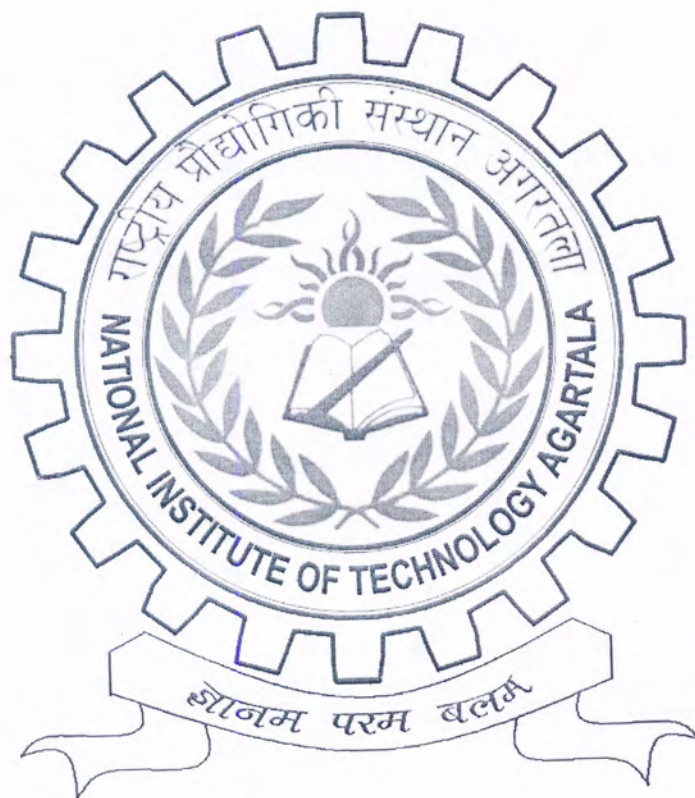


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MINUTES OF
THIRTY SECOND
SENATE MEETING

HELD ON

31st July, 2020

AT
3.00 pm.



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Minutes of the 32nd Senate Meeting

The 32nd meeting of SENATE of National Institute of Technology Agartala was held on 31st July, 2020 through online mode at 3.00 pm. The following members and invitee members attended the meeting:

1.	Prof. H. K. Sharma Director, NIT Agartala	Chairman
2.	Prof. Uday Shanker Dixit IIT Guwahati, Assam	Member
3.	Prof. Minati Baral NIT Kurukshetra, Haryana, India	Member
4.	Prof. R. P. Sharma Professor (CE) NIT Agartala	Member
5.	Prof. Ratul Das Professor (CE) NIT Agartala	Member
6.	Prof. Sujit Kumar Pal Professor (CE) & Dean(FW) NIT Agartala	Member
7.	Prof. Umesh Mishra Professor (CE) NIT Agartala	Member
8.	Prof. Ajoy Kumar Chakraborty Professor (EE) & Dean(P & D) NIT Agartala	Member
9.	Prof. Ardhendu Saha Professor (EE) & Dean(R & C) NIT Agartala	Member
10.	Prof. Priyanath Das Professor (EE) NIT Agartala	Member
11.	Prof. Debasish Bhattacharya Professor (MA) NIT Agartala	Member
12.	Prof. Ajoy Kumar Das Professor (ME) & Dean(Academic) NIT Agartala	Member
13.	Prof. Prasun Chakraborti Professor (ME) & Chairman (AA & IR) NIT Agartala	Member
14.	Prof. Swapan Bhaumik Professor (ME) NIT Agartala	Member
15.	Prof. Debasish Neogi Professor & Head (MHSS) NIT Agartala	Member
16.	Prof. Ram Naresh Rai Professor (PE) & Dean (SW-2) NIT Agartala	Member
17.	Prof. Aparna Nath Professor & Head(PH) NIT Agartala	Member
18.	Dr. Rajsekhar Panua Dean (SW-1)	Invitee
19.	Head of the Department Bio Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee



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20.	Head of the Department Chemical Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
21.	Head of the Department Civil Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
22.	Head of the Department Computer Sc & Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
23.	Head of the Department Electronics & Comm. Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
24.	Head of the Department Electrical Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
25.	Head of the Department Electronics & Inst. Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
26.	Head of the Department Mechanical Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
27.	Head of the Department Production Engineering Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
28.	Head of the Department Chemistry Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
29.	Head of the Department Mathematics Department NIT, Agartala	Invitee
30.	Dr. Govind Bhargava Registrar, NIT Agartala	Secretary, SENATE

Professor H. K. Sharma, Chairman SENATE welcomed Prof. Minati Baral, NIT Kurukshetra, Prof. Uday Sankar Dixit, IIT Guwahati and all the members present in the 32nd meeting of SENATE. After this the Chairman SENATE requested Dean (Academic) to place all the agenda points one by one for open discussion.

The Dean (Academic) then welcomed all the members of the SENATE who were present in the meeting and requested to come forward with their valuable suggestions on the agenda points. After that he placed all the 31 agenda points and 3 additional agenda one by one. Members present in the meeting took part in the discussion and gave their considered views. After detailed discussion the following decisions were adopted:

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- Item No. S/31/01** **Action taken report on the decisions of 30th SENATE meeting.**
- The SENATE perused the action taken on the decisions of the 30th meeting of SENATE held on 27/09/2019.
- Item No. S/31/02** **Action taken report on the decisions of 31st SENATE meeting.**
- The SENATE perused the action taken on the decisions of the 31st meeting of SENATE held on 06/11/2019.
- Item No. S/32/03** **Consideration and ratification of list of candidates for admission in Ph.D programme during January - June 2020 academic session.**
- The Senate ratified and confirmed the admission in Ph.D Programme during January - June 2020 academic session.
- Item No. S/32/04** **Consideration and ratification of nomination of educationist of repute to the SENATE of NIT Agartala from the field of Engineering.**
- The decision of the Chairman SENATE about nominating Prof. Uday Shanker Dixit, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT Guwahati, an educationist of repute from the field of Engineering to the SENATE of NIT Agartala was ratified and confirmed.
- The tenure of the above nominated educationist of repute to the SENATE would be of 2-years from the date of first meeting of SENATE after his nomination.
- Item No. S/32/05** **Consideration and Ratification of inclusion of Research & Publication Ethics (RPE) as a compulsory subject in Ph.D course-work from January-June 2020.**
- The SENATE ratified and confirmed the inclusion of a 2-credit subject- Research & Publication Ethics (RPE) run by MHSS Department of the Institute as a compulsory subject in Ph.D course-work from January-June 2020,
- Item No. S/32/06** **Consideration and Ratification of intake capacity of 10 (ten) seats in the specialization of Material Science and Engineering (MSE) under Mechanical Engineering Department from the academic session 2020-21.**
- Referring to the Item no. S/28/06 approved in 28th SENATE and followed by 49th BOG, it was felt that the five number of seats, does not fit properly to the reservation policy of Govt. of India. So the intake capacity is increased to 10 (ten) to give the proper participation to the candidates of all categories with the approval of the Chairman, Senate. The SENATE ratified and confirmed the decision to increase



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the intake capacity to 10 (ten) seats. It will be an inter-disciplinary course & therefore no additional faculty will be provided.

Item No. S/32/07

Consideration and ratification of minutes of meeting of Deans, Professors, HODs and Section In-charge held on 13/05/2020.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the the minutes of meeting of Deans, Professors, HODs and Section In-charge held on 13/05/2020. Here, it is to be mentioned that the classese for UG and PG courses, except first years, started from 27/07/2020 instead of 03/08/2020.

Item No. S/32/08

Consideration and ratification of minutes of meeting of HODs, Dean (Academic), Asso. Deans, Dy. Registrar (Acad), Asst. Registrar (Acad) held on 20/05/2020.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the minutes of meeting of HODs, Dean (Academic), Asso. Deans, Dy. Registrar (Acad), Asst. Registrar (Acad) held on 20/05/2020.

Item No. S/32/09

Consideration and ratification of Minutes of meeting of Deans, Professors, HODs and Section In-charge held on 10/06/2020.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the minutes of meeting of Deans, Professors, HODs and Section In-charge held on 10/06/2020.

Item No. S/32/10

Consideration and ratification of Conjugation of external supervisor from outside NIT Agartala.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed that the external guides/supervisors in guiding the research scholar of NIT Agartala will be limited to only faculty members of Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs) and persons of eminence especially in conducting research.

Item No. S/32/11

Consideration and ratification of Seat-matrix of Ph.D for January – June 2020 and July – December 2020 academic semesters.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the Seat-matrix of 100 seats for regular Ph.D scholars for January–June 2020 and July–December 2020 academic semesters.

Item No. S/32/12

Consideration and ratification of Formula for conversion of CGPA to percentage.

Referring to the Item no. S/30/20 approved in 30th SENATE the formula of conversion of CGPA to percentage (Percentage = CGPA x 10) would be applicable from the admission batch 2018-19. However based on the request of the passed out students, Chairman, Senate approved that the same will be applicable for all batches from the admission batch 2011-12 onwards. The SENATE ratified and confirmed the same.

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Item No. S/32/13

Consideration and ratification of Promoting all semesters intermediate students of UG, Dual degree and PG programmes to the next semester, as applicable, due to COVID 19.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the promotion of all intermediate semesters students of the even semester 2019-20 of UG, Dual degree and PG programmes to the next semester without any precedence.

Item No. S/32/14

Consideration and ratification of Eligibility conditions for CCMT and CCMN for the academic session 2020-21.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the following eligibility conditions for CCMT (Centralized Counselling for M.Tech/ M.Arch/ M.Plan Admissions) and CCMN (Centralized Counselling for M.Sc/ M.Sc (Tech) Admission) for the academic session 2020-21.

“The criteria was modified as 60% marks or CPI/CGPA of 6.5 on a 10 point scale for General/ OBC category, and 55% marks or CPI/CGPA of 6.0 on a 10 point scale for SC/ ST candidates”.

Item No. S/32/15

Consideration and ratification of starting of a Center of Excellence on Water to Energy Engineering at NIT Agartala.

The SENATE has ratified and confirmed the administrative approval for starting Center of Excellence on Water to Energy Engineering at NIT Agartala for running programme.

Item No. S/32/16

Consideration and ratification of Modification of MBA curriculum (Introduction of Combination of Specializations in place of single specialization in MBA Curriculum).

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the MBA curriculum (Introduction of Combination of Specializations in place of single specialization in MBA Curriculum). The house advised, such proposals, in future, should be vetted through Institute level committees such as BUGS (Board of Under Graduate Studies) and BPGS (Board of Post Graduate Studies) before placing in the SENATE.

Item No. S/32/17

Consideration and ratification of Minutes of meeting of HODs, Dean (Academic), Asso. Deans of Academic section, Asst. Registrar (Acad) held on 16/07/2020.

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the minutes of meeting of HODs, Dean (Academic), Asso. Deans of Academic section, Asst. Registrar (Acad) held on 16/07/2020.

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Item No. S/32/18 **Consideration and ratification of Academic Calendar for the July-December 2020 Semester.**

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the academic calendar for the July-December 2020 Semester.

Item No. S/32/19 **Consideration and approval of merger of Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering Department with Electrical Engineering Department of NIT Agartala from the academic session 2021-22.**

The SENATE approved the proposal. The branch of Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering will function under the Electrical Engineering Department of NIT Agartala from the academic session 2021-22.

Item No. S/32/20 **Consideration and ratification of MoU between NIT Agartala and Tripura Urban Planning & Development (TUDA).**

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the MoU between NIT Agartala and Tripura Urban Planning & Development (TUDA).

Item No. S/32/21 **Consideration and ratification of MoU between NIT Agartala and Istituto Nazionale Di Oceanografia E Di Geofisica Sperimentale-OGS, Sgonico, Italy.**

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the MoU between NIT Agartala and Istituto Nazionale Di Oceanografia E Di Geofisica Sperimentale-OGS, Sgonico, Italy.

Item No. S/32/22 **Consideration and ratification of a uniform question paper pattern to be followed by all Academic Departments for the written test to conduct Ph.D admission test from January 2020.**

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the uniform question paper pattern to be followed by all Academic Departments for the written test to conduct Ph.D admission test from January 2020.

Item No. S/32/23 **Consideration of the Report of the external review committee that visited NIT Agartala during October 20-22, 2019.**

The SENATE perused and adopted the recommendations of the report of the external review committee that visited NIT Agartala during October 20-22, 2019.

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Item No. S/32/24

Consideration and approval of extending MOU with CMTI, Bangalore.

The SENATE approved and confirmed the proposal. However, the SENATE advised to follow the admission procedure and eligibility criteria as per Ph.D regulation 2018. Being a unique academic proposal, the modalities of admission can be decided by Chairman, Senate in-consultation with Deans.

Item No. S/32/25

Consideration and approval of allowing Subhajit Deb (Enrollment no. 10DCE005), a part-time Ph.D scholar of Civil Engineering Department to complete his degree.

The SENATE approved the extension of duration of Ph.D of Subhajit Deb (Enrollment no. 10DCE005), a part-time Ph.D scholar of Civil Engineering Department for another year beyond 9 years from January, 2020 to complete his degree without any precedence. It is also decided that the scholar has to register himself for all the lost semesters by giving requisite registration fee with late fine as applicable for each semester.

Item No. S/32/26

Consideration and Approval of cancellation of registration if a student fails to enroll in two consecutive semesters in UG and PG programmes.

The SENATE approved that if a student fails to enroll in two consecutive semesters in UG and PG programmes, his or her registration will be automatically cancelled.

Item No. S/32/27

Consideration and Approval of implementation of new format of question paper for UG and PG programmes.

The SENATE advised to place the proposed new format of question paper for UG and PG programmes in Institute level committee such as BUGS and BPGS and thereafter to place it in the next SENATE.

Item No. S/32/28

Consideration and approval of inclusion of 2 (two) elective subjects from CSE Dept. in the M. Tech. programme of Mechanical Engineering Department.

The SENATE advised to place the proposal in Institute level committee such as BUGS and BPGS and authorized the Chairman, SENATE to approve it.

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Item No. S/32/29 **Consideration and approval of modalities for taking NPTEL / MOOC courses for UG students of Chemical Engineering Department.**

The SENATE advised to place the proposal in Institute level committee such as BUGS and BPGS and thereafter to place it in the next SENATE.

Item No. S/32/30 **Consideration and approval of allowing Avishek Debbarma (Enrollment no. 16UCS034), a student of Computer Sc. & Engineering Department to complete B. Tech degree.**

The SENATE has dropped the agenda.

Item No. S/32/31 **Consideration and approval of proposed procedure for review of Mid / End term answer script.**

The SENATE approved the under mentioned procedure for review of Mid / End term answer script.

- a) On receipt of the request to review the answer script of Mid/ End term examination, concerned department will submit those answer script to examination section.
- b) The answer script will be re-evaluated by another faculty nominated by the authority and the marks after re-evaluation will be submitted for updation of results.

Item No. S/32/32 **Miscellaneous Item:-
Clarification regarding reduction of semester fees for the ODD semester 2020.**

Based on the requests from students to reduce the existing semester fees for the current semester citing reasons of the prevalent pandemic situation in the country, the house authorized the Chairman SENATE to take decision about this aspect in consultation with Deans committee.

Item No. S/32/A/1 **Consideration and ratification of decision about allowing Ph.D scholars admitted in NIT Agartala up to January 2014 session to submit synopsis of Ph.D thesis.**

The SENATE ratified and confirmed the decision without any precedence.

Item No. S/32/A/2 **Consideration and approval of MOU with NIT Warangal for another 5(five) years**

The SENATE perused and approved the MOU with NIT Warangal for another 5(five) years.

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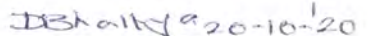
Item No. S/32/A/3

Consideration and approval of MOU with Composite Research Group of University of Durban, South Africa.

The SENAT approved the MOU with Composite Research Group of University of Durban, South Africa.

All the decisions were taken unanimously. The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Chairman, SENATE
NIT Agartala


Secretary, SENATE
NIT Agartala