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MINUTES OF 33rd MEETING OF THE SENATE

Date : 20th July 2026

Time : 3:00 PM

Venue : Conference Hall, NIT Goa (Hybrid Mode)

Proceedings of the 33rd meeting of the Senate of NIT Goa held on 20th July 2026 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in the Conference Hall, National Institute of Technology Goa, Cuncolim. The meeting was held in Hybrid mode.

Senate Members

Sl. No.	Name	Designation		Mode of Presence
1	Prof. O. R. Jaiswal	Director, NIT Goa	Chairperson, Senate	In person
2	Prof. Prem Pal	Department of Physics, IIT Hyderabad	External Member	Online
3	Prof. Vasant Matsagar	Department of Civil Engg, IIT Delhi	External Member	Online
4	Prof. Smita Jha	Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Roorkee	External Member	Online
5	Mr. Amit Kabiraj	Registrar In-charge	Member & Secretary	In person
6	Dr. Saidi Reddy Parne	Professor of Physics	Member	In person
7	Dr. Velavan Kathirvelu	Professor of Chemistry	Member	Online
8	Dr. S. Mini	Dean (Academics)	Member	In person
9	Dr. Ravi Ragoju	Dean (Planning & Development)	Member	In person
10	Dr. Nithin Kumar Y.B.	Dean (Research & Consultancy)	Member	In person
11	Dr. Soumitra Das	Dean (Students Welfare)	Member	In person
12	Dr. Venkatanaresbhabu Kuppili	Dean (Faculty Welfare)	Member	In person
13	Dr. Trilochan Panigrahi	Dean (Institutional Relations & Alumni Affairs)	Member	In person
14	Dr. Veena T	HoD, CSE	Member	In person
15	Dr. Veerakumar T	HoD, ECE	Member	In person
16	Dr. Suresh Mikkili	HoD, EEE	Member	In person
17	Dr. Prasenjit Dey	HoD, MCE	Member	In person
18	Dr. Harikumar M	HoD, CVE	Member	In person
19	Dr. Shangerganesh L.	HoD, APS & HSS	Member	In person

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The Senate placed on record its appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Velavan Kathirvelu, former Dean (P&D), Dr. Amol Rahulkar, former Dean (FW), Dr. Modi Chirag, former Dean (R&C), for their valuable contributions to the Institution. The Senate also extended a warm welcome to Dr. Ravi Ragoju, Dean (P&D), Dr. Venkatanaresbhabu Kuppili, Dean (FW), and Dr. Nithin Kumar Y.B., Dean (R&C) as new members of the Senate.

ITEM No. SN-33.1	To confirm the minutes of the 32 nd meeting of Senate held on 24 th March 2026
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The minutes of the 32nd meeting of the Senate of NIT Goa, held on 24th March 2026, were circulated, and no comments were received.

The Senate is requested to approve the finalized minutes.

Resolution: *The Senate confirmed the minutes of the 32nd Senate meeting.*

ITEM No. SN-33.2	Action taken report on the resolutions taken in the 32 nd meeting of the Senate
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ITEM No. SN-32.3: Ratification of (a) Academic calendar of AY 2025-26 Even Semester and AY 2026-27 Odd Semester (b) Timetable of AY 2025-26 Even Semester

The Academic Calendar for the Even Semester of AY 2025-26 was prepared and subsequently implemented. The academic calendar for the Odd Semester of AY 2026-27 was prepared and approved (Annexure 32.3(a)). Slot-wise timetable for the Even Semester of AY 2025-26 was also prepared for all the batches, and implemented (Annexure 32.3(b)).

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the item.*

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-32.4: Panel of Examiners for Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation

It has been decided that the panel of examiners for evaluating a Ph.D. thesis should consist of 10 experts, organized into two groups of 5 members each:

Group 1 (5 experts):

Must be Associate Professors or Professors from IITs, IISc, IISERs, or foreign universities.

Group 2 (5 experts):

Must be Professors employed at any centrally funded institution in India, including IITs, IISc, and IISERs.

From the above panel, two examiners will be selected for the evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis. (Annexure 32.4)

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the decision and suggested that one examiner from each group*

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be selected.

Action Taken: Implemented.

ITEM No. SN-32.5: To consider and ratify the revised penalties for malpractice during examinations.

The penalties for malpractice during examinations have been revised and implemented. The updated penalties are provided in Annexure 32.5.

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the item.*

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.6: To consider and approve the inclusion of the 4-year Non-campus BS program offered by IIT Madras as an eligible qualification for admission to postgraduate programs.

The 4-year non-campus BS program offered by IIT Madras may be included as an eligible qualification (in addition to GATE qualification) for admission to postgraduate programs (Annexure 32.6).

Resolution: *The Senate deliberated and recommended that the 4-year non-campus B.S. programme offered by all IITs and NITs be considered as an eligible qualification (in addition to GATE qualification) for admission to postgraduate programmes.*

Action Taken: In the CCMT portal, the “Eligible Qualification” field is course/degree-discipline based, not institute-wise. Hence it could not be selected Institute-wise. Efforts are being made to coordinate with IITM and resolve the issue.

ITEM No. SN-32.7: Course code of Industrial Economics

Industrial Economics was listed with different course codes: HS350 for CSE, EEE, and Mechanical Engineering; HS353 for ECE; and HS300 for Civil Engineering. Following AAC approval and the Senate Chairman’s approval, it has been decided to keep a single course code (HS350) across all departments (Annexure 32.7).

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the item.*

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.8: To consider and ratify the approval for IKS courses IK351: Vedic Mathematics, and IK350: Ancient Economic Thought: Indian Perspective through Kautilya’s Arthashastra

The following IKS courses were duly approved: (a) IK351: Vedic Mathematics (b) IK350: Ancient Economic Thought: Indian Perspective through Kautilya’s Arthashastra. The details are given in Annexure 32.8(a),(b).

Resolution: The Senate ratified the item.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.9: To ratify the inclusion of three B.Tech. students and one Ph.D. student in the list of graduating students for the 11th Convocation

Three students (21ECE1005, 20EEE1032, and 21CVE1034) have completed their degree requirements in the Odd Semester of AY 2025-26. They were included in the Convocation list with the approval of the AAC and the Senate Chairman (Annexure 32.9(a)).

A Ph.D. student (21MCE3001) has successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis on 27/01/2026 and has been awarded the Ph.D. degree in the 11th Convocation with the approval of the Senate Chairman (Annexure 32.9(b)).

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the same.*

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.10: IITM and IITH Credit Mapping

Students of IV year B.Tech. who are currently at IITH and IITM for their final-year studies as part of the student exchange programme are required to map the credits earned there to the equivalent credits at NIT Goa. Any shortage of credits may be compensated by completing the required number of credits through summer term courses at NIT Goa. The credit mapping is presented in the Senate Meeting.

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the credit mapping and approved the provision for compensating any shortage of credits through summer term courses at NIT Goa. These students will be offered summer term as a special case.*

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.11: Ratification of Admission Continuation after Cancellation Request

A part-time Ph.D. student had submitted an application to cancel his admission, which was approved by the Dean (Academics). Subsequently, the student requested to withdraw the cancellation request. The Senate Chairman has approved the student to continue his course of study.

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the item.*

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.12: Ratification of B.Tech. Admission Seat Matrix (AY 2026–27)

The B.Tech. admission seat matrix for Academic Year 2026-27 is presented in the Annexure 32.12. The overall intake, as well as the intake per department, remains the same as last year.

Resolution: *The Senate ratified the B.Tech. admission seat matrix for the Academic Year 2026-27.*

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.13: Foreign visit of Ph.D. students

A committee was constituted to frame the Institute policy for the payment of stipend/fellowship for research scholars going as visiting researcher in other organizations.

The committee has put forward the following:

- To encourage a collaborative research work, joint Ph.D. programme, experimental work with the resources available in other organizations, the Ph.D. scholars shall be allowed for short visit to other Institutes or Industry within India or Aboard. Such visit should be a maximum of two weeks (for a single visit). In this case, a student has to make an alternative arrangement for his assigned academic duties. In addition, such visits shall be of maximum 04 per year.
- For such visit, Ph.D. student must have to take approval from the Institute by mentioning the purpose of visit, duration, supporting letter from the visiting organization with clear details on visit and any financial assistance provided, permission from the Ph.D. supervisor and Head of the concerned department.
- If there is no financial assistance from the visiting organization, the Institute shall provide the stipend/scholarship, TA/DA as per the Institute's Ph.D. norms. In any case, a student can avail financial support from either organization at a time.

The above rules shall also be applicable for the M.Tech. students getting MoE fellowship.

Resolution: The Senate deliberated and recommended a more liberal approach, permitting continuation of stipend where TA, accommodation, and DA are borne by the foreign institute/organization, provided that the foreign institution does not offer any financial support beyond TA, accommodation, and DA. The Senate further suggested that such visits, to the extent possible, be scheduled during the vacation period. The Senate also suggested that the loss of teaching assistantship be compensated, as far as possible, in the prior or subsequent semesters.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.14: To consider and approve the increased budget for TA/DA of UG/PG Students

The current budget allocated for student participation in cultural fests, technical fests, sports events, and other co-curricular and extra-curricular activities representing the Institute is Rs. 3,00,000/- (as per 22nd BoG C1.2). In view of the increasing number of student participations and associated expenses, it is proposed to enhance this budget to Rs. 5,00,000/-.

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item, and recommended that the proposal be placed before the Finance Committee.

Action Taken: Implemented

ITEM No. SN-32.15: Faculty Vacancies and Specializations to be Advertised

The following dept. wise faculty distribution had been approved by BoG.

Department-wise Faculty Distribution

Sl. No.	Departments/ Disciplines	Faculty Distribution
1.	Computer Science and Engineering	12
2.	Electronics and Communication	12
3.	Electrical and Electronics	12
4.	Mechanical Engineering	8
5.	Civil Engineering	7
6.	Mathematics	4
7.	Physics	2
8.	Chemistry	2
9.	English	2
10.	Economics	1
	Total	62

The following is the Department-wise Vacancies that are to be advertised:

Sl. No.	Departments/ Disciplines	Proposed Faculty Distribution	Existing	Vacancies to be advertised
1.	Computer Science and Engineering	12	7	05
2.	Electronics and Communication	12	11	01
3.	Electrical and Electronics	12	5	07
4.	Mechanical Engineering	8	2	06
5.	Civil Engineering	7	2	05
6.	Mathematics	4	3	04
7.	Physics	2	1	
8.	Chemistry	2	1	
9.	English	2	1	
10.	Economics	1	1	
	Total	62	34	28

The proposed specializations were presented in the Senate meeting.

Resolution: *The Senate noted it and stated that this is an internal matter and that the matter falling within the purview of the Senate only needs to be presented.*

Action Taken: Noted

ITEM No. SN-32.16: Additional items, if any, with permission of The Chairperson, Senate.

None

The Senate noted and approved the action taken report of the 32nd Meeting of the Senate.

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AGENDA NOTES

ITEM No. SN-33.3	Inclusion of New Elective Courses in the Dept. of ECE
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The Dept. of ECE has proposed the inclusion of the following two courses in the list of elective courses:

- (i) EC527 - Mathematical Foundations for Machine Learning - 3 Credits (3-0-0)
- (ii) EC528 - Artificial Intelligence - 3 Credits (3-0-0)

The proposal has been approved by the Board of Studies (BoS) (Annexure 33.3).

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.

ITEM No. SN-33.4	Inclusion of New Open Elective Course- Fundamentals of Management for Engineers
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The Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences has proposed the introduction of a new Open Elective course- Fundamentals of Management for Engineers- 3 credits (3-0-0), with a maximum intake of 60 students (Annexure 33.4).

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item. If more students want to register than can be accommodated, a policy should be put in place so that no deserving student misses out.

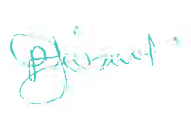
ITEM No. SN-33.5	Approval of Intake for M.Sc. Programmes in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics, and proposal for bifurcation of Dept. of Applied Sciences into three departments
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- (a) The proposal to commence M.Sc. programmes in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics was approved during the 31st Meeting of the Senate. The Department of Applied Sciences has proposed an intake capacity of 25 students for each programme (Annexure 33.5).
- (b) The Department of Applied Sciences has requested its bifurcation into three departments (Annexure 33.5): the Department of Mathematics, the Department of Physics, and the Department of Chemistry, for the purpose of MSc. Admissions, with continuation of the same HoD.

Senate is requested to deliberate on the proposals and suggest.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item.





ITEM No. SN-33.6	Financial Assistance for Student Participation in Conferences, other Academic, Co-curricular, and Extracurricular Activities
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It is clarified that the earlier approved amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- from the Institute Fund (Ministry Grant) (32nd Senate meeting) for student activities shall be utilized to exclusively support the participation of students (UG, PG, and Ph.D.) in sports activities, hackathons, cultural programmes, and other co-curricular and extracurricular activities. The financial assistance shall cover registration fees, travel expenses by AC 3-tier train, and dearness allowances at the rate of Rs. 500/- per day. For sports activities, as per the previous approval of the 35th Finance Committee (FC) Meeting, a refreshment allowance of Rs. 100/- per match day shall be provided in addition to this entitlement.

It is proposed that an amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- be allocated from the Institute Fund (Ministry) to support the presentation of research papers by B.Tech./M.Tech. students and recent B.Tech./M.Tech. alumni at national and international conferences.

Policy for Financial Assistance to B.Tech./ M.Tech. Students and Recent Alumni for Presenting Peer-Reviewed Research Papers at Reputed National and International Conferences

It is proposed to establish a financial assistance scheme for B.Tech./M.Tech. students and recent alumni whose research papers have been accepted for presentation at recognized national and international conferences within India/abroad.

- The total institutional funding allocated for this scheme is capped at Rs. 5,00,000/- per financial year.
- The maximum financial grant under this scheme is capped at Rs. 30,000/- (B.Tech.), and Rs. 40,000/- (M.Tech.) per student.
- Applications will be processed and funds sanctioned strictly on a First-Come, First-Served Basis, subject to budget availability. Once the annual pool of Rs. 5,00,000 is fully exhausted, no further institutional grants will be approved for that financial year. Any unutilized balance remaining at the end of the financial year shall be carried forward to the next financial year, subject to the approval of the competent authority, if applicable.
- A student can avail of this scheme only once during their entire tenure (or post-completion window) at NIT Goa.
- The student must be the First Author of the accepted paper. If a paper has multiple student co-authors, only one student author presenting the paper shall be eligible for financial assistance.
- The paper must clearly carry the official institutional affiliation of "National Institute of Technology Goa".
- The research must have been supervised by a faculty member of NIT Goa, who must endorse the application as a Co-Author/Guide.





- The fellowship covers Conference Registration Fees, Accommodation (limited to academic institution hostels/guest houses), and travel expenses, subject to the remaining balance available under the student's institutional funding cap. For travel within India, reimbursement shall be restricted to a maximum of the AC 3-tier train fare. For international travel, reimbursement shall be subject to the maximum ceiling prescribed by the Institute.
- The student shall also explore other sources of funding, including the ANRF, CSIR, DST, INSA, and other relevant funding agencies.

Support for Alumni

The validity of the conference fund may be extended for a maximum period of one year (12 months) following the student's official graduation/completion of the B.Tech./M.Tech. program, subject to the following rules:

- The accepted paper must strictly list "National Institute of Technology Goa" as the primary affiliation of the alumnus. No subsequent corporate or higher-education affiliations will be funded.
- Funding will only be provided if the conference proceedings are indexed in Scopus, IEEE Xplore, Web of Science, Springer etc.
- No financial assistance will be provided for actual transit/travel fares if the alumnus is commuting from any location outside of Goa. The alumnus must arrange and fund their own transit to the venue.

Senate is requested to deliberate and approve the same.

Resolution: The Senate approved the item and recommended the inclusion of the following:

(a) The student shall first make an attempt to obtain funding from external sources. Proof of such attempts shall be submitted along with the application.

(b) The same expenditure under a particular head shall not be claimed from multiple funding sources.

(c) The Departmental Committee, following the same process as that used for faculty CPDA approval for conference participation, shall certify the quality of the conference.

ITEM No. SN-33.7	Special Approvals Granted for Summer Term Courses
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Six final year B.Tech. students who would complete their B.Tech. degree requirements with a one-time relaxation during the summer term were granted special permission, with the recommendation of AAC and the approval of Chairperson, Senate.

Out of these six students, four were cases that did not receive the NPTEL certificate because they failed to meet the minimum qualifying criteria in either the assignments or the final examination. Since they could complete their degree requirements by clearing just one elective during the Summer Term, the Chairperson, Senate approved offering them this opportunity. One student requested permission to register for an additional 2-credit laboratory course during the Summer Term. Considering that the course carries only 2 credits and that successful completion of all summer term courses along with this, would fulfill all degree requirements, the Chairperson, Senate granted this permission as a special case. Another student was found in possession of a

chit during the end-semester examination. Considering his academic record, absence of prior backlogs, and placement status, it was noted that denial of an opportunity would extend his study period and may affect his job offer. As a special case, the Chairperson, Senate approved his request to register for the Summer Term and repeat the entire course.

Senate is requested to ratify the same.

Resolution: *The Senate noted that these relaxations are intended to provide an opportunity for students to complete their degree by allowing those who need to register for only one remaining course to do so. Considering the critical nature of these cases, the Senate ratified the item.*

ITEM No. SN-33.8	Revision of Remuneration for Indian Examiners for Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation
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The Senate approved the revision of the remuneration payable to Indian examiners for Ph.D. thesis evaluation from Rs. 5000/- to Rs. 10,000/- per thesis (29th Senate Meeting). As the BoG sought clarification before approving the proposal, a comparative summary of the remuneration paid by other institutes was presented for reference and consideration.

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: *The Senate noted that, in many institutions, the Ph.D. thesis evaluation fee is higher than Rs. 5,000/-, and approved the item.*

ITEM No. SN-33.9	MoU's with IIT Gandhinagar and IIT Delhi
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The Institute has entered into a Memoranda of Understanding with IIT Gandhinagar, and proposes to enter into an MoU with IIT Delhi for academic and research collaboration (Annexure 33.9).

Senate is requested to take note of the MoUs.

Resolution: *Noted.*

ITEM No. SN-33.10	Approval for break of study to Ph.D. students
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The Institute receives requests from Ph.D. students for a break of study due to exceptional circumstances, including medical grounds and family calamities. Therefore, it is proposed that Ph.D. students may be granted a one-year break of study in such cases, subject to the recommendation of the DRC and approval by the competent authority.

Senate is requested to approve the same.

Resolution: *The Senate approved the item with the following recommendations:*

- (a) The period of the approved break of study shall not be counted towards the maximum permissible duration of the Ph.D. programme.
- (b) No financial assistance shall be provided during the period of the break.
- (c) Each approved break of study shall be for a minimum period of six months.
- (d) The Institute fee payable in such cases shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

ITEM No. SN-33.11	Additional items, if any, with permission of The Chairperson, Senate.
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None.

The meeting concluded with the Senate placing on record its appreciation for the dedicated services rendered by Dr. Veena T., Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, to the Institute and extended best wishes for her success in her new job.



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