CGPA 8.5 and above	No. of students with CGPA 6.5 and above but less than 8.5	No. of students with CGPA Less than 6.5	Total No. of Students Eligible for Degree Award
CVE	05	25	0	30
CSE	12	22	02	36
EEE	04	22	0	26
ECE	12	23	0	35
MCE	04	21	02	27
TOTAL	37	113	04	154

Senate may approve the proposed names for the award of the B.Tech. degree.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item and recommended that the Ministry be contacted at the earliest for the appointment of the Chairperson of the Board of Governors (BoG), in order to facilitate the conduct of the convocation for the award of degrees. The Senate further noted that any unnecessary delay in holding the convocation may lead to student dissatisfaction and could adversely affect the institute's image and public perception.

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ITEM No. SN-31.7	To consider and approve the names of medal recipients of 2021-2025 batch of B. Tech. who will be honored in the 11th Convocation

There will be one Gold medal called Director's Gold Medal for academic topper of the Institute. There will be five Gold medals for the toppers in each department. The names and details of the recipients are given in the following table.

Sl. No.	Medal Name	Dept.	Reg. No.	Student Name	CGPA
1	Director's Gold Medal	CSE	21CSE1041	ARUN UPADHYAY	9.94
2	Gold Medal	CVE	21CVE1009	GOHIL KANAK JAYANT	9.25
3	Gold Medal	CSE	21CSE1041	ARUN UPADHYAY	9.94
4	Gold Medal	EEE	21EEE1029	SANAD PANDHARINATH SHET TALAULIKAR	9.30
5	Gold Medal	ECE	21ECE1015	KARTEEK DOKALA	9.31
6	Gold Medal	MCE	21MCE1014	MISHRA ANAND RAKESHCHANDRA	9.07

Senate may approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

ITEM No. SN-31.8	To consider and approve the list of students of 2023-2025 batch of M. Tech. for the award of degree in the 11th Convocation

Total 30 students from 2023-2025 batch of M.Tech., who have completed all the requirements towards the award of degree, are recommended for the award of M.Tech. degree in the 11th Convocation. The list of students proposed for the award of M.Tech. degree are given in Annexure 31.4-10.

Branch	No. of students with CGPA 8.5 and above	No. of students with CGPA 6.5 and above but less than 8.5	No. of students with CGPA Less than 6.5	Total No. of Students Eligible for Degree Award
CSE	05	11	01	17
PEPS	01	01	0	02
VLSI	05	06	0	11
TOTAL	11	18	01	30

Senate may approve the proposed names for the award of the M. Tech degree.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

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ITEM No. SN-31.9	To consider and approve the names of medal recipients of 2023-2025 batch of M. Tech. who will be honored in the 11th Convocation

There will be one Gold medal called Director's Gold Medal for academic topper of the Institute. There will be three Gold medals for the toppers in each department. The names and details of the recipients are given in the following table.

Sl. No.	Medal Name	Dept.	Reg. No.	Student Name	CGPA
1	Director's Gold Medal	VLSI	23ECE2008	YARLANKI MANOJ KUMAR	9.36
2	Gold Medal	CSE	23CSE2015	SHRUSTI VIKAS NAIK GAONKAR	9.06
3	Gold Medal	PEPS	23EEE2002	RAFEETHA V C	8.95
4	Gold Medal	VLSI	23ECE2008	YARLANKI MANOJ KUMAR	9.36

Senate may approve the proposed names for the award of the medal recipients.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

ITEM No. SN-31.10	To consider and approve the list of candidates to be conferred with the Ph.D. degree of the Institute

Eighteen students are recommended for the award of Ph.D. degree in the 11th Convocation who have completed all the requirements towards the award of degree.

Department	No. of students eligible for the award of degree
CSE	5
EEE	0
ECE	3
APS	7
HSS	3
Total	**18**

Five more students have submitted their theses till date. All students who complete their viva voce examinations before the next convocation shall be approved by the Chairperson, Senate, and subsequently ratified in the following meeting of the Senate.

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

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ITEM No. SN-31.11	Policy on Admission of Non-GATE Candidates to Ph.D. Programmes

The following proposals regarding the admission of non-GATE candidates to Ph.D. programmes are placed before the Senate for consideration:

(a) Non-GATE candidates may also be considered for Ph.D. admission, including those applying for direct Ph.D. after B.Tech., with stipend.

(b) It is proposed that non-GATE candidates with master's degree who are selected through the institute's written test and interview process be eligible for the same stipend as GATE-qualified candidates.

(c) Non-GATE candidates should be considered for Ph.D. admission only after all eligible GATE-qualified candidates have been accommodated.

(d) A maximum of two non-GATE candidates per faculty member may be considered, subject to selection through the institute's written test and interview process. The cap of maximum students per faculty will remain as it is, and this will be inclusive of non-gate candidates.

(e) For direct Ph.D. admission from B.Tech., candidates must have a minimum CGPA of 7.5 or 75% aggregate.

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item and made the following suggestions:

1. Admissions should preferably be offered to graduates from CFTIs in order to effectively manage surplus applications.
2. The eligibility condition should be revised from "a minimum CGPA of 7.5 or 75% aggregate" to "a minimum CGPA of 7.5 or 70% aggregate."

ITEM No. SN-31.12	CGPA Criteria Conflict Between Rules B25.2 and B27.1(i)

The existing letter grades and grade points are given below:

Grade	Grade Points
S	10
A	9
B	8
C	7
D	6
P	5
F	0

There appears to be an inconsistency between Rule B25.2 (Class/Division classification) and Rule B27.1(i) (Eligibility for B.Tech. Degree Award) of UG Rules and Regulations:

- Rule B25.2 classifies a CGPA of 5.00 and above but less than 5.50 as "Pass".
- Rule B27.1(i) states that a student must have a minimum CGPA of 5.50 to be eligible for the award of the B.Tech. degree.

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A conflict arises where a student may be assigned a "Pass" classification per Rule B25.2 but is not deemed eligible for degree award per Rule B27.1(i). Similar case arises in the old Rules and Regulations as well.

Senate is requested to deliberate and suggest.

Resolution: The Senate noted the above points and observed that the above provisions create ambiguity in interpretation. Therefore, the Senate recommended that the minimum CGPA requirement mentioned in Rule B27.1(i) be withdrawn to eliminate confusion in the academic regulations. Similarly, the corresponding provision in the old curriculum, Rule B26.1(i), should also have the minimum CGPA requirement removed. It was further recommended that the requirement of a minimum CGPA of 5.5 for the graduation of M.Tech. students be removed accordingly.

ITEM No. SN-31.13	Modification to Rule P7.6 of Ph.D. Rules and Regulations

Rule **P7.6** of the Ph.D. Rules and Regulations currently states:

*"If a candidate gets "US" for the first time, the DRC warns the candidate and allows him/her to proceed with the research work. In case the candidate gets "US" grade second time, his/her case **may be recommended** by the DRC for termination of Ph.D. registration. The recommendation should be forwarded in the form of report to the Dean (Academics) through DRPC."*

The use of the phrase "may be recommended" may lead to inconsistent handling of similar cases across departments.

It is proposed to modify the Rule as,

*"If a candidate gets "US" for the first time, the DRC warns the candidate and allows him/her to proceed with the research work. In case the candidate gets "US" grade second time, his/her case **should be recommended** by the DRC for termination of Ph.D. registration. The recommendation should be forwarded in the form of report to the Dean (Academics) through DRPC."*

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item and also recommended that the rule be modified to specify "two consecutive 'US' (Unsatisfactory)" instead of simply "two 'US'," for evaluation of research progress.

ITEM No. SN-31.14	Ratification of (a) Academic calendar for first semester B.Tech. students and (b) Timetable

The Academic Calendar for first semester B.Tech. students for the Odd Semester of AY 2025-26 was prepared and subsequently implemented. Slot-wise timetable was also prepared for all the batches, and implemented. (Annexure 31.14)

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

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Resolution: The senate ratified the item.

ITEM No. SN-31.15	Removal of Rule M7- "Minimum Requirement to Continue in the Programme" from PG Rules and Regulations

Rule M7 in the current PG Rules and Regulations states the minimum academic requirements for a student to continue in the programme after the first two semesters.

"M7.1 If at the end of the first two semesters of the normal academic programme, a student has earned less than 26 credits and has a CGPA of less than 5.5, then his/her enrolment will be terminated."

It is proposed to remove Rule M7 entirely from the PG Rules and Regulations.

Senate is requested to consider and approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the removal of Clause M.7.1 from the PG rules and regulations.

ITEM No. SN-31.16	Inclusion of Updated UGC-NET Qualified Categories for Eligibility under "Full-Time with Scholarship" Ph.D. Admission

The categorization of UGC-NET qualified candidates has been updated into the following three groups:
(i) Qualified for the award of Junior Research Fellowship and appointment as Assistant Professor,
(ii) Qualified for appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D., and
(iii) Qualified for admission to Ph.D. only.

It was decided that candidates who have qualified under any of the above three categories shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. under the category Full-Time with scholarship, at NIT Goa.

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

Resolution: The Senate ratified the item.

ITEM No. SN-31.17	Inclusion of new courses for Ph.D. students

New courses (Annexure 31.17) were proposed for inclusion in the Ph.D. coursework curriculum of Economics (Industrial Organization, HS801- Advanced Research Methods in Social Science), English (Code and name change of Research Methodology course to MLC-801, Research Methodology (Humanities)) and Civil Engineering (CV810- Durability of Concrete, CV811- Admixtures and Special Concrete, CV812- Advanced Sustainable Construction Materials and Assessment Methodologies). These were approved by the Chairperson, Senate. The courses and the syllabus will be presented before the Senate.

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

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Resolution: The Senate ratified the item.

ITEM No. SN-31.18	Proposal to revise Institute Post Doctoral Fellowship Guidelines

The Institute Post Doctoral Fellowship committee recommends the following amendments to the existing Rules and Regulations for Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) Programme to attract applications by considering the other NITs and IITs guidelines and by considering cost of living in region. The proposal to revise the guidelines and structure of the Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship is presented before the Senate for discussion and approval.

Sr. No	Existing Guidelines	Proposed Amendments
1.	3.4.1. For Engineering and Science, the applicant must have a minimum of 03 (three) publications as first author in SCI/SCIE or 03 (three) granted Indian/US Patents or a combination of Journal(s) & Patent(s) listed above. 3.4.2. For Humanities and Social Sciences, the applicant must have a minimum of 03 (three) publications as first author in the ABDC/SSCI/Scopus indexed journals (non-paid)/UGC CARE-A or 03 (three) granted Indian/US Patents or a combination of Journal(s) & Patent(s) listed above	3.4.1. For Engineering and Science, the applicant must have a minimum of ~~03 (three)~~ 02 (Two) publications as first author in SCI/SCIE or 01 (one) Q1 ranked journal or ~~03 (three)~~ 02 (Two) granted Indian/US Patents or a combination of Journal(s) & Patent(s) listed above. 3.4.2. For Humanities and Social Sciences, the applicant must have a minimum of ~~03 (three)~~ 02 (Two) publications as first author in the ABDC/SSCI/Scopus indexed journals (non-paid)/UGC CARE-A or 01 (one) Q1 ranked journal or ~~03 (three)~~ 02 (Two) granted Indian/US Patents or a combination of Journal(s) & Patent(s) listed above
2.	9.1. A fellowship of Rs 60,000 per month (consolidated) will be offered. 9.2. A contingency grant of Rs. 50,000 per annum towards purchasing consumables, attending conferences, meeting publication charges, etc., will be made available to the fellow on the recommendation of the mentor.	9.1. A fellowship of ~~Rs 60,000~~ Rs. 1,00,000 per month (consolidated) will be offered. 9.2. A contingency grant of ~~Rs. 50,000~~ Rs. 1,00,000per annum towards purchasing consumables, attending conferences, meeting publication charges, etc., will be made available to the fellow on the recommendation of the mentor.

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate suggested that Clause 3.4.1 be amended to require a minimum of two (02) journal publications, or at least one (01) journal publication accompanied by a granted utility patent.

The Senate further resolved that the fellowship amount will remain unchanged as per the existing provision.

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The Senate noted that only a few applications are being received for post-doctoral admissions. To address this issue, the Senate recommended that outreach efforts be strengthened centrally by circulating advertisements widely through all possible channels and by sending notifications to various institutes and organizations across the country, so as to attract a larger pool of eligible candidates.

ITEM No. SN-31.19	Ratification of Extension Beyond Seven Years for Ph.D. Students

Three Ph.D. students who have completed seven years in the program have requested an extension of 1 year.

	Publication Status
Student 1	No journal publications
Student 2	No journal publications
Student 3	Two SCIE indexed journal publications

The Chairperson, Senate has permitted an extension in the present semester and proposed to place before the Senate for discussion and approval.

Senate is requested to deliberate and suggest.

Resolution: The Senate approved the extension of Ph.D. registration up to a maximum of nine (09) years, subject to annual performance evaluation.

It was further decided that each student must publish at least one (01) journal paper every year as part of the evaluation criteria during the extended period.

ITEM No. SN-31.20	Review of Limit on NPTEL/MOOCs Courses for B.Tech. Students (Final Semester Internships)

As per B.7.2 of the UG Rules and Regulations, a student may register for a maximum of two MOOCs courses, up to a total of 8 credits, within their B.Tech. programme.

It has been observed that several B.Tech. students who undertake internships (as part of placement offer) in their final semester, face constraints due to this limit. These students seek additional flexibility through NPTEL to meet credit requirements or academic interests during their internships. Moreover, such students who have opted for a Minor programme often have one course of Minor programme pending in their final (8th) semester. It is proposed that these students be allowed to complete the remaining regular courses and the minor course through NPTEL/MOOC, subject to equivalency and approval by the respective department.

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: The Senate approved that the students who undertake internships (as part of placement offer) in their final semester be allowed to complete the remaining regular courses [maximum of 3 courses under the new curriculum and a maximum of 4 courses under the old curriculum] through MOOCs/NPTEL platforms. It was further decided that students must obtain

prior permission from the faculty advisor, HoD and Dean (Academics) through the proper channel before opting for such courses.

This provision shall not apply to students enrolled in Minor programs.

The Senate approved the issuance of an additional transcript for students who have partially completed a Minor program. This additional transcript shall reflect the courses completed under the Minor program and shall be issued separately from the main degree transcript to maintain clarity and proper academic record.

ITEM No. SN-31.21	Non-Refund of Tuition Fee for Students Not Joining or Withdrawing Admission (B.Tech./M.Tech./Ph.D. Programmes)

It has been observed that in several cases, students admitted to B.Tech., M.Tech., or Ph.D. programmes either do not join after confirming admission or withdraw shortly thereafter.
It is proposed to formalize the policy that:
- If a student admitted to the B.Tech. or M.Tech. programme does not join or withdraws after admission, no refund of the tuition fee will be made.
- Similarly, if a Ph.D. student withdraws admission, the tuition fee will not be refunded.

It is also proposed that if a Ph.D. student takes admission but does not report to the respective department within 30 days from the admission date, the admission shall be cancelled.

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: The senate approved the item.

ITEM No. SN-31.22	Institute's Performance in the NIRF Rankings

The Institute has been ranked in the band 101–150 in the NIRF 2025 rankings (Engineering). A detailed report of the scores and parameter-wise performance will be presented to the Senate.

Senate is requested to take note of the same.

Resolution: Noted

ITEM No. SN-31.23	Additional items, if any, with permission of The Chairperson, Senate.

(A) The 11th Convocation of the Institute is planned to be conducted after the appointment of the Chairman, BoG.

Resolution: The Senate recommended that the Ministry be requested to expedite the appointment of the Chairperson, Board of Governors (BoG), so that the 11th Convocation may be conducted at the earliest possible date and the degrees can be awarded to the graduating students without further delay.

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