



Minutes of the 35th Meeting of Senate

The 35th Meeting of the Senate was held on 01.09.2025 from 11:00 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:

Sr. No.	Name	Role in Senate
1.	Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone, Director IIITA	Chairperson
2.	Prof. G.C. Nandi, Professor	Member
3.	Prof. Anupam, Dean (Alumni Affairs)	Member
4.	Prof. Shekhar Verma, Dean (SDA)	Member
5.	Prof. Manish Goswami, Dean (A & R)	Member
6.	Prof. Pavan Chakraborty, Dean (SA)	Member
7.	Prof. Madhvendra Misra, Dean (I&NR)	Member
8.	Dr. Manish Kumar HOD (IT)	Member
9.	Dr. Ashutosh Kumar Singh, HOD (ECE)	Member
10.	Dr. Pramod Kumar, HOD (AS)	Member
11.	Dr. Shailendra Kumar, (HoD MS)	Member
12.	Prof. Tapobrata Lahiri	Member
13.	Prof. Vrijendra Singh	Member
14.	Prof. Pritish Varadwaj	Member
15.	Prof. Ranjit Singh	Member
16.	Prof. Vikram M. Gadre, Professor, IIT Bombay	Member
17.	Dr. Mandar S Karyakarte	Member Secretary

Members who attended online:

18.	Prof. Abhay Gandhi, Professor, VNIT Nagpur	Member
19.	Prof. P.S. Sathidevi, Professor (HAG), NIT Calicut.	Member
20.	Mr. Prakash Kajave, Tech Mahindra Limited	Member
21.	Prof. Vijaishri Tewari	Member

Members who were absent for the meeting:

22.	Sh. Niranjan A. Pol, Sr. Engineering Director, Seagate Technology HDD(India) Pvt Ltd, Pune	Member
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Special Invitees who attended the meeting:

23.	Sh. Vivek Nagar, AR(AAA)	Invitee
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Special Invitees who could not attend the meeting:

24.	Dr. Asheesh Kumaar, JR(AAA)	Invitee
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The Chairperson Senate welcomed the members present in the 35th Meeting of the Senate and informed that the institute has received Prof. Bhim Singh, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, IIT Delhi, as the new Chairperson, Board of Governors, vide MoE letter dated 14/08/2025, for a period of six months or till the regular appointment of Chairperson or till further orders whichever is earlier.

As has been practiced in the last few meetings of the Senate, the Chairman apprised the members on various academic events organized by the Institute after the last regular Senate meeting. In all, 21 FDPs/ Seminars/ Conference/ Workshops/ Summer or Winter Schools/ QIP/Symposia/Conclave were reported as organized successfully by the four departments of the Institute, with the external funding support, thereby strengthening the outreach of the Institute, leading to long-lasting impact, in diversified domains of knowledge and skills. The Chairman appreciated the coordinators of these



programs, along with the respective organising teams and hoped for sustained multiplication of such events in future.

The Secretary Senate informed that the quorum for the meeting is complete as per IITs Act 2014 and its Statutes. The Chairman Senate then allowed Secretary Senate, to present the Agenda Items for the meeting as follows:

ITEM NO. 35.01: To receive the Minutes of the 33rd Senate meeting held on 17.02.2025

Resolution: S-35/01: The Senate received the Minutes of the 33rd Senate meeting held on 17.02.2025

ITEM NO. 35.02: To receive the Action Taken Report on the 33rd Senate meeting held on 17.02.2025

Resolution: S-35/02: The Senate received the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of the 33rd Senate meeting held on 17.02.2025

ITEM NO. 35.03: To receive the Minutes of Emergency Meeting (34th) of Senate held on 26.04.2025

Resolution: S-35/03: The Senate received the Minutes of Emergency Meeting (34th) of Senate held on 26.04.2025.

ITEM NO. 35.04: To receive the Action Taken Report on Minutes of Emergency Meeting (34th) of Senate held on 26.04.2025

Resolution: S-35/04: The Senate received the Action Taken Report on the Minutes of Emergency Meeting (34th) of Senate held on 26.04.2025

ITEM NO. 35.05: To apprise the Senate on the schedule and details of Twentieth Convocation of the institute.

The Chairman Senate informed that the upcoming Twentieth (XX) Convocation ceremony is scheduled to be held on Saturday-September 13, 2025. The following distinguished personalities have kindly consented to be present, applaud the graduating students and share their words of wisdom, he said:

- Prof. T. G. Sitharam, Chairman, AICTE, New Delhi – *Chief Guest*, who will deliver the Convocation Address.
- Shri Deepak Ghaisas, Chairman, Gencoval Strategic Services Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai – *Guest of Honour*.

- **Shri Kamlesh Lahoti, Vice President, Morgan Stanley – Guest of Honour.**
- **Prof. Bhim Singh, IIT Delhi and the BoG Chairperson, IIITA will preside over the ceremony and bless the graduands with his presidential address.**

Resolution: S-35/05: The Senate confirmed the dates and welcomed the proposed names as above for the Twentieth Convocation to be held on September 13, 2025.

ITEM NO. 35.06: To receive and approve the Graduands' (B. Tech., M. Tech., MBA, Dual Degree M. Tech.-Ph.D., & Ph.D.) Statistics for the Twentieth Convocation of the Institute to be held on 13.09.2025.

Dean (A&R) presented the statistics in respect of the graduating students of AY 2024-25, who will be awarded degrees on the occasion of the Twentieth Convocation of the Institute to be held on September 13, 2025.

Resolution: S-35/06: The Senate noted and received the statistics in respect of the Graduating students of AY 2024-25, who will be awarded degrees (B. Tech., M. Tech., MBA, Dual Degree M. Tech.-Ph.D., & Ph.D.) on the occasion of the Twentieth Convocation of the Institute to be held on September 13, 2025. It was suggested by Chairperson Senate to have a visual representation of graduands' statistics for Senate as well as in the BoG meetings as practice from the upcoming BoG meeting.

ITEM NO. 35.07: Consideration and Approval of Graduands' for Award of Degrees in the Twentieth Convocation of the Institute.

Dean (A&R) presented the program-wise names of Graduands who are eligible due to receive their degrees for various Programs in the Twentieth Convocation ceremony of the Institute to be held on September 13, 2025.

Resolution: S-35/07: The Senate approved the program-wise list of graduands (as presented with Agenda) for conferment of their respective Degrees and Certificates in the Twentieth Convocation of the Institute to be held on 13.09.2025.

ITEM NO. 35.08: Authorization of pending PhD approvals

Resolution: S-35/08: The Senate authorized the Chairperson-Senate to approve, on behalf of the Senate, the names of such Ph.D. scholars whose viva-voce examinations are scheduled after this Senate meeting, till 09.09.2025, so that they can be conferred the degrees in the twentieth Convocation ceremony, subject to fulfillment of all statutory requirements.



ITEM NO. 35.09: To consider and approve the names of Graduands for the award of various Medals and Merit Certificates to be awarded by the Institute for the Twentieth Convocation of the Institute to be held on 13.09.2025:

Dean (A&R) presented the lists of those students who have been selected for the award of various Medals and Merit certificates as per norms of the Institute.

It was suggested by Senate that for Merit Certificate award consideration, on the lines of all M.Tech specializations which are treated as one Program, the B.Tech could also be treated as one program (with inclusion of B.Tech IT, IT-BIn, ECE etc.) to expand the scope of awards, although, it may be proposed and taken up in future for consideration.

Prof. G. C. Nandi suggested that placement or continuing education status of such graduands may also be presented in the Senate. The suggestion was well received by the Senate and the same was endorsed by Chairperson Senate to be followed as practice from the upcoming BoG meeting.

Resolution: S-35/09: The Senate approved:

1. The names of the Graduands for the award of various Medals and Merit Certificates as recommended and placed at Annexure 35.09 of Agenda.
2. Authorize the Institute to proceed further with necessary arrangements for the presentation of Medals and Certificates during the Twentieth Convocation on 13.09.2025.

ITEM NO. 35.10: Approval of Degree Certificate Formats under NEP-aligned Ordinance

Dean (A&R) presented the degree format for B.Tech, M.Tech, MBA, PhD, DD M. Tech and DD PhD for award of degree by the institute under NEP-aligned ordinance. The Senate deliberated on the validity of “Provisional Certificate” issued to the student upon approval of viva-voce recommendation by the Chairperson Senate with award of Ph.D degree in the upcoming convocation.

In regard to this, the Senate proposed that for every Ph.D. Viva-Voce completed and subsequently approved by the Chairperson Senate, a Notification stating completion of PhD Degree with the date of viva voce, award of Degree at an upcoming Convocation etc. may be issued to the candidate, with copy marked to concerned statutory bodies regarding passing of Degree, pending award of Degree at an onward date of Convocation, in place of Provisional Certificate. Such notification shall contain details like enrollment no, name of candidate, Date of admission, Title of research topic/thesis, Date of thesis submission, Name of supervisor(s), Date of viva-voce, Date of approval by the Chairperson Senate. It was further discussed that an agenda regarding this may be considered for approval in the next Senate meeting.

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Resolution: S-35/10: The Senate perused and approved the Degree Certificate Formats under NEP-aligned Ordinance with a slight modifications in Degree Formats such as:

- a. "The Board of Governors upon the recommendations [remove (s)] of the Senate.....".
- b. Remove "concerned Department Name" in Degrees of Ph.D. & DD-Ph.D.

The Senate authorized the Chairperson Senate to approve the above modifications.

Any Other Item:

Agenda Item No. 35.11[S1]: To apprise the Senate on assimilations/ observations of the Senate designated Committee, during their visit to IIITA departments on 30th and 31st August 2025, by Prof. Vikram Gadre, Professor, IIT Bombay, and the Chairman of the designated Committee on "Review of Academic Programs at IIITA"

Under any other item with permission of Chairperson Senate, above-mentioned agenda item was tabled and deliberated:

As mandated by 33rd Senate ATR Item No. 33.07 reg. "Review of Academic Programs at IIITA", a committee chaired by Prof Vikram M Gadre has been constituted. The committee, comprised of Prof. Vikram Gadre, Prof. Somnath Biswas, Prof. Sumantra Dutta Roy and Sh. Prakash Kajave had a mandate to review the M.Tech Programs, their titles, curricula and their relevance with respect to prospective technology advancements. Upon request of the Chairperson Senate to Prof. Gadre to apprise the Senate on the Committee's observations, during their visit on 30th and 31st August 2025, at the outset, Prof. Vikram Gadre, on behalf of the committee, appreciated the sincere facilitation by of Dean (Academics and Research), Heads of Department, Faculty, Registrar and Sh. Kapil Srivastava throughout their visits on these two days. The committee conducted department wise meetings and interacted with faculty on these two days.

Prof. Gadre remarked as follows: The committee realized that all the departments are passionate about the Masters' programs, as these cater to fulfilling the research vision of the respective department. Moreover, the M.Tech programs are training and grooming grounds to feed the PhD programs of the institute or other institutes. To review the Master's programs, the committee interacted with every faculty member, to understand the vision and aspirations about academics & research, in addition to deliberating upon the program title, course structure, curricula and status/progress/subscription of these Masters' programs. The achievements, strengths, capabilities of Institute, faculty, on-going projects, research & development activities are

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impressive, remarkable and excellent, overall. However, the committee desired that more cohesive and coordinated team efforts, as against individual efforts and aspirations, will help to multiply the achievements manifold. Collective, cooperative, collaborative efforts linked with individual aspirations, in general, have a multiplying effect. This will help the institute to excel, as well as protect the aspirations of individual faculty. The committee felt that it is necessary for the institution, department and individual faculty to undertake conscious dialogues and concrete steps, which include dialogues between the academic units of the Institute, about M.Tech. programs and report these steps back to this committee.

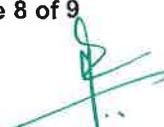
Prof Gadre further briefed about the following recommendations of the committee:

- A. The committee stated that every program must have **clear ownership** but with no watertight compartments, for conduct of teaching, assessment and evaluation. For each Masters' Programme, the Collaboration agreement with specific objectives, which may be revised after 3 years not exceeding 5 years, amongst faculty across departments, experts from industry/ research laboratories/ other institutes whose domain, strengths complement the course be documented stating sharing of resources, roles, responsibilities of participating faculty, department, institute, research laboratory and industry. The institute should develop a procedure for the same.
- B. The committee appreciated the proposal of the M.Tech program in Quantum Technologies, stating that the program be owned by the Department of Applied Sciences. The institute should participate in the Quantum mission to contribute to strategic national interest, as well as to seek support and resources from the National Quantum Mission. Formulating a program in Quantum should start with identifying collaborating faculty from Mathematics, Department of Information Technology, Electronics & Communication Engineering who will contribute to the program in the Department of Applied Sciences, for conducting courses in their respective domain. A deeper thought to be given about the shape, discipline, focus area, curriculum and title of the program.
- C. The M.Tech (Microelectronics program) is observed to be running well. More opportunities for contributing in the National Semiconductor mission must be tapped by the Department of ECE.
- D. The institute offers very similar programs: namely M.Tech (Wireless Communication and Computing) through the Department of IT and M.Tech (Communication Engineering) through the Department of ECE. Regarding this, the faculty from both the departments must have joint deliberations about their strengths in communication and computing, technology standards, connecting to experts nationally, drawing resources from national missions like 6G



communication to enhance opportunities for research. The committee expects outcomes viz. coining one M. Tech program for each department, identifying faculty who will contribute to design and execution of the program. It was further suggested that the ECE program must focus on lower layers, particularly the Physical Layer and the IT program on the upper layers of the Network Architecture, complementing each other. Both the programs must have collaboration from both the departments.

- E. The BIOLOGY group in the Applied Sciences department should look for research opportunities in disciplines like Bio-signal processing, image processing, X-Omics (Proteomics, Genomics and so on) and Bioinformatics, which are aligned with the mandate of IIIT Allahabad. It is necessary to have tripartite deliberations amongst the BIOLOGY group, Department of Information Technology and Department of ECE to identify strengths specific to the mandate of IIITA and reorient the current M.Tech programs in BIOLOGY disciplines. The BIOLOGY related programs could be owned by the Department of Applied Sciences, with a commitment to make them successful.
- F. The Department of Management Studies should look for opportunities to serve national interest in skill development, agriculture, rural entrepreneurship and incubation, rural youth training. The institute may take efforts to partner with Central as well as State Government Missions. In addition to the regular program, the department should design a management program in collaboration with the Department of IT and MATHEMATICS faculty, focussed towards rural and agriculture sectors, blended with AI technologies.
- G. Prof. G.C. Nandi submitted that the Centre for Intelligent Robotics (CIR), which is an independent centre functioning under the aegis of IIIT-A, could conceive and start its own Masters Program in collaboration with Dept. of Information Technology, ECE, biomedical engineering streams. Prof. Gadre welcomed the idea and endorsed that all centres, including CIR, may propose a M. Tech. program along the same lines.
- H. Every department should suggest 3 titles for each Masters' program, objectives of the program, program structure, courses, faculty involved, collaboration among faculty, institute(s), research laboratories in its report to the committee. The Heads of Departments should submit their department report to the committee through Dean(Academics and Research) within 30 days. The committee reserves the right to choose one title amongst the suggested or propose a new one if none of the suggested is found appropriate. The committee in its report may also suggest inclusion / omission of specific courses within the program.



Resolution: S-35/11-[S1]:

The Senate unanimously recognized the efforts of Prof. Vikram Gadre, Prof. Somnath Biswas, Prof. Sumantra Dutta Roy & Sh. Prakash Kajave. The Senate also welcomed the learned meticulous observations of the Committee and actionable recommendations, led by Prof. Vikram Gadre, with unanimous applause. The Senate further **resolved** that each of the recommendations A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H above, be **accepted for implementation** and concerned department(s) should, concomitantly, suggest 3 titles for each program, objectives of the program, program structure, courses, faculty involved, collaboration among faculty, institute(s), research laboratories explicitly stating their roles, responsibilities and resources they are contributing to the program in its report to the committee. The Heads of Departments should submit their department report to the committee through Dean(Academics and Research) within 30 days.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks.

(Dr. Mandar S. Karyakarte)

Secretary Senate, IIIT Allahabad



(Prof. Mukul S. Sutaone)

Chairman Senate, IIIT Allahabad