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Time : 3:00-5:00 PM

Venue : Conference Hall, NIT Goa (Hybrid Mode)

Proceedings of the 30th meeting of the Senate of NIT Goa held on 26th June 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

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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-30.1

To confirm the minutes of the 29th meeting of Senate held on 24th March 2025

Minutes of 29th meeting of the Senate of NIT Goa held on 24th March 2025 were circulated.

Comments received:

- (a) The External Member of Senate pointed out that in the Item No. 29.4 we shall include that at least 50% of the Ph.D. examiners proposed, must be at the level of Professor or equivalent.
- (b) Dean (SW) pointed that Item No. 29.3 was put up for ratification and Item No. 29.10 was put up for approval. Item No. 29.10's resolution had to be modified.

These modifications are incorporated in the finalized minutes.

The Senate is requested to approve the finalized minutes.

Resolution: Senate confirmed the minutes of 29th Senate meeting.

ITEM No. SN-30.2

Action taken report on the resolutions taken in the 29th meeting of the Senate

ITEM No. SN-29.3: Proposal to exclude Design Patent from the minimum requirements for Ph.D. thesis submission.

As Design Patents/Registration of Design are not included in the NIRF ranking, a decision was made during the meeting on January 24, 2025, attended by the Director, Heads of Departments (HoDs), and the Dean (Academics). It was decided that any design patent/registration of design where the initial submission date to the patent design granting agency is after the meeting date will not count towards the minimum requirements for Ph.D. thesis submission.

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the item.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-29.4: Eligibility Criteria for Ph.D. Examiners

It is proposed that Ph.D. examiners should hold the position of Associate Professor or higher in academia, or be employed at Pay level 13 (or its equivalent) or above in research laboratories organizations funded by the Government of India.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the item. The Senate also recommended that at least 50% of the Ph.D. examiners proposed, must be at the level of Professor or equivalent. There was discussion on*

inclusion of professionals from private organizations. The Senate informed that an internal discussion at the institute level regarding qualification of professionals from private organizations will be helpful. The outcome of this discussion will be presented at the next Senate meeting for further review and consideration.

Action Taken: Implemented. More details will be presented at the 30th Meeting of the Senate.

ITEM No. SN-29.5: Course restructuring in Civil and Mechanical Engineering departments

In order to maintain uniformity across departments with respect to the credits and conduct of exams, the structure of some courses in Civil and Mechanical Engineering departments were proposed to be restructured. The MCE department had proposed reducing the number of Departmental Core (DC) courses of the new curriculum, from 18 to 17 to better align with the structure of other departments. Following approval by the BoS, Director had approved these.

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the item.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-29.6: Recovery of M.Tech./Ph.D. stipend if a student withdraws or quits before completing the program.

Since M.Tech. and Ph.D. students contribute through their teaching assistantship duties, it is proposed that the stipend need not be recovered if the student withdraws or discontinues the program before completion. However, any excess amount paid beyond the date of admission withdrawal or quitting may be recovered.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the item and stated that it can be applied to all pending cases of admission withdrawal and cancellation, as well as to future cases.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-29.7: Ph.D. course work in HSS department

It is proposed that the Humanities and Social Sciences Department rename their existing Research Methodology courses to better align with their discipline. Additionally, the research scholars from the HS department must take the Mandatory Learning Course (MLC) on Research Methodology. These changes are proposed to be implemented from AY 2025-2026 onwards.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the item.*

Action Taken: This will be implemented from AY 2025-2026 onwards.

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ITEM No. SN-29.8: Revision of Honorarium for Ph.D. Examiners

Due to tax deductions, the honorarium received by the Ph.D. examiners is significantly reduced from the originally stated amount. Therefore, it is proposed to revise the honorarium for Ph.D. examiners. The existing and proposed honorariums are shown below:

Existing Honorarium	Proposed Honorarium
<u>Indian Examiner</u> Thesis Evaluation: Rs. 5,000/- Viva Voce: Rs. 5,000/-	<u>Indian Examiner</u> Thesis Evaluation: Rs. 10,000/- Viva Voce: Rs. 5,000/-
<u>Foreign Examiner</u> Thesis Evaluation: USD 400	<u>Foreign Examiner</u> Thesis Evaluation: USD 500

Resolution: *The proposal to revise the honorarium for the Indian Examiner is approved, while the proposal to revise the honorarium for the Foreign Examiner is deferred.*

Action Taken: It will be presented at the next Finance Committee and BoG meeting for approval.

ITEM No. SN-29.9 Refund of Tuition Fee for Semester Break

It is proposed that the tuition fee shall be refunded if a student applies for a semester break within 3 weeks from the start date of course registration for the academic session, and the application is approved.

Resolution: *The Senate conveyed that such applications should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A decision can be made based on the recommendation of the AAC.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-29.10: Waiver of 6-month residential requirement for regular employees in centrally funded research labs and organizations, admitted to the part-time Ph.D. programme

It is proposed that for regular employees of centrally funded research labs and organizations who have been selected for part-time Ph.D. program, the mandatory 6-month residential requirement may be waived. These candidates are expected to complete their coursework by enrolling in NPTEL/MOOC courses that have been pre-approved by the DRC.

Resolution: *It is resolved that regular employees of centrally funded research laboratories and organizations, who have a minimum of five years of continuous work experience in the same organization and are selected for the part-time Ph.D. programme, may be permitted to complete their Ph.D. coursework through NPTEL MOOC platforms. The courses must be pre-approved by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC), and such candidates shall not be required to be physically present for attending classes, i.e., one semester residential requirement is waived off.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

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ITEM No. SN-29.11 Course and credit mapping of NIT Goa students pursuing VIII Sem B.Tech. at IIT Madras and IIT Hyderabad

Four B.Tech. students from NIT Goa are currently pursuing their VIII semester at IITM, while five B.Tech. students from NIT Goa are at IIT Hyderabad, as part of the student exchange program under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The credits earned by the students at IITH/IITM has to be mapped with the credit requirements of VIII semester at NIT Goa. The list of courses and the credit mapping is provided in Annexure 29.11.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the item.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-29.12 To consider and approve the syllabus for III- and IV-year B.Tech. (New Curriculum)

The syllabus for the III and IV years of the B.Tech. program (new curriculum) (Annexure 29.12.), following approval by the respective Boards of Studies (BoS), is presented to the Senate for final approval.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the item.*

Action Taken: This will be followed from AY 2025-26 onwards.

ITEM No. SN-29.13 Additional items, if any, with permission of The Chairperson, Senate.

A) Proposal for the introduction of a new M.Tech. programme (Communication and Signal Processing) by the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering.

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering proposes the introduction of a new M.Tech. programme in Communication and Signal Processing. The course structure and the syllabus has been approved by the Board of Studies (BoS) and is provided in Annexure 29.13A.

Resolution: *The Senate stated the following*

- (i) *The course structure and detailed curricula must be circulated among all branches of the Institute to ensure there is no overlap.*
- (ii) *A detailed review should be conducted of IITs and NITs offering similar programs, covering aspects such as Placement percentage, Number of students enrolled (sanctioned strength vs. enrolled), Internship percentage, etc.*
- (iii) *Industry feedback on the proposed programme should be gathered, possibly through the Board of Studies (BoS).*
- (iv) *A datasheet comparing the M.Tech. programme in Communication Engineering and M.Tech. programme in Signal Processing, separately, across NITs and IITs, including Placement percentage, Number of students enrolled, Internship percentage, etc. will also be helpful.*

Following the incorporation of the feedback and suggestions, the proposal may be presented at the next Senate Meeting for review and approval.

Action Taken: Noted.

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AGENDA NOTES

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."

Senate is requested to consider the proposal and approve the same.

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.***

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.

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- (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.

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: Senate approved the proposal.

ITEM No. SN-30.5	Modification of Course Registration Rule for all the UG Students of the Institute
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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	≤ 5	5
More than 4	≤ 5	4

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

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

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- (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."*

ITEM No. SN-30.6	Refund of fee
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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.

Senate is requested to consider and approve.

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

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

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal.

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

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal.

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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.

Senate is requested to deliberate and suggest.

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.*

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).

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the proposal.*

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.

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

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.*



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.

Senate is requested to consider and approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal.

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.

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

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.

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."

Senate is requested to approve the proposal.

Resolution: The Senate approved the proposal.



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.

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

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

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.

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

Resolution: The Senate has ratified the same.

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.

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

Resolution: The Senate has ratified the same.



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.

Senate is requested to note the same.

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

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.

Senate is requested to discuss and suggest.

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

The meeting concluded with a note of thanks from the Secretary. The Director & Chairperson. Senate also thanked the members for their participation and valuable suggestions.

**Dean (Academics)**

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