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MINUTES
OF
44th MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Date :: 28.02.2026
Time :: 10 : 00 A.M.
Venue :: Conference Hall of VVIP Guest House

Minutes for the 44th Meeting of Academic Council held on 28.02.2026

Following members were present:

Sl.No	Name	Designation
1.	Prof Narendranath S, Director, NERIST	Chairman
2.	Prof. S. Gao, Dean (Academic)	Member
3.	Prof. M. Chandrasekaran, Dean (Admn.)	Member
4.	Prof. S. Mahto, Dean (Planning & Development)	Member
5.	Prof. P. R. Gajurel, Dean (Students Affairs)	Member
6.	Prof. T. Karlo, Dean (Alumni)	Member
7.	Prof. (Mrs.) M. Sharma, Dean (R&D)	Member
8.	Prof. R. D. Kaushik, Former Dean, Faculty of Ayurved & Medical Sciences, Faculty of Engg & Tech and Faculty of Sc.	Member
9.	Prof. Sisir Kumar Nayak, Department of Electronics & Electrical Engineering, IIT, Guwahati	Member
10.	Prof. Promod Kumar Patowari, Department of Mechanical Engineering, NIT, Silchar	Member
11.	Er. Tapi Tai, Superintending Engineer (Power), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar	Member
12.	Prof. K.N. Dewangan, Department of Agricultural Engineering	Member
13.	Prof. R.K. Prasad, Department of Civil Engineering	Member
14.	Prof. P.P.Dabral, Department of Agricultural Engineering	Member
15.	Prof. S. Gao, Department of Electrical Engineering	Member
16.	Prof. R.K. Mehta, Department of Electrical Engineering	Member
17.	Prof. T. Karlo, Department of Physics	Member
18.	Prof. (Mrs.) M. Sharma, Department of Forestry	Member
19.	Prof. M. Chandrasekaran, Department of ME	Member
20.	Prof. K. Shrivastava, Department of Forestry	Member
21.	Prof. S.K. Bhagat, Deptt. of Electrical Engineering	Member
22.	Prof. S. Mahto, Deptt. of Mechanical Engineering	Member
23.	Prof. S. Mishra, Department of Civil Engineering	Member
24.	Prof. A.K. Singh, Department of Electrical Engineering	Member
25.	Prof. S. Samanta, Department of Mechanical Engineering	Member
26.	Prof. P. R. Gajurel, Department of Forestry	Member
27.	Prof. Awadhesh Kumar, Department of Forestry	Member
28.	Prof. (Ms) Aditi Bhadra, Department of Agricultural Engineering	Member
29.	Prof. A. Bandyopadhyay, Department of Agricultural Engineering	Member
30.	Prof. Raju Barthakur, Department of HSS	Member
31.	Prof. Sandeep Singh, Department of Mechanical Engineering	Member
32.	Prof. M. M. Dixit, Department of Mathematics	Member
33.	Prof. Tripurari Sharan, Department of ECE	Member
34.	Prof. (Ms) Joyatri Bora Hazarika, Department of ECE	Member
35.	Prof. Mukesh Upadhyay, Department of Physics	Member
36.	Prof. Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Department of Physics	Member
37.	Prof. Adikanda Parida, Department of Electrical Engineering	Member
38.	Prof. P.K.Pandey, Department of Agricultural Engineering	Member
39.	Prof. Pranab Kishore Dutta, Department of ECE	Member
40.	Prof. Thaneswar Patel, Department of Agricultural Engineering	Member
41.	Prof. Devendra Potnuru, Department of Electrical Engineering	Member
42.	Prof. M. Marijit Singh, Department of CSE	Member
43.	HoD (AE)	Member
44.	HoD (CE)	Member

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45.	HoD (CSE)	Member
46.	HoD (ECE)	Member
47.	HoD (EE)	Member
48.	HoD (ME)	Member
49.	HoD (CH)	Member
50.	HoD (MA)	Member
51.	HoD (FO)	Member
52.	HoD (PH)	Member
53.	HoD (HSS)	Member
54.	HoD(FET)	Member
55.	HoC (CMS)	Member
56.	Dr.G.Pangging, Associate Professor, Department of Forestry	Member
57.	Dr. N. Ghanashyam Singh, Asstt. Prof. Department of Chemistry	Member
58.	Dr. N.L. Meitei, Assistant Professor, Department of EE.	Member
59.	Controller of Examinations	Invitee
60.	Registrar (i/c)	Non-Member Secy.

Following members could not attend the meeting.

Sl.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Prof. K. N. Singh (FNA), Dean (Science), BHU, Varanasi	Member
2.	Prof. Neetu Singh, Professor & Head, Bio Medical Engineering, IIT, New Delhi	Member
3.	Prof. Geetika Borah, Dean, Faculty of Science & Engineering, Dibrugarh University.	Member
4.	Prof. Binay Singh, Department of Forestry, NERIST	Member
5.	Prof. C.L. Sharma Dean, Department of Forestry	Member
6.	Prof. A. Giri, Department of Mechanical Engineering	Member
7.	Prof. S. Baishya, Department of Civil Engineering	Member
8.	Prof. B.K. Singh, Department of Mathematics	Member
9.	Prof.(Mrs) N. Marchang, Department of CSE	Member
10.	Prof. S. S. Gautam, Department of Mech. Engineering	Member
11.	Prof. Ajay Bharti, Department of Civil Engineering	Member
12.	Prof. Rajesh Kumar, Department of ECE	Member
13.	Prof. Madhusudhan Mishra, Department of ECE	Member
14.	Prof. (Mrs) Dipika Devi, Department of Civil Engineering	Member
15.	Prof. Bijoylaxmi Sarmah, Centre for Management Studies	Member
16.	Shri T.V.P. Singh, Associate Professor Department of EE.	Member
17.	Dr. K.K. Mondal, Associate Professor, Department of ME	Member
18.	Mr. Rusni Kima Mangang, Assistant Prof. Department of ECE	Member
19.	Dr. M.K.Camder , Registrar	Non-Member Secy.

AC.44.01 :To consider for confirmation of the minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15.11.2025.

[Note: The 43rd Meeting of the Academic Council held on 15.11.2025 was circulated to the Hon'ble Members of Academic Council on 28.11.2025. No Comment(s) has been received from any members.

The Academic Council may like to confirm the minutes.]

Resolution: The minutes of 43rd Meeting of Academic Council was confirmed.

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AC. 44.02: To consider the Action Taken Reports on the minutes of the 43rd Meeting of Academic Council.

[Note: The Action Taken Reports on the minutes of 43rd Meeting of the Academic Council is placed at **Annexure-II** for consideration.]

AC.43.02 [42.02{40.02 :[39.5]} : To Consider the Minutes of BoS meeting held on 29.02.2024 and DPGC Meeting held of 01.03.2024 for introduction of BBA Course and Syllabus Revision of MBA in respect of CMS.

Resolution: Approved.

AC.43.02 [42.02{40.07}] : To Consider for the Sponsorship of a Gold Medal for meritorious Student of Department of Agricultural Engineering in B.Tech Course.

Resolution: Not accepted by the Academic Council.

AC.43.02 [42.02{40.12}] : To consider the proposals submitted by Prof. Rajesh Kumar, CoE
(2) To consider for Bilingual Provisional and Original Certificates
(Certificate/Diploma/ Degree(UG/PG) & Ph.D.) Degree.

Resolution: Ratified. Academic Council has suggested CoE should workout the mechanism to display the names in bilingual in respect of all the graduating students well in advance before the Convocation every year.

AC.43.02 [42.06] : To consider the Revision of Course Curriculum for Under-Graduate Programmes in Engineering & Technology and Sciences.

Resolution: Noted.

AC.43.02 [42.08] : To consider the proposals submitted by HoD (ECE).

Resolution: The 43rd Academic Council has recommended that any scholars may be allowed to submit their thesis within 2 ½ years in exceptional cases fulfilling conditions duly framed by the Institute. Dean (Acad) may frame the scope of 'exceptional conditions' for the submission of thesis within 2 ½ years.

Further, the 43rd Academic Council also resolved that under the Chairmanship of the Dean (Acad) a committee should also be formed to frame the exception and rigorous conditions for allowing for admission in the Ph.D. (Part-Time) programme for the working professional from industry/on the job professionals having B.Tech degree with minimum CGPA of 9 out of 10 and with working experience. The guidelines should be drafted and placed in the next Academic Council Meeting for deliberation & approval.

The Dean (Acad) informed the 44th Academic Council that that the necessary regulations are incorporated in the form of Clauses in revised PG/Ph.D. Academic Byelaws which is under preparation. The revised PG/Ph.D. Academic Byelaws will be tabled in next Academic Council Meeting for deliberations and approval.

AC.43.02 [42.11] : To consider the Innovation and Startup Policy for Students and Faculty/Staff for NERIST, Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh, Submitted by Dr. Santosh Kumar Tamang, Convener, IIC Cell.

Resolution: Noted.

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AC.43.02 [42.13] : To consider the proposal submitted by Dr. Meera Yadav, NCC, CTO for weightage to NCC cadets in admission criteria.

Resolution: Noted.

AC.43.02 [42.16] : To consider the proposal submitted by the Member Secretary NBA regarding Admission to Lateral Entry to Second Year courses(s)

Resolution: *The Academic Council has constituted a committee to formulate a comprehensive policy governing entry and exit under the lateral entry scheme. It was further resolved that a structured policy should be framed to regulate admissions through lateral entry. Additionally, the Academic Council advised that the committee should examine and recommend the incorporation of appropriate reservation provisions as applicable to NERIST. These provisions must align with the seat allocation policies of the respective North Eastern states for UG programmes, as well as with the Government of India's reservation policies for postgraduate and doctoral programmes.*

The Academic Council has constituted the following committee:

a) Dean (Acad)	-	Chairman
b) Chairman (NEE)	-	Member
c) Chairperson(NEPGET)	-	Member
d) Prof. S.Samanta	-	Member
e) Prof. Arnab Bandyopadhyay	-	Member
f) Prof. M.Upadhyay	-	Member

The Committee shall work out the details and prepare an exclusive report, which will be placed before the next meeting of the Academic Council for deliberation and approval.

AC.43.04 : To consider the proposal for CGPA of 8.5 and above for the award of Gold Medal in B.Sc. and M.Sc. programme in Physics, Forestry, Mathematics and Chemistry

Resolution: Noted.

AC.43.05 : To consider for enhancing Annual Alumni Award for Academic Excellence

Resolution: Noted.

AC.43.06 : To Extend Library Timing till 2.00 A.M for all students

Resolution: *The Academic Council has considered and accepted the request for the extension of Library timings. It was resolved in the meeting that the existing Library schedule shall continue to be followed, with the exception that during the Examination period (i.e., one week prior to the commencement of examinations and throughout the examination duration), the library shall remain open for all students until 2:00 a.m.*

Furthermore, the Academic Council has advised the Chairman (HMC) and the Chairman (Library) to conduct surprise visits/check to the library in order to monitor and assess the utilization of the extended timings by the boarders.

AC.43.07: (1) : To consider reduction of Intake in M.Tech in FMP and SWCE under Department of Agricultural Engineering.

Resolution: Noted.


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AC.43.08: To consider the request for upgradation of Institute scholarship or consideration for NET/GATE Fellowship for eligible Ph.D. scholars.

Resolution: Noted. Notification to this effect shall be issued by the Academic Section after the approval of the minutes.

AC.43.09: To consider the introduction of a formal course on 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing under the PM-DEVINE Project – 3D Printing Center of Excellence (3dpcoe.in)

Resolution: Noted.

AC.43.10: To consider Admission intake seats for starting B.Tech. in Food Engineering and Technology

AC.43.10(i): To consider Admission intake seats for starting B.Tech. in Food Engineering and Technology.

AC.43.10(ii): To consider the Mode of Admission for starting B. Tech. in Food Engineering and Technology.

AC.43.10(iii): To Consider for the Course structure and syllabus for starting the B Tech programme in Food Engineering and Technology.

AC.43.10(iv): To Consider the Eligibility and syllabus for starting the Ph. D programme in Food Engineering and Technology.

Resolution: Noted. The Academic Council has advised that the approved total intake for B.Tech (FET) be referred to the Standing Committee constituted by the Council vide Agenda Item No. AC.44.02 [AC.43.02 (42.16)] for examination of the feasibility of the intake and for working out the applicable reservation norms.

AC.43.11 & 43.12 : 43.11 : To consider the Course Codes for M. Tech. (AI) programme.
43.12 : To consider the Introduction of new course 'Research and Publication Ethics' with course code CS9101.

Resolution: Noted.

AC 43.13(1): To consider the Engagement of Visiting Faculty in Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, NERIST.

Resolution: The Academic Council has approved the Guidelines for the Appointment of Visiting Faculty in all Departments at NERIST, with certain modifications. The implementation of these guidelines shall be governed by the following terms and conditions:

1. Eligibility Criteria:

- a) A senior faculty member/retired faculty member of a reputed academic institute/university having a Ph.D. degree with more than 15 years of teaching and research experience;
- b) A senior scientist/retired scientist of a reputed R&D organization having a Ph.D. degree with more than 15 years of research experience;
- c) A senior expert from industry having a Master's degree with more than 20 years of industrial experience.

2. Age Limit: The age of the candidate shall not exceed 60 years.

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3. Tenure:

Appointment shall be made initially for one year. It may be extended for another one year as per the requirement of the concerned Department and his/her performance at the end of the first year. The maximum duration of appointment shall be limited to two (02) years.

4. Duties and Responsibilities:

The selected candidate shall take classes (both theory and practical) as assigned by the respective Head of the Department. The Visiting Faculty member shall also assist in:

- (i) Development and upgradation of laboratories;
- (ii) Mobilizing research funding;
- (iii) Introducing new subjects/specializations;
- (iv) Strengthening academic and research activities of the department.

The Visiting Faculty member shall submit a self-appraisal report to the Institute authority through the Head of the Department at the end of each semester.

5. Remuneration:

The Visiting Faculty shall receive a fixed consolidated remuneration of Rs. 1,00,000 per month with no additional allowances.

6. Work Engagement:

The Visiting Faculty shall ordinarily work on a full-time basis, undertaking academic responsibilities at par with regular faculty members. They shall be entitled to leave as per Institute rules. Such faculty members shall not be treated as vacation staff and shall be required to take classes during summer and winter terms, as applicable.

7. Accommodation:

Free accommodation and free boarding within the Institute campus may be provided. In addition, the to-and-fro journey (i.e., the first journey to the Institute and the last journey from the Institute) shall be borne by the Institute.

AC.43.15: To consider the request for changes in the eligibility criteria for PhD admission.

Resolution: Noted.

AC.44.03: To consider the minutes of the 52nd Meeting of Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) held on 20.01.2026.

[Note: The 52nd Meeting of the Board of Post Graduate Studies (BPGS) was convened on 20.01.2026, and the minutes of the meeting are placed in the Annexure for consideration. During the meeting, the BPGS reviewed a matter forwarded by the Department of Agricultural Engineering regarding the transfer of Mr. Nimai Das Bairagya, a PhD scholar, from the Department of Agriculture Engineering to the Department of Food Engineering & Technology. Since Mr. Bairagya was admitted to the Department of Agricultural Engineering based on the Admission Notification issued in July 2025, with a roll number duly allotted, the BPGS has referred the case to the Academic Council. It was noted that the admission took place prior to the approval of PhD courses under the Department of Food Engineering & Technology. Therefore, if the transfer is approved, a new roll number will need to be assigned.

Agenda Item No. 52.02.(e), concerning the grade correction of Mr. Tamo Kojing, Roll No. MT/18/ESE/018, Regn. No. 418/154, was referred back to the Department of Civil Engineering as it falls outside the purview of the BPGS. The BPGS further advised the HoD(Civil Engineering) to investigate the matter and submit a report for deliberation in the 44th Academic Council.


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However, the Department of Civil Engineering has not submitted the investigation report as directed by BPGS. Instead, it has forwarded an agenda along with the minutes of the DPGC meeting held on 08.01.2026, stating that the issue involves academic regulations and cannot be resolved at the departmental level. Accordingly, the department has recommended that the matter be placed before the Academic Council for deliberation. The relevant documents pertaining to this issue are enclosed in the Annexure.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate the BPGS Agenda item no 52.01(a) & Agenda Item No.52.02.(e) and approve the recommendations of BPGS]

Resolution: *The Academic Council deliberated on BPGS Agenda Item No. 52.01(a) and approved the transfer of Mr. Nimai Das Bairagya, Ph.D. scholar, from the Department of Agricultural Engineering to the Department of Food Engineering & Technology.*

The Academic Council also deliberated on the Agenda Item No. 52.02(e), concerning the grades of Mr. Tamo Kojing (Roll No. MT/18/ESE/018, Regn. No. 418/154), the matter was not considered. It was referred back to the Department of Civil Engineering for investigation, with directions to submit a detailed report explaining how the lapses occurred.

After due deliberation, the Academic Council approved the Minutes of the 52nd BPGS Meeting.

AC.44.04: To consider the Academic Calendar for UG, PG and Ph.D. Programme for the year 2026.

[Note: The Academic Calendars for year 2026 prepared, approved, printed and issued and are placed at Annexure.

The Academic Council may like to approve and ratify.]

Resolution: Ratified.

AC.44.05: To Consider the revised rates for Paper Setting, Moderation and related examination work for NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE) from NEE-2026 onwards.

[Note: The Chairman, NEE has submitted a proposal for enhancement of rates for paper setting, Moderation and related examination work for NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE) from NEE-2026 onwards. The Proposal has been prepared by the NEE Committee and rigorously work out the revised rates. The rates have been revised as the working of the NEE are getting affected as rates of the maximum items were not revived for more than 10 years. Minutes of the committee has been approved by the Competent Authority. The proposal is placed in the Annexure.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate, ratify and approve.]

Resolution: *The Academic Council accepted and approved the revised rates for Paper Setting, Moderation, and related examination work for the NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE) as placed in the Annexure V of the Agenda Item AC 44.05, effective from NEE-2026 onwards, as proposed by the NEE Committee with minor modifications under certain heads, as follows:*

Paper Setters for NEE-I/II/III – ₹5,500/-; Paper Moderators for NEE-I/II/III - ₹4,200/- ; Centre Superintendent (CS)– ₹7,000/- (for two-day centre) & ₹5,000/- (for one-day centre); ACS – ₹5,000/- (for two-day centre) & ₹4,000/- (for one-day centre) ; Invigilators – ₹2,000/- per day; Member Secretary, NEE – ₹25,000/-; Members of NEE Committee – ₹15,000/- (each member); Centre Representative – ₹7,000/-

Further, the Academic Council advised that while appointing Centre Representatives for a particular Examination Centre, a combination of one senior and one junior official should be ensured.

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AC.44.06: To consider the application of Mr. Pill Biman, Regn No 518/208 for one year extension of duration to complete the PhD works.

[Note: Mr. Pill Biman has submitted an application seeking an extension of his registration period to continue his PhD work until 31.12.2026. The Doctoral Committee has recommended the extension; however, it is important to note that under Clause 3.16 of the Academic Bye-Laws (PG & PhD Programme), an extension of one year had already been granted up to 31.12.2025, with the stipulation that no further extension would be permitted beyond this date. This condition was applied as the scholar has already completed seven years of study, including the one-year extended period.]

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: Not approved.

AC.44.07: To consider the application of permission for semester registration after issuing of termination order.

[Note: A Termination Order for non-registration in the January–May 2026 semester vide No. Acad/PG/04/07 dated 29.01.2026 was issued to 39 (thirty-nine) PG students in accordance with the provisions of the Academic Bye-Laws (PG & PhD). Subsequently, four students submitted a joint application on 09.02.2026 citing technical issues. Based on this, the Dean (Academic) recommended registration for three of the students, and a permission order was issued vide No. Acad/PG/04/07 dated 11.02.2026 directing them to complete their registration by 13.02.2026. However, the Academic Section did not endorse the matter, noting that such a practice could set an undesirable precedent.]

The Academic Council may like to deliberate, ratify and approve.]

Resolution: Ratified. However, the Academic Council advised that such practices should not be undertaken in the future.

AC. 44.08: To consider the revised Course Curriculum for PG and Ph.D. Programmes.

[Note: It is to be informed that the revision of PG/Ph.D. curricula in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has been prepared by the respective Boards of Studies (BoS) of various Departments/Centres and is being placed before the Academic Council for deliberation and approval. The detailed agenda is enclosed at Annexure VIII.]

The Departments/Centre listed below have submitted the Minutes of their Departmental Postgraduate Committee (DPGC) and BoS meetings, held on different dates in January and February 2026, along with the proposed course structures and curricula for PG and Ph.D. programmes, as well as Minor/Honours courses.

1. Department of Agricultural Engineering:

- i) Curriculum Revision of M.Tech in FMP and MTech in SWCE (2 year) as per NEP 2020.
- ii) Curriculum Revision of PhD Course codes have been modified and introduction of a new course “Advances in Groundwater Engineering”.
- iii) Starting of Minor/Honours in Digital Agriculture.

2. Department of Civil Engineering:

- i) Revision of Syllabi of M.Tech in Geotechnical Engineering and M.Tech in Environmental Science and Engineering as per NEP 2020.


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- ii) Approval of Syllabus of Course CE9018 – Research Methodology, for the existing Ph.D. Students.

iii) Approval of Syllabus of PhD Courses.

3. Department of Computer Science & Engineering :

- i) The revised curriculum (based on NEP 2020) of the PG programs of the department, viz., M.Tech.(AI) and M.Tech.(CSE) and PhD Courses.
- ii) To introduce a minor degree program, viz., 'Cyber Security' for BTech students from other disciplines based on NEP 2020. If opted by the students of the department, it will be considered an honours degree program.

4. Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering:

- i) Revised PhD. Syllabi for the Department of ECE.
- ii) The courses for the Honours components of the UG programme, B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering
- iii) Revision of the Credit structure of the course ECPHD02: Research and Publication Ethics.
- iv) Course code of the Honours components of the UG programme B.Tech in ECE.

5. Department of Mechanical Engineering:

- i) Curriculum revision of M-Tech and PhD Course work as per NEP.
- ii) Course structure and Syllabus for starting Minor/ Honours programme for UG student.

6. Department of Physics:

- i) Revised Curriculum/syllabi for M.Sc(Physics) as per NEP 2020.
- ii) Syllabi for Ph.D Course Works.

7. Department of Forestry:

- i) Revised Curriculum/syllabi for M.Sc(Forestry) as per NEP 2020.
- ii) Revision of Courses of Ph.D. Programme in Forestry.

8. Department of Mathematics:

- i) Revised Curriculum/syllabi for M.Sc (Mathematics) as per NEP 2020.
- ii) Minor modification in Courses of Ph.D. Programme.

9. Department of Chemistry:

- i) Revised Curriculum/syllabi for M.Sc (Chemistry) as per NEP 2020.
- ii) Revision of Courses of Ph.D. Programme in Chemistry.

10. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences:

Revised Curriculum as per NEP 2020 papers to be offered by the Department of HSS for the PG programmes in Engineering and Sciences, the Pre-PhD coursework, and an Open Elective for the Undergraduate students of engineering.

11. Centre for Management Studies :

- i) Curriculum/syllabi for BBA as per NEP 2020.
- ii) Curriculum/syllabi for MBA(Full-Time).
- iii) Curriculum/syllabi for MBA(Part-Time).
- iv) Minor Elective Courses.
- v) Course Works related to Ph.D.

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Resolution: *The Academic Council approved the revised course curriculum as recommended by the respective BoS. It was further suggested that any minor corrections, if required, may be incorporated accordingly and forwarded to the Academic Section. Such corrections, if made, must also be reported in the subsequent meeting of the Academic Council. The printing of the approved curriculum shall be completed within the stipulated time.*

However, the Academic Council did not accept the proposed guidelines for admission and award of degrees under CMS. It was advised that CMS should reframe the guidelines in alignment with the practices of standard institutions, strictly adhering to AICTE norms, and in consultation with the Dean (Academic).

AC. 44.09: To consider the Proposal for starting a new M.Tech in Transportation Systems Engineering (TSE) under the Department of Civil Engineering with intake of 15.

[Note: The Department of Civil Engineering proposes to introduce a new M.Tech programme in **Transportation Systems Engineering (TSE)** with an approved intake of **12 + 25% EWS** seats.

The syllabus has been designed in line with NEP 2020 guidelines with a balanced mix of core, electives, laboratory, and dissertation components.

The syllabus has been recommended by the Departmental Post Graduate Committee (DPGC) and Board of Studies (BoS) of the Civil Engineering Department.

It is to be noted that the AICTE approval process for the academic session 2026–2027 has already been completed. Therefore, even if the Academic Council approves the proposed course and intake, the institute will not be able to apply for course approval for 2026–2027 this course.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: *Approved. However, with regard to the seat allocation and reservation, the matter shall be referred to the Standing Committee constituted by the Council vide Agenda Item No. AC.44.02 [AC.43.02 (42.16)] for examination of the feasibility of the intake and for working out the applicable reservation norms.*

The Academic Council has further instructed the Department of Civil Engineering to prepare the syllabus for the M.Tech programme in Structural Engineering, so that the course may be introduced from the Academic Session 2027–28.

AC. 44.10 To consider the modification in eligibility criteria for admission to M.Tech(CSE) and M.Tech(AI):

[Note: The Department of CSE has submitted a proposal for the modification in eligibility Criteria for admission to M.Tech.(CSE) and M.Tech.(AI): Department has proposed to revise the eligibility criteria for the following courses as follows:

- a) **M. Tech. (CSE):** B.E./B.Tech/AMIE in any of the courses: i) Computer Science and Engineering, ii) Information Technology, iii) AICTE-approved undergraduate courses in engineering/technology related to Computer Science (as given in AICTE Approval Process Handbook (APH) (2024-27) Annexure 11.3).
- b) **M. Tech. (AI):** i) B.E / B.Tech./AMIE in any Engineering/Technology Discipline (as given in AICTE Approval Process Handbook (APH) (2024-27) Annexure 11.3), ii) MCA or M.Sc. (Computer Science/ Electronics/Information Technology).

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: *Approved.*

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AC. 44.11 To Consider the proposal to run the two separate M.Tech programmes with an intake of 18 seats in each programme under Department of ECE.

[Note: From the academic session 2026–27, the Department of ECE proposes to run two separate M.Tech programmes with an intake of 18 seats in each programme, as listed below.

- (i) M.Tech in Communication Engineering & Signal Processing, and
- (ii) M.Tech in Microelectronics & VLSI Design.

The committee discussed in detail the academic relevance, emerging industry and research requirements, availability of qualified faculty, and existing laboratory and computational facilities in the department.

The members were of the view that both the proposed programmes are well aligned with current technological trends, research directions and the academic strengths of the department. It was also noted that the introduction of these programmes would enhance postgraduate education, research output and industry engagement of the department. Accordingly, the syllabus has been sent to Departmental BoS for discussion and necessary amendments.

It is to be noted that the AICTE approval process for the academic session 2026–2027 has already been completed and the approval for M.Tech(ECE) are already there. Therefore, even if the Academic Council approves the proposed course and intake, the institute will not be able to apply for course approval for 2026–2027 for the above two courses.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: Approved.

AC. 44.12 To consider the reduction of Intake in M.Tech. in CIM and TFE under the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

[Note: The HoD (ME), has submitted a proposal for Reduction of Intake in M.Tech. in CIM and TFE due to student intake in both the program in last 6 years is less than 50% of approved intake in almost every year. As per new hand book of AICTE, number of intakes should be in multiple of 6 for PG programme. In both the existing M.Tech. programme, department wants to reduce number of intakes from 23 to 15. *The detailed agenda is placed at Annexure.*

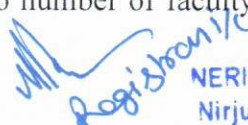
It is to be noted that the AICTE approval process for the academic session 2026–2027 has already been completed. Therefore, even if the Academic Council approves the proposed reduction in intake, the institute will not be able to apply for reduction of intake for 2026–2027.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide.]

Resolution: Approved.

AC. 44.13 To consider the proposal for forwarding job application by faculty members.

[Note: The Dean(Acad.) has been submitted a proposal regarding forwarding/applying for job by faculty members of the Institute. As per Gol Rules, government employees can avail provision of lien in the parent organization upon embarking on to another job in a government organization. Due to number of faculty members leaving the Institute


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on lien has increased manifold. This has created a vacuum in the Departments leading to hiring guest faculty members in large numbers. Therefore, Dean (Acad.) has proposed that the applications of only 10% of the total strength of faculty members in the department may be forwarded for applying another job if he/she wants to be relieved on lien upon selection. Additionally, the faculty members may be encouraged to apply to reputed institutions or R&D organizations only.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide on the above]

Resolution: *This agenda item was dropped.*

AC. 44.14 To consider an amendment to Section D.1.1 of the Academic Bye-Laws of the Institute regarding the composition of the Board of Studies (BoS).

[Note: HoD(HSS) has been submitted a proposal regarding an amendment to Section D.1.1 of the Academic Bye-Laws for Undergraduate Programmes regarding the Composition of the Board of Studies.

The Department requests Section D.1.1 mentions that the BoS should be constituted with the following composition:

- (a) Head of the Department/Center : Chairperson
- (b) All Professors of the Department : Members
- (c) Two Associate Professors of the Dept. by rotation according to seniority: Members
- (d) Two Assistant Professors of the Dept. by rotation according to seniority: Members
- (e) Two persons to be co-opted for their expert knowledge, including those belonging to the concerned profession or industry : Members
- (f) Faculty member not below the rank of Associate Professor : Convener

As the Department of HSS has three distinct and independent subjects (English, Economics, and Psychology), the Department requests an amendment to D.1.1(e), whereby three external experts, one for each subject, may be included.

The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide on the above]

Resolution: *Approved, with the recommendation that the amendment be incorporated into the Institute Bye-Laws.*

AC. 44.15 :To Consider the request letter for permanent Extension of Hostel Entry Timing for UG Girls to 9.00 PM

[Note: The Student's Union of NERIST (SUN) has submitted a request letter for permanent Extension of Hostel Entry Timing for UG Girls to 9.00 PM. At present the Entry Timing of Hostel Entry is up to 7.00 PM. In this regards a meeting was held on 18.02.2026 in office chamber of Chairman, HMC. The minutes of the meeting , request letter of SUN etc are place in the Annexure.

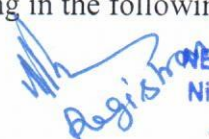
The Academic Council may like to deliberate and decide]

Resolution: *Approved.*

AC.44.16 : Reporting Item(s):

AC 44.16 (a) : To report the resolution of sponsoring batch (87 batch Alumni) regarding AC meeting agenda item 43.05.

[Note: The Institute Coordinator, CONVERGENCE~23 (87 batch Alumni Meet) informed that the sponsoring batch (87 batch) would discuss and submit the resolution to the Dean (Acad). After some deliberation, the batch has resolved that the modalities of the award will remain as is excepting in the following:


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1. The selection criterion is that the highest CGPA holder among the eligible candidates will be given the award.
2. The award money will be ₹50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only)

The matter is placed in the Academic Council for ratification.]

Resolution: Approved and ratified. The Academic Council has advised the Dean (Alumni) to coordinate and communicate with all alumni batches for sponsorship in various categories of awards and academic activities.

AC 44.16(b) : To report the New NEE Centre at Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh and Siliguri, West Bengal to conduct NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE) 2026 onwards.

[Note : In its 32nd Meeting held on 26.12.2020 under Agenda Item No. AC.32.13, the Academic Council approved the establishment of a new NERIST Entrance Examination (NEE) centre at **Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh**. Subsequently, the NEE Committee considered a proposal to set up an additional centre at **Siliguri, West Bengal**, to benefit candidates from North Bengal and nearby regions. This proposal has been approved by the Competent Authority and is enclosed in the Annexure. The new centre has already been included in the NEE-2026 Information Brochure and updated in the online application portal, which has been active since 09.01.2026.

The matter placed in the Academic Council for ratification.]

Resolution: Ratified .

AC.44.17 : Any other items :

AC. 44.17(1):To consider the revised Course Curriculum for PG and Ph.D. Programmes.

[Note: It is to be informed that the revision of PG/Ph.D. curricula in line with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has been prepared by the Boards of Studies (BoS) of Electrical Engineering and is being placed before the Academic Council for deliberation and approval. The detailed agenda is distributed and placed on the table . The Departments/Centre listed below have submitted the Minutes of their Departmental Postgraduate Committee (DPGC) and BoS meetings, held on 21.02.2026, along with the proposed course structures and curricula for PG and Ph.D. programmes, as well as Minor/Honours courses of the Department of Electrical Engineering:

- i. Starting of Minor/Honours in (a) Electrical Vehicles (b) AI applications in Electrical Engineering , and (c) Renewal Energy.
- ii. Curriculum Revision of M.Tech in PSE as per 2020.
- iii. Curriculum Revision of PhD Course codes have been modified and introduction of a new courses (a) Electric Vehicle and its integration to Grid (b) High Voltage Equipment (c) Nonlinear Control System (d) Economics and Planning of Energy systems”.

Resolution: The Academic Council approved the revised course curriculum as recommended by the BoS. It was further suggested that any minor corrections, if required, may be incorporated accordingly and forwarded to the Academic Section. Such corrections, if made, must also be reported in the subsequent meeting of the Academic Council. The printing of the approved curriculum shall be completed within the stipulated time.


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AC. 44.17(2) To consider the Introduction of Integrated PhD Program after B.Tech/BE from 2026-27 Academic Session (Full time & Part Time)

[Note : The HoD(AE) has submitted an additional agenda for the Introduction of Integrated PhD Program (Full Time & Part time) after B.Tech/B.E from the academic session 2026-27 with the following terms & conditions:

Eligibility: The eligibility criteria for admission to Integrated PhD in an Engineering branch will be a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) in the corresponding discipline with a minimum of 85% marks or equivalent CGPA (9 or above on a 10 point scale). The candidate must have a valid GATE/NET qualification.

Admission: The admission to this programme will be once a year in the month of July only.

Course Work: Students admitted to Integrated Ph.D will have to do regular course work of minimum 40 credit from the M.Tech first year curriculum in classroom mode. In addition, they will also need to register and pass mandatory courses Research Methodology (4 credit) and Research and Publication Ethics (2 credit) in self-study mode.

To continue with integrated PhD after one year of course work, a student must secure a CGPA of 7.0/10.0.

Residential Requirement: There will be a mandatory residential period of one year to complete the course work. This will be applicable to Part Time candidates as well.

Exit Option: In case the CGPA after one year of course work falls below 7.0/10.0 or if a student wishes so, they can opt for one year of MTech project and get an MTech degree upon successful completion; or exit with M.Voc after completing M.Tech first year and prescribed exit courses (if any).

Minimum Duration: Minimum duration for Integrated PhD will be 3.5 years. All the minimum requirements for award of regular PhD will have to be fulfilled by the Integrated PhD candidate also.

Scholarship: For the first year of the programme, the candidate will get scholarship in the monthly rate prescribed for M.Tech students. It will be enhanced to match the rate of Ph.D. scholarship upon completion of course work successfully and starting of PhD research work from second year of the programme.

Resolution: The Academic Council resolved that the Integrated Ph.D. programme after B.Tech/B.E. shall be introduced only after proper guidelines are framed. The feasibility of introducing Integrated Ph.D. programmes in disciplines other than Engineering shall also be examined and worked out.

The following provisions are to be incorporated:

- Eligibility:** Candidates with a minimum CGPA of 7.5/10 in the corresponding discipline, along with GATE/NET qualification, shall be eligible to apply.
- Course Work:** Regular course work in the 1st and 2nd semesters shall be mandatory. The course work must be conducted in continuous evaluation mode and on a regular basis. In addition to one regular course subject, students may opt for course work through MOOC/NPTEL platforms, as required for the Ph.D. programme.
- Residential Requirement:** A mandatory residential stay of six months shall be required.
- Minimum Duration:** The minimum duration for the Integrated Ph.D. programme shall be five years.

The Academic Council resolved that the guidelines be prepared accordingly and incorporated into the revised PG/Ph.D. Byelaws, which are presently under preparation. The revised Byelaws, along with the incorporated guidelines, shall be placed before the next meeting of the Academic Council for deliberation and recommendation.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.


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