

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SILCHAR

MINUTES OF 90TH MEETING OF THE SENATE

DATE: 20.03.2025

TIME: 03.30 PM

The Ninetieth (90th) meeting of the Senate was held on **20.03.2025** at **03.30 PM** in the Conference Hall of the New Administrative Building. The following Senate members attended the meeting.

1. Prof. D.K. Baidya, Director and Chairman, Senate
2. Prof. F.A. Talukdar, Professor, ECE Deptt., NIT Silchar
3. Prof. A.K. Dey, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
4. Prof. R.D. Misra, Professor, ME Deptt., NIT Silchar
5. Prof. P.K. Patowari, Professor, ME Deptt., NIT Silchar
6. Prof. A.K. Barbhuiya, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
7. Prof. Parthajit Roy, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
8. Prof. U. Kumar, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
9. Prof. M.A. Ahmed, Professor, CE Deptt., NIT Silchar
10. Prof. S. Chaudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
11. Prof. N.B. Dev Choudhury, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
12. Prof. Brinda Bhowmick (Shome), Professor, ECE Deptt., NIT Silchar
13. Prof. S.S. Dhar, Professor, Chemistry Deptt., NIT Silchar
14. Prof. Ahmaruzzaman, Professor, Chemistry Deptt., NIT Silchar
15. Prof. R.H. Laskar, Professor, ECE Deptt., NIT Silchar
16. Prof. S.H. Laskar, Professor, EIE Deptt., NIT Silchar
17. Prof. L.C. Saikia, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
18. Prof. J.P. Mishra, Professor, EE Deptt., NIT Silchar
19. Prof. Santanu Roy, Professor, Maths Deptt., NIT Silchar
20. Prof. M. Sen, Professor, Maths Deptt., NIT Silchar
21. Prof. Asim Roy, Registrar i/c & Secretary Senate, NIT Silchar

The following special invitees also attended the meeting

- 1) Dr. A. Sil, HoD, CE
- 2) Dr. T. Malakar, HoD, EE
- 3) Dr. K. Guha, HoD, ECE
- 4) Dr. Pinki Roy, HoD CSE
- 5) Dr. R. Dasgupta, HoD, EIE
- 6) Dr. S. Halder, HoD, ME
- 7) Dr. S R Mohapatra, HoD, Phy
- 8) Dr. K.N. Das, HoD, Maths
- 9) Dr. R. Sanasam, HoD, HSS
- 10) Dr. A. Das, HoD. MS
- 11) Mr. B. Nath, Assoc. Dean (Acad)
- 12) Dr. R. Dutta, Assoc. Dean (Acad)
- 13) Dr. A. Nandi, Assoc. Dean (Exam)
- 14) Dr. S. Pati, Assoc. Dean (R&C)
- 15) Dr. S.K. Tripathy, Assoc. Dean (R&C)

Further, in accordance to Clause 8 (xv) of the First Statute of NITSER, 02 student representatives nominated by the Dean SW viz. Partha Pratim Lahkar (2112172) & Shreya Goswami (2113093) also attended the meeting.

At the outset, the Director & Chairman Senate welcomed all the Senate members and the special invitees. The Senate then initiated the discussion on the agenda items and the following resolutions were adopted.

S- To consider confirmation of minutes of the 89th meeting of the Senate

90/25/01: The draft minutes of the 89th meeting of the Senate was circulated to all the members of the Senate (**Annexure-I**). No comments have been received upon the circulated minutes.

The Senate may confirm the minutes.

Decision:

The Senate noted the comments received from one of the members and confirmed the minutes of the 89th meeting of the Senate except agenda item no. S-89/24/21(A) wherein the Senate advised Dean (R&C) to verify whether the University is recognised by the Association of Indian Universities.

S- To consider action taken on the decisions adopted in the 89th meeting of the Senate

90/25/02: The Senate may note the action taken report on the decisions adopted in the 89th meeting of the Senate at **Annexure-I**.

Decision:

The Senate noted the action taken report on the minutes of the 89th meeting of the Senate. However, during discussion of agenda item no. S-89/24/21(A), the Senate advised Dean (R&C) to verify whether the University is recognised by the Association of Indian Universities.

S- To consider the proposal of the Dept. of Management Studies for offering dual specialisation in MBA

90/25/03: The matter was placed in the 89th meeting of the Senate under agenda item no. S-89/24/03 wherein the Senate resolved the following.

The Senate in principle approved the proposal for offering of the dual specialisation in MBA programme in addition with the current single specialization in MBA programme. The Senate suggested to review the syllabus and course name of Research Methodology and Supply Chain Management subjects.

Subsequently, the aforesaid decision of the Senate was notified and the concerned HoD was requested to do the needful. Now, the course name has been renamed as Business Research Methods & Supply Chain and Logistics Management. The report submitted by the HoD, Management Studies is placed at **Annexure-II**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate decided that the course name be (i) Business Research Methodology and (ii) Supply Chain and Logistics Management.

S- To consider the proposal for starting of Minor Degree Program

90/25/04: The matter regarding the proposal for starting of Minor Degree Program was placed in the 89th meeting of the Senate under agenda item no. S-89/24/10 wherein the Senate decided the following.

The Senate deliberated on the agenda item and decided to refer the matter to the NEP committee. The matter along with the resolution of the NEP committee be placed again in the Senate.



Subsequently, the matter was discussed in the meetings of the NEP committee and the resolution of the committee is placed at **Annexure-III**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate accepted the proposal for starting the Minor Degree Program and also the modalities framed by the NEP committee regarding the Minor Degree Program.

S- **To consider the various academic related resolutions taken in the HoD's meeting**

90/25/05:

A meeting of all Heads of the Departments with the Dean (Academic) was held wherein various academic related resolutions were taken. The agenda discussed and the resolutions taken are mentioned herein below.

1. Inclusion of industry expert has been accepted for M.Tech. mid and end semester project evaluation for the internship students of 2024-25 entry batch. There is close liaison between industry expert and the supervisor from the institute.
2. Experts from industry and alumni should take part while framing / reviewing the PG curriculum.
3. As Minor Degree Program will commence from the next academic year 2025-26, the branch change from 2025 entry batch students may be abolished.

The copy of the minutes of the meeting is placed at **Annexure-IV**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate discussed the matter and decided the following:

1. To include industry mentor/supervisor in the mid and end semester project evaluation for the respective PG internship students.
2. The Senate decided that the experts from industry as well as stakeholders should take part while framing / reviewing the PG curriculum.
3. The Senate in principle agreed to stop the branch change process from the UG 2025 entry batch onwards.

S- **To consider the request of Prof. G. Das, Retired Professor for commission of an endowment award for the best researcher in the Dept. of HSS**

90/25/06:

Prof. G. Das, Retired Professor, Dept. of HSS vide his letter dated 31.01.2025 has requested to commission an endowment award for best researcher in the Dept. of HSS, NIT Silchar. In this regard, the incumbent had submitted a cheque of INR 3 Lakhs to create a corpus fund. The award will be given by cheque out of the interest accrues from the corpus. The maximum limit of the award will be INR 20 Thousand.

The various modalities for the award is mentioned in the letter dated 31.01.2025. The copy of the said letter is placed at **Annexure-V**.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate decided that the HoD, HSS Dept. should frame modalities regarding the endowment award for the best researcher in the Dept. of HSS.

S- **To take a note on the punishment imposed to the students due to adoption of unfair means during End Sem Examination held in Nov-Dec 2024**

90/25/07:

Some students adopted unfair means during the End Sem examination held in Nov-Dec 2024. Depending upon the quantum of offence, recommendation of the Examination

Disciplinary Committee and approval of the competent authority, the following punishments were sanctioned to them.

SN	Name of the Student/ Regn. No.	Subject	Punishment
1	Tushar Kumar, 2414124	CS 111, Programming Lab	For all the cases the concerned subject in which the student is caught are de-registered. The concerned students are allowed to register the respective subject only in the appropriate semester as a regular course. The grade which will be obtained by all these students when they appear for the concerned subject be reduced by one grade. However, if a student got DD, there will be no further reduction of grade.
2	M.H.Harshil, 2213075	EE 303, Electrical Machines II	
3	Tanushree Biswas, 2213073	EE 303, Electrical Machines-II	
4	Subham Sahoo, 2422121	CS 5203, Foundation of Machine Learning	
5	S. Saketh Ram, 2213091	EE 305, Digital Signal Processing	
6	Abhishek Issae, 2214002	EC 305, Electronic Measurement & Instrumentation	
7	Palash Jyoti Das, 2216021	ME 305, I.C.Engine	
8	S Saketh Ram, 2213091	EE 303, Electrical Machines II	
9	Mukto Roy, 2213092	EE 303, Electrical Machines II	
10	Bhaskar Chouhan, 2213102	EE 303, Electrical Machines II	
11	Uday S Singh, 2212096	CS 303, Operating System	
12	Gautam Rawat, 2316160	ME 203, Fluid Mechanics	
13	S. Jahnavi, 2314132	EC 203, Signals & Systems	
14	Anwesh Saha, 2314128	EC 203, Signals & Systems	
15	J. Harshavardhan, 2312157	EE 223, Microprocessor	
16	Kaushik R Nath, 2216075	ME 306, Advanced Manufacturing Processes	
17	Pinky Das, 2422205 (PG)	CS 5101, Fundamentals of Computing Science	
18	Amboth Chanti, 2411107	ME 101, Engineering Mechanics	
19	N Dinesh Nayak, 2411107	Warning letter issued to him for assisting one student in using unfair means during the examination.	

The Senate is requested to note the same.

Decision:

The Senate noted the punishment imposed.

S-90/25/08: **To ratify the proposal of EIE Dept. for change in credit scheme of new professional core elective subject**

The EIE Deptt had submitted a proposal for inclusion of one new elective subject Drone Technology (EI-338) in the curriculum of 6th semester as Professional Core Elective-I with L T P C of 2 0 2 3. The matter was placed in the 89th meeting of the Senate under agenda item no. S-89/24/07 wherein the Senate resolved the following.

The Senate approved the new proposal of Professional Core elective I subject EI-338 in 6th semester for the EI branch and suggested to offer it as an open elective for other related branches of engineering like CSE, ECE and EE with proper prerequisite.

Now, the department has submitted a prayer requesting for change in the credit scheme with L T P C of 2 1 2 4. The same has been approved by the Chairman, Senate.

The Senate is requested to ratify the revision made in the credit scheme.

Decision:

The Senate after deliberation decided to revise the earlier resolution taken and finalised that the subject be offered as a Departmental Elective with 04 credits.

S- **To ratify the approval of the Chairman Senate accorded for the applicability of credit**
90/25/09: **limit in respect of UG semester registration**

The provision mentioned under the B.Tech. Ordinance & Regulations for the applicability of credit limit during the semester registration is reproduced below.

The maximum allowed number of credits registered for a regular semester (odd and even semesters) is 30. However, under special circumstances, the Dean (Academic) may permit a student to register for one more course, including lab course/project, exceeding the maximum credit limit.

To optimise the academic activities in the interest of the Institute, the aforesaid provision has been revised as follows.

"The maximum allowed number of credits for registration in a regular semester (odd and even semesters) is 30 credits. However, beyond 30 credits concerned Departmental Head (HoD) may permit a student to register for only one more course exceeding 30 credits and under special circumstances, the Dean (Academic) may permit a student, depending on case to case basis, to register for one more course in addition to the subject allowed by the concerned HoD. No further permission for course registration beyond this will be allowed".

The revised provision will be implemented from the next semester onwards viz w.e.f. the new academic session July- Dec 2025. The same is approved by the Chairman, Senate.

The Senate is requested to ratify the action taken in this regard.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

S- **To ratify the approval of the Chairman Senate in respect of few B.Tech. Students who**
90/25/10: **have completed all the requirements for the award of B.Tech degree after the last Convocation held in November 2024.**

Following UG student have completed all the requirements and qualified for the B.Tech degree. Consequent upon the approval of the Chairman Senate, provisional certificate has been issued.

SN	Regn. No.	Name	CPI / CGPA
1	1114074	Nagesh Kumar Gautam	4.99
2	1516010	Anirban Paul	5.08
3	1916025	Arigalla Bhanu Sai Prakash	7.05
4	2013024	Parbati Kumari Das	6.80
5	2013102	Reisa Ahmed	7.58
6	2013132	Kurakula Rani	7.33



The Senate may ratify the approval of the Chairman Senate in this regard and recommend the same to the BoG for admitting the students for award of degree in the Convocation 2025.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate and recommended the same to the BoG.

S- Any other matter with the permission of the Chair
90/25/11:

(A) To consider report of the committee constituted for framing the modalities for conducting centralized semester examination

In pursuant to the decision of the Senate in its 89th meeting under agenda item no. S-89/24/04, a committee was constituted for framing the modalities for conducting the centralised semester examinations. The report submitted by the committee is placed at **Annexure-VI**.

The Senate is requested to peruse the report & take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

The Senate approved the modalities for centralised semester examination framed by the committee and requested the Dean (Academic) to circulate the approved modalities. Further, the Associate Dean (Examination) must ensure that the new mechanism is effective from the coming academic session 2025-26.

(B) To consider intake capacity in the M.Tech. program Power Electronics and Drives under the EE Dept.

The proposal submitted by the EE Dept. for opening of a new M.Tech. program "Power Electronics and Drives" was recommended by the Senate in its 81st meeting and subsequently approved by the BoG. Now, the DPPC, EE Dept. has proposed the intake capacity of the program with 20 seats and additional 05 seats under sponsored category.

The Senate is requested to consider the same.

Decision:

The Senate decided that the intake capacity of the program be 13 seats with additional 02 seats under sponsored category.

(C) To consider the Academic Calendar for the academic year 2025-26

The academic calendar for the academic year 2025-26 is placed at **Annexure-VII**.

The Senate is requested to consider the same.

Decision:

The Senate decided that in the academic calendar the date of finalization of the open elective subjects should be included in the previous semester.

(D) Minor modification of Ph.D. regulation in Clause 6.14 and Clause 7

i) As per clause 6.14 regarding thesis submission in the existing regulation "Within three months of acceptance of the synopsis by the DC, the student shall prepare and submit the thesis, along with synopsis, as per guidelines on the Thesis preparation and submission (FORM VIII) to the Dean (R&C). In case, the student is unable to submit the thesis within this stipulated deadline on valid ground(s), he/she has to apply to Dean (R & C) through DC

for extension. Dean (R & C) may allow additional time (maximum one year) if he/she is satisfied with the ground(s) for extension sought.”

However, three months may be reduced to one month as the student is presenting the synopsis seminar and by the time student is ready with the pre –final stage of the thesis and a few modifications/clarifications/suggestions are to be incorporated as per the advice of DC. Further, the additional time beyond one month time of thesis submission period may be discouraged and if essential, be considered case to case basis keeping all other conditions of the clause same.

Moreover, if student is appearing for synopsis seminar at the end of the semester and wish to submit the thesis in the next semester, then registration for the next semester is mandatory to continue the studentship.

ii) Examiners of the Thesis

As per the current Ph. D regulations regarding examiners of the thesis as per clause 7: “After successful presentation of the synopsis, DC of the concerned student shall forward the panel of examiners. The panel should consist of minimum 08 examiners. Out of the 8 examiners, 1 or 2 examiner(s) may also be from abroad. All the examiners should preferably be at the level of Professor or equivalent. The panel of examiners must be submitted along with their designations and contact details in sealed envelope to Dean (R & C) as per the FORM IX. The panel should comprise of persons from reputed Academic Institutes/R&D organizations/Industries. Final examiners are selected by the Chairman, Senate from the panel. In case the Chairman, Senate is not satisfied with the panel, he/she may change the panel in consultation with Dean (R & C).”

The list of examiners should be increased from 8 to 10 from India at the level of Professor or equivalent and one examiner from one institute. Over and above 1 or 2 examiner(s) may also be included from abroad. Also, DC should ensure that the examiner should be from the relevant field of research. All other conditions of the clause are same.

The Senate is requested to deliberate on the matter and take a suitable decision accordingly.

Decision:

After threadbare discussion, the Senate agreed to the agenda points with immediate effect. But out of 10 examiners, one or two examiners may be at the level of Associate Professor. Also, Senate resolved that there should be a common list of references at the end of thesis which shall come into force with effect from 30th November, 2025.

(E) **Request for introduction of new Course “Research and Publication Ethics”**

As per the clause 6.5.1 of the Ph.D. regulations, “The course IC 0001 (4-0-0: 4 credits): Research Methodology (4 credits) is mandatory for all Ph.D. scholars.”

However, as per the Gazette notification of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 dated 7th Nov 2022 clause no 9 related course work is as follows

“The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a “Research and Publication Ethics” course as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course.” We have received many representation from Ph.D. students and from HoD, HSS with recommendation of DPMC to include “Research and Publication Ethics” as a mandatory course for research scholar.



The senate is requested to deliberate on the same and if, approved, the structures / syllabus and modalities of the course may be directed.

Decision:

The Senate in principle agreed to the proposal. However, HoD, HSS is requested to prepare the modalities, course structures and to be placed in the upcoming Senate.

(F) To ratify the approval of Chairman, Senate in respect of cancellation of Group 'B' registration and carry forward of course work from their old registration to new registration

The following Ph. D students were initially took admission under Group – B category without fellowship in the different department of NIT Silchar. As per the record, these students have completed their course work with their old registration and the grade obtained by the students are given below:

SN	Name	Dept	Old Regn No	Date of Admission	New Regn No	Date of Admission	Grade
01	Ms. Sanjita Phijam	CSE	24302007	26/07/2024	25302001	17/01/2025	7.9
02	MS. Aribam Deleena Devi	EE	23303007	17/07/2023	24303006	26/07/2024	9.56
03	Mr. Subhajit Roy	EE	23303009	17/07/2023	24303005	25/07/2024	8.5
04	Mr. Sayantan Chowdhury	EE	24303009	05/08/2024	25303001	17/01/2025	8.9
05	Ms. Parimala N.	ECE	24304007	26/07/2024	25304003	21/01/2025	8.0
06	Mr. Sandeepan Sengupta	EE	24303010	05/08/2024	24303003	17/01/2025	8.3
07	Mr. Kewal Kumar Singh Kshetrimayum	CE	24301020	05/08/2024	25301001	17/01/2025	7.64
08	Ms. Harmin Aktar Laskar	CE	24301023	12/08/2024	25301002	17/01/2025	7.5
09	Mr. Dibyajyoti Das	HSS (NET)	24311012	31/07/2024	25311003	17/01/2025	8.2
10	Mr. Tuhin Das	EE	23303008	17/07/2023	24303007	29/07/2024	8.43
11	Mr. Sudip Mazumder	CSE	24302016	07/08/2024	25302006	23/01/2025	6.69

However, the above students have got selected and took admission in Group A (Regular) category in various departments of NIT Silchar in the July-Dec 2024 and Jan- June 2025 session. Now, they have requested to cancel their old Ph.D. registration number and continue their Ph.D. with new registration. Also, the above students have requested to consider/ carry forward their course work and grade obtained during the previous registration as Group – B (Regular) category. Considering their request and on the basis of recommendations of the respective DC and DPMC, Chairman, Senate has cancelled the old registration number and transfer the course work under new registration.

The Senate may ratify the action of the Chairman, Senate.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

(G) To ratify the approval of Chairman, Senate in respect of extension of Ph.D. program

As per the clause 6.12 of the Ph.D. regulations, “the maximum duration of the program, including all granted leaves, is 06 years for the date of admission for full-time students and 07 years for part-time students. Unless the Senate otherwise allows, the registration of a student shall stand cancelled automatically after the expiry of stipulated duration”. The following students could not complete their studies within the stipulated periods due to various reasons, including reason related to medical issues and applied for extension to complete their works.

Considering their request and on the basis of recommendations of the respective DC. The Chairman, Senate allowed extensions as listed.

SN	Regn. No.	Name of the Students	Dept	Date of Admission	Date of completion of max duration	Extension granted till
1	17-3-01-102	Saleh A. Mazumder	CE	17.02.2017	16.02.2024	31.12.2025
2	17-3-01-140	Dheeraj S. Deshmukh	CE	21.08.2017	21.08.2024	31.01.2025
3	18-3-01-116	Satyaprakash Mishra	CE	25.06.2018	24.06.2024	30.06.2025
4	17-3-01-112	Baishali Nandi	CE	19.07.2017	20.07.2024	19.04.2025
5	18-3-06-104	Pragnaleena Debroy	EIE	22.06.2018	22.06.2024	10.01.2025
6	17-3-21-107	Pankaj Kalita	HSS	20.07.2017	20.07.2024	31.12.2025
7	17-3-21-103	Sanjit Muchahary	HSS	16.02.2017	15.02.2024	30.06.2025
8	16-3-21-102	Sanchari Bhattacharyya	HSS	30.06.2016	30.06.2023	31.01.2025

The Senate may ratify the action of the Chairman, Senate.

Decision:

The Senate ratified the action taken by the Chairman, Senate.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



Registrar i/c & Secretary, Senate



Director & Chairman, Senate