



Minutes of the 29th Meeting of Senate

The 29th Meeting of the Senate was held on 01.06.2024 from 09:30 AM onwards in hybrid mode (physical / online) in the Board Room of the Institute. The members in attendance were as follows:

Members who attended in Physical Mode:

1. Prof. Mukul S Sutaone, Director IIITA	Chairman
2. Prof Shekhar Verma, Dean (SDA)	Member
3. Prof Anupam, Dean (Alumni Affairs)	Member
4. Prof Manish Goswami, Dean (A & R)	Member
5. Prof O P Vyas, Dean (TD) & (IWD)	Member
6. Prof Madhvendra Misra, Dean (I&NR)	Member
7. Prof Ranjit Singh, Dean (SA)	Member
8. Prof Neetesh Purohit	Member
9. Prof Vrijendra Singh	Member
10. Dr. Sonali Agarwal for (HOD IT)	Member
11. Dr. Sanjai Singh, (HOD ECE)	Member
12. Dr. Pramod Kumar, (HOD AS)	Member
13. Dr. Pragya Singh, (HoD MS)	Member
14. Prof. Abhay Gandhi, Professor, Dept. of Electronic Engr. VNIT Nagpur	Member
15. Sh. Prakash Kajave, Principal Specialist, Training & Capability Development Tech Mahindra, Pune	Member
16. Dr. Akhilesh Tiwari, Chief Proctor	Spl. Invitee
17. Dr Satish Singh, Registrar(Actg)	Secretary

Members who attended in ONLINE Mode:

1. Prof Tapobrata Lahiri	Member
2. Prof. Pavan Chakraborty	Member
3. Prof. G.C. Nandi	Member
4. Prof. Vikram M. Gadre, Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engr. IIT Bombay	Member
5. Dr. P.S. Sathidevi, Professor (HAG), ECE Dept, NIT Calicut.	Member
6. Dr. Upendra Kumar Singh, Distinguished Scientist and Director General Life Sciences DRDO, Government of India	Member
7. Sh Niranjana Pol, Senior Engg. Director, Seagate India Ltd.	Member

Members who couldn't attend the meeting:

1. Prof U S Tiwary, Dean (FA)	Member
2. Prof Pritish Varadwaj	Member
3. Prof Vijaishri Tewari	Member



At the outset, Chairman Senate welcomed the members present in the meeting. The Chairman Senate introduced the new members to the Senate viz. Prof. Abhay Gandhi, Professor, Dept. of Electronic Engr. VNIT Nagpur, Prof. Vikram M. Gadre, Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engr. IIT Bombay; Sh. Prakash Kajave, Principal Specialist, Training & Capability Development Tech Mahindra, Pune; Dr. P.S. Sathidevi, Professor (HAG), ECE Dept., Former Deputy Director & Director in Charge, NIT Calicut; Dr. Upendra Kumar Singh, Distinguished Scientist and Director General Life Sciences, DRDO, Government of India; Sh. Niranjana A. Pol, Sr. Engineering Director, Seagate Research Group, Seagate Technology HDD(India) Pvt Ltd,. The Senate greeted the new members.

The Chairman Senate then had a word of appreciation for those faculty colleagues who have received the confirmation on sanction of major research projects, with substantial grants, under various schemes. Chairman Senate further informed the Senate that about 22 Ph.Ds have been awarded this academic year till now. The Senate applauded and congratulated the colleagues. The Chairman Senate also informed the members that IIT Allahabad is ranked at 1401+ position in QS World University Ranking 2025, amongst top Global Universities.

The Chairman Senate also briefed about 28th Special Senate which was NEP Ordinance related and 27th Senate which was Convocation specific and informed the senate members there were many internal meetings held after the last senate meeting related to the articulation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for NEP Ordinances, academic activities, Course Syllabi, PhD external mode seats, and so on, which actually, in general, were considered as a follow up of earlier senate meetings and/or preparations for the prospective Senate meetings. It is pertinent to mention that four senate meetings have been already conducted in the academic year 2023-24 (July-23 to June-24), considering the needs of addressing the prevailing academic issues of the Institute, and two of these have been conducted in year-2024. Even so, a sufficient number of Senate meetings, need to be organized and will be organized in a calendar year (minimum four), as per statutory provisions in this regard, with the tentative schedule appearing in the Academic calendar.

After a brief exchange of pleasantries, Secretary Senate, took up the agenda items as follows:

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.01</u>	To confirm the Minutes of the 28th Special Meeting of Senate held on 22.01.2024
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Resolution: S-29/01 - The Senate perused and confirmed the same.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.02</u>	To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 28th Special Meeting of Senate held on 22.01.2024
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Resolution: S-29/02 - The action taken on 28th Senate was presented to the Senate. The Senate unanimously perused & received the ATR.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.03</u>	To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 26th Meeting of Senate held on 07.08.2023 and perusal of the Minutes of 26th Senate
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Resolution: S-29/03 - The Senate unanimously perused and received the ATR and confirmed the 26th Senate Minutes.

ITEM NO. 29.04	To receive the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 27thSpecial Meeting of Senate held on 06.09.2023 and perusal of the Minutes of 27thSpecial Senate
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Resolution: S-29/04 - The Senate unanimously perused and received the ATR and confirmed the 27th Special Senate Minutes.

ITEM NO. 29.05	To consider and approve the change (restoration) in nomenclature of M.Tech in Bioinformatics as “M.Tech in IT with specialization in Bio-informatics”
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Resolution: S-29/05—HOD (AS) presented the above agenda and informed about the pending demand of students for change in nomenclature of the program. Members opined that as the agenda was not discussed with IT deptt and the program is also not in consonance with IT, hence it was resolved to defer the agenda for the next meeting. The Chairman Senate was authorized to make a committee consisting of industry & subject experts, AS & IT experts and Alumni / students to bring a concrete model, pros and cons and a detailed plan with syllabus before the next meeting.

The Agenda Item was not approved but was “Deferred” for next Senate meeting.

ITEM NO. 29.06	To consider and approve the change in nomenclature and the curricular contents of the PG program -M.Tech Communication Systems, with the new title as M.Tech in “Intelligent Communication Systems”
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Resolution: S-29/06—HOD (ECE) presented the above agenda and informed about the members about the change in nomenclature of the Degree. HOD (ECE) also informed about the zero admissions in M.Tech Communication last year and requested to change the nomenclature to have some admission in said program. The Chairman Senate was authorized to make a Committee consisting of industry & subject experts, IT & EC experts and Alumni / students to bring a concrete model, pros and cons and a detailed plan with syllabus before the next meeting.

The Agenda Item was not approved but was “Deferred” for next Senate meeting.

ITEM NO. 29.07	To receive the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), based on the NEP Aligned Modified Ordinances implemented w.e.f. AY 2023-24
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Prof. Shekhar Verma briefed the Senate about the overview of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and its purpose to enable proper jelling with the NEP Ordinance 2020. He informed that




the Institute Automation Software – ERP is accordingly being aligned. Dean (A&R) Prof. Manish Goswami, further informed that the SOP mentions the actions to be taken by various stakeholders such as HoDs, different Sections / Departments for enabling practical application of NEP guidelines. This SOP also proposed new format of Grade Card on which members expressed view that code generation may be kept at THREE digits to enable accommodation of future courses till the figure 999.

Resolution: S-29/07 – The Senate approved the SOP.

ITEM NO. 29.08	To consider and approve the Grade Card Format
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Resolution: S-29/08–The Senate perused and approved the Grade Card Format with addition of three-digit format.

ITEM NO. 29.09	To consider and approve the syllabi for B.Tech, M.Tech and MBA under NEP 2023 Ordinance
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Resolution: S-29/09- Dean (A&R), Prof Manish Goswami presented the agenda and informed that different department had discussed, prepared and submitted the syllabus for students studying under NEP aligned curriculum. The Senate discussed each syllabus and observed that except BTech IT, BTech IT (Bin), MTech IT & MTech ECE syllabus, the syllabi for BTech ECE, MTech AS and MBA deptt (III and IV semester) need further refinement to make it more standardized.

It was resolved that a committee will be formed by the Chairman Senate for preparation, refinement, fine tuning of syllabi for BTech ECE, MTech AS and MBA Dept. (III and IV semester).The Senate authorized the Chairman Senate to approve the syllabi.

ITEM NO. 29.10	To consider and approve the additional Minor baskets under NEP ordinance
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Resolution: S-29/10 -HOD(AS), presented the agenda. The members raised few concerns about some courses and the need to introduce them under minor basket. Senate observed that the proposed multidisciplinary minors need further improvement.

With the above, the Senate did not approve the Agenda. However it was resolved that till further minor baskets are approved, the previous approved minor baskets will be continued and be floated to students.

It was resolved that a committee be formed by the Chairman Senate for preparation, refinement, fine tuning of syllabi. The Senate authorized Chairman Senate to approve the syllabi.

ITEM NO. 29.11	To consider and approve proposal received from GBPSSI for 15-credit Multi-Disciplinary Minor (MMDM) on Social Studies
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Resolution: S-29/11- The Agenda Item was not considered as it wasn't routed through proper channel. The Agenda was to be presented by Prof. Neetesh Purohit. The Senate observed that it should be routed through Dept. of Management Studies and Dean (A&R). However, consideration of MMDM proposed by GBPSSI, and the issue of Addition of courses under "Community Services", as requested by Prof. Purohit, may be taken up in the upcoming Senate meeting, to be proposed in the 3rd/4th week of July (before the start of the next semester). The Senate suggested that a faculty be designated as the Coordinator of MMDM.

ITEM NO. 29.12	To consider and approve regarding offering of the Elective Courses during Summer Semester for the UG Students studying under CCLCAA Ordinance
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Resolution: S-29/12-The Senate considered and approved the offering of the Elective Courses during Summer Semester to all eligible CCLCAA students irrespective of semesters. The senate also approved that CCLCAA governed students may register fresh courses in summer semester upto a maximum of 12 credits with the reason that during the course of time, only few students under CCLCAA batch would be left and therefore all the benefit should be extended to the students.

ITEM NO. 29.13	To consider and approve conversion of regular PhD program to PhD-Working Professional mode for scholars who join/willing to join services in other Institutions/organization mid-way in their PhD Program
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Resolution: S-29/13- Dean (A&R), Prof Manish Goswami IIITA presented the agenda and informed about the mandatory residential requirement for regular PhD at IIITA. The members discussed the issue at length, pros and cons, intellectual property issue etc. After a detailed discussion, the Senate resolved that a Standing Committee be constituted by Chairman Senate to review all such cases and based on case-to-case basis and genuineness of the matter, the committee will submit its report to Chairman Senate for further approval and reporting to Senate. The Committee shall further frame the guidelines for all such future cases.

ITEM NO. 29.14	To consider and approve inclusion of a Co-Supervisor from ISRO (Dr. Vineet K. Srivastava) for the Ph.D. Scholars Amit Kumar Singh (RWI2022005) and Pramod Prakash (RWI2022006) under the Working Professional scheme
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Resolution: S-29/14-Dean (A&R), Prof Manish Goswami informed about the provision in Ordinance and accordingly the Senate approved the following:

S.No	PhD Scholar	Supervisor	Co-Supervisor
1	Amit Kumar Singh (RWI2022005)	Dr Sonali Agarwal	Dr. Vineet K. Srivastava
2	Pramod Prakash (RWI2022006)	Prof Pavan Chakraborty	Dr. Vineet K. Srivastava




<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.15</u>	To consider the application of Mr. Neelesh Kumar (IEC2016019) and other similar placed students whose maximum allowable period is ending in 2024
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Resolution: S-29/15—Dean (A&R), Prof Manish Goswami presented the agenda. The Senate discussed, considered and approved the proposed point (a), (b) and (c) of above Agenda as follows for all such students who were governed by the ordinance prior to CCLCAA:

- a) For all previously admitted students till 2017 batch, the condition of maximum 3 back paper appearance limitation for a particular course is removed.
- b) All such students' and also previously governed students who had to register afresh owing to non-passing even after 3 times appearance in back papers, and had studied the paper during the regular term, are allowed to appear in back papers and the condition of fresh registration is according waived off.
- c) Maximum 7 back paper limitation in a back paper examination is waived off and the students are allowed to appear in as many back papers as possible.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.16</u>	To consider and approve the withdrawal of Sourav Kumar (IEC2022030) due to inability to pay 3rd& 4th Sem. Fees
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Resolution: S-29/16- The Senate considered and approved the same.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.17</u>	To consider and approve the cancellation of admission of Pravin Kumar Singh (IMB2023002) MBA 2023 Batch
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Resolution: S-29/17- The Senate considered and approved the same.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.18</u>	To ratify the Seat Matrix for B.Tech (CSAB-2024), PG (CCMT-2024) and DASA-2024 (both UG & PG Programs) admissions for the Academic Year 2024-2025
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Resolution: S-29/18—The Senate ratified the Seat Matrix for B.Tech (CSAB-2024), PG (CCMT-2024) and DASA-2024 (both UG & PG Programs) admissions for the Academic Year 2024-2025.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.19</u>	To consider & approve IIIT Allahabad as a QIP (Quality Improvement Program) Centre supported by AICTE, New Delhi to start the admission process for the AY 2024-25 in the M.Tech/ PhD program
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Resolution: 29/19- The Senate considered and approved the same. The distribution of seats will be done by the Director IIIT Allahabad according to choice of candidates and availability of seats.




<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.20</u>	To consider & approve the Visvesvaraya Ph.D. Scheme Phase-II for Electronics and IT for the Academic Year 2024-25 and Ph.D. seats to IIIT-A
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Resolution: S-29/20- The Senate considered and approved the same. The distribution of 3 seats (other than projects) will be done by the Director, IIIT Allahabad according to choice of candidates.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.21</u>	To consider and approve the direct admission to M.Tech Program against vacant seats
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Resolution: S-29/21- Dean (A&R)-Prof Manish Goswami presented the above agenda. The members expressed their opinion and views on the pros and cons of the direct admission to M.Tech Program against vacant seats. The practice adopted by NITs in filling vacant seats through direct admission (spot round) to M.Tech Program was also discussed, at length. The Senate resolved that both GATE qualified and non-GATE candidates will be eligible for admission at IIITA, but with a qualifying national level examination to be conducted and mandated by the Institute for all aspiring Non-GATE candidates. For all admission related modalities, a Committee may be formed by the Chairman Senate. The senate also resolved that the direct admission to M.Tech Program against vacant seats may be taken up in "Pilot Mode" for 2 years for filling vacant M.Tech seats from 2024 batch onwards.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.22</u>	To consider and approve Mrs. ChanderMohini Kapoor and Jeewan Kapoor Endowment Merit Prize of Rs 10000/- each to the topper of M.Tech in Machine Learning, Robotics and Human Computer Interaction
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Resolution: S-29/22- Dean (A&R), Prof Manish Goswami presented the agenda item. The Senate discussed the issue at length. The matter regarding Endowment Merit Prize amount, association with IIITA, reason for offering such prize and other related aspects were discussed. The Senate authorized Chairman Senate to form a committee for drawing a policy on such issue.

In the present case, the Senate authorized Dean A&R to initiate the discussion with the contributor and informed the contributor that if he wishes, then it can be considered for awarding as a "Cash Prize" on Institute's annual Foundation Day.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.23</u>	To consider and approve the Open Electives from AS Dept.
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Resolution: S-29/23- The Senate considered and approved the open electives.

Items for Reporting/Ratification

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.24</u>	To ratify the Policy regarding re-Mid/End and Back Paper Exam owing to Medical Issue
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Resolution: S-29/24- The Senate ratified the Policy regarding re-Mid/End and Back Paper Exam owing to Medical Issue.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.25</u>	To ratify the approval of elective Courses for MTech and PhD students
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Resolution: S-29/25 –The Senate ratified the approval of elective Courses for MTech and PhD students viz:

1. Biological Data Analysis Tools and Algorithms (PC-AS-BDAX06)
2. Nanoenzymes for Detection of Biomolecules (PC-AS-NDBX06)

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.26</u>	To ratify the adoption of Govt. Orders regarding revision of emoluments for Research Personnel engaged in R&D Program of Central Govt. Depts. / Agencies
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Resolution: S-29/26- The Senate ratified only the emoluments, other terms & conditions will be as per prevailing ordinance / practices.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.27</u>	To ratify the addition of Dr. NabajyotiMajumdar as Supervisor-II for Mr. Deepak Kumar (RWE2022501) PhD Scholar
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Resolution: S-29/27- The Senate ratified the same.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.28</u>	To ratify the addition of Dr. V.N. Pandeas Supervisor-II for Mr. Dilip Ramani (RWE2023003) PhD Scholar
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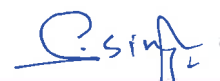
Resolution: S-29/28- The Senate considered and ratified the same.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.29</u>	To ratify addition of Prof. S. Deshpande as an external co-guide for Mr. Akhand Jyoti Tiwari (RWM2023001) PhD Scholar
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Resolution: S-29/29- The Senate considered and ratified the same.

<u>ITEM NO.</u> <u>29.30</u>	To ratify B.Tech 1st Semester & B.Tech&M.Tech 2nd Semester HSMC (VEC-Value Education Courses) with L-P-T = 1-0-0
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Resolution: S-29/30 - The Senate considered and ratified the same.



ITEM NO. 29.31	To report the Academic Calendar for Jan-June 2024 and Jul-Dec 2024
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Resolution: S-29/31—It was suggested that the Academic Calendar may include other important events. The Senate considered and ratified the same.

ITEM NO. 29.32	To ratify the Ph.D. students admitted in Academic Session July-December 2023 & Jan-June 2024 and supervisors
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Resolution: S-29/32 - The Senate considered and ratified the same.

ITEM NO. 29.33	To ratify Provision for B.Tech 2022 Batch for clearing previous Semester Courses
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Resolution: S-29/33 - The Senate considered and ratified the same.

ITEM NO. 29.34	To receive the confirmed Senate nominations of external experts on the Senate
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Resolution: S-29/34—The Senate welcomed all the Senate Nominees and expressed their appreciation to the Director for identifying such external expert nominees on the Senate.

ITEM NO. 29.35	To ratify the Senate nominations of two internal Professors on the BoG of the Institute
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Two names (Prof. O. P. Vyas and Prof. Anupam Agrawal) were proposed by the Chairman Senate, considering the criteria as detailed in the agenda note of this item. The Senate accepted these nominations through circulation and by MAJORITY, with subsequent discussions in the Senate on the points earlier raised by six senators through their emails and signed letter submitted in hard copy to the Chairman-Senate. During the meeting, one of the Senate members expressed his concerns on the criteria, mentioned in the agenda note, for deciding the nominees and suggested that 'seniority' and 'rotation' should be considered while nominating two Senate representatives on the BoG. The members and Chairman-Senate agreed to the suggestion, towards its prospective implementation from the next iteration. Two members, namely, Prof. Purohit and Prof. Ranjit Singh expressed their reservations against one of the nominees, Prof. Vyas, which were noted by the Chairman-Senate. While responding to the concerns of the members, the Chairman mentioned that he would ensure the observance of integrity and inclusivity on part of the nominees, while deciding their stand in the BoG meetings, in particular, on the welfare related issues of faculty/staff.

Resolution: S-29/35— After discussions at length, the Senate, by the majority, decided to confirm the nominations and congratulate the above two nominated faculty colleagues on the BoG of the Institute for the period of two years from the date of their nomination, as provided in



IIIT Act-2014. Since the two members, namely Prof. Neetesh Purohit and Prof. Ranjit Singh, showed their reservations in the acceptance of the nomination of Prof. O.P. Vyas on the BoG, their expression was considered as their dissent. Henceforth, the senate nominations of two internal Professors on the BoG shall be decided based on the "Seniority" and "Rotation"

ITEM NO. 29.36	To ratify the inclusion of GATE in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence for admission in PG and Dual Degree PhD Program in Machine Learning Robotics and Human Computer Interaction Group and Software and Data Engineering Group through CCMT
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Resolution: S-29/36 – The Senate considered and ratified the same.

Any Other Items

ITEM NO. 29.37 (S1)	To report the Order of Hon'ble High Court in the WRIT-C No. 40309 of 2023 in the indiscipline case of Rajiv Kumar (IMB2022045) & Mayank Verma (IMB2022042)
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Resolution: S-29/37/S1 –Dr. Akhilesh Tiwari, Chief Proctor & Special Invitee briefed the Senate about the cases. The Senate perused the proceedings and noted the same.

ITEM NO. 29.37 (S2)	To report the case of Pritam Kumar (IIT2022211)
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Resolution: S-29/37/S2 –Dr. Akhilesh Tiwari, Chief Proctor & Special Invitee briefed the Senate about the cases. He informed that the student has now completed his one-year suspension and he is going to join the Institute from the coming semester. In between his father sent two mercy appeals to the Director, IIIT-A. He further requested reconsideration of his appeal in whole / or partially, since during the suspension period, he has received no complaints against him.

The Senate considered and allowed permission for all normal academic & professional activities to the aforesaid student. However, he shall be put on academic probation during his stay on campus, and will have to undertake 50 hours community service with Dean (Student Affairs), as per the reformation policy.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.


(Dr Satish Kumar Singh)
Secretary Senate, IIIT Allahabad


(Prof Mukul S Sutaone)
Chairman Senate, IIIT Allahabad