



### Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Senate

The 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate was held on 10.12.2025 from 10:00 AM onwards in hybrid mode (physical / online) in the Senate Hall of the Institute. The members in attendance were as follows:

#### Members who attended in Physical Mode:

Sr. No.	Name	Role in Senate
1.	Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone, Director IIITA	Chairperson
2.	Prof. Anupam, Dean (Alumni Affairs)	Member
3.	Prof. Shekhar Verma, Dean (SD)	Member
4.	Prof. Manish Goswami, Dean (A & R)	Member
5.	Prof. Pavan Chakraborty, Dean (SA)	Member
6.	Prof. Madhvendra Misra, Dean (I&NR)	Member
7.	Prof. Manish Kumar, HOD (IT)	Member
8.	Prof. Pramod Kumar, HOD (AS)	Member
9.	Prof. Shailendra Kumar, HoD (MS)	Member
10.	Dr. Ashutosh Kumar Singh, HOD (ECE)	Member
11.	Prof. Vrijendra Singh, Professor	Member
12.	Prof. Pritish Varadwaj, Professor	Member
13.	Prof. Vijaishri Tewari, Professor	Member
14.	Prof. Ranjit Singh, Professor	Member
15.	Prof. Anurika Vaish, Professor	Member
16.	Prof. Rajat Kumar Singh, Professor	Member
17.	Prof. Sanjai Singh, Professor	Member
18.	Prof. Satish Kumar Singh, Professor	Member
19.	Prof. Ashutosh Mishra, Professor	Member
20.	Prof. Sonali Agarwal, Professor	Member
21.	Prof. Venkatesan Subramanian, Professor	Member
22.	Prof. Krishna Pratap Singh, Professor	Member
23.	Prof. Vikram M. Gadre, Professor, IIT Bombay	Member

24.	Dr. Mandar S. Karyakarte, Registrar	Member Secretary
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**Members who attended online:**

25.	Prof. Abhay Gandhi, Professor, Dept. of Electronic Engr, VNIT Nagpur	Member
26.	Dr. P.S. Sathidevi, Professor (HAG), ECE Dept., Former Deputy Director & Director in Charge, NIT Calicut	Member
27.	Sh. Prakash Kajave, Principal Specialist, Training & Capability Development, Tech Mahindra, Pune	Member
28.	Sh. Niranjan A. Pol, Sr. Engineering Director, Seagate Technology HDD(India) Pvt Ltd, Pune	Member
29.	Prof. Akhilesh Tiwari, Professor	Member

**Members who were absent for the meeting:**

30.	Prof. G.C. Nandi, Professor	Member
31.	Prof. Tapobrata Lahiri, Professor	Member
32.	Dr. Upendra Kumar Singh, Distinguished Scientist and Director General Life Sciences, DRDO, Govt. of India	Member

**Special Invitees who attended the meeting:**

33.	Dr. Muneendra Ojha, Associate Professor and Training & Placement Officer (For Agenda Item No. 36.09)	Special Invitee
34.	Dr. Shiv Ram Dubey, Associate Professor (For Agenda Item No. 36.12)	Special Invitee

At the outset, the Secretary Senate greeted the members and requested Chairperson Senate for permission to open the Senate meeting. The Chairman-Senate welcomed the members present in the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate and introduced the newly elected members to the Senate, who were greeted with applause.

The Chairman-Senate then allowed the Secretary Senate, to present the Agenda Items for the meeting as follows:

Item no. 36.01	To receive the Minutes of the 35 <sup>th</sup> Senate meeting held on 01.09.2025
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**Resolution: S-36/01:** The Senate formally received the Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting held on 01.09.2025.

Item no. 36.02	To receive the Action Taken Report on the 35 <sup>th</sup> Senate meeting held on 01.09.2025
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On ATR Item No. 35.11 (S11), Prof. Gadre placed on record appreciation for all the Departments upon seriously considering the recommendations of the Senate designated Committee regarding the Review of Masters' Academic Programs at IIIT-A. Prof. Gadre expressed that the Senate subcommittee shall submit the report upon receipt of objectives of each of the programs, program-wise curriculum structures, titles of courses therein, faculty (departments) involved in teaching the particular courses, collaborations among faculty members, institute(s), research laboratories etc. explicitly stating their roles, responsibilities and resources.

**Resolution: S-36/02:** The Senate received the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 35<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting held on 01.09.2025.

Item no. 36.03 (A)	Approval of proposed new MTech program titles, and proposed Seat Distribution of dual degree BTech-MTech & BTech-MBA programs along with Admission mechanisms.
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The agenda item was decided to be split as A1: As related to MTech programs' new titles and A2: As Seat distribution matrix for all these programs in the institute, just for the sake of convenience.

**[36.03/A1]: Approval of proposed new M. Tech program titles:**

The Senate discussed on each of the three recommended titles per MTech program, as communicated after the detailed discussions at the respective departments, and also on the choices of title ticked by the designated Senate committee for "Review of Academic Programs at IIITA" chaired by Prof Vikram M Gadre, and thereafter as a first step, agreed "to freeze" new program Titles as follows:

S. No.	Department	Present Title of PG Program	Suggested New Title / Remarks accepted by Senate
1	ECE	MTech-(ECE)- with specialization in Communication Engineering	MTech- (ECE) with specialization in Communication and Signal Processing
2	ECE	MTech-(ECE)- Microelectronics	MTech-(ECE)- Microelectronics and VLSI
3	Applied Sciences	MTech- Biomedical Engineering	MTech-Biomedical Analytics and Engineering
4	Applied Sciences	MTech- Bioinformatics	Continue with current Title – MTech-Bioinformatics
5	Information Technology	MTech-IT- Machine Learning & Intelligent Systems	MTech-IT- with Specialization in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
6	Information Technology	MTech-IT-Robotics & Machine Intelligence	MTech-IT- with Specialization in Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
7	Information Technology	MTech-IT-Human Computer Interaction	MTech-IT- with Specialization in Human-Machine Interaction and Immersive Technologies
8	Information Technology	MTech-IT-Software Engineering	MTech-IT- with Specialization in Software Engineering and Automation
9	Information Technology	MTech-IT-Data Engineering	MTech-IT-Data Engineering
10	Information Technology	MTech-IT-Wireless Communication & Computing	MTech-IT- with Specialization in Networks, Systems and Computing
11	Information Technology	MTech-IT-Cyber Laws & Information Security	MTech-IT- with Specialization in Cyber Laws & Information Security
12	Applied Sciences		MTech- QuantumInformation & Technologies

Prof. Gadre observed that though Titles of the MTech programs are approved in this Senate meeting, other particulars like objectives of the program, program structure, courses, faculty involved, collaborations among faculty members, institute(s), research laboratories etc. explicitly stating their roles, responsibilities and resources are awaited for submission to the designated Senate sub-committee from the Departments through their HOD.

**Resolution: S-36/03(A1):** The Senate finalized the choices and **APPROVED** the new TITLES for all of the existing and proposed MTech Program as above.

**[36.03/A2]:** To consider and approve the proposed seat distribution of dual degree BTech-MTech & BTech-MBA program along with admission mechanism.

Dean- A & R presented the seat distribution for the "NEW" Dual Degree Programs (viz. BTech-MTech and BTech-MBA) before the Senate:

a. Dual Degree BTech-MTech Programs:

The seat distribution for the new programs titled "Dual Degree BTech (ECE)- MTech (ECE) & Dual Degree BTech (IT)-MTech (IT)" with 11 & 25 seats respectively was placed before the senate for approval.

b. Dual Degree BTech-MBA Program

The seat distribution for the new program titled "Dual Degree BTech (IT- Bin)-MBA with 22 seats was placed before the senate for approval.

c. The seats are so allocated that the total intake in the institute is not altered.

d. These will be "new Programs", with their new NEP Aligned curriculum and ordinance inclusions for such Dual Degree programs to be finalized and placed before the next senate for approval.

**Resolution: S-36/03(A2):** The Senate **APPROVED** the proposed Seat distribution matrix, as presented in the meeting, for the BTech, MTech, dual degree BTech-MTech, BTech-MBA, MTech and Dual-degree MTech-PhD programs as per Annexure A1 & A2

Item no. 36.03 (B)	Considerations and Approvals of various proposals submitted by the Department of Applied Sciences with regards to their prospective MTech program on Quantum Information & Technologies.
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The Chairman-Senate appreciated the efforts of HOD (Applied Sciences) for meticulous compilation of the relevant proposal documents on the new MTech QIT program, in the stipulated time frame.

The Senate deliberated on the same.

**Resolution: S-36/03(B):** The Senate considered and **APPROVED** the proposals.

Item no. 36.04	A review of existing baskets of Minor courses from the operational perspective (Curricula, Credits, Content delivery, Examination etc.) along with discussions on newly proposed and approved Minor baskets.
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#### A. Regarding Minor Courses- Lectures, Content and other details

After initial propositions, as presented by the Dean-A&R, the members deliberated and could finalize as follows:

1. The credits per Minor basket, as decided in earlier (33<sup>rd</sup>) Senate, shall hereafter be 12. Minimum number of classes/lecture hours in minor courses should be at least 24, addressing 2 credits weightage and remaining 01 credit may be attributed to Student engagement in terms of case studies, surveys, mini-project, assignment, developmental work, etc., based on the nature of Minor.
2. The number of students in a particular Minor basket should be minimum 30 and maximum be decided as the total number of aspiring eligible students divided by the total number of Minor baskets being offered ('N'). The allotment of a particular Minor basket to a particular student shall be a function of his choice of Minor basket and the merit (his academic scores attained till the previous semester).
3. Hybrid classes may be permitted.

**Resolution: S-36/04(A):** The Senate considered and **APPROVED** the above proposal, with minimum and maximum enrollments for a particular Minor basket, to be decided as spelt out above at (2). The Senate further **APPROVED** the above proposal to be implemented w.e.f. July 2025 admitted Batch onwards.

#### B. Regarding Minor Credits

Regarding Minor basket Credits, the Senate in its 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting had approved that instead of 5 courses of 3 credits each, a student can now take 4 courses of 3 credits each for acquiring a Minor with a total of 12 credits in a multi-disciplinary domain and rest 3 credits to be added to the following core courses of BTech program:

S. No.	Program Name	Name of Course	Existing Credits	Proposed Credits
1	BTech IT	Probability & Statistics	3	4 (i.e. +1)
		Computer Graphics	3	4(i.e. +1)
		HSMC of II SEM Constitution of India, UHV etc.	1	2(i.e. +1)
2	BTech IT BIn	Probability & Statistics	3	4(i.e. +1)
		Operation Research	3	4(i.e. +1)
		HSMC of II SEM Constitution of India, UHV etc.	1	2(i.e. +1)
3	BTech ECE	Probability & Statistics	3	4(i.e. +1)

	Electronic Workshop	1	2(i.e. +1)
	HSMC of II SEM Constitution of India, UHV etc.	1	2(i.e. +1)

**Resolution: S-36/04(B):** The Senate considered & **APPROVED** the above proposal to be implemented w.e.f. July 2025 admitted Batch onwards, for whom the offer of Minor baskets starts from semester-III.

**C. Regarding Minimum marks for passing in the Mid Sem semester including that of MINOR**

For Existing Batches leaning NEP aligned curriculum, combined 30% of minimum passing marks (Mid-Sem + Internal) in Formative Assessment, be considered as threshold for appearing in the end semester examination, instead of individual minimum passing marks in the mid-semester and internal assessment.

It was pointed out that B.Tech 1<sup>st</sup> year 2025 Batch minimum combined pass marks (Mid-Sem + Internal) in Formative Assessment, had already been made 23.75% or 14.25 marks.

**Resolution: S-36/04(C):** The Senate considered & **APPROVED** the above proposal of combined passing in the formative assessment, however, with the condition that appearing in all the components of assessment is compulsory. Accordingly, for Existing NEP-aligned batches, the individual passing criterion stands removed and combined cut off of 14.25 amounting to 23.75% of formative assessment be considered for appearance in the end semester examination. There is however no change in the cut off for end semester examination.

**D. Applying the above proposals to three newly approved Minor baskets:**

**Resolution: S-36/04(D):** Since, the Senate had already approved the new Minor baskets, namely, **Minor in Quantum Technologies, Minor in Bhartiya Knowledge System, Minor in Kumbh Mela**), it was **DECIDED** to refer the same back to the proposers for detailed course-wise syllabi, L-T-P-S structure, Examination schemes etc., so that the baskets can effectively be offered to the aspirants.

<b>Item no.</b> <b>36.05</b>	<b>Discussion on operationalizing approved Honors' baskets and introducing a new basket titled "Honors' by Research"</b>
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The NEP Aligned ordinance states that "Honors" shall be awarded to the students who complete additional courses worth 12 credits in the Major-aligned (i.e., branch aligned) Technology/Science vertical courses from their respective admitted branch. The following was proposed and deliberated:

- a. "Honors" will also be applicable for students whose branch has been changed after semester I and in such case the students shall then complete additional 12 credits from his new branch.
- b. The courses offered under Honors shall start from semester III onwards and will continue till Semester-VII, one course from the Honors basket per semester. The eligibility for the students to enroll for the Honors of their choice (from among the offered ones) will be Minimum 8 CGPA till Semester-II, with no backlog.
- c. For the newly proposed "Honors by Research", 06 credits will be attributed to 02 courses from the research domain (01 course each in semesters III and IV) and 06 credits from the research work/assignment (02 credits in each of the semesters -V, VI and VII), thus making it 12 credits. At least one accepted research publication in Tier I/II indexed conference of repute OR at least one relevant communicated article in SCI journal OR one patent filed, are the essential conditions for the accord of successful completion and award of Honors. A research supervisor will be assigned to a group of THREE students enrolled for 'Honors by Research', who will decide the courses to be learnt by these students in Sem-III and IV and the topic of the research assignment. The whole intent is to inculcate the 'research attitude and aptitude' in bright UG students.
- d. Baskets proposed by the department shall be considered for different honors.

**Resolution: S-36/05:** The Senate considered & **APPROVED** the above proposal to be implemented with effect from the 2025 batch onwards with a modification for point "c" above in view of quality outcome as: At least one accepted research publication in Tier I/II indexed domain-specific conference of repute AND either at least one relevant communicated article in SCI journal OR one patent filed, will be the essential conditions for the accord of successful completion and award of "Honors by Research".

Item no. 36.06	Consideration of proposed Amendments in existing NEP ordinance: Grade Pattern, Grade moderation, BTech/ MTech/MBA Project/Thesis evaluation etc.
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#### A. Amendment – Grading Guidelines

**Resolution: S-36/06 (A):** The Senate **APPROVED** the proposed Grading guidelines pattern/ grade range/ BTech/MTech/MBA project/ thesis/internship evaluation guidelines, "I" grade etc. as submitted in the agenda 36.06 A (Sl. 1 to 6) with one change in the range of C and D grade to 0 to 20% instead of 10-20% for point no 1 titled "Reasonably large class (sanctioned strength  $\geq 25$ ) Course- type-Theory", with rest of the grade ranges unchanged. The above is also applicable for ALL existing UG and PG students including MBA.

#### B. Regarding Class timings and institute timings

While considering this item, the Senate discussed the issues related to mess hours,



possible rush during the breakfast and lunch timings and other related issues including that of minimum class duration, remedial classes, extra-curricular activities etc.

**Resolution: S-36/06 (B):** The Senate **RESOLVED** that instruction-start timings be rescheduled to 8:00 am, for a few classes/sections to begin with, as an experiment. The Senate instructed that while designing the time-table, the concerned Committees, in consultation with Dean-SA and Dean-Academic Affairs, may arrange the schedule in such a way as to avoid rush in the hostel mess during the morning and afternoon slots, for breakfast and lunch respectively. The class duration shall remain unchanged and would continue to be of 1 hour, instead of the proposed 50 minutes. The timings for staff associated with smooth conduction of classes will also be as per class timings and same shall be implemented and monitored by the Department with intimation to all concerned offices for administrative purposes.

Item no. 36.07	Discussions on Policy on MOOC examinations/ assessments, NPTEL/Swayam Chapters, Curricular adoption of Global online programs/resources such as Coursera/Udemy/EDX/Unacademy etc. and self-study courses under relevant provisions in Ordinance
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It was proposed that MOOC / NPTEL/ SWAYAM online Courses would be applicable to B.Tech / M.Tech / MBA students. The students would choose and register for the online course/s only from the pre-decided and approved baskets of online courses by the respective department (as per requirement in the NEP ordinance), with conditions that every such course will be of duration  $\geq 12$  weeks for course with 3 or 3+ credits and 6-8 weeks for 1-2 credit course.

The performance in these courses will not be considered for calculation of CGPA, rather, only PASS / NO PASS would be considered as a criterion for the successful enrollment of the student for the online course. For PhD (working professionals), the provision, however, needs to be deliberated further, since they need to be physically present in the End Sem Exams as per NEP Ordinance.

HOD (IT) proposed that MOOC / NPTEL courses may also be made admissible & applicable for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Semester students since they are out of campus on internship, by their choice, in companies and they can produce Course Completion Certificate.

Further, it was decided that since these are compensatory opportunities being provided to students, the students need to pay the requisite fees for these online courses themselves, with no burden on the Institute. The following was thus resolved:

**Resolution: S-36/07:** The Senate **APPROVED** the enrollment of students for only those courses on NPTEL/ Swayam/ Other MOOC platforms, which are identified by the respective departments for their students. However, regarding assessment/ evaluation of students for such courses, the Senate decided on NOT TO CONSIDER the earned

scores/pointer/grade by the student as practiced in the assessment mechanism of such courses, towards computing the SGPA/CGPA. Passing a course is, however, compulsory. The Institute shall pay the fees for the examinations on such online platforms if and only if the registered online course is a mandatory component of the coursework in the stipulated credit framework of the program, and wherever students on their choice, are opting to enroll for online courses, they themselves shall bear the fees for examinations on such platforms. The course duration as mentioned in the agenda item is accepted for credit consideration.

<b>Item no. 36.08 (A)</b>	<b>Consideration and approval of revised MBA course structure of the Department of Management Studies, IIITA.</b>
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HOD-(MBA) presented the agenda informing that the revised MBA course structure would be of 86 credits. The Senate had observations that course dependency chart, course objectives/outcomes, tagging each course with a course type, as per NEP abbreviations, bar / pie-charts indicating proportion of each type of course in the structure, as a whole, etc. should be included in the revised Curriculum structure. The Chairman-Senate instructed the HoD-MS to comply with the above suggestions expeditiously, so that the structure could be considered and approved.

**Resolution: S-36/08(A):** The Senate **APPROVED** the revised Curriculum structure, in-principle, and mandated the HOD-MS to comply with the above-mentioned suggestions, expeditiously, may be in the next 2-3 days' time.

<b>Item no. 36.08 (B)</b>	<b>Consideration and approval of revised admission process for MBA program of the Department of Management Studies, effective from Batch 2026.</b>
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The Senate considered the report of the BoS of the MS Dept. and opined that elimination of Written Test (for admissions to the MBA program) does not seem to be a right choice for attracting better students to the program, and fetching sufficient applicants, and thus needs to be reconsidered. Instead, 50% weightage for Written Test (which may be conducted in proctored online mode) and 50% weightage for Personal Interview be practiced as a balanced approach.

**Resolution: S-36/08(B):** The Senate **APPROVED** the proposal, however, with a compulsory online entrance test component amounting to 50% of weightage.

<b>Item no. 36.09</b>	<b>Proposal for Approval of the "<i>Campus Placement Rules and Regulations (Version 1.0)</i>"</b>
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Dr. Muneendra Ojha, Associate Professor and Training & Placement Officer, as a Special

Invitee for Agenda No. 36.09, presented the agenda on "Campus Placement Rules Version 1.0" before the Senate.

**Resolution: S-36/09:** The Senate, while appreciating the efforts and intent of the Training & Placement Officer in articulating the comprehensive policy document, RESOLVED to re-discuss the matter in its next meeting with following gross suggestions, to be addressed in the draft:

1. Whether a written undertaking to abide with the institute's placement rules be sought from students as well as their parents.
2. Relevant Practices at other INIs may be studied and the presented policy may be modified on similar lines, as and if required.
3. A legal opinion on the presented '**Campus Placement Rules and Regulations (Version 1.0)**' be sought.

Item no. 36.10	Proposal on " <b>Students' Ordinance for Holistic Growth</b> " for approval of the Senate, substituting the Gymkhana Ordinance
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Prof. Pavan Chakraborty, Dean (Student Affairs) presented the agenda, with the new propositions of FOUR Councils as petals of the accountable organizational and governance structure of the new model, with an objective of students' holistic growth, equitable and diversified representation on the councils, streamlined coordination students' activities round the year, with smooth connect with Institute authorities, in the said ordinance. He mentioned that the draft, as authored by the designated committee, was shared with students and faculty to seek their inputs/feedback and then finalized with an intent to replace the prevailing Gymkhana ordinance. The new ordinance, while defining the composition of each of the council, and a separate budget allocation and expenditure heads for each of the councils, envisages '*Selection*', rather than '*Election*' of student office bearers/members on each of the council to curb the prospective mal-practices that would possibly emanate from elections. The senators, while appreciating the draft, suggested to examine whether the 'Gymkhana Fees' can be sought from the students, in case the Gymkhana, as a formal students' body ceases to exist hereafter.

**Resolution: S-36/10:** The Senate RESOLVED as:

- a. The "Student Gymkhana" ceases to exist hereafter.
- b. The proposal on "**Students' Ordinance for Holistic Growth**" stands **APPROVED**.

Post circulation of the draft minutes, one of the members, communicated his opinion and impression on the said discussions and the Senate's above resolution, vide his email dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025, to the Secretary-Senate. Though the IIITA Act's Clause No. 17(1) empowers the Senate to articulate the ordinance for students' well-being and as per Clause No. 17-(2)-(i)-(d) the Senate shall recommend the same to the BoG, in light

of the above-mentioned communication, the Chairman-Senate decided to refer the Senate's consensus decision to the BoG of the Institute, for further consideration and possible ratification.

Item no. 36.11	<b>Approval of co-guideship of Prof. Ranjit Singh for the scholar at Assam Royal Global University, and thereby discussions on evolving an Institutional Policy on bilateral arrangements for co-supervision of PhD candidates between IIITA and Institutes/Universities of repute at national/international level</b>
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The Chairman-Senate while addressing the senators, with respect to this agenda, welcomed the engagement of IIITA faculty as a PhD co-guide with other institutes/universities, however, with a view of considering the issue more holistically, (rather than being individualistic), with due importance/weightage for the concerns such as stature/standing of such organization, number of students to be engaged, whether bilateral arrangement is possible/mandated, whether such collaboration adds value to IIITs' research credentials etc. Whereas, with organizations reputationally above IIITA in terms of rank/status, it would prove to be an honor for IIITA faculty to supervise the PhD scholars in such institutes, whereas the engagement with institutes ranked lower, be considered as a mentoring/handholding gesture by IIITA, the Chairman further added. He proposed that at any particular point of time, within a sanctioned PhD student strength for a IIITA faculty (maximum 10 as on date), the IIITA Faculty may engage 01 PhD scholar in a lower-ranked institute/university at national/ international level, upon their expression of interest in collaborating with IIITA, and similarly, if IIITA faculty receives an offer for co-guidance from a higher ranked University / Institution at national/ international level such as IITs etc. then in that case the concerned faculty may concurrently co-guide another 01 scholar in the partnering institute/ university, as per the signed MoU. Similarly, IIITA may also recognize the co-guidance of experts from the national/international partnering institutions, and formally approve such experts as PhD supervisors. Considering the ambit of the issue, the Senate decided to evolve a holistic policy document, in this regard.

**Resolution: S-36/11:** The Senate **RESOLVED** that Chairman-Senate shall constitute a Senate Sub-Committee to draft an appropriate policy in this regard, at the earliest.

Item no. 36.12	<b>Supplementing the efforts of NIRF cell of IIIT-Allahabad by the Senate for Improvement of NIRF ranking.</b>
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Dr. Shiv Ram Dubey, Associate Professor & Special Invitee (For Agenda Item No. 36.12) presented the agenda. The agenda was initiated by Prof. Tapobrata Lahiri, in his email to the Chairman and Secretary-Senate. After the objective presentation by Dr. Shivram Dubey, the Senate deliberated on the agenda and unanimously suggested following measures: -



- a. Identifying and appointing contractual/ adjunct/ distinguished/ emeritus faculty and Professors of practice, preferably at least for consecutive two semesters as per the provisions of Four-tier flexi cadre norms and Dr. K. Radhakrishnan Committee report, adopted by the Board of Governors-IIITA at agenda item no. 22.06 in its 22nd BoG meeting held on 9th January 2023. Such engagement would add to the SFR, and also the academic and research credentials/accomplishments of such experts would in turn enrich IIITA's profile towards improving its NIRF position.
- b. The faculty members should strive for publications that are consistent with NIRF norms as well as periodically update/ check their author profiles on a regular basis on platforms like VIDWAAN/ SCI/ SCIE/ WoS/ SCOPUS/ Google Scholar etc.
- c. A brainstorming session may be organized to seek guidance from experts associated with NIRF about improving the perception of the institute.

**Resolution: 36/12:** The Senate received the presentation by Dr. Shiv Ram Dubey and **RESOLVED** to empower the Chairman Senate to undertake the above-mentioned measures.

Item no. 36.13	To consider proposal on establishing Center for Transformative IT for Variegated Application (C-TATVA)
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Prof. Shekhar Verma and Dr. Muneendra Ojha, Associate Professor, special Invitee jointly presented the proposal. Whereas the members expressed their diversified opinions on the rationale, need and necessity of having such wide-spectrum Center on campus, rather than well-accepted models of CoEs being theme-specific and mandate-specific, there was a consensus as follows:

**Resolution: 36/13:** The Senate received the presentation and **RESOLVED** the following:

- a. The Chairman-Senate may constitute a committee to evaluate/ assess the status, progress, relevance, contributions/achievements till date etc. of the existing centres on campus as well as the need for new centres.
- b. More brainstorming should take place in the departments and across the departments, with diversified faculty groups on the objectives, format and mandate of the proposed centre 'C-TATVA' and thus the proposal may be revised and submitted for consideration by the Senate in its next meeting.

Item no. 36.14	Discussions on evolving a Comprehensive Institute-level policy regarding Membership of Senate and of Other Committees of such IIITA faculty members including those who are on Lien/deputation/foreign service etc., on the lines of other INIs.
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This Agenda involved discussions on evolving a Comprehensive Institute-level policy regarding Membership of Senate and Other Committees of such IIITA faculty members



including those who are on Lien/deputation/foreign service etc., on the lines of other INIs. Different INIs, in particular, IITs, seemed to observe different practices in this regard, as spelt out in their approved/adopted 'Senate Manual' or 'Faculty Manual', in absence of such mentions in the Act/Statutes. The Chairman-Senate proposed to evolve a policy document, in this regard, which would entail not only the issue of continuation of memberships on bodies, but other aspects such as period of granted lien/deputation, house/office retention, retirement benefits, mandatory monthly contributions, status of ongoing R & D projects, continuation of guide-ship for PhD scholars, other academic/research/administrative implications, and all such relevant practices, and thus following a systemic approach, rather than individualistic. The contents/clauses in various such available manuals/handbooks, can be studied, be either adopted or configured for IITA, some new clauses can be thought of and included, the Chairman further added.

**Resolution: 36/14:** The Senate deliberated the agenda at length and **RESOLVED** that the Chairman-Senate shall constitute a Senate sub-committee, to draft a comprehensive Senate manual OR Faculty handbook, at the earliest.

Item no. 36.15	To consider the request of Ms. Apurva Singh Mall (PMM2023002), student of the M.Tech.–Ph.D. Dual Degree Program, to exit with an M.Tech. degree as per the provisions of the Dual Degree Program, and her subsequent request for reversion from the exit in order to continue towards the Ph.D.
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The Senate observed that at present, there is no "re-entry" policy to the Dual Degree Program once a student exits from the Dual Degree program half-way in the first phase of program.

The Senate resolved that Ms. Apurva Singh Mall (PMM2023002), student of the M.Tech.–Ph.D. Dual Degree Program, be allowed to exit with an M.Tech Degree.

The Policy on re-entry to the Dual Degree Program was deferred to the next Senate.

**Resolution: 36/15:** The Senate **DECIDED** that the request for reversion from exit in order to continue towards PhD by Ms Apurva Singh Mall (PMM2023002) **cannot be approved** and the discussions on the policy for Multiple Entry-Multiple Exit in MTech-PhD Dual Degree Program, in particular, was deferred till next Senate meeting. It was suggested that Ms. Apurva Singh Mall may attempt seeking admission as a fresh PhD candidate through regular Ph.D. admission process.

Item no. 36.16	<p>a) To consider the request for extension in PhD tenure and open seminar for Ms. Shefali Ramteke</p> <p>b) To consider the request for extension in PhD tenure and open seminar for Mr. Pawan Kumar</p>
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The Senate observed that Ms. Shefali Ramteke (RSS2019003), a Ph.D. scholar enrolled in 2019 in the Department of Applied Sciences, governed by the CCLCAA Ordinance, has completed the maximum permissible duration of five years plus one-year time extension beyond 60 months for the Ph.D. program. Thus, her six years are also completed in 2025.

Also, another PhD student, Mr. Pawan Kumar belonging to the same batch 2019 and governed by CCLCAA ordinance (maximum period 5 years and extendable by 1 year by senate) has also completed six years in 2025.

The Senate deliberated on the report / recommendation from their supervisors and resolved to provide a **LAST & FINAL** six-month extension to both Ms. Shefali Ramteke (RSS2019003) and Mr. Pawan Kumar (RSS2019004) as the concluding opportunity to complete their PhD Program.

**Resolution: 36/16:** The Senate **APPROVED** the six-month extension to both Ms. Shefali Ramteke (RSS2019003) and Mr. Pawan Kumar (RSS2019004) as the last and final opportunity to complete their PhD Program from the date of approval of the minutes.

<b>Item no. 36.17</b>	<b>To consider and approve the request of Mr. Sandeep Sharma (Ph.D students for Working Professionals) regarding minimum CGPA for Phd WP.</b>
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The Senate discussed the above agenda and the members opined that the concerned student's name should not have appeared in the formal agenda of the Senate, since he is an outside aspirant for IIITA.

**Resolution:36/17:** Though the Senate **did not approve** the request of the aspiring candidate for his prospective admission to PhD program at IIITA in WP category, the Senate decided to revisit and review the eligibility condition for PhD Program in Working Professional category, towards possible amendment in relevant ordinance, to be undertaken by Dean(A&R).

#### Items for Reporting and Ratification

<b>Item no. 36.18 (A)</b>	<b>Regarding Course Approval (List of Courses under NEP Ordinance)</b>
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**Resolution: 36/18(A):** The Senate **APPROVED** the same.

<b>Item no. 36.18(B)</b>	<b>To ratify the requests of students regarding minimum cut off point for formative assessment</b>
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The Chairman Senate, approved (a), (b) and (c) as below, applicable only for first year batch of AY 2025-26 students upon the recommendations of faculty members (around 40) with all HoDs and Deans in a meeting held on 31.10.2025:

- a) *Combined 23.75% marks of 60 Marks (25 of mid sem and 35 of internal assessment) be considered as threshold for appearing in the end semester examination*
- b) *Individual threshold for mid sem and internal assessment may not be considered.*
- c) *This modification in the NEP Ordinance should be applicable to all students under NEP aligned curriculum.*

**Resolution: 36/18(B):** The Senate **ratified** the same.

<b>Item no. 36.18(C)</b>	<b>To report the Modified Counseling and Reformation Policy.</b>
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Prof. Sonali Agarwal, Professor presented the agenda alongwith Prof. Pavan Chakraborty, Dean (Student Affairs). They briefed on mandatory/reformative academic measures taken by the IIITA and additional infrastructure facilities created by IIITA for 'Divyangajan' on campus, which are well- received and working fine for the concerned population. Prof Gadre suggested that IIITA's concerned faculty/student team may visit the peers from IIT Bombay to assimilate their time-proven best practices, processes and mechanisms of IITB, in this regard, along with diversified mentoring/counselling initiatives for mental well-being of the student residents on campus. The Senate appreciated the exuberant and consistent efforts being demonstrated by Prof. Pavan Chakraborty and Prof. Sonali Agarwal, on this new dimension of students' life on campus.

**Resolution: 36/18(C):** The Senate **gratefully received and acknowledged** the report.

<b>Item no. 36.18(D)</b>	<b>To report the award of degree of B.Tech (Information Technology) – M.Tech (Bioinformatics) Dual Degree Program to Mr. Tauhid Alam</b>
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**Resolution: 36/18(D):** The Senate **ratified** the same.

<b>Item no. 36.18(E)</b>	<b>To report the request from few students for changing of Elective Course during forthcoming June-July 2025 summer semester.</b>
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To facilitate a group of 2021-batch B.Tech students with DROPEd courses from their 6th/7th semesters within permissible limits, It was recommended to offer their DROPEd elective(s) in the Summer Semester 2025, without allowing any change of elective. This facility shall be available uniformly to all 2021-batch students with similar DROP(s).

The Chairperson, Senate has approved this proposal considering the urgency.

**Resolution: 36/18(E):** The Senate **ratified** the same.

Item no. 36.18(F)	To report the UG/PG/PhD Academic Calendar for January – June 2026 and July – December 2026 Batch
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**Resolution: 36/18(F):** The Senate **ratified** the same and suggested correcting the few typographical mistakes referring to year 2027 in place of year 2026.

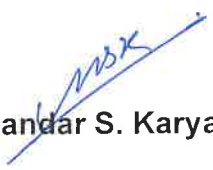
Item no. 36.18(G)	To ratify the policy for re-mid and re-end exams owing to medical issues
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The Senate noted the typographical error in the already approved re-end and re-mid sem exam policy.

**Resolution: 36/18(F):** The Senate **ratified** the same.

The Chairman-Senate appreciated the cooperation extended by the Dean (A&R), HoDs, Faculty and staff to the Academic Audit/Review Committees, which visited various departments for the relevant intended exercise, with rigor, on 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> December and 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025. The Chairman-Senate further mentioned that the academic audit reports will be presented in the BoG meeting and subsequently the same shall be communicated to the departments, thereafter for continuous improvements in the teaching-learning-assessment processes on campus. The Senate unanimously resolved to continue the academic audit as an annual practice.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and Members.

  
(Dr. Mandar S. Karyakarte)

Secretary Senate, IIIT Allahabad

  
(Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone)

Chairman Senate, IIIT Allahabad